



BBC UPDATE



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BBTS SPRING 2026 LECTURE SERIES

On Friday, April 10, 2026, Bible Baptist Theological Seminary, under the *aegis* of Bible Baptist Church, will be having its Spring 2026 Lecture Series at Galilean Baptist Church in Stafford Springs, CT, from 9 AM to 3 PM. A luncheon will be provided as well as a book table. The Lecture Series is free and open to all, but the total number of attendees from each church is necessary by March 31, 2026!

The greatest calling in this Baptist Dispensation is that of the office of the “*bishoprick*” (*episcopus* [Acts 1:20]) or to be one of the LORD’s “*pastors*” (*poimen* [Eph. 4:11]). The precious Lord Jesus Christ was the pastor or “*shepherd*” (Jn. 10:15) of His “*little flock*” (Lk. 12:32; cf. Jn. 6:66). The Lord Jesus was and is the perfect pastor of His imperfect members of the LORD’s challenged assemblies. He is the ultimate church planter and Satan is the ultimate church destroyer! The LORD started all of His NT assemblies in history and Satan has destroyed most of them! Where are the seven churches of the *Apocalypse* today? In the final revelatory truth of Scripture, including the culminating prediction and fulfillment of biblical eschatology, the Lord Jesus addressed seven pastors of seven NT assemblies! Furthermore, two necessary truths are required for the exegete, pastor, church member to understand fully the NT Scriptures, namely, that all of the NT books addressed NT assemblies, and that they simultaneously excoriated Judaism and refuted the prevalent heresy of Gnosticism of the First Century, while giving forth biblical revelation. As pastors and church members, we want to attempt to honor our precious Saviour with and in our respective Baptist assemblies by praying for and encouraging our pastors to employ the biblical strengths and to avoid carnal practices in our churches. We pastors need to self-examine our doctrine and practice, and, if necessary, harmonize them with the Scriptural model for ecclesiological truth. As pastors and church members, we do not want to leave our “*first love*”—the Lord Jesus Christ!



WHATEVER HAPPENED TO E.T.?

The 1982 science fiction family movie entitled *E.T.* (Extra-Terrestrial) by Steven Spielberg was one of thousands of movies and television shows impacting the America public with the evolutionary propaganda that life exists outside of the unique earth. It superseded the famous book (1897) and later classic movie *The War of the Worlds* (1953) by English author H. G. Wells. Evolutionary scientists and theorists are fully committed to the absolutely necessary dogma that there must be biological life somewhere in the vast and almost eternal “universe” with billions of galaxies and innumerable “planets” which house ancient and advanced civilizations of aliens. There just has to be! Why? Earth cannot be the unique “planet” which has water, atmosphere, and the proper distance from a sun. Earth cannot be the only unique sphere, because if it is unique and not random, one must ask, why is it unique? In fact, Who made it unique? The uniqueness of the earth is anti-evolutionary! In fact, the unique, centered earth is pro-Bible!

Now, since the universe is at least four billion years old (*sic*), certainly there must be advanced intelligent life with special technology to visit less advanced civilizations like the Earth. Physicist Enrico Fermi (1901-1954) therefore postulated that aliens from advanced civilizations should have, but conspicuously, have not visited Earth! Furthermore, no radio signals have been received from outer space, and the SETI (Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence) program has received no transmissions from the vast and “incredibly old universe.” Furthermore, the sightings of “flying saucers” in many cases are questionable and some probably are demonic manifestations (Rev. 13:13). Since credible evidence for *E.T.* is embarrassingly absent, something must be wrong, and the *mantra* for “other earths” must be misguided with the wrong premise!

The Bible is consistently determined and persistent in presenting the Earth as the divinely placed center of creation. The *KJV* renders the English word “earth” 987 times and the word “planets” once. A literal and Christ-honoring reading of Scripture is **overtly geocentric**. The LORD created earth first on Day One (Gen. 1:2-5), and He did not create the two great lights (sun and moon) until Day Four, in the heavens (Gen. 1:14-19). By the way, He “made the stars also.” (Gen. 1:16). The Psalmist averred, saying, “*The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD'S: but the earth hath he given to the*

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children of men” (Ps. 115:16). The LORD gave man **dominion** over everything on earth, saying, “*And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have **dominion** over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have **dominion** over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat. And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so*” (Gen, 1:26-30). The Physical Dominion Mandate extends to everything on earth, but not in the heavens! Likewise, the Spiritual Dominion Mandate extends to the evangelization and church planting efforts for all mankind on earth (Mt. 28:19-20)! The efforts of space exploration and NASA are unbiblical, ill-advised, and financially outrageous!



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The Scripture is **overtly geocentric** in that Adam’s sin affected his earthly race of men, saying, “*Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon **all men**, for that all have sinned*” (Rom. 5:12). The Scripture is **overtly geocentric** in that Adam’s sin affected the whole creation, as Paul said, “*For we know that the **whole creation** groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now*” (Rom. 8:22). Again, the Scripture is **overtly geocentric** in the purpose of Christ. The Apostle John declared, saying, “*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life*” (Jn. 3:16). Obviously, God does not love the

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“Martians” on Mars (*sic*). The Scripture is **overtly geocentric** in that the death of the Lord Jesus Christ was for the race of Adam, saying, “*And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world* (I Jn. 2:2). The Scripture is **overtly geocentric** in that Christ was sent to earth (Gal. 4:4) to die on the Cross (Jn. 19:30), was resurrected (I Cor. 15:3-4), and is coming again to the earth (Heb. 9:28). He will set up His Millennial Kingdom on earth for a thousand years (Rev. 20:4). He will eventually destroy the present heaven and earth (II Pet. 3:10-12) and create a New Heaven and Earth (Rev. 21:1). The Lord Jesus Christ, Who is the Creator of all (Col. 1:16), is **overtly geocentric** in His creation, concern, and culmination.

Moreover, the Psalmist David gave a lengthy expansion of the details of the first week of Creation (Ps. 104:2a [Gen. 1:2-5]; 104:2b-4 [Gen. 1:6-8]; 104:5-18 [Gen. 1:9-13]; 104:19-24 [Gen. 1:14-19]; 104:25-26 [Gen. 20-23]; 104:21-24 [Gen. 1:24-28]; 104:27-30 [Gen. 1:29-31]). As he expanded on the Creation week, the psalmist emphasized that Jehovah was the Wise Creator who satisfied and sustained the unique earth-centered creation with everything needed for plant life, animal life, and human life, and that the LORD rejoiced in the wonderful work of His **overtly geocentric** creation! Therefore, all must “*Bless the LORD*” (vv. 1, 135)!

Why would some professed Christians give pause for space exploration, the possibility of aliens, and the search for life on “other planets,” etc.? In spite of the massive bombardment of the propaganda for life in the “universe” by the evolution industry, the Christian’s Saviour is a diehard, adamant proponent of the unique earth-centered creation, which, incidentally, He made! The Lord Jesus Christ’s creation is **overtly geocentric!**

E.T. is the fantasy of the blinded evolutionists who hate the Bible and hate their Creator, hoping to find alien life somewhere in the “universe,” to discredit the Scriptures, and therefore to avoid the predicted everlasting damnation in the Lake of Fire for their duped souls. *E.T.* came and went and is nevermore!



PASTOR DAVID & MRS. JANET SHORT: WEDDING VOWS RENEWAL CEREMONY

Pastor and Mrs. David Short desired to renew their wedding vows for their Golden Wedding Anniversary (50th) at Bible Baptist Church on March 8, 2026. I have known David and Janet since 1974 and have appreciated their godly testimony in honoring the Lord Jesus Christ in their lives and ministries. Pastor Short, through thick and thin of starting and pastoring several churches, has continued to love and cherish *“the wife of thy covenant”* (Mal. 2:14).



This couple, David and Janet, is a biblical example that marriage is for life, that the Lord condemns divorce (Mk. 10:11-12 and Lk. 16:18), and that the Bible likewise forbids divorce and remarriage (I Cor. 7:10-11). They have realized and demonstrated the strength of Christian love in the biblical marriage that the LORD desires for all couples: *“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”* (Song of Solomon 8:6-7). Christian Marriage is Priceless!



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WEDDING VOWS RENEWAL (PHOTOS)



Top: Mrs. Short walking down the aisle with her grandson

Bottom:

1. "What Is Biblical Marriage?"
2. "Yours Forever"
3. Cutting the cake
4. Watching a recording of the Shorts' wedding ceremony in 1976



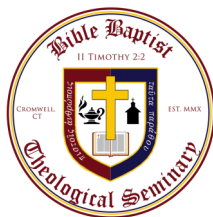
BBTS SPRING SEMESTER

Beginning January 26, 2026

Monday (6-9 PM)

Romans

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Beginning January 29, 2026

Thursday (6-9 PM)

Hebrew/Greek

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BBC/BBTS 2026 SCHEDULE

April 10, 2026

BBTS Spring Lecture Series

The Seven Pastors of the Apocalypse

May 16, 2026

BBTS Graduation Banquet

May 17, 2026

BBTS Graduation Service

May 25-29, 2026

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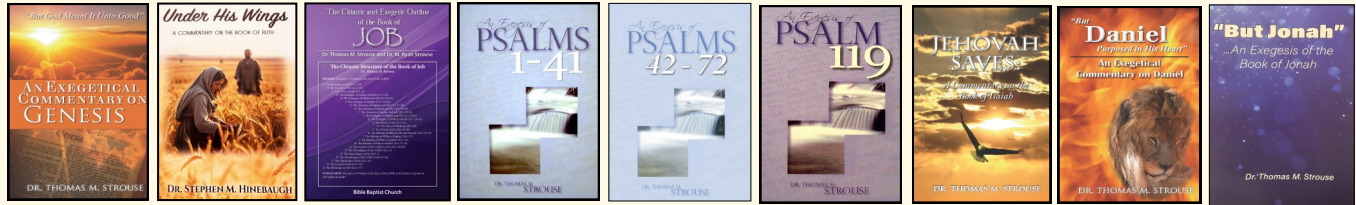
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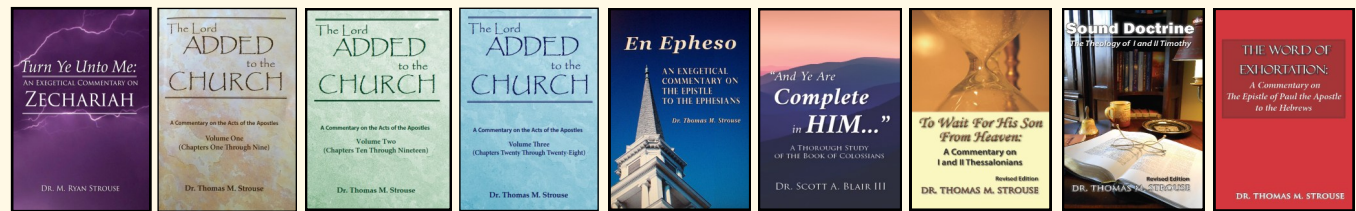
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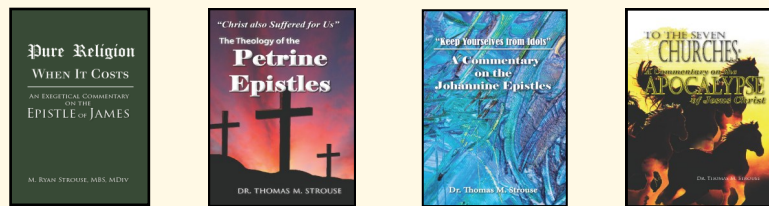
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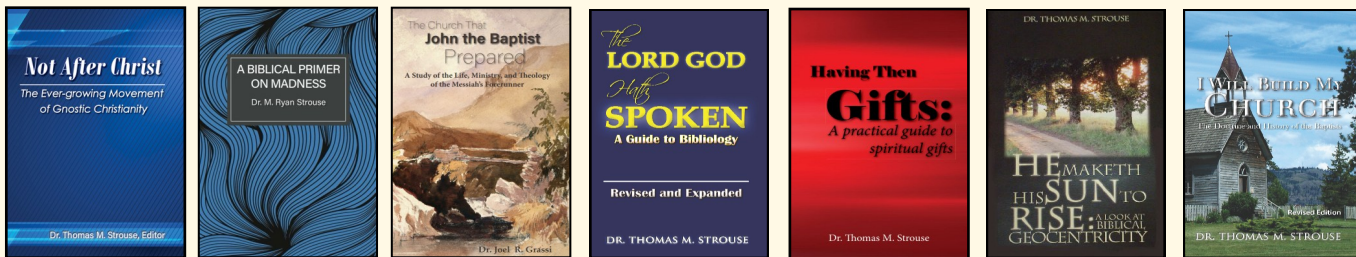
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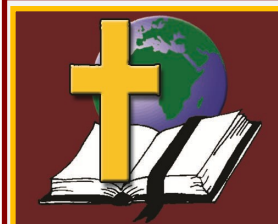
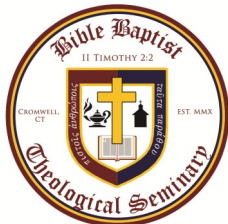


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