

Synergy, Seminary and H₂O

Kind of Synergy Needed in the Training of Ministers

The interactive effects of “preachers training preachers” in a seminary setting is largely why NBBS was formulated, as was the very fruitful Bible Baptist Seminary of yesteryear by J. Frank Norris and Louis Entzminger. The **synergy** which occurs in a school **singularly devoted** to a faculty of pastors mentoring preachers and their wives means the collective effect from it is not diffused by other emphases in the classroom, or in the school program at large. The dialoguing among the students at Norris, for example, is largely about God, and witnessing, discipleship, missions, church ministries, preaching, prayer, Bible study, or doctrine. When you add all this to the broad spectrum of ages that characterizes the student body (from 17 years of age to 60 and above), you have a more robust environment for the **cultivation of more effective and committed** pastors, evangelists, and missionaries. They first learn to readily “draw water out of the wells of salvation” (Isaiah 12:3) for their own spiritual well-being, and then that of others (John 4:13-14)!

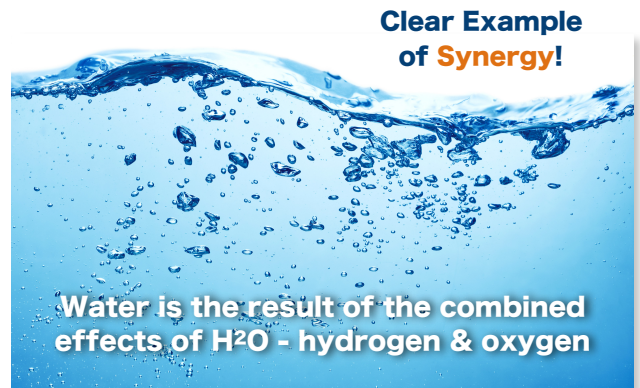


All throughout the Bible, men like Abraham, Moses, the prophets, John the Baptist, Paul, as well as the other apostles, initially separated out to be **impacted by God and His Word before they carried out their later mission** before men. Why? Sanctification of a life for service requires a serious refining beforehand of one’s passions and walk (Ephesians 4:1-3). Lest some would think by such an isolation preachers can lose touch with reality, remember, NBBS preachers-in-training are also serving at various levels in churches and in outreach, and are most often employed in the “work-a-day world,” thus preventing them from developing the “out of touch” mindset of a monk.

One may ask, *What about the benefit to Christians who are desirous of studying in an atmosphere that would be bettered by the presence of primarily preachers?* A thoughtful response among a few that could be respectively given is, *any field of study is readily seen to be best conducted in a realm that directly caters to it, rather than a one-size-fits-all approach.* The need of the hour is **preachers who excel spiritually and in the preaching of the Word and the Christ of the Word** (I Corinthians 14:12; Titus 1:3).

Kind of Synergy Needed in Marriage

Women, who are married to men called to preach, have a heightened role as a helpmeet. Surely, in no other field is the need as vital for one to “complete” her husband. In fact, **a true synergy in marriage between a husband and a wife is vital, especially for preachers.** The two are to become “one flesh” (Genesis 2:24). This means the Biblical concept of marriage is synergistic. There is, by divine design, a greater complementary effect in the combining of two persons differing in gender, who become one, that is not possible by either the man or the woman on their own. This is why we have **seven specialized classes for women** in the course program, and several preachers’ wives conducting these classes, as well as a class on family. It is also why wives of students go tuition free. We want to make it as feasible as possible for the wives of preachers to be trained alongside their husbands.



Kind of Synergy Needed in Our Midst

The greatest **synergy** though, needed above all else, is the ministry of the Holy Spirit in our midst (Zechariah 4:6). **His influence** is to be as an artesian well of the “water-of-life-from-within,” permeating the hearts of both students and faculty (John 7:37-39). He is to be the ultimate teacher of the Word! *May our prayers thereunto, and emphasis upon Christ and Bible saturation, increasingly, capture His attention* (John 16:13-14).

Important Dates

Graduation – Tues., May 21, 7:00 PM

36th Annual IBSI Meeting - May 20-23

Opening Day Rally & First Day of
Spring Semester - Tues. Aug. 13

Great News!

NBBS Representatives are ready to visit your church! Consider having Dr. Barber, Dr. Riggsby, Bro. Stewart, or any faculty member present NBBS to your people. We are always ready to share what makes the NBBS uniquely effective in the training of preachers, and their wives, as well as a wise missions investment.

Favorite Sayings

"Riggsbysms"

"Make decisions based upon right and wrong, not consequences." Cited by Dr. Terry Riggsby, Faculty Member (*Admin. of NBBS - 1984-1999*).

Our Heritage Speaks

Ten Points About the Unknown God by Paul in Acts 17:23-31: "4) He is life and the source of life. v. 25. 5) "He is sovereign, v. 26. He did not only create the earth, but planned beforehand the ages and *'determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation.'*"

Studies in Acts, Louis Entzminger

Alumni News!

Pastor **Danny Medford** and the Jackson Summit Baptist Church, Millerton, PA, sent in a very generous love offering to the school for NBBS Sunday. Bro. Medford is a 2018 NBBS graduate. He was called to the pastorate shortly after he graduated. **Jarrod Tunnell**, 2017 NBBS graduate, is going full-time on deputation at the end of the summer as a missionary to Argentina. He has been a manager at Chick-fil-A since early in his days at NBBS. While transitioning his family and preparing financially and logistically, of late he has been doing deputation in a part-time role, is nearing 20% of his needed support. **Eva Howard**, who completed the requirements for a one-year Bible certificate from NBBS this past December, is receiving it this May. She was a very good student and cheerful "advertiser" for NBBS. Eva is now serving on the office staff of the Mount Abarim Baptist Mission International.

Picture Time Again!



Neighbor's New
Fence at the Dorm!



New Dorm
Refrigerator!



New Carpet in
Upstairs Dorm!

Another Great Semester!



Founder's Week
with Dr. Barber



Students had Picture
Taken with the Barbers

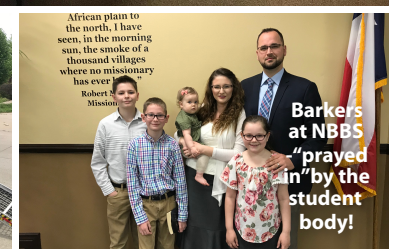
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Week of Concentrated Study - SERVANT UNIVERSITY
w/ Dr. John O'Malley, Bro. Gary Cox & Dr. Terry Riggsby



Student's Unloading
Barkers' Moving Van



Barkers
at NBBS
"prayed
in" by the
student
body!

Our 35th Year is Almost in the Books!



Hoisting of 1 of the 3
New A/C - Heating Units



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New Outside Ground Lighting