

Our Three Best Professors at NBBS

(These Instructors Readily Assist All Our Faculty in Their Teaching)

*As We Constantly Seek the Master Teacher's Ministry in Our Midst –
the HOLY SPIRIT - We are Also Grateful to Have These Teachers with Us*



Dr. Context

He has been on the faculty of NBBS since its founding, and has as much influence as ever. He is especially excited about how we teach all the books of the Bible twice, and in the order in which they are found. He says the better one knows the contents, the setting, and the occasion of each book of the Bible, the more correctly one will interpret passages in it. One of his favorite points is that, **“When the New Testament cites an Old Testament passage, the context of it must be duly regarded to understand the New Testament use of it.”** (e.g., I Corinthians 10:1-11.)



Dr. Cross-Reference

He has also been on faculty at NBBS since its founding. He has never been more busy than he is now! He loves it that way. He delights in comparing Scripture with Scripture and is the one who coined the saying, **“The best commentary on the Bible, is the Bible.”** He especially appreciates when expository preaching includes related passages of Scripture from other books of the Bible to enhance the text. He readily encourages the use of the Old Testament portions to animate the New Testament Scriptures. (e.g., Christ's usage of Jonah - Matthew 12:38-41.)



Dr. Review

He too has been on faculty at NBBS since its founding. He likes to make use of the layer method of teaching. This approach is a way to reiterate what has been taught, but in so doing, add more detail. In other words, not just restating one's self over and over, but adding more information when doing so. **He says, he's not about just covering the material, but also about teaching it.** He points out, that God often reviews major events in the Bible like Creation, the Flood, or the Exodus, and adds details to the events when He does. (e.g., Psalms 33:6-9; 18:7-16; 78:12-16.)

Knowing Biblical content equally well from Genesis to Revelation, equips one to better understand the context of whatever Bible passage one may be studying. It also provides him with many more references with which to illuminate a text. Correspondingly, the Bible is not only written as an unfolding revelation, it is also its own interpreter. The writers of the Bible were led by the Spirit to write it in this way. These three professors have inspired our faculty to make much of these features when teaching. *Did you just hear that trio of amens?*

Important Dates

Graduation is Tuesday Night, 7:00 PM,
May 18, on the campus of NBBS.

A Heads Up!

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 worthy of your interest.

Favorite Sayings

"Riggsbyisms"

"Success comes in cans not can'ts." Cited
by Dr. Terry Riggsby, Faculty (NBBS Administrator -
1984-1999...Field Representative - 2014-Present

Our Heritage Speaks

In Baptism, a Believer Declares
at Least Ten Truths: 3. "Every time a
believer is baptized he declares the
Fatherhood of God." Matt. 28:19.
Lectures In Romans by J.Frank Norris



Alumni News!

Our Newest IBFI Missionaries

Heath is married to Caryssa Van Zandt, and they have a 2 1/2 year old daughter, named Salem, as well as a baby due to be born in July. They were approved by the IBFI Board of Directors this past January, and will be officially presented to the



IBFI General Assembly in the annual May meeting of the IBFI. They are home missionaries, sent out by the Santa Fe Baptist Church, Weatherford, TX, where Tony Thomas is pastor, and where Heath has served as

the Associate Pastor/Youth Director for 3 years. **They will soon be starting a church in Rhome, Texas,** and will be assisted by the Antioch Baptist Church Planters' "three family" team, who were approved this past October, as IBFI missionaries. The Van Zandts are now getting under way with deputation. Heath and Caryssa have been outstanding students at NBBS. Both are pursuing a Bachelor's degree. Heath is finishing up this semester in May, and Caryssa, is a few courses away from securing her degree next May.
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Our 74th Semester is Well Underway!

Things are increasingly normalizing as the semester unfolds, because we have had no COVID-19 outbreaks among the student body or faculty, and next to none with family members of the students. Such is largely the case in the churches in which they serve. We began the semester with the same preventative practices as we did in the fall. Now that we are halfway through the semester, we are incrementally resuming additional supportive aspects to our program. We are inviting more outside preachers for chapel.

Even though we have had no COVID-19 issues this semester, for precautionary reasons, Dr. Barber, our Chancellor and the leading founder of NBBS, for Founder's Week, will only be speaking in chapel one day. We will still be having our bi-annual Week of Concentrated Study in late March. It will be a **time of special instruction on the truthfulness of the Biblical account of creation and of Noah's flood.** Dr. Carl Baugh, founder and director the Creation Evidence Museum, Glen Rose, Texas, will be our teacher. This involvement though will largely be outside and characterized by the students excavating dinosaur footprints, and more, along the banks of the Paluxy River.

Celebration of Dr. Barber Being in the Ministry for 70 Years at Worth Baptist Church!

On January 31, in honor of Dr. Barber's seven decades of ministry, during the Sunday morning services of Worth Baptist Church, of Ft. Worth, Texas, Pastor Tyler Gillit surprised Dr. and Mrs. Barber, by presenting to NBBS, a \$25,000.00 check



for the Raymond Wesley Barber and Mary Helen Barber Scholarship Fund. *The check was also very large in it's actual size!* This means there is now a total of \$75,000 in the Barber scholarship account. Accordingly, the Fund is close to being able to finance the scholarship by way of the interest it will bear. The objective is for it to fund 1/8th of all the full-time students' tuition each semester, if they have a passing grade in each course. *The Barbers have paid for such themselves, the past two semesters as the scholarship fund has been growing in amount.*

We Reached \$37,500.00 in the October Offering We Were Blessed by Several Christmas Offerings

**We Have More New Students this Semester
and Some Returning from the Recent Past**

We Have Three New Supporting Churches