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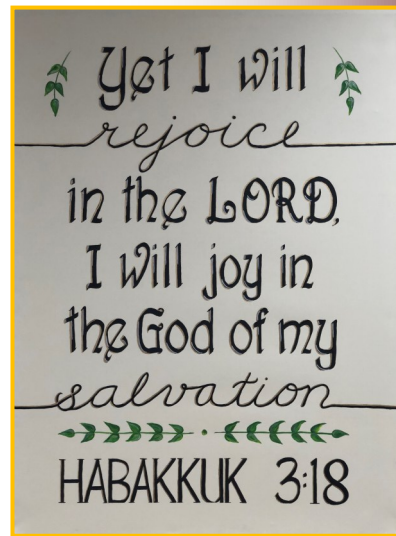
THE MESSAGE OF HABAKKUK



Dr. Thomas M. Strouse

Bible Baptist Church has taken on the memory verse uttered by Habakkuk when his social, political, moral, and religious world was falling apart. His focus was not on the current chaotic catastrophe around him but on what really matters! He stated, *“Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation”* (Hab. 3:18). Mrs. Kirsten

Gagnon painted a beautiful sign of the verse with accompanying Limerick. We are thankful for this constant reminder on the Bible Baptist Church wall.



*When things in life seem to go awry,
We tend to ask the question, “Why?”
But God in His sovereignty,
Has already answered, “Trust Me!”
So He is the only one we need to glorify.*

ORDINATION EXAMINATION AND SERVICE



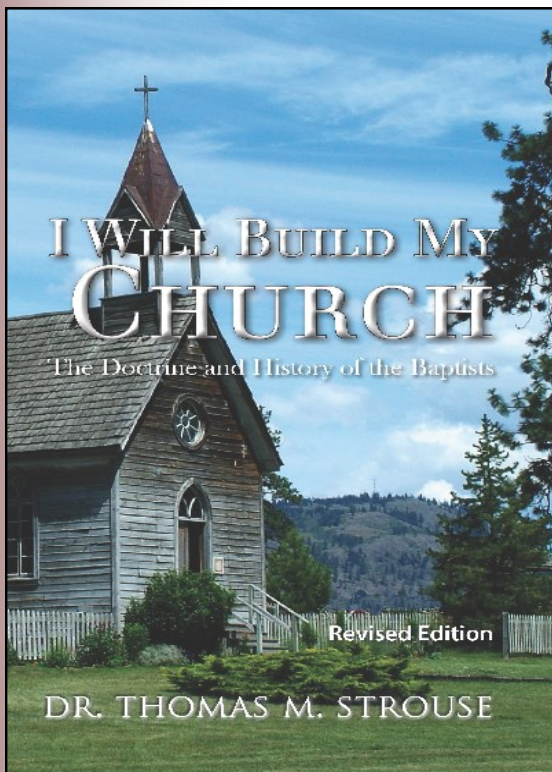
One of the great joys for the Lord’s assembly is the examination and ordination of a qualified man for the pastorate. On April 24-25, 2021, Bible Baptist Church will examine and ordain Mr. Darrell Nelson for the pastoral ministry. Brother Nelson was saved by the Lord Jesus Christ and called by Him to the pastoral ministry. He has the desire for the office of Bishop and has requested ordination. Brother Nelson has served faithfully in Bible Baptist Church for several years, having received his Certificate of Theology and Associate Degree in Bible from Bible Baptist Theological Seminary. Although he has no immediate plans he is praying for the Lord’s will.

NEW BOOK

Bible Baptist Church is glad to announce that the doctoral dissertation of 2020 Bible Baptist Theological Seminary graduate Dr. Scott A. Blair III will soon be in print. The book will be entitled *And Ye are Complete in Him. A Thorough Study of the Book of Colossians* (292 pp.), and should be available in late March, 2021. Dr. Blair is pastor of Willow Grove Baptist Church in Waynesburg, PA and ministers with his gracious wife Kelly and godly family of five children. The book is chocked full of the exegesis of the text, biblically-loaded footnotes, theological studies, appendices, a color map, and a significant bibliography. It will prove to be valuable for the college/seminary library and classroom as a textbook as well as a source for the pastor and church member alike.



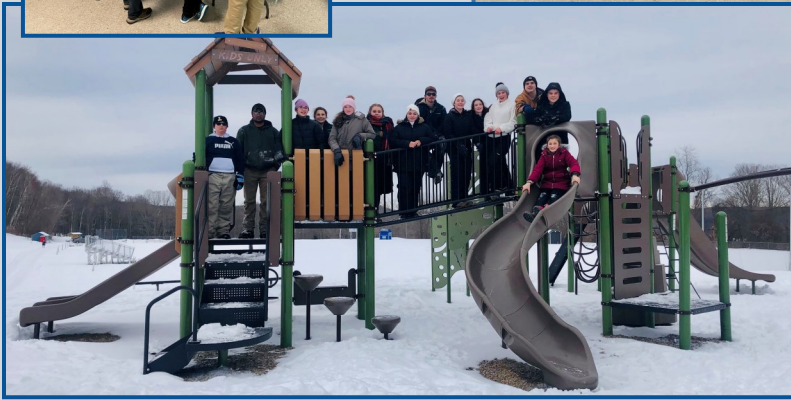
I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH REPRINT



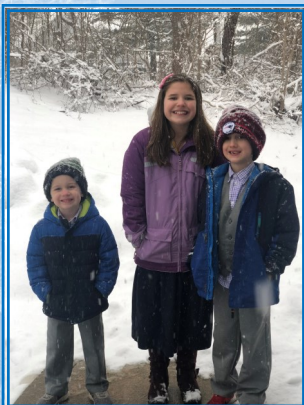
For its seventh printing, the book by Dr. Thomas M. Strouse entitled *I Will Build My Church. The Doctrine and History of the Baptists* will include its third appendix containing “Bible Baptist Church and Covid-19 Papers.” These essays were written in 2020 by Dr. Thomas Strouse and his son and church member Mr. M. Ryan Strouse challenging churches and pastors to render unto God and not unto Caesar (Mk. 12:17) during the satanically-spawned pandemic called Covid-19 and the associated government over-reach. The articles reflect the picture of current Baptist history in the making.

YOUTH WINTER RETREAT

On February 11-13 Galilean Baptist Church in Stafford Springs, CT hosted their 2nd Annual Youth Winter Retreat. The speakers for the retreat included Galilean Baptist Church Pastor Steven Hinebaugh, Mr. Jeff Skorupski (BBC), and Pastor Dan Herr (Chester Baptist Church). In addition to the many outdoor activities, the youth also enjoyed fellowship with each other indoors during games and crafts.



During the services on Sunday, February 7th, we received some heavy snowfall which the children were more than happy to help remove from the cars afterwards.



Job 37:6
For he saith to the snow, Be thou on the earth; likewise to the small rain, and to the great rain of his strength.



Pastor Cas Reeves

It should be the desire of every born again child of God to want to please the One who has done so much for them. Truly of all the people in the world the saved person is able to recognize and appreciate the great sacrifice of God in sending His only begotten Son on our behalf and for our blessing (John 3:16). In return God asks of His children to obey Him, *“If ye love me, keep my commandments”* (John 14:15).

We are told in our text that we must have “faith” in order to please God. If we think about it, our Christian life begins with faith in Christ Jesus (John 6:47), and it continues through faith in God’s words (Psalm 119:105). So certainly the key to faith is the Word of God. And so we are told, *“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God”* (Romans 10:17).

Living by faith relies upon believing what God teaches us from His Scripture. It does not depend upon our rational thinking. For example, we cannot prove there is a God to the unbeliever who is rationally trying to find or reject Him. It is a faith matter that one chooses to believe there is a God. God simply says, *“I AM That I AM”* (Exodus 3:14). For the believer, his trust or faith or confidence is in God and what He says, and what He says is found recorded in the Scriptures.

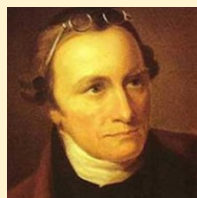
LIVING BY FAITH

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. Heb. 11:6

We note that living in faith toward God many times defies our rationalism, relying solely upon what the Lord says. Take the Apostle Peter for an example. On the authority of one word from the Lord Jesus, “come” Peter defies the logic of all mankind and did the impossible, *“And he (Jesus) said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus”* (Matthew 14:29). Abraham is another example of living by faith. At God’s direction Abraham left all that was secure to him, including family to look for a new place, which he knew not, *“By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.”* (Hebrews 11:8-10).

And so it is, the Scripture is replete with example after example that the truly faithful begin their life by faith and live their life by faith. Biblical faith is not logical as men count logic; rather it simply trusts God and what He says. The believer recognizes this as Biblical logic. He finds that it is both good for the soul and for life; as well, it pleases God. Are you living by faith? -CAR

QUOTES FROM THE PAST



Patrick Henry

1736-1799

Early American Patriot

*“A vitiated state of morals,
a corrupted public conscience,
is incompatible with freedom.”*

BBC/BBTS 2021 SCHEDULE

January 28

Spring Semester Begins
Thursdays 6-9 PM
Gospel of Mark

March 1-5

Cromwell, CT
Johannine Epistles

April 9

BBTS Spring Lecture Series
Stafford Springs, CT
Biblical Soteriology

April 24-25

BBC Ordination Council and
Service

May 16

BBTS Commencement

June 7-11

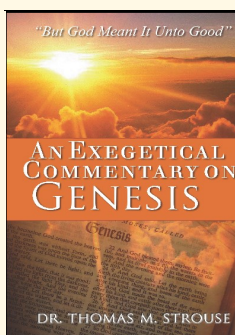
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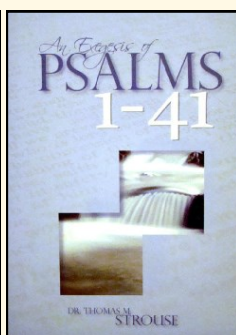
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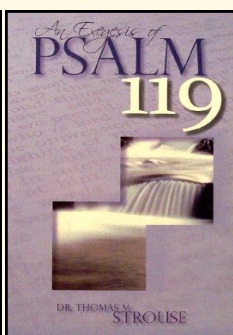
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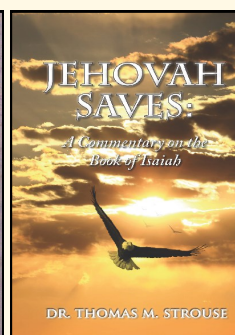
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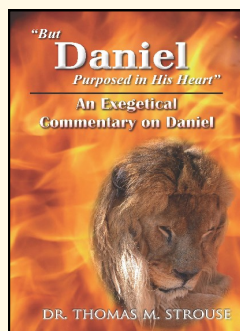
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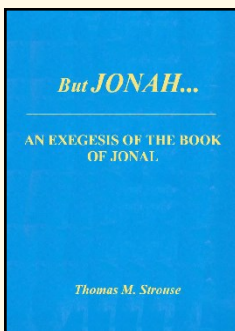
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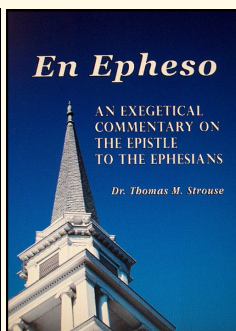
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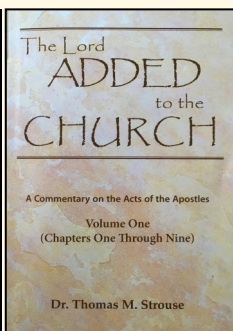
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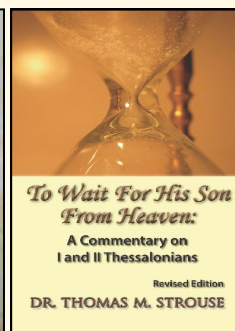
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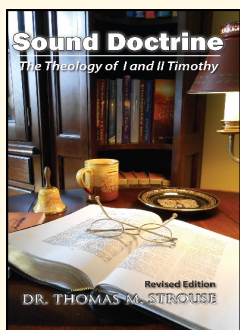
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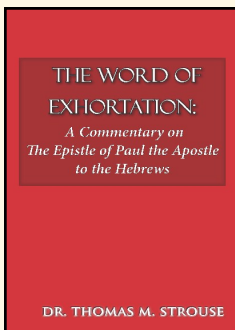
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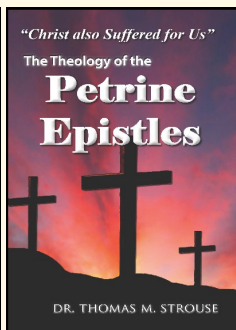
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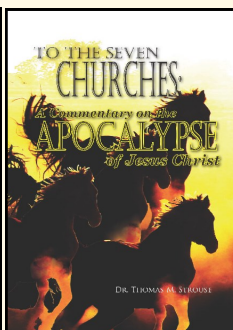
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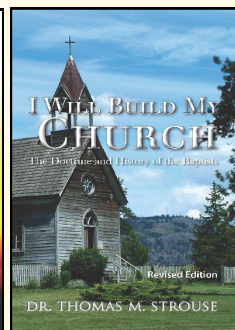
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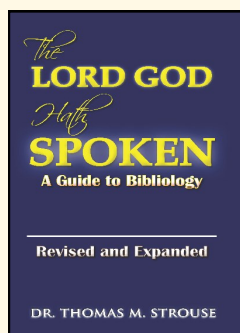
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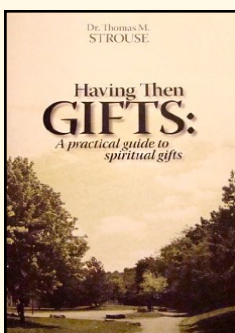
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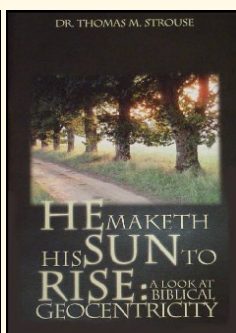
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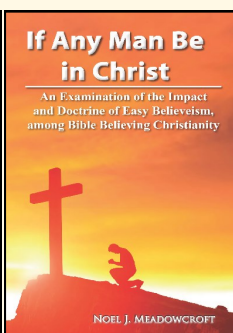
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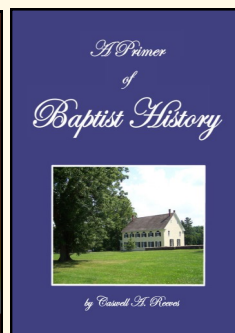
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