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At NBBS, We See <u>Three Overriding Aspects</u> to Having an Indispensable Knowledge of the Bible

Knowing Biblical Content

<u>MEANING</u>: Securing a <u>comprehensive knowledge</u> of each book of the Bible.

How? By being taught the Bible from Genesis to Revelation with increasingly more detail – first by overview, then survey, then exegesis and exposition.

AXIOM: The New is in the Old contained, the Old is by the New explained.

POINT: Can a man really know the N/T if he doesn't throughly know the O/T?



"they read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading" Nehemiah 8:8

Knowing Biblical Structure

MEANING: Learning well the key persons, roles, places, events, objects, covenants and words in the Bible, which serve to enliven and interconnect its content.

How? By being taught these areas in a first year course¹ and then having them further developed in later courses.

AXIOM: All the various aspects of creation were meant by God to be used to convey heavenly truth in the earthly realm.

<u>POINT</u>: Christ readily and intriguingly used the known to teach the unknown (light, water, wind, seed, sheep, etc.).



"the law having a shadow of good things to come" Hebrews 10:1

Knowing Biblical Concepts

MEANING: Grasping the doctrinal and practical concepts of the Bible by way of its content and structure.

How? By being shown the ways God conveyed doctrine and principles via persons, places, and things.

AXIOM: Doctrine is to shape practice, and not practice doctrine.

<u>POINT</u>: Sound doctrine fosters good theology and incentivizes evangelism, discipleship, and right living.



"For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard." Acts 4:20

¹A course unique to NBBS entitled Biblical Structure, wherein various things are identified and explained which God used to convey, connect, and enliven truths.

Important Dates

First Day of School is Tuesday, August 10. It starts with the <u>Opening Day Rally at 10:00 AM</u>.

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"

Measuring Questionables: 2. Can it be done for the Lord? Cited by Dr. Terry Riggsby, Faculty (NBBS Admin. - 1984-1999...Field Representative - 2014-Present

Our Heritage Speaks

In Baptism, a Believer Declares at Least 10 Truths: 6. "Every time a believer is baptized he declares his faith in the regenerating, administering work of the Holy Spirit." Mt. 28:19de. Lectures In Romans, J.Frank Norris



Alumni News!

NBBS alumnus and veteran missionary to Honduras, Leslie Priday, taught for three weeks the books of I & II Peter at NBBS toward the end of this past semester, in the General Epistles class. Bro. Priday is a member of the first graduating class of NBBS some 35 years ago, when it was NBBI. He is in the states with his wife Alba, as she continues medical treatment. She has responded well to a very challenging health situation, and Bro. Priday has continued to minister to his people in Honduras via the internet with the help of NBBS alumnus and also IBFI missionary to Honduras, J.D. Young. As Bro. Priday & Alba continue to press on – hop-



ing to return to the field of Honduras soon – your prayers for them are very much encouraged and appreciated. (SEE: James 5:16e.)

Our 75th Semester is Just Ahead!

38th School Year is Just Ahead!

After one of the most amazing May fellowship meetings we have ever had, we are going into the fall semester with a lot of momentum! Get on board if you haven't yet. Our school is Bible saturated, immersed in doctrine – with a faculty of preachers and 14 practical courses in the mix, it is balanced out with the "how to". Take note of this page's flip side to see our overall strategy.



Another Seven Great Graduates!

Raymond W. Barber Conference Center was Full - Extra Chairs were Brought in for the Crowd

Several New IBFI Missionaries!

(Total of Six Since October, 2020 - Dotys, Lumans, Roas, Nordgrens, Van Zandts, Bennets)

Additional Scholarships!

(Alumni Scholarship restarted with a \$750.00 offering taken up at the Alumni Luncheon, Wednesday, May 19; James Hogue Church Planter's Scholarship, Open Door Baptist Church, Grand Prairie; Glen Anderson Nehemiah Scholarship - funded by Pensacola Baptist Temple, Pensacola, Florida.) Another forthcoming.

Quickly Surpassed Our \$60,000.00 May Offering Goal (\$64,000+) in the Annual May IBFI Fellowship Meeting Wednesday Morning!

Two New Churches Pledged Monthly Support for NBBS at the May Meeting!

Dorm Further Remodeled. Nicer than Ever! *Separate Report with Pictures Coming Soon.*

Pursuit of a Debt-Free Facility Expansion Program is Underway! (Three Options with One Very Promising Possibility Ahead of the Other Two, Being Pursued First, as Unanimously Directed by the IBFI General Assembly.)