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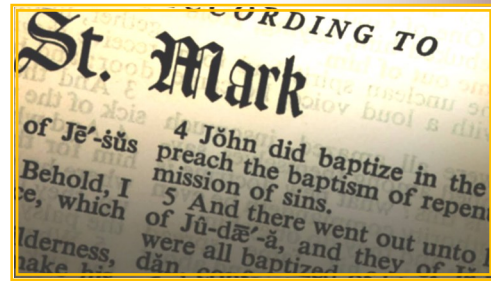
BIBLE BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY STARTS TWELFTH YEAR!



Dr. Thomas M. Strouse

Bible Baptist Theological Seminary will start the 2021 Spring Semester on Thursday (6-9 PM), January 28, 2021 (to May 6, 2021), offering the course on the *Gospel of Mark*. Furthermore, Bible Baptist Theological Seminary will also have a one week Module starting on Monday, March 1-5, 2021 (5-10

PM) on the *Johannine Epistles* (using TR interlinear) meeting at Bible Baptist Church. With the current direction of the world, opportunities for formal classroom study of Scripture may soon be curtailed. Please let me know of your intentions or questions.



BIBLE BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY SPRING LECTURE SERIES

After being thwarted twice by Covid-19 in 2020 by having to cancel both the Bible Baptist Theological Seminary Spring and Fall Lecture Series, Bible Baptist Church is pleased to announce that the Bible Baptist Theological Seminary 2021 Spring Lecture Series will be housed at Galilean Baptist Church in Stafford Springs, CT, on Friday, April 9, 2021. By the grace of God, Covid-19 will have to take a back seat (on back row) this year, as Pastor Stephen Hinebaugh has graciously offered his church building facility to house the Bible Baptist Theological Seminary 2021 Spring Lecture Series. The format will be the same, starting at 9 AM and concluding at 3 PM with a delicious luncheon planned from 11:30 AM to 1 PM. Dr. Thomas Strouse will present “Biblical Soteriology: *“I Will Joy in the God of my Salvation”* (Hab. 3:18). Please RSVP by April 1, 2021.

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In the account of the accession of David to the throne in Hebron, the chronicler asserted this about *“the children of Issachar, which were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do;”* (I Chr. 12:32). In having *“understanding of the times,”* they recognized the all-embracing will of God in history relative to human government and spiritual responsibility. In the providential working of Jehovah, He orchestrated the events that led to David’s ultimate rule over Israel culminating in his everlasting dynasty (II Sam. 7:12-16). Certainly as Solomon declared, *“The king’s heart is in the hand of the LORD, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will”* (Prov. 21:1). The LORD controls the nations and has allowed at this time professed socialist dictators to regain control of the United States of America. As globalism and dictatorship begin to foment again, this time without restraint, the world seemingly is prepared for the ruthless but brilliant dictator, the ultimate betrayer, who will be divinely allowed to usher in the Tribulation (Dan.7:25; 9:27; II Thes. 2:3-12; Rev. 13:3-18).

For the child of God the Tribulation is not a concern since the Scripture promises the church-age saint, saying, *“Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth”* (Rev. 3:10). In the meantime, Peter enjoined the churches, saying, *“But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore*

sober, and watch unto prayer” (I Pet. 4:7). Moreover, Peter warned the same, saying, *“For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?”* (I Pet. 4:17). Certainly the Lord’s assemblies are currently being purged of the chaff of unfaithful members.

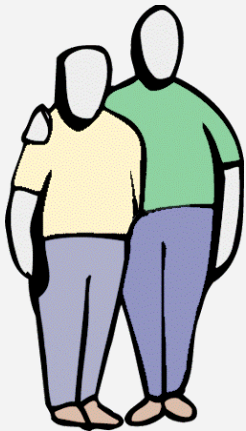
The only hope that the believer has ever had is *“the blessed hope”* of the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ! The Christian’s hope is not in a political party or in a world politician or even in the United States government! Therefore, the Lord’s pastors and churches need to develop a biblical *“understanding of the times”* and recognize Satan’s master plan. He has orchestrated the lockdown of nations under the guise of the physical concern and welfare of mankind. For the most part, Satan has been successful because some of the Lord’s people have received spiritual deception and lacked spiritual discernment. Many pastors and churches obeyed Caesar and disobeyed the Lord Jesus Christ (Mk. 12:17) by not assembling. Apparently, because Satan and his dictators observed the feckless response from the Lord’s people, he has been allowed to bring in dictators with their *“one party/no free speech”* program to enslave America’s middle class with their promise of high taxation and governmental restrictions. The US Constitution is gone; there is no reality in the First Amendment and consequently the Second Amendment is null and void. Satan’s *“Second Wave”* of Government Over-Reach is at hand. The

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Government Over-Reach will extend to exposing, re-educating, and/or imprisoning dissidents, whether political, social, or religious. The time is bleak for the unbelieving world!

“American Christianity” is gone. The days that American churches had favor from the government and had respect with secular society are gone. The bigness, the wealth, and the prestige that these churches enjoyed are all gone. However, New Testament Christianity is alive and well in and through the Lord’s assembled assemblies! The Lord’s assemblies never had favor with government or had prestige with the populace, and never curried it (Jn. 15:18-19). The Christianity expressed in Acts and later demonstrated among Anabaptists revealed that the small house

churches (sometimes in secret) did the work of God in spite of persecution. For the pastor and church member committed to counting the cost of following Christ, this should be encouraging that we have the privilege to emulate the New Testament churches, as Paul said, “*So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure: Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer*” (II Thes. 1:4-5). May the Lord’s people be faithful in supporting their respective churches in attendance, in prayers, and in finances!



ADDICTION RECOVERY MINISTRY

*Then they cried unto
the LORD in their trouble, and
he saved them out of their
distresses.*

*He brought them
out of darkness
and the shadow of death,
and brake their bands in
sunder.*

Psalm 107:13-14

On Friday evenings from 7-9 PM, Bible Baptist Church holds the weekly meeting for the ARM Ministry with Dr. Robert Hovey introducing and preaching. The meetings involve singing hymns, sharing praises and prayer requests, before going into group sessions. There are also special speakers who come in to encourage, come alongside, and put a spiritual ARM around those in need.

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



Pastor Cas Reeves

THE LIFE THAT IS ABLE TO STAND GOD'S JUDGMENT AND EXAMINATION

In Psalm 26, David, the king and prophet and "sweet psalmist of Israel," revealed that there were 15 different things which he did or would do in his life which he exhorted the LORD to judge and examine. David lived a life that he was not ashamed of having examined.

1. I have walked in mine integrity (1)
2. I have trusted also in the LORD (1)
3. I have walked in thy truth (3)
4. I have not sat with vain persons (4)
5. I will neither go in with dissemblers (4)
6. I have hated the congregation of evil doers (5)
7. I will not sit with the wicked (5)
8. I will wash mine hands in innocency (6)
9. I will compass thine altar, O LORD (7)
10. I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving (7)
11. I will tell of all thy wondrous works (7)
12. I have loved the habitation of thy house (8)
13. I have loved the place where thine honour dwelleth (8)
14. I will walk in mine integrity (11)
15. I will bless the LORD (12)

These behaviors are challenging to keep, but they are possible. Can the behavior of your life stand the judgment and examination of the LORD? Praise God for the promise of Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

BBC/BBTS 2021 SCHEDULE

January 28

Spring Semester Begins
Thursdays 6-9 PM
Gospel of Mark

March 1-5

Cromwell, CT
Module
Johannine Epistles

April 9

BBTS Spring Lecture Series
Stafford Springs, CT
Biblical Soteriology

YOUTH WINTER RETREAT

Galilean Baptist Church in Stafford Springs, CT announced the 2nd Annual Youth Winter Retreat. The dates are February 11-13 for youth between the ages of 12-18. For more information please contact Pastor Hinebaugh at pastor@galileanbaptistchurchct.com

Quotes from the Past



"Words without actions are the assassins of idealism."

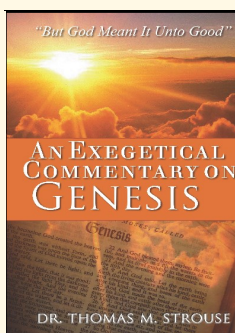
Herbert C. Hoover (1874-1964)
31st President of the USA

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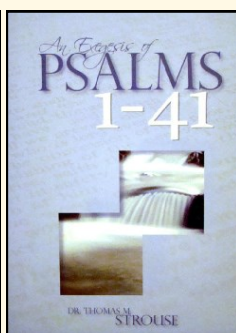
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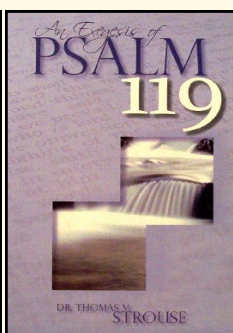
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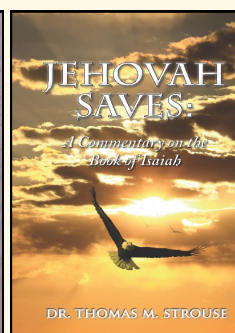
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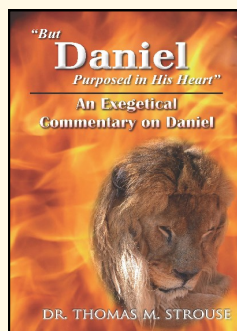
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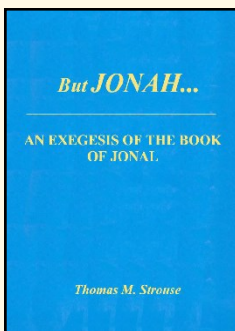
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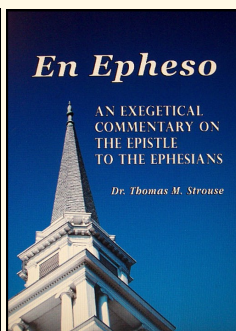
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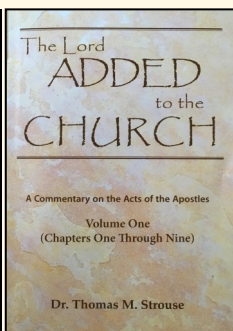
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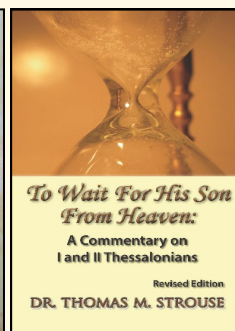
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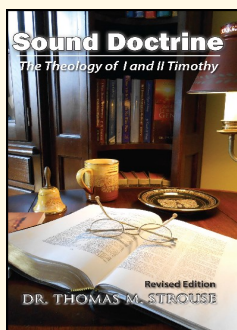
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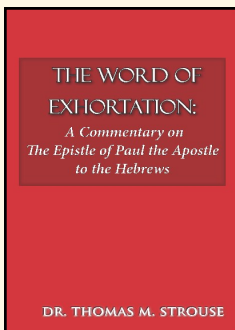
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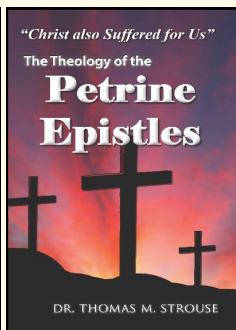
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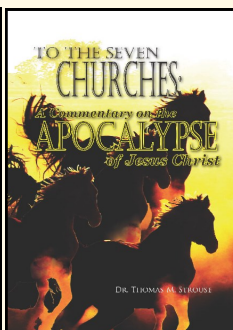
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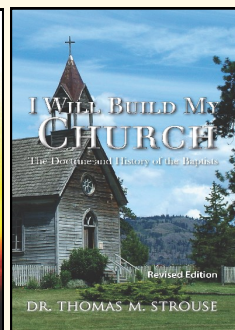
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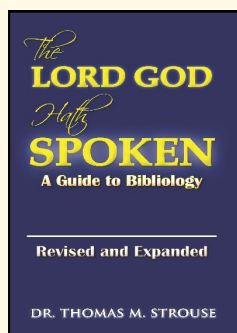
Peter
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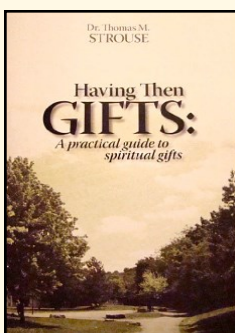
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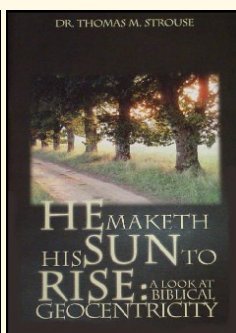
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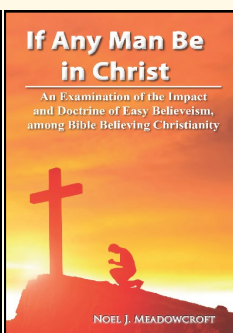
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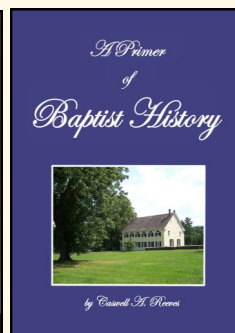
Spiritual Gifts
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Geocentricity
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Easy-Believeism
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Baptist History
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