

Giving Due Regard to the Bible



"I consider an intimate knowledge of the Bible an indispensable quality of a well educated man."

Robert A. Milikian (Nobel prizewinning physicist)

"All scripture is given by inspiration..."



"A thorough knowledge of the Bible is worth more than a college education. Almost every man who has by his lifework added to the sum of human achievement...has based his lifework largely upon the teachings of the Bible."

Theodore Roosevelt

If the Bible is to be the foundation of, the filter to, and the frame of reference for all fields of learning, how much more important is it for a preacher, who speaks regularly to men from all walks of life, to truly know the Bible?



"Bible reading is an education in itself." Lord Alfred Tennyson



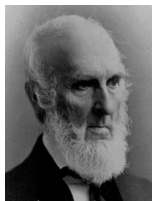
"Everyone who has a thorough knowledge of the Bible may truly be called educated; and no other learning or culture, no matter how extensive or elegant, can...form a proper substitute....I believe a knowledge of the Bible without a college course is more valuable than a college course without the Bible."

William Lyon Phelps Professor of English Literature at Yale



"The Bible is worth all other books which have ever been printed." Patrick Henry

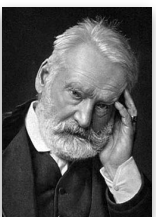
1 Thessalonians 2:13



"We search the earth for truth, We cull the good, the pure, the beautiful, From graven stone and written scroll, From the flower-fields of the soul; And weary seekers for the best, We come back laden from our quest To find that all the sages said, Is in the Book our mothers read."

John Greenleaf Whittier

Isaiah 8:20



"England has two books; the Bible and Shakespeare. England made Shakespeare, but the Bible made England." Victor Hugo (1802-1885)

...that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished, unto all good works" 1 Timothy 3:16-17

Important Dates and Notes

1. **Founder's Week with Dr. Barber** is April 26-29. Spring semester ends May 13, and **Graduation is Tuesday, 7:00 PM, May 17.**
2. **Opening Day Rally and the first day of school in the fall, will be Tuesday, August 16.**

NBBS representatives are ready to present the seminary to your church. Bro. Wiggins, Dr. Riggsby, or Bro. Stewart are always ready to share what makes NBBS uniquely effective in training preachers, and a wise investment.

Favorite Sayings

"Riggsbyisms"

"This is a teachable moment." Used when something occurs unexpectedly and Bro. Riggsby is about to make a point. Dr. Terry Riggsby (NBBS Administrator 1984-1999.)

Our Heritage Speaks

In reference to someone's outcry of something he said in a sermon: **"The old cat has got her tail caught in the crack under the door. She's scratching the varnish off the floor, but it's her tail."** J. Frank Norris (*A man who could be both erudite and down to earth in his manner of speaking, as well as colorful.*)

Alumni News!

This semester, **some NBBS alumni are part of a team of instructors teaching the Prophetic Books II course.** The books of Hosea-Malachi were assigned to **Steve Hill** (pastor of Mercy Baptist Church of Wichita Falls, TX); **Fred Ferren** (pastor of Central Baptist Church, Chico, TX); **Bryce Vandiver** (pastor of Bible Baptist Church, Granbury, TX); **Frank Hefner** (Mountain Home Missionary Baptist Church, Jacksboro, TX); and **Dale Harris** (pastor of the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Jacksonville, TX). Pastor **Bob Wallace & Don Stevenson** of Regency Baptist Church Arlington, TX, as well as **Matt Gates**, Associate Pastor of the Friendship Baptist Church of Boyd, TX, are part of the overall team. **The use of different teachers accentuates the varied style and personalities of the prophets and their books.** It also gives those among the group who have not taught at NBBS, an opportunity to do so. The students are enjoying it.

Many Blessings Coming in May!

All **three of this year's potential graduates** have "weathered the weather" to get to where they are. These men have had to work through the balancing act that church involvement, job situations, and family responsibilities require, while having to adjust to previous varying schooling situations as the NBBS was transitioning into, and then out of a partnership strategy with a college of like faith. These men benefited from the support of faithful wives, and instructors who could relate to them as they recalled their schooling experience and sought to both nurture and nudge them along. Humility, teachableness, and a vision to minister the Word of God in greater ways, played a major role in their pressing toward the mark. They will look back in the years ahead and increasingly appreciate those who had a part in their education (persons such as pastors, teachers, supporting churches, preachers, friends and family).

The first three months in 2016 have seen nearly \$10,000 come in over and above regular monthly support from churches. Additionally, as projects under way are finished, **the brethren in attendance at the annual IBFI May Fellowship meeting are going to be blessed** by more upgrades to the facilities. Many of which are additional contributions since March!

We have mixed emotions about the retirement of our longtime IBFI/NBBS secretary, Charlotte Wyler. She has been an anchor during the different phases the fellowship and school have gone through during her sixteen years of service. We are glad about the increased time her and her husband Gary will be able to have together, but sad to lose their contribution of time and energy. **What a timely help Gary has been to the school these past two years!** We look forward to publicly honoring Charlotte in the May meeting.

We are launching the Founders' Wall. It will be a display in the foyer of the seminary facility. Portraits of the Barbers, Jernigans, Riggsbys and Patsy Cooper should all be in place by the start of the fall semester at the seminary. Across from this wall, will be the portrait of Ray Richey and his wife Judy, in whose honor the school building has been named because of the various ways over many years he has invested in NBBS and its students. It will serve as a testimony of the difference godly business men can make.

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