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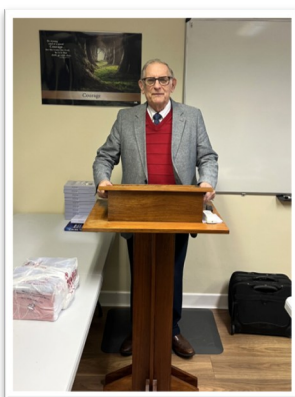


Dr. Thomas M. Strouse

IRELAND MODULE

During the week of January 6-10, 2025, Dr. Thomas M. Strouse taught the module on Greek Exegesis II and the first book of Psalms 1-41. The former class (8 AM-1 PM) had nine students including pastors and church members. The latter class with some of the same seminarians was in the evening (5-10 PM) with twenty in-person seminarians and five on live stream. The first book of Psalms 1-41 is replete with the psalms of David, 23 out of 41 alluding to the ouster by Absalom and Ahithophel. Since David was the sweet psalmist of Israel, the assumption is that he wrote all psalms that did not have another's name attached or that the content was contrary to davidic authorship.

Along with the first book of Psalms is the second book, Psalms 42-72, which continues with 19 out of 31 Psalms referring to the ouster of King David. The significance of this emphasis is that Jehovah promised an everlasting dynasty to David (II Sam. 7:12-16), which promise seemed in great jeopardy from the human perspective. If Absalom and Ahithophel would have been victorious in the attempted coup, the consequences would have potentially damaged the eschatology of the divine plan of the Cross and the Millennium. Hence, King David knew he was the rightful king and continued to petition the LORD for personal grace and perpetual fulfillment of the plan of God. The Lord gave promises to three institutions for the saints of God which institutions Satan and his cohorts attempted to thwart. He promised Abraham the Land of Canaan (Gen. 12:1-3), David the everlasting davidic dynasty (II Sam. 7:12-16), and Peter the perpetuity of the Baptist assembly (Mt. 16:18). Imprecatory prayers were leveled at those attempting to thwart the divine promises. For instance, David imprecated Absalom and Ahithophel (Pss. 69:28; 55:13-15, respectively), Peter imprecated Ananias and Priscella (Acts 5:1-10) and Simon Magus (Acts 8:20-24), and Paul imprecated Hymenaeus and Alexander (I Tim. 1:20). The context of Psalms helps believers to see the magnitude of what was at stake and the extreme prayers of imprecations toward the enemies of God's institutions!



Dr. Strouse lecturing

On Sunday January 5, Dr. Strouse preached at the church of Pastor Gene McKinley over Good News Baptist Church and at River Valley Baptist Church with Pastor Aleksei Jusev. Both men are graduates of BBTS as well as several others in attendance, namely Pastor Derry O'Sullivan, Pastor Stephen Finley, and Pastor David Ellsmore, and Mr. Tom Baker.

Dr. Strouse stayed with Mrs. Kathi Zemeski along with several other women chaperones during the week. Dr. Bob Zemeski was the founder of River Valley Baptist Church and pastored until his recent death. Although the weather was cold, snowy, and damp, the fellowship was warm and enjoyable.

FAIRHAVEN BAPTIST COLLEGE MODULE

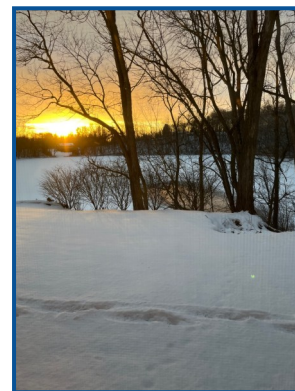
The following week, Dr. Strouse taught the module at Fairhaven Baptist College in Chesterton, IN on Psalms 42-72 to nine seminarians. It was good to see some of seminary graduates of BBTS, such as Pastor Dr. Jeremy Mitchell, former dean Pastor Dan Armacost and current missionary to Myanmar, and Dr. Clint Schreiber. Dr. Mitchell pastors Fairhaven Baptist Church and oversees Fairhaven Baptist College which is under the *aegis* of the church.



*Class Photo of Seminarians
in Module Psalms 42-72*

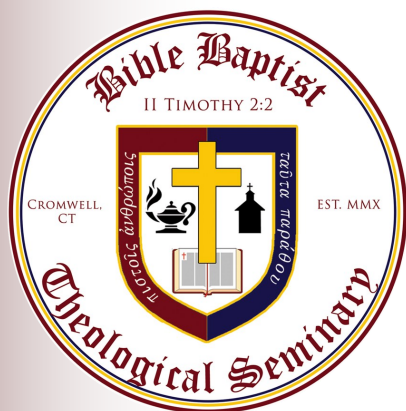


Student dining room



*Beautiful sunset from
Prophet's Chamber
in snowed over
northern Indiana.*

BBTS SPRING SEMESTER



Dr. M. Ryan Strouse will be teaching the seminary course **Theology Proper** for sixteen weeks starting Monday, Jan. 27, 2025, and Dr. Thomas M. Strouse will be teaching **Greek IV** for sixteen weeks starting on Thursday, Jan. 30, 2025. Seminarians may register on first night of class.

IRELAND PHOTOS



*Typical Irish breakfast by
Wendy O'Sullivan*



*Musicians in church service
at Good News Baptist
Church*



*Mrs. Kathi Zemeski
& Mrs. Melissa More*



Class Photo

KIRSTEN GAGNON'S CANCER UPDATE



Pray for Kirsten as continues with her cancer treatment. Her new treatment since it was revealed that the cancer had metastasized began on November 4th and is one day a week, lasting about 3 hours, every other week. In addition, every two months she will have a CT Scan to monitor the progress of the tumor. Her first scan was on December 30, which showed little change from the previous scan in October. This is good news because that is exactly what the treatment is designed to do—keep the cancer from spreading. The doctor was pleased with the results and we will continue this current treatment until the next scan at the end of February, at which time we will reassess. The side effects are manageable with them being mainly fatigue and body aches. This is an answer to prayer and the Gagnon's are thankful and rejoice to see the Lord working in their lives and the lives of all those they come in contact with.

*"I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever:
nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and
God doeth it, that men should fear before him." Eccl. 3:14*

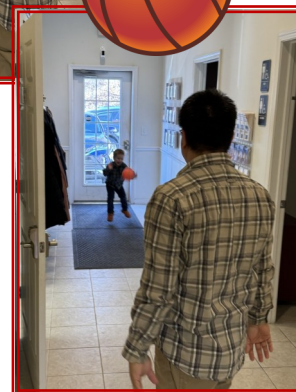
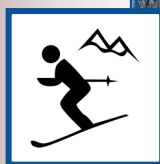
BBC EXTRAS



Marquis Burwell teaching the Junior Sunday School Class



BBC Youth at the Homeschool ski day at Mt. Southington



Jerome playing catch with Bryce in the hallway after services.

BBC/BBTS 2025 SCHEDULE

January 27 (Mondays)
BBTS Spring Semester Begins
 Cromwell, CT
Theology Proper (MRS)

January 30 (Thursdays)
BBTS Spring Semester Begins
 Cromwell, CT
Greek IV (TMS)

February 10-14
Philippine Module
 Quezon City
Psalms 45-72

April 11
BBTS Spring Lecture Series
 Galilean Baptist Church
 Stafford Springs, CT
TBA

May 17-18
BBTS Banquet and Graduation
 Bible Baptist Church
 Cromwell, CT

May 26-30
Ireland Module
Greek IV & Psalms 42-72

June 2-6
Community Baptist Church
 Coopersburg, PA
Minor Prophets I

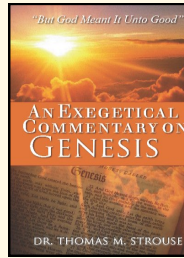
September 22-26
Bible Baptist Church
 Nashua, NH
Minor Prophets II

October 19-22
Timeless Truths Bible Conference
 Willow Grove Baptist Church
 Waynesburg, PA
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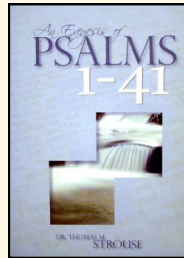
November 7, 2025
BBTS Fall Lecture Series
 Galilean Baptist Church
 Stafford Springs, CT
TBA

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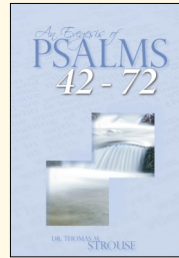
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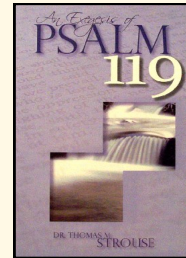
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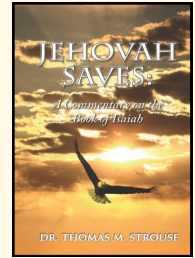
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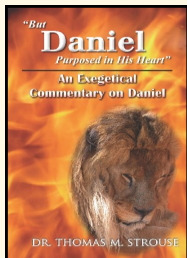
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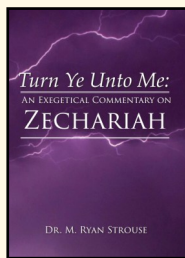
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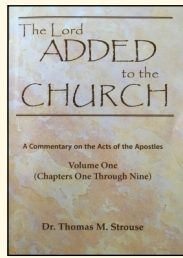
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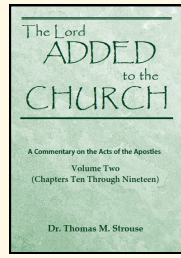
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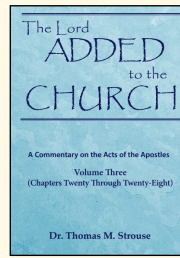
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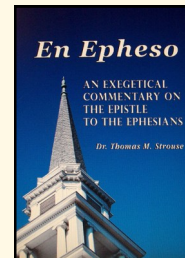
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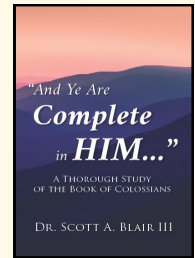
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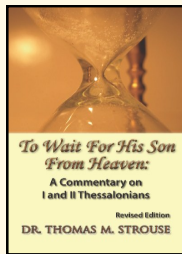
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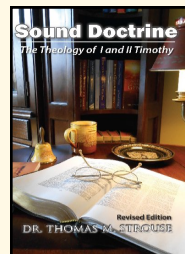
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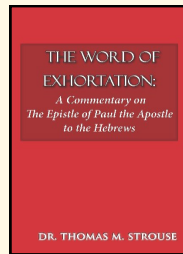
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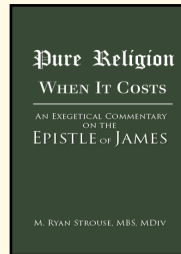
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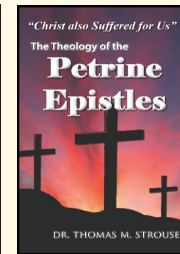
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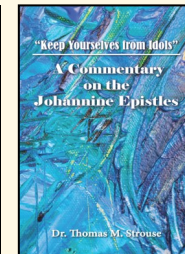
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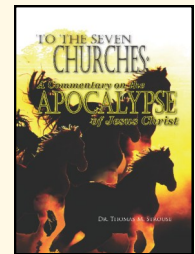
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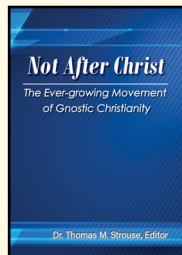
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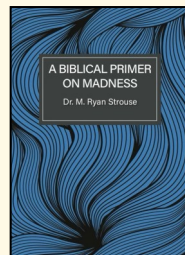
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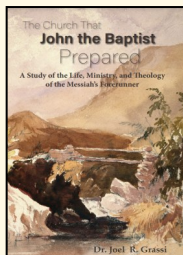
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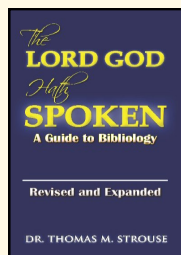
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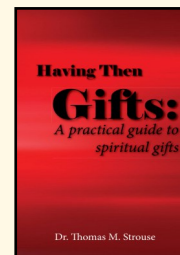
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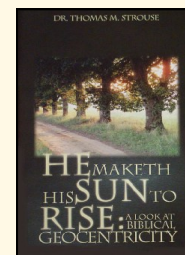
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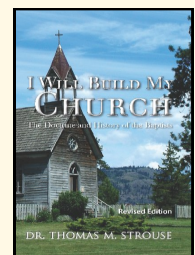
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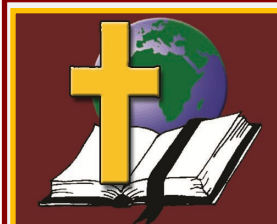
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