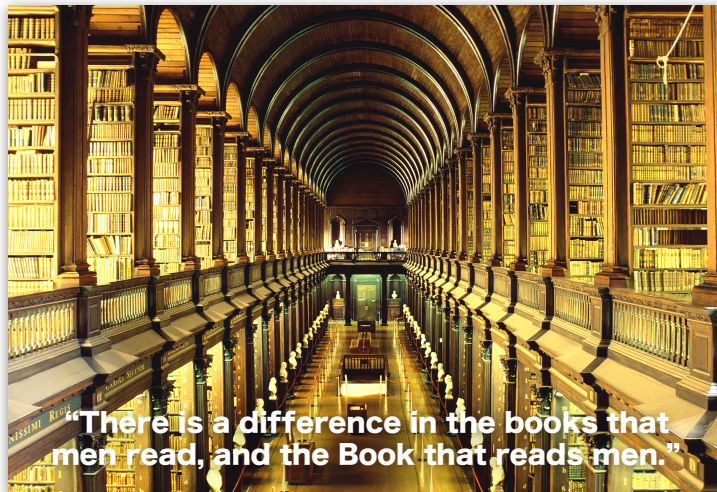


Excelling in the Three Essentials

A school is “no better than” its **curriculum, teachers, and setting**. These are the three essential components to educating students. “So go these three, so goes the education.”

At NBBS, the **curriculum** is the Bible. Textbooks are used, but in most cases, in a supportive sense for further study outside of the classroom. **Bibles are open in class from beginning to end**. We teach the Bible, not just about it. We want the students under the direct influence of the Scriptures (John 17:17; Acts 20:32; Hebrews 4:12). Prepared notes, handouts, and charts are provided in keeping with it, but not instead of it. Good books have their place and are recommended and often assigned reading and research papers require the use of them; but their place, is not in place of the Bible. Even in the English courses, where textbook usage is primary for obvious reasons, the Scriptures are often made use of in the study of grammar, composition and literature. Is there any greater literature than the KJV Bible?

If you had two libraries, and one had every book that had ever been written but no Bible, and the other only had one book, the Bible, which library would be the most vital?



A **faculty** of preachers (pastors, evangelists, and missionaries), and their wives teach, as no others, by word and example. From the **inspirational and practical** perspective, men who are evangelizing, discipling, and caring for flocks (Psalm 78:70-72) are the best for the training of future shepherds. From

the **academic and theological** point, “apt to teach” preachers—in keeping with the gifts of the Spirit (II Timothy 2:24; Ephesians 4:8-16), are teaching those who are also “apt to teach” by way of God’s calling, and are in school to “stir up the gift” that is in them (II Timothy 1:6; Psalm 139:13-16). **This Church Age “gift” is meant for church ministry and needs to be taught by “church men”** starting with the student’s pastor and pastoral staff, and augmented by a faculty of like-minded preachers, as he deems fit.

As per the **setting**, who better for students to interrelate with in school than others preachers in training? Wives of some of these students, and ladies who are surrendered to full-time service further grace the halls with their presence and involvement. Additionally, the rooms are adorned with Scriptural admonitions and words of encouragement, portrayals of Biblical relevance, and maps and charts related to ministry and Biblical content. Extra-curricular activities unrelated to learning the Bible and about ministry, are basically nonexistent on the campus.



Beyond all this, the faculty at NBBS looks to the **ultimate Teacher** of men, the only One who can impart truth into the deepest recesses of the heart, **the Holy Spirit of God**. We earnestly implore His ministry in all aspects of the school’s program, especially the classroom, for, **“There is a difference in the books that men make and the Book that makes men.”** — especially in the hands of the Spirit of God.

“I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up” Acts 20:32

Important Dates

NBBS Sunday in IBFI Churches is March 5.
Promotion of Seminary in Churches and a Love Offering Taken as Pastor's Feel Led.

Founder's Week is March 7-10, 2017.
Dr. Raymond Barber, Chancellor

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.

The **End of Spring Semester** is May 19.

Graduation is Tuesday Evening, May 23.

Great News!

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"

"It is always too soon to quit." Dr. Terry Riggsby (*Admin. of NBBS – 1984-1999*), still a Faculty Member & NBBS Field Representative.

Our Heritage Speaks

In regard to missions in the Book of Acts, Louis Entzminger said: "In every place where the gospel was preached and people saved, a church was established..." as opposed to just conducting evangelistic meetings.

Alumni News!

NBBS alumnus Frank Hefner, and pastor of the Mountain Home Missionary Baptist Church of Jacksboro, TX, joined the NBBS faculty this semester.



Opening Day Rally Goes Very Well!

The first day of school, Tuesday, January 10, got off to a great start! We combined our annual January hosting of the IBF Metro Area Preachers monthly meeting with our Opening Day Rally. We were near capacity. At one time, one of the brethren counted 98 in the chapel area, and this did not include children and personnel in the nursery. Also, some thirty more would have been there had it not been on a Tuesday. Because of job situations fitted to their class schedules, many of the students who do not attend on Tuesday, were not there with their wives and children as they would be another day.

There was a great spirit in the gathering, helped by the uplifting singing of both Andrew Johnson and Charles Wetherbee. The preaching of four students, IBFI Vice-President Chris Boatman, and Dr. Raymond Barber the Chancellor of the NBBS, was a blessing to all. The students that preached are all candidates for graduation in May; and Bro. Boatman is the pastor of the High Plains Baptist Church, Clovis, NM. Wonderfully, a pastor gave \$1,000 to cover the school's expenses for the day, and the offering that was taken by the Metro Fellowship for \$675 was given to the school toward the new floor covering. Another pastor made this possible by committing funds to the Fellowship to meet their needs so the offering could go toward the school.

We have five new male students this semester and two ladies returning, one from last spring, and the other from the spring of 2014. Again this semester our enrollment is in the forties.

Fund Raising for New Floor Covering Off to a Great Start!

At the time of the writing of this report, **we already have \$6,000 of the \$9,000 needed to complete Phase I** of the badly needed new flooring! We are very early in the actual advertising of the fund raising for it, but being so close to our goal so soon, we anticipate being able to advance to Phase II, which is new carpet on the school side, while the "wood grain" laminate is being installed in the foyer (Phase I). Phase III will be on the office side and we hope to be able to do it this summer. *The existing carpet is original and it has served us well, but it is well-worn.*

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