

The Indispensable Role of the Remnant

There are still, in these harried times, Bible colleges and seminaries across the nation, and around the world, that are an essential aspect of God's remnant. In these schools, He is training fervent, Christlike, and Biblically-grounded preachers. The Norris Bible Baptist Seminary has sought through the years, to be one of these institutions.



This summer, a practical illustration of the difference a very small remnant can make occurred at NBBS. It came about in relation to another area of our ongoing remodeling project when it was saved by two short pieces of chair rail moulding! *Here is how.* The 94 leaking windows – which were repaired over a year ago – resulted in much of the chair railing in the classrooms being damaged beyond repair. The last classroom to have some sheetrock replaced with green rock, as well as the chair railing, resulted in us initially coming up short in our supply of matching moulding. Local lumberyards and large retail sources were not only out of it, but had it on backorder indefinitely (apparently due to the COVID-19 situation). Piecing together what we had

on hand, meant we were still, two feet short. We considered starting over with a new style of railing, but before doing so, we decided to make one last desperate search in the stockpile of the various styles of leftover trim. The rack where it is stored is high on the wall, and requires a ladder to reach it. We had gone through it days before to gather what we did have, and thought we had gotten all of it. We reached back beyond eyeshot, and in the midst of it we dug out two small pieces of matching trim, **one 11 inches long, the other 10 inches!** It was just enough to make a go of it. What would have taken 4 pieces of normal length stock to do the job though, we had to do with 14 pieces!

We are grateful that those who installed the railing a few years ago, did not discard even the smallest pieces.



In Isaiah 1:9, God spoke of the days before the coming of Christ, when Israel was going to be in such a disintegrated spiritual state that those who “stayed by the stuff” were going to be a **“very small remnant.”** He told of how only a few, would be used to benefit many, by playing a very large role in the presentation and ministry of Messiah. Throughout the Bible, **God's work has always been accomplished by the fewer in number, rather than by the greater in number.** Many times, those who were identified as His people, have felt peer pressure and coercion from society at-large to such a degree, that they gave in to the spirit of the age in their daily lives, and in their churches and seminaries. In so doing, they lessened their effectiveness before the world. **God will always have a remnant. Striving to being a part of it, is in our “DNA” as a seminary.**

In 1984, NBBS took the lead ahead of many newer schools, whose founders later also took stock of their present day situation, and reached back afresh to what our fathers in the faith had told us of (e.g., Psalm 44:1), and had held to (Rom. 6:17, II Tim. 2:2, Jude 3). Likewise, in 1939, the Bible Baptist Seminary of old, emerged in Fort Worth, Texas. It is the school which we have sought to largely mirror from our outset.

Important Dates

WEEK OF CONCENTRATED STUDY
Church Revitalization - Rescheduled - TBD

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 uniquely effective in the training of preachers.

Favorite Sayings

"Riggsbyisms"

"Planning is bringing the future into the present so we can do something about it now."
Cited by Dr. Terry Riggsby, Faculty (NBBS Admin. -1984-1999...Field Representative - 2014-Present

Our Heritage Speaks

In Baptism, a Believer Declares at Least Ten Truths: 2. That he has been born again, for no unregenerate soul can be baptized. (Acts 2:41)¹
Lectures In Romans by J.Frank Norris

¹Romans 6:4-6 - the new birth is the result of Christ's resurrection.



Alumni News!

J.D. Young, NBBS Alumnus, missionary to Honduras, having completed deputation and readying to depart to the field texted Bro. David Grice, Dr. Charles Wetherbee, and myself on Wednesday, September 2, 6:40 AM, the following words: "I am about to board this plane that will take me to Honduras. I go as a representative of Lighthouse Baptist Church, as well as Victory Baptist Church, the Independent Baptist Fellowship international, the Norris Bible Baptist Seminary, and of course Jesus Christ Himself. I carry with me precious cargo, the Gospel of Christ. Thank you all for your investment in me throughout the years. We go to plant and water, but trust God to bring the increase! (Romans 10:15-17) *"Expect great things from God. Attempt great things for God."* - William Carey



Breze Serugamba, with the COVID-19 situation, cannot enter back into the USA from England to do deputation. In the meantime, his wife

Chantal is attending a women's class, at NBBS via live stream. Bro. Serugamba will also be doing additional extension study with us.

Great Start to Our 37th Year!

Classrooms Upgraded!

We have refurnished or replaced the water damaged wall trim and sheetrock in the rest of the classrooms. **The trim in them is now painted all brown instead of white.** *The kitchen wall and trim await repair.*

Simultaneously Starting and Closing the Spring and the Fall Semesters

In light of the COVID-19 situation, we did what most schools did as it relates to graduation. We postponed the May event to August. **The three men that graduated are the 2nd, 3rd and 4th graduates of our four-year program since we started back up in the fall of 2014, operating only as NBBS.** In the very early days our students were largely ones transferring in from other schools, wanting what NBBS was offering.



We Received Many Historical Treasures!

Several boxes of archives having to do with the old Bible Baptist Seminary, and the First Baptist Church of Ft. Worth, have come our way via Dr. & Mrs. Barber, and Norris' grandson-in-law. Numerous high quality vintage photographs, some very old Fundamentalists from the late 1920s to the 1940s, books by Norris (some very early editions) are in the mix, as well as many other special items. **We will be sharing pictures and details soon.**



Bible given by JFN to one of his sons.

In Spite of the Virus Situation We Enrolled Over 50 Students!

We have a few students who are waiting to come back in January, because of the COVID-19 situation. We have some taking classes by live stream due to the virus issue.

However, we still have a **large batch of first year students! There are several very promising young preachers in the freshman class.** Our other students have been excited to hear them preach in the student chapel sessions. We are also already getting verbal commitments from new students for the spring semester!

Addressing COVID-19 in the School

We are social distanced in our seating, and in our moving about in the building. We are also wearing masks as we move around from place to place. We are doing daily temperature checks, and are stressing the washing of hands, as well as regularly disinfecting the building via spray bottles and fogging the building at the end of the day.