



Dr. Thomas M. Strouse

THE KUMAR FAMILY

Bible Baptist Church was blessed to have Dr. Enoch Kumar and his wife Nirumpama and two of their sons Joshua and Joel to minister on Wednesday, July 7, 2021. Dr. Kumar is pastor of the Pillar and Ground of the Truth Baptist Church Ministries in Bangalore, India. While shepherding his flock, Dr. Kumar also teaches in his seminary and oversees four

churches that his ministry started. Dr. Strouse had the privilege of training him at Tabernacle Baptist Theological Seminary and later conferring the degree of Doctor of Theology (ThD) on him in 2013 from Bible Baptist Theological Seminary. For the last seventeen years Dr. Kumar has been translating the Greek Received Text into the Kannada language which is spoken by 60 million Indians. He desires to purchase a printing press in India to print the Kannada New Testament for distribution throughout India. He and his family have given themselves whole-heartedly to the work of the Lord Jesus Christ, following the pattern of the Apostle Paul, who said, "But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me" (I Cor. 15:10).

Dr. Kumar recognized many years ago that a far better translation for the Kannada-speaking Christians in India was needed. The current one in use has Hindu terms and concepts interspersed throughout. For instance, Peter said, "*Being born again*, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever" (I Pet. 1:23). The current Kannada New Testament reads in effect, "being reincarnated..."

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Testament translation into the hands of pastors and Christians for biblical evangelism of sinners and edification of saints in India.

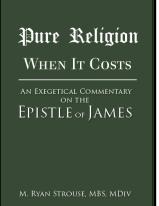


Pastor Enoch Kumar and Family

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH COMMENTARIES

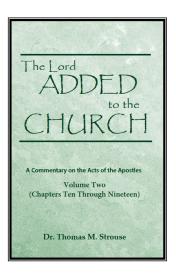
Bible Baptist Church practices exegetical preaching through the OT and NT books. Exegetical preaching begets exegetical commentaries! Some new exegetical books will be available in August, 2021, including the following:

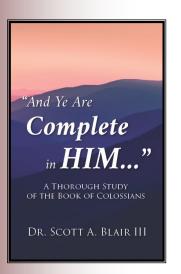
1. Dr. Joel Grassi. *The Church that John the Baptist Prepared*, 450 pages. \$35.00.



2. M. Ryan Strouse. *Pure Religion when it Costs. An Exegetical Study of the Epistle of James* (summer, 2021), 400 pages. \$30.00.

3. Dr. Thomas M. Strouse. *The Lord Added to the Church. A Commentary on the Acts of the Apostles, Volume Two* (Chapters Ten Through Nineteen), 650 pages, \$40.00.





4. Also now available: Dr. Scott A. Blair III, "And Ye Are Complete in Him..." A Thorough Study of the Book of Colossians (2021), 292 pages. \$20.00.

Instead of much of the common fare that gives topical studies, sometimes out of context, and ends up with devotional fluff, these are serious works that examine the passages of the KJV and give the intended meaning for hungry students of the Word.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL









Following Pastor Kumar's preaching, we all enjoyed ice-cream and fellowship.



Bible Baptist Church is looking forward to the annual Vacation Bible School which is scheduled for Thursday and Friday, August 26-27 from 6-9 pm and Saturday August 28th from 9am-Noon. The theme this year will be II Corinthians 5:7 *"For we walk by faith, not by sight"*. There will be a Bible lesson, games, crafts, snacks, and testimonials from various church members each day. For more information contact Ryan Strouse at mrstrouse@gmail.com.



A special dessert and a surprise visitor on July 4th



BBC/BBTS 2021 SCHEDULE

Jul 26-30 Calvary Independent Baptist Church Plymouth, NH The Gospel of Luke & Medical Terms

> August 23-27 Fairhaven Baptist College *Apologetics*

August 26-28

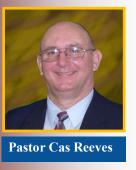
Vacation Bible School BBC-Cromwell Faith vs. Sight Sep, 20-24 2021 Bible Baptist Church, Nashua, NH Defense of alleged errors in KJV

October 24-27 Timeless Truth Bible Conference Willow Creek Baptist Church Waynesburg, PA TBA

November 5

BBTS Fall Lecture Series Galilean Baptist Church *TBA* **PHOTOS - VBS**

QUOTES FROM THE PAST



GOOD QUALITIES IN CHURCH MEMBERS

"Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost. And I myself also am persuaded of you, my brethren, that ye also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another." Romans 15:13-14

s Paul addresses the New Testament church that was in Rome, he reveals his desire that they be filled with all joy and peace in believing, abounding in hope through the strength of the Holy Ghost. He then mentions three qualities that he confidently recognized in the church's membership. The first was the quality of being full or bulging with **goodness**. The members of this church were full of good or virtuous things; in other words, they had many virtues that were a benefit for numbers of people.

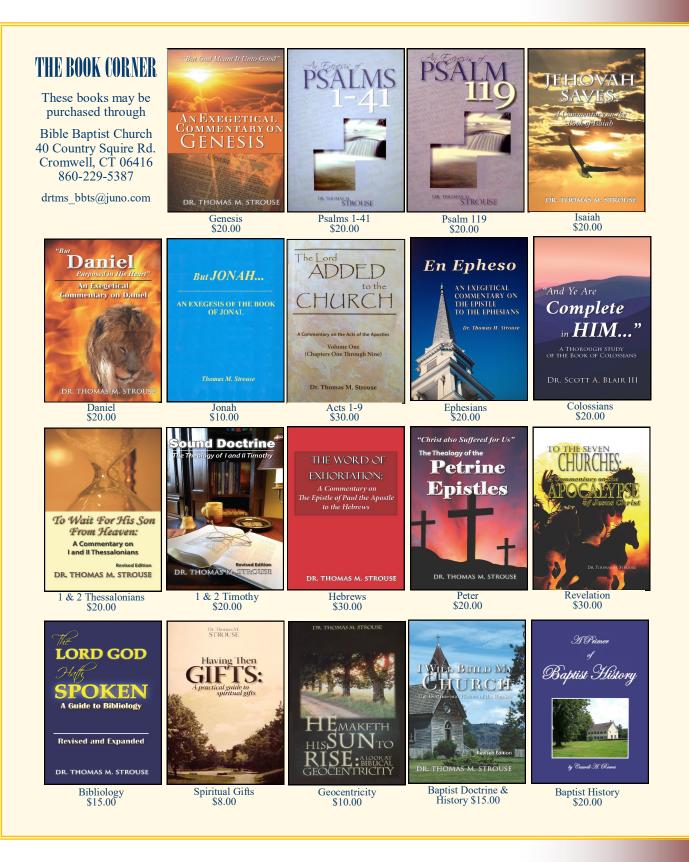
Paul continues to reveal these good qualities, which were possessed by the church members at Rome. Secondly, He points out that they were being filled or bursting with all **knowledge**. This knowledge is a continual learning of the facts of truth from the scripture. This is a quality that all Christians should have, a teachable spirit that is always open to the truths of Scripture.

F inally, Paul reveals the last quality: They were also able to **admonish one another.** Now, admonishment speaks of instruction. It implies discernment and some times employs a gentle rebuke. For admonishment to be successful it should be noted that it follows the two other qualities of being full of goodness and knowledgeable of the truths of God's words. Truly, these are three qualities that all church members should desire and attempt to build in their life. Certainly this would add to the quality of the Lord's New Testament local churches. –CAR



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William McGuffey 1800-1873 American Educator "You should ask Him [God] for life, and health, and strength;"



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