

BBC UPDATE



Dr. Thomas M. Strouse

BBC WELCOMING FELLOWSHIP

On Saturday, June 19, 2021, the Bible Baptist Church members welcomed potential church member Mr. Aiko Tinte from the Philippines via Las Vegas, Nevada, with a church fellowship at the Strouse House.

The evening was enjoyed by all as great food and fellowship around the truth did indeed redound. An exciting game of croquet ensued with the guest of honor winning the game. Pray for Aiko as he is following the pastoral advice of the Filipino pastor Dr. Jed Raquintan (2019 ThD grad from Bible Baptist Theological Seminary) who urged him to find a biblical church and move to the area.



BBC members who attended the fellowship.

Right: Sabrina & Jack relax.



August lines up his shot.

Bill and Andrew plot their next move.



SEMINARIAN BOOKS

Seminarians who graduate from Bible Baptist Theological Seminary are required to write outlines, papers, theses and dissertations of high quality for effective ministries. Some of these dissertations become books as seminary graduates share their research in and exegesis of the Scriptures with pastors and church members in written form. The goal of Bible Baptist Theological Seminary is to train godly men and to encourage them to write Christ-honoring works which will strengthen and edify Bible-believing Baptists nationally and internationally. Bible Baptist Theological Seminary is pleased to announce several new books including the following:

1. Dr. Scott Blair, III. *"And Ye Are Complete in Him..." A Thorough Study of the Book of Colossians* (2021), 292 pages. \$20.00.
2. Dr. Joel Grassi. *John the Baptist* (summer, 2021), 450 pages. \$35.00.
3. M. Ryan Strouse. *Pure Religion when it Costs. An Exegetical Study of the Epistle of James* (summer, 2021), 400 pages. \$30.00.

Men who study for the Lord's work must recognize the great accountability they have with both their biblical knowledge and the skill to express truth in both preached and written forms. Let us take heed to Paul's testimony, 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).

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BLAIR WEDDING

On Friday, June 25, 2021, the Lord blessed with a beautiful day the outdoor wedding ceremony of Alex Belmonte and Haley Blair in Waynesburg, PA. Dr. and Mrs. Scott Blair, III are the parents of Haley and Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien are the parents of Alex. The ministers for the ceremony were the father of the Bride, Dr. Scott Blair, III and Pastor Stephen Hinebaugh, pastor of the Groom. Both men are Bible Baptist Theological Seminary seminarians. It was a Christ-honoring ceremony for a wonderful couple. Solomon said, "*Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thine arm: for love is strong as death; jealousy is cruel as the grave: the coals thereof are coals of fire, which hath a most vehement flame. Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it: if a man would give all the substance of his house for love, it would utterly be contemned*" (Canticles 8:6-7).



BBC SUMMER OF PREACHING

This summer Bible Baptist Church is having several of the men of the church preach in the absence of Pastor Thomas Strouse. So far, four men have supplied the pulpit with the biblical exegesis of Scripture including, Mr. Bill Gagnon, Mr. Andrew Williams, Mr. M. Ryan Strouse, and Mr. Tommy Thompson.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2021

Bible Baptist Church is looking forward to the annual Vacation Bible School which is tentatively scheduled on 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.



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

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The BBC International Croquet Team



How many Baptists does it take to see if the ball went through the wicket?



Ryan & Sophia vs. Aiko & August



The landscaping continues outside on the BBC property. A new entrance was made to our resident groundhog's den!



LANDSCAPING



Pastor Cas Reeves

WHY IS THE RIGHTEOUS MAN TRIED?

The true Christian life is a most unique life among all the different kind of lives that people live. It is truly a daily adventure with God and His Son, Jesus Christ along with the indwelling of His Holy Spirit. When a person receives Jesus Christ as his Savior, he becomes a member of God's heavenly family (John 1:12).

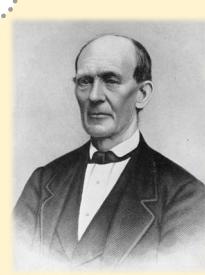
As a member of God's family, our heavenly Father takes a personal interest in our spiritual growth. That is why James, the brother of Jesus, says: *My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing* (James 1:2-4). James was writing to Christians that were being persecuted for their faith. James was encouraging them to endure the trial knowing that it was maturing them or making them perfect or complete. Thus, trials are for the maturing and growing of the Christian's spiritual life.

Further, James reveals even more regarding the trial of Christians. He encourages the Christian by saying, *Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him* (James 1:12). What a joy it is to know that we shall endure our trials and receive a crown of life because the Lord has promised.

As Christians we must always remember what the Apostle Paul exhorted: *There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it* (1 Corinthians 10:13). Yes, we are able to endure our trials no matter how severe they may seem to us at the moment of endurance. How do we know this, because God has said so.

Using the illustration as the day of provocation, David warned us not to harden our hearts toward the Lord during our trials (Psalm 95:8). Rather, knowing that trials will come as sparks fly up in a fire (Job 5:7); therefore, let us mind the admonition of Solomon to *Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding* (Proverbs 3:5).

Why is the righteous man tried? Because he is God's child and He is growing him for His honor and glory. Therefore, let us who believe, rejoice and glory in the Lord, as we trust Him through every trial of our life. —CAR



QUOTES FROM THE PAST

William McGuffey
1800-1873
American Educator

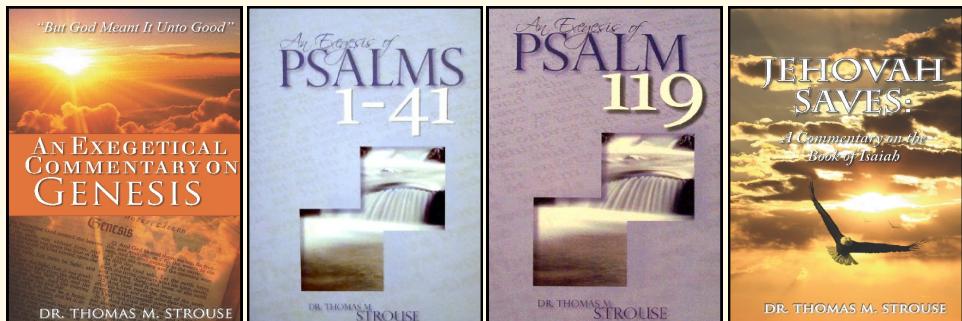
"The Ten Commandments and the teachings of Jesus are not only basic but plenary."

THE BOOK CORNER

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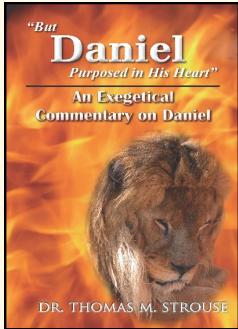


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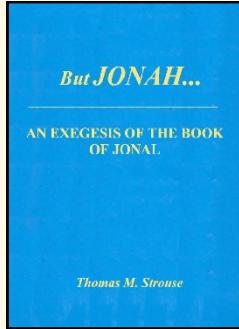
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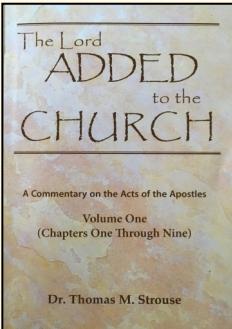
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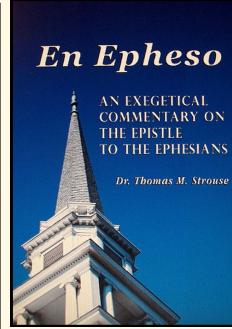
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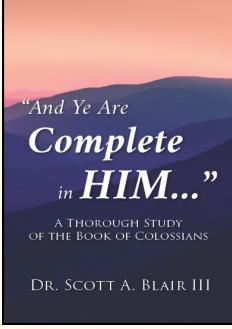
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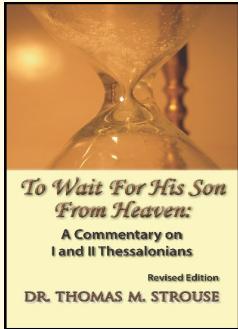
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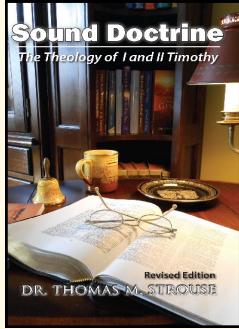
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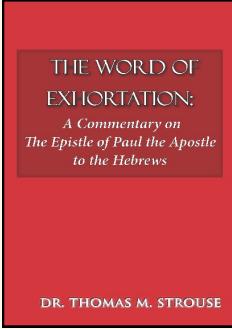
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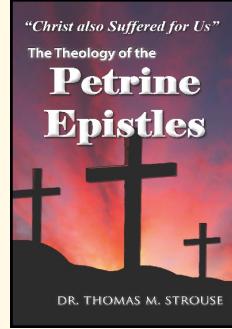
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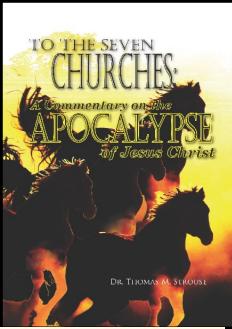
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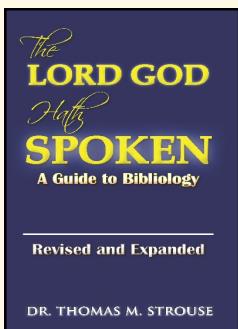
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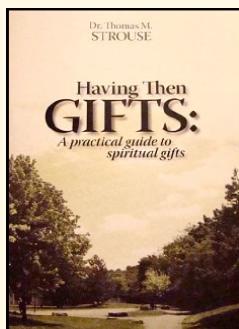
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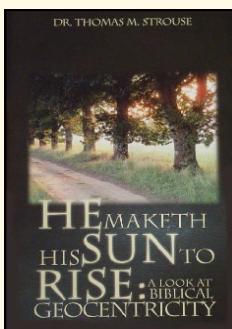
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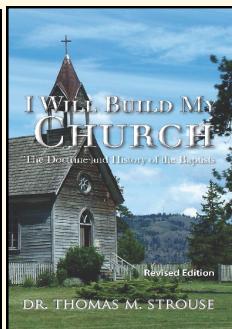
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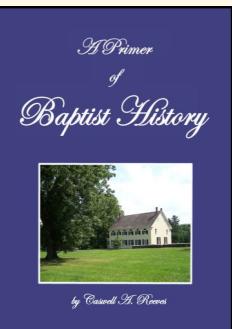
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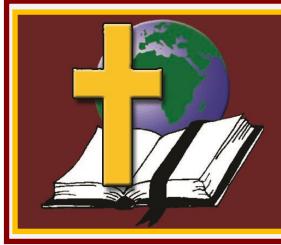


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