

Christianity is Christ!

Above all, at NBBS there is a very purposed consistent emphasis upon Christ. Besides incorporating into the teaching of each book of the Bible a special focus on those passages that are particularly about Him, there are two semesters of teaching through the Four Gospels (Life of Christ I & II) on the person, life, and work of Christ. There is also a course on Christology, and one on the Tabernacle. In Soteriology (Doctrine of Salvation), He is largely the focus. In the Personal Evangelism course, much attention is not just given to the “why and how” of evangelism, but also on the Christ of the Gospel. In Bible Study Methods, it is shown how He is largely in view throughout the Old Testament by way of analogy, appearance, or by outright assertion, (as in foreshadows, Christophanies, Messianic Psalms and prophecies). In the course Biblical Structure, the various ways in which He is pre-pictured is included in the lectures. Of course, Christ is the primary focus of the end times in the course Eschatology.

Christ is the Word. That is, in reference to God, He is the “brightness of His glory and the express image of His person.” As Scofield said, He is “the collective thought of God.” He was, as Paul said, the “fullness of the Godhead bodily” in our presence (John 1:1, 14; Hebrews 1:3; Colossians 2:8). **Christianity is not just His teachings, it is the Christ of the teachings!**

This time of the year, at NBBS, we especially draw attention in chapel to the great expressions of Christological truth in so many of the classic Christmas songs, as we sing them. We then hear sermons on Christ’s incarnation from many of the faculty.

Here are a few of the great lyrics we call attention to:

From, “Down From His Glory”

3rd Verse, “Without reluctance, Flesh and blood His substance He took the form of man, Revealed the hidden plan. O glorious myst’ry, Sacrifice of Calv’ry, And now I know Thou art the great “I AM.”

From, “We Three Kings Of Orient Are”

4th Verse, “Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume Breathes a life of gathering gloom–Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, Sealed in a stone-cold tomb.” (*Were the wisemen indeed kings – Isaiah 60:3-6?*)

From, “Hark The Herald Angels Sing”

4th Verse, “Rise, the woman’s conqu’ring Seed, Bruise in us the serpent’s head.” 5th Verse, “Adam’s likeness, now efface, Stamp Thine image in its place: Second Adam from above, Reinstate us in Thy love.”



tion to angels, shepherds, sages and saints, the song, “Angels from Realm of Glory” calls out: “Sinners, wrung with true repentance, Doomed for guilt to endless pains, Justice now revokes the sentence, Mercy calls you; break your chains.”

What a season! What a Savior! What a focus! What a commission for our churches – Matthew 28:18-20!

The primary objective at NBBS, is that its graduates are exceptional in the preaching, teaching, and exemplifying of Christ to men from all walks of life.

Important Dates

Tuesday, January 10

First Day of School for Spring Semester.

It will be combined with the monthly IBF Metro Meeting. Great music, preaching, and a luncheon to follow. **Join us and encourage the students!** IBF Metro Mtg. - 9:30 AM-Noon. (NBBS classes will be conducted from 7:00-9:30)

NBBS Sunday in IBFI Churches is March 5.

Spring Break is March 14-17, 2017.

April 11-14, 2017

The **Week of Concentrated Study** will be the second half of the series entitled: "Following in the Steps of the Apostle Paul in the Starting and Stabilizing Churches." The focus will be on foreign missions. Guest lecturer will be John O'Malley, a 1985 graduate of the NBBS.

Founder's Week is March 7-10, 2017.

The End of Spring Semester is May 12.

Graduation is Tuesday Evening, May 16.

Great News!

1. The tuition of all full-time students (those taking at least four courses) **will be paid in full** in the spring semester of the 2017, in keeping with the Ray Richey Attendance Scholarship.
2. NBBS Representatives are ready to visit your church! Consider having Dr. Riggsby, Bro. Stewart, or any Faculty Member present NBBS to your people. We are always ready to share what it means to be a school of specialization.

Favorite Sayings

"Riggsbyisms"

"Good planning will save three or four hours of executing." Dr. Terry Riggsby (*Administrator of NBBS – 1984-1999, and still a faculty member*).

Our Heritage Speaks

"The time has come, and long past, when the United States should...take a firm stand for law and order in that land that has given the world its Bible and Savior." *Excerpt of a letter from J. F. Norris, to President Harry S. Truman – Oct. 2, 1947. On May 14, 1948, Truman officially recognized, Israel as a sovereign nation.*

Another Year Invested in Eternity!

As in last December, but on a more significant level, another year is "in the books" (Malachi 3:16).

As the student body expands more lives are touched. Much was accomplished in 2016 on all fronts and a great foundation to the next semester is in place, and **new students are enrolling.**

Further improvements and repairs were made on the facilities. **Solar screens were installed a few weeks ago** on the southeast corner of the main building in order to cut

down on the heat that radiates into the classroom from midmorning sun. This is something that has been needed for years. The contractor reduced his rate in order to be a help to the school. He is a member of a supporting church. **New blinds** on the windows, as well as **heavy duty door frames** and **new doors** on the front and back of the dormitory, are being installed between semesters.

Besides the churches that Dr. Terry Riggsby, our Field Representative, has been in this year, I too was able to represent the seminary here and there in various church gatherings and fellowship meetings. I also conducted revivals, Bible or mission conferences in several churches: **Grayson Bible BC**, Sherman, TX (Roy Webster, Pastor); **Heritage BC**, Haslet, TX (Eric Crawford, Pastor); **Hickory Creek BC**, Denton, TX (Raymond Castro, Pastor); **Berean BC**, Burleson, TX (Jason Pugh, Pastor); **Harvest Hills BC**, Duncan, OK (Jerry Moore, Pastor); **Emmanuel BC**, Jacksonville, TX (Dale Harris, Pastor).

Just before Thanksgiving, I preached a Bible Conference at the **Cornerstone Baptist Temple** of Dayton, OH, where Jerry Siler is the pastor.

I was greatly blessed to see a place on their offering envelope for designated offerings to NBBS! We had a great time in all these churches and visited with several prospective students of whom we hope we will see in school at NBBS in the fall of 2017, if not sooner.

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