



BBC UPDATE

TIMELESS TRUTHS BIBLE CONFERENCE



Dr. Thomas M. Strouse

On Oct. 25-28, 2020, Dr. Thomas Strouse preached and taught from the *Book of Micah*, dealing with the Man, the Ministry, and the Message of Micah. The Conference was hosted by Willow Grove Baptist Church, Waynesburg, PA, pastored by Dr. Scott Blair and accompanied by his gracious wife Kelly Blair. Dr. Blair is a recent graduate of Bible Baptist Theological Seminary, having written his doctoral dissertation on the Book of Colossians.



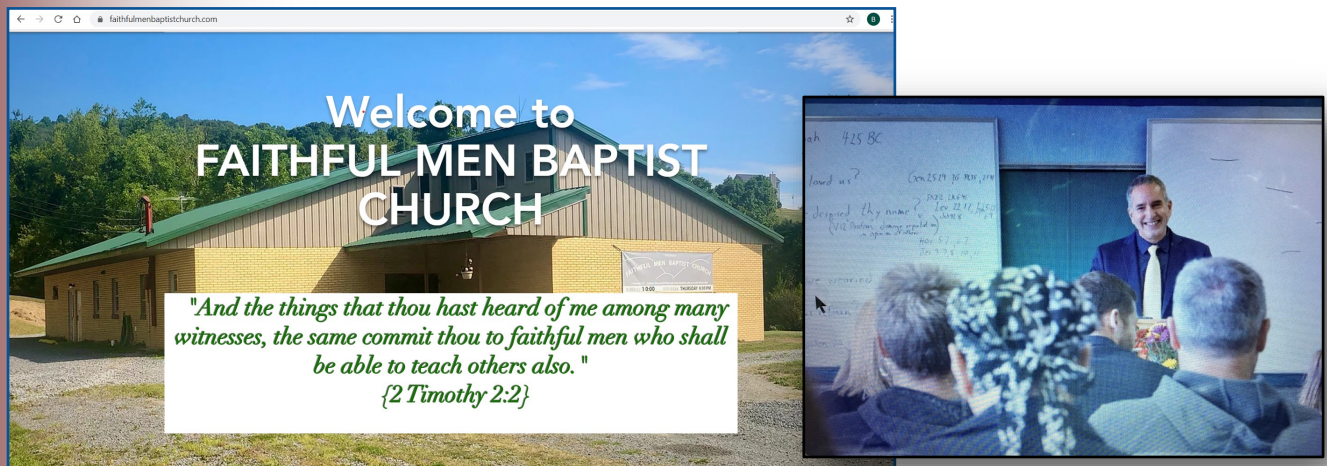
The services were well attended by the members of Willow Grove Baptist Church and visitors as well. Some of the visitors were current or former members of Bible Baptist Church, including current member Prof. Jeff Skorupski, and former members Pastor and Mrs. James Lawrence and Mrs. Laura Hagglund and her son Eric Hagglund.



The Ladies of Willow Grove had wonderful fellowship during afternoon tea.

FAITHFUL MEN BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor James and Mrs. Lawrence were sent out by Bible Baptist Church in 2015 to plant a church in Utah. After several years of ministering in Utah the Lord led them to continue Faithful Men Baptist Church in a new location, Morgantown, WV. They not only planted Faithful Men Baptist Church but refurbished and rebuilt a school house into a beautiful church building to the glory of God. On Sunday, October 18, 2020, they had their Open House church service with twenty-five in attendance including family and neighbors. We are thankful for this godly couple who knows how to plod forward for the Lord. They identify with the biblical truth enunciated years ago: *"And they said, Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for this good work"* (Neh. 2:18). See their web site: www.faithfulmenbaptistchurch.com.



FALL LECTURE SERIES

On Friday, Nov. 13, 2020, the Lord willing, Bible Baptist Church will host the Bible Baptist Theological Seminary Fall Lecture Series at Marriot Courtyard in Cromwell, CT from 9AM to 3 PM with a luncheon at 11:30 AM-1:00 PM. A book table will be available with books authored by Bible-believing writers including the excellent work by Dr. Noel Meadowcroft entitled *If Any Man be in Christ*. Also available will be the new work entitled *The Lord Added to the Church. A Commentary on the Acts of the Apostles, Volume One*, by Dr. Thomas M. Strouse, which includes 664 pages and 2221 footnotes chocked full of Greek studies and theological notes. This first Volume will cost \$30.00. Two more Volumes are in the works which should total about 2000 pages of commentary on the Book of Acts.

Since the Marriott will require health and safety protocols, the maximum number of attendees will be up to fifty with social distancing in chairs but with no tables. We must know by November 1, 2020 exactly how many will be attending with you. After November 1, 2020, we will make a final determination on venue, etc.

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LECTURE SERIES—AN EXCERPT

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“About 606 BC, the prophet Habakkuk watched the surrounding nations of Judah fall to the growing threat of the Babylonian army. He recognized that Judah was in the ferocious and brutal swath of King Nebuchadnezzar, knowing that the wicked Judean kings since Josiah were feckless to stop the advance, albeit his people were ripe for judgment. The prophet asked about two problematic situations, namely querying about the unpunished injustice of wicked Judah and about the incredulous employment of the Babylonians to judge the Southern Kingdom. Although Isaiah had predicted the ascension of Babylon and her coming atrocities toward all nations (Isa. 40-66), Habakkuk was dumbfounded that Jehovah would use them to punish His chosen people. The LORD’s succinct answer to His prophet was “the just shall live by his faith”(Hab. 2:4; cf. also Rom. 1:17, Gal. 3:11, and Heb. 10:38).

Finally, in his Book, the prophet penned a musical prayer to the chief singer (Hab. 3:1, 19) about his glorious and powerful Marching Warrior and His past victories. Then the poetic prophet concluded with the present realization of the prophecy of the Babylonian advance, recognizing the ultimate destructive devastation of the land, saying, “*Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls*” (Hab. 3:17). His people, country, city, and Temple were about to be decimated (ultimately in 586 BC). In effect, Habakkuk bemoaned that his whole world was ready to collapse! Nevertheless, he could say, as one living by faith (Hab. 2:4), “*Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation*” (Hab. 3:18).



While Pastor Strouse was in Pennsylvania teaching, church members Robert Hovey, Ryan Strouse, and Bill Gagnon filled the pulpit during Sunday School, Sunday Morning & Afternoon service, and Wednesday Evening, respectively.



Pastor Cas Reeves

We are told that Solomon was the wisest man in the world. How did he become so wise? He asked the Lord for the wisdom, and he asked whole heartedly, and out of a pure heart. He did not ask for the purpose of self promotion, but rather for wisdom to lead God's great people, Israel. *"And now, O LORD my God, thou hast made thy servant king; and I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in. Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: And the speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing. And God said unto him, Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself; but hast asked for thyself understanding to discern judgment; Behold, I have done according to thy words: lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee"* (1 Kings 3:7-12).

Solomon as our example: Can we have this wisdom today? We are exhorted, *"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that*

WISDOM

"And Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the children of the east country, and all the wisdom of Egypt. For he was wiser than all men; ...and his fame was in all nations round about." 1 Kings 4:30-31

giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him" (James 1:5). Like Solomon we must ask for wisdom. This wisdom is described as, *"wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy"* (James 3:17). Again, like Solomon we must ask for the right wisdom.

There are three important necessities with "heaven-found" wisdom. These necessities must be present in order to have Godly wisdom. First, We need to have a fear of God, which is the same as being saved. *"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge"* (Proverbs 1:7). Second, we need to have the Word of God. *"For the Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding"* (Proverbs 2:6). And the third, we need the indwelling of the Holy Spirit as a teacher; *"Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth:"* (John 16:13). King Solomon possessed all three of these necessities. And just as God was pleased with Solomon; so, God is pleased with us, when our desires for wisdom are the same as was Solomon's desire. -CAR

ADDICTION MINISTRY

On Friday evenings from 7-9 PM, Bible Baptist Church holds the weekly meeting for the Addiction Ministry with Dr. Robert Hovey introducing and preaching.

If you know someone who might benefit from this church ministry, please contact 860-380-0681.

Quotes from the Past



"My most cherished possession I wish I could leave you is my faith in Jesus Christ, for with Him and nothing else you can be happy, but without Him and with all else you'll never be happy."

Patrick Henry 1736-1799

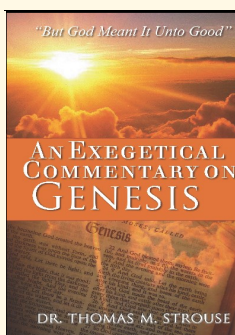
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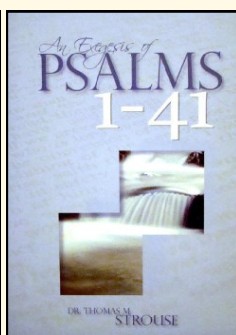
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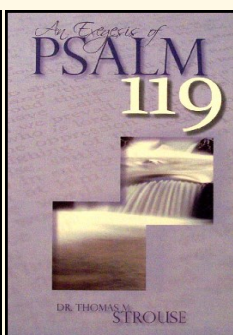
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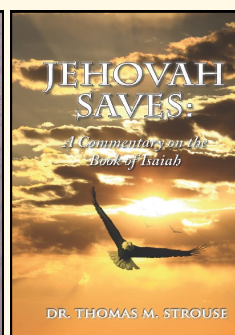
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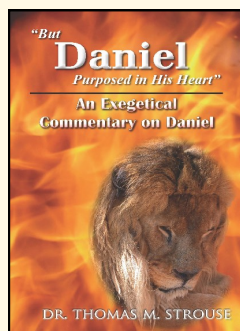
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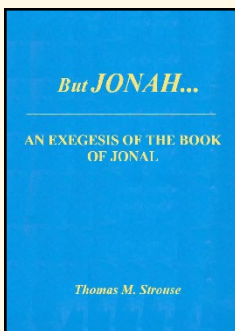
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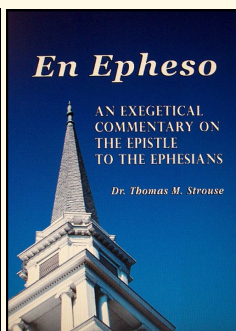
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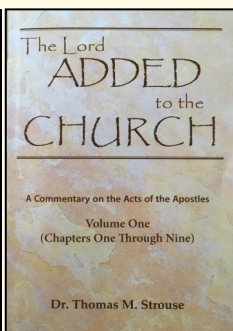
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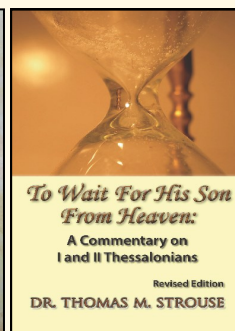
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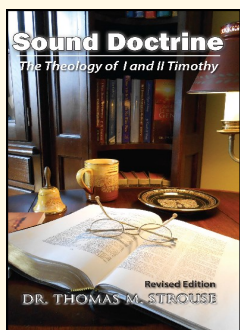
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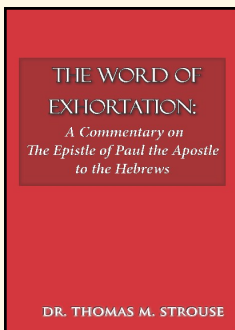
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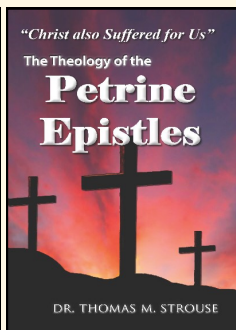
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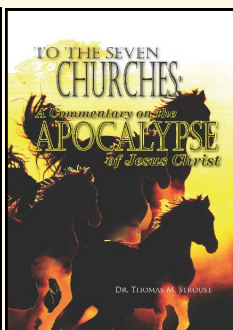
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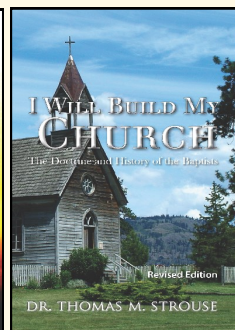
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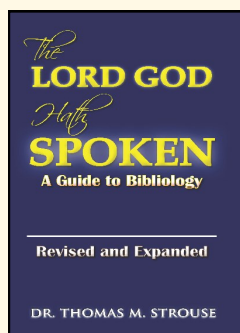
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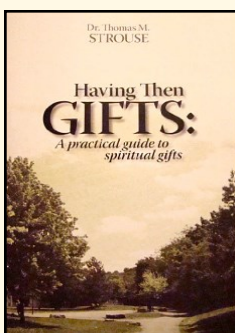
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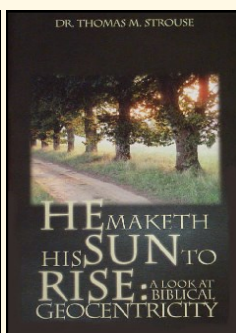
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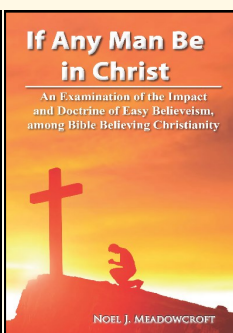
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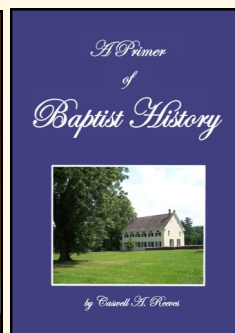
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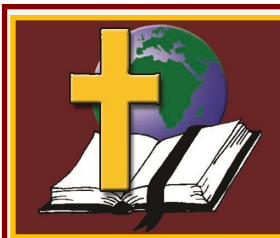


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