

## What Christmas Time Means at NBBS

Exodus 25:1-9 with John 1:14, 2:19

### *Declaration*

#### CHAPEL

Christmas Music

Christmas Sermons  
by Faculty

J. Frank Norris Preaching  
“The Eternal Christmas”  
(via the internet)

#### NORRIS NIGHT

Christmas Fellowship  
Students Preaching  
Seasonal Messages  
from Various Passages  
on the Birth of Christ



### *Delineation*

#### CLASSROOM

Bible Doctrine V  
Christology –  
the Nature of  
the Incarnation is  
Studied in Detail  
Especially at the End  
of the Semester

Faculty Addressing  
Christmas Spontaneously  
in Lectures as it Related  
to their Subject

II Corinthians 8:9



Hebrews 10:1, 12

### *Decoration*

Five Different  
Nativity Displays  
in Front of the Pulpit  
and then in Various  
Places within the  
Chapel Area, as well  
as in the Office Area

The Wise Men  
Heading Westward  
toward a Star Over  
Bethlehem is Depicted  
Along the Top of  
the Dividing Wall  
in the Chapel Area



“Forasmuch then as  
the children are partakers  
of flesh and blood, **He also  
Himself likewise took part  
of the same**; that through  
death he might destroy  
him that had the power  
of death, that is, the devil;  
and deliver them who  
through fear of death  
were all their lifetime  
subject to bondage. For  
verily **he took not on him  
the nature of angels; but  
he took on him the seed  
of Abraham.**” Heb. 2:14-16

## Important Date

**First Day of School – Tuesday, January 16 in Conjunction with the Monthly IBF Metro Meeting - We Call it OPENING DAY RALLY.** The Rally begins at 9:30 AM with music, and preaching, then it ends with a luncheon at noon. Preachers and friends of NBBS are invited to join with students and faculty to kick off a new semester with the excitement that the training of preachers deserves.

## Great News!

**NBBS Representatives are ready to visit your church!** Consider having Dr. Barber, Dr. Riggsby, myself, 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"

**"Procrastination is the assassination of motivation."** Cited by Dr. Terry Riggsby (Administrator of NBBS – 1984-1999).

### *Our Heritage Speaks*

**"The eternal Christmas is coming."** J. F. Norris

## Alumni News!

**Alumni, Take Note:** Dr. Terry Riggsby, our first and longtime Administrator (1984-1999), celebrated his 75th birthday in November. He is still playing an active role in the school as a faculty member and field representative.

**Chris Boatman**, a graduate of NBBS (1988), former missionary to Belgium, pastor of the Faith Baptist Church, Aransas Pass, TX, and most recently, High Plains Baptist Church, Clovis, NM, **has entered into the field of evangelism.** He has a desire to especially preach mission conferences. Bro. Boatman was used of the Lord to take both churches forward in size, offerings, and in their overall program, **both became very vibrant missions-minded churches.** He has been a consistent supporter of the NBBS through the years. He can be contacted at: 936.707.5664.



## Fall Semester Highlights!

### Another Semester in the Books

After 17 weeks of school (from mid-August to mid-December), 20 courses with a total of **750 hours of instruction**, a Week of Concentrated (with another 32 hours of instruction), and then the conducting of 64 chapels, I can tell you that those of you who have **supported the seminary** in prayers and finances, have invested in eternity to a degree that may be like none other in impact. Take the number of hours cited above and multiply the number of students in each class and the number of hours quickly jumps into **thousands of hours.** For example, one class of 20 students translates into 750 man hours of teaching of the Word of God! These students are not only active in their churches in various teaching and outreach ministries, but are witnessing on the job and with those they encounter throughout the day. They are also discipling and mentoring. Some are preaching on a regular basis. **You have a part in this as you are supporting the seminary.** What about those who have graduated through the year, whom you had a part in the training, who have been ministering ever since in? *Think about it.*

### Great from Start to Finish

**We again had a great spirit in the classes and the chapel services, and an exciting Week of Concentrated Study** (with Dr. Carl Baugh, Creation Evidence Museum), **in a school building recently further refurbished** with new floor



covering, painting of trim, and more motivational wall lettering. This was also the largest student body we have started a semester with, since 1999. We capped it off the last three weeks of school by emphasizing in song, sermon, lecture, and with decorations, the significance of the incarnation of Christ. **What a blessing it was to hear the students' preaching**, with both great content and zeal, on the birth of Christ at the recent "Norris Night" Christmas Fellowship.

### Traveling and Representing the School

By the time 2017 ends, I will have been in more than **40 different churches** and traveled nearly 20,000 miles since June 1, largely on behalf of the seminary. The summer allowed for further distance traveling, but in October, we were in churches in four states in connection to the semi-annual fellowship meeting (Florida, Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi).