



BBC UPDATE



Dr. Thomas M. Strouse

BIBLE BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY MODULE

During the week of July 26 through 30 Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Strouse ministered at Calvary Independent Baptist Church in Plymouth, NH. Dr. Strouse taught the module “The Gospel of Luke with Emphasis on Medical Terms.” Pastor Dr. Chet Kulus, along with his wife Nancy, were gracious hosts for the week. The class was well attended with 22 students.



Excerpt from Luke 1:1-4 (Introduction [1:1-4])

Text

Luke took it upon himself, being led by the Spirit (cf. I Pet. 1:21), to write a Gospel narrative of the life of Christ, based on his interviews with eyewitnesses and ministers of the word. He had precise understanding of the events from his sources, he testified, and wrote to a Roman official named Theophilus, to confirm in writing what Theophilus had been instructed verbally, for his certain sanctification. Luke the physician employed many rare terms used by ancient physicians as he gave his spiritual “autopsy” of the life of Christ. His vocabulary belied his secular occupation as physician but enhanced knowledge about the greatest life ever lived!

Terms

v. 1 “*have taken in hand*” (*epecheiresan*); this *tris legomena* was exclusively Lukan (Lk. 1:1; Acts 9:29; 19:13); this practice referred to physician laying hands on patient.

v. 1 “*a declaration*” (*diegesin*); this Lukan *hapax legomena* was a common term for a medical treatise—Hippocrates.¹

¹Hippocrates of Cos (460-370 BC) was the greatest Greek physician of antiquity in the Age of Pericles. Known as “the father of Western medicine,” he helped establish medicine as a distinct discipline. The Hippocratic Oath was foundational to the Hippocratic School of Medicine.

GALILEAN BAPTIST CHURCH YOUTH RETREAT

Galilean Baptist Church in Stafford Springs, CT held its youth camp also during the week of July 26 through 30. Pastor and Mrs. Stephen Hinebaugh headed up the camp with many activities, but especially with Scripture memorization and preaching services. Many of the camp adults and leaders have been students in Bible Baptist Theological Seminary through the years. We appreciate this local church ministry that honors Christ in doctrine and practice and that challenges young people to give their lives to the Lord.



Left: BBTTS representation of leaders



Right: BBC campers and leaders

Below: Bill Gagnon leads devotions with his team by the campfire.



Top: Waiting for Supper

Bottom: Craft time



Juniors Jack and Sabrina try their hand on the Archery Field. (Jack got a bullseye!)

Below: Ryan helped his team win the water balloon toss.

Bottom: Friendships continue

The idea of sleeping nightly all week in tents,
Seemed to show vulnerability for any defense.
But with the possibility of some sun,
Brought anticipation for Christian fun,
Nevertheless it can be said that the week was very intense.



Everyone was looking forward for camp to start
Prayed the field wouldn't be too damp the games to thwart
But sleeping all week in a tent,
Made us wonder why we went—
To learn how to have a "Purposed Heart".

v. 2 “eyewitness” (*autoptai*); Luke no doubt had much experience with “autopsy” as did the other ancient physicians. He is the only NT writer to use this *hapax*.

v. 2 “ministers” (*huperetai*); Luke used it 6x out of 20x in NT; it could refer to medical assistants—Galen.²

v. 3 “having had understanding” (*parekolouthekoti*); cf. Luke’s influence on Paul (I Tim. 4:6 and II Tim. 3:10); it could refer to a medical investigation—Dioscorides.³

²Galen was better known as Galen of Pergamon, or Aelius Galenus or Claudius Galenus (AD 129-199). Having done medical research on monkeys and pigs, he became a prominent Roman physician, surgeon and philosopher. Through his vast research, he gave foundational knowledge in anatomy, physiology, pathology, pharmacology and neurology. His works are extant, including his famous *That the Best Physician is also a Philosopher*.

³Pedanius Dioscorides (AD 40-90) was a Greek physician and pharmacologist known for his five volume work entitled *De Materia Medica* dealing with the application of herbs for pharmacological purposes.

MRS. EDITH DAVIDSON

On July 21, 2021, Mrs. Edith Davidson went to be with the Lord and with her husband Dr. Harold Davidson. The Davidsons were instrumental in the starting of Bible Baptist Church and in supporting Bible Baptist Theological Seminary. They were members of the church for several early years and then moved back to Cody, WY to plant a biblical church, while in their 80’s. “*Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints*” (Ps. 116:15).



BBC/BBTS 2021 SCHEDULE

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

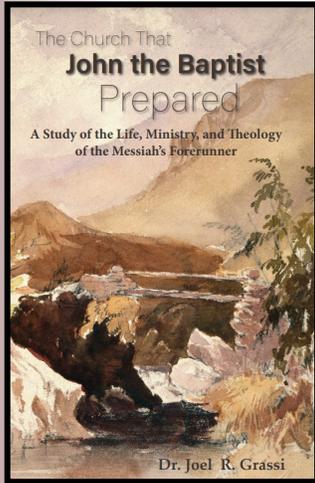
Timeless Truth Bible Conference
Willow Creek Baptist Church
Waynesburg, PA
TBA

November 5

BBTS Fall Lecture Series
Galilean Baptist Church
TBA

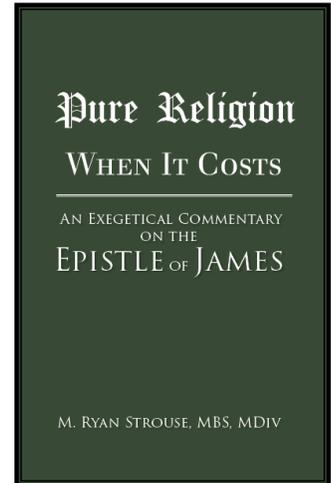
BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH COMMENTARIES

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:

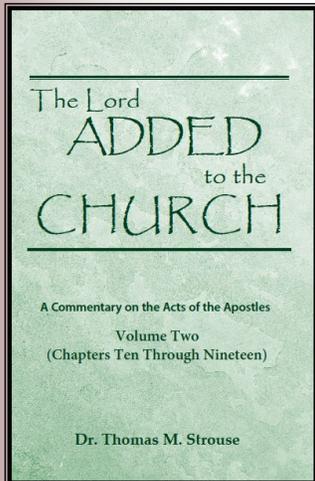


1. Dr. Joel Grassi. *The Church that John the Baptist Prepared*, 450 pages. \$35.00.

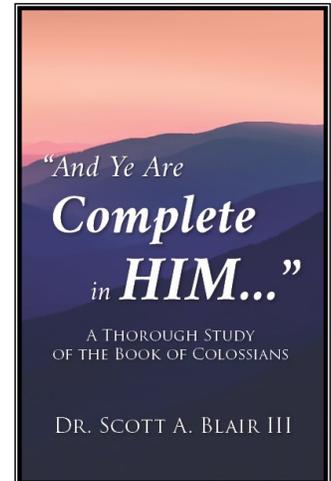
2. M. Ryan Strouse. *Pure Religion when it Costs. An Exegetical Study of the Epistle of James* (summer, 2021), 400 pages. \$30.00.



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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2021

**“For we walk by faith,
not by sight”**

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 Fair Trial

In addition to the funny skits performed, most importantly, the Word of God was preached as the theme “A Purposed Heart” was presented to the campers.



The Elevator



Pastor Blair



Jeff Skorupski

COUNTING ON OTHERS

Text: Philemon verses 1-25



Pastor Cas Reeves

When Paul wrote Philemon, he expected that Philemon would do what was right and what was requested of him. And that was that Onesimus, a runaway bondsman of Philemon's household, who Paul had led to Christ, be received back into service as a profitable servant.

Why should God's children in the Lord's N.T. local churches be able to count on each other while they are serving the Lord Jesus? There are four reasons that you can find in this small book. The first reason is in verse 1. It is because we are saved and called the brethren. We are in fact, in God's family and therefore have a common bond with each other.

The second reason is also in verse 1. It is because we are fellowlabourers in the work of the Lord. We have a common purpose in our life and that is serving the Lord through our local church. The Lord has given us each a ministry by which we may serve him.

The third reason is in verse 6. It is because of our shared faith in Jesus Christ. It is a faith that is to be communicated with others and a faith that is effectual. In other words our faith is real and when shared with others it is effective in accomplishing God's purposes in our lives and the lives of others.

The last reason is in verse 7. It is because of our mutual love for one another, which the Lord gives us at salvation. It is a love that brings great joy and comfort when it is shared, and it also brings a refreshing of the inner man when it is received.

Let us therefore be like Philemon that we may be counted upon as Paul counted upon him. Let us each endeavor to be the person the Lord can count on to do what he asks? -CAR

QUOTES FROM THE PAST



James MADISON

1751-1836

4th President of the USA

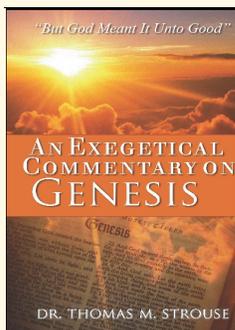
"The purpose of separation of church and state is to keep forever from these shores the ceaseless strife that has soaked the soil of Europe in blood for centuries."

THE BOOK CORNER

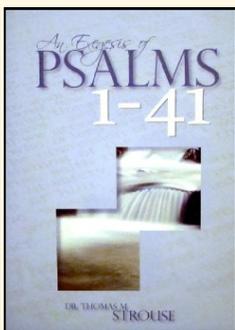
These books may be purchased through

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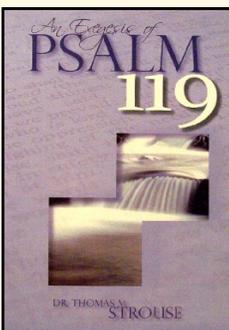
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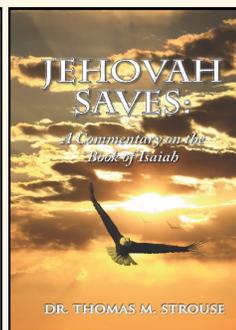
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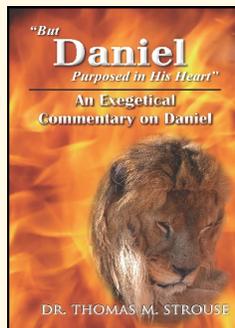
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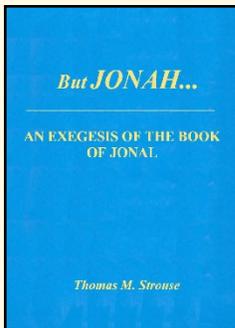
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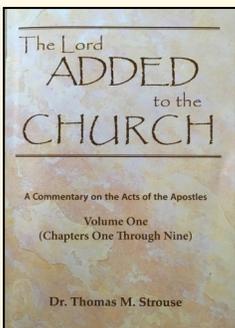
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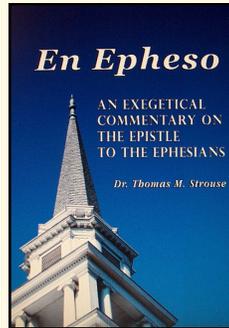
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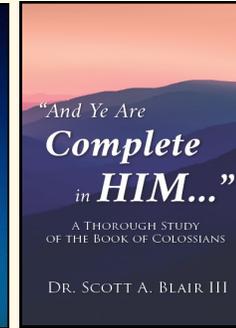
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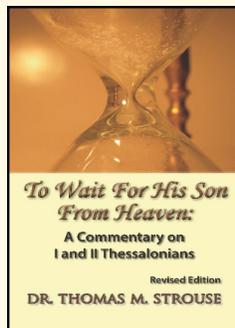
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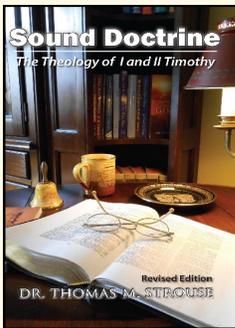
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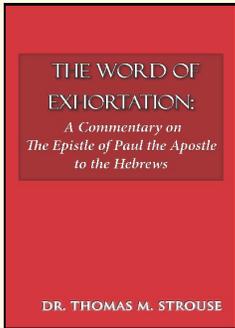
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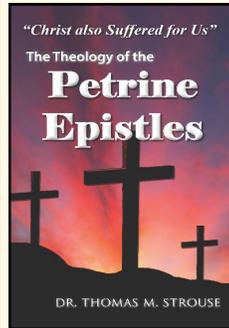
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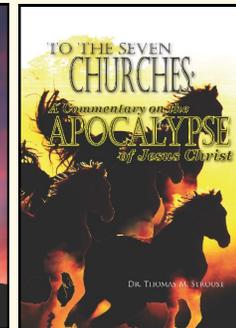
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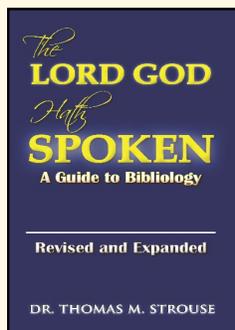
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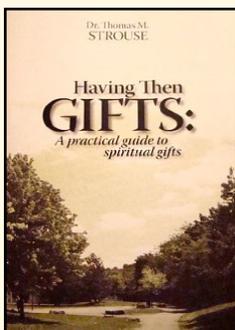
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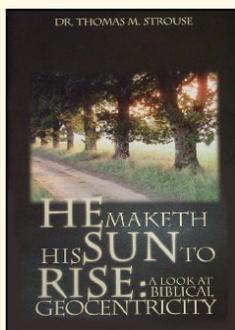
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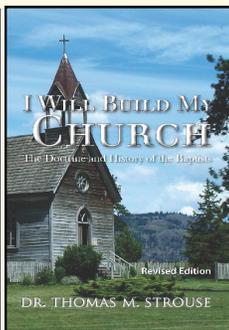
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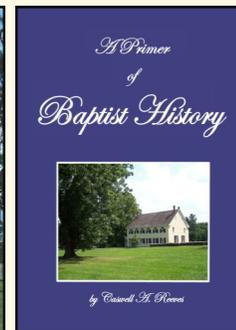
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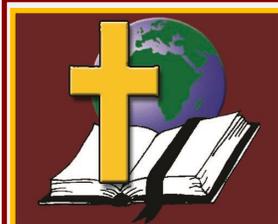
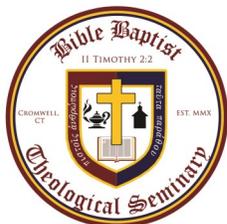


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