

## Basic Bible Truths are Both Colorful and Crucial

According to God's design, *and wholly consistent with the multiple expressions of His triune nature in creation*, **red**, **blue**, and **yellow** are the basis of all other colors. Therefore, they are known as the primary colors. There is nothing lackluster or trivial about them. They are vivid and vital. If not in a true state, all formulations of color derived from them will not be correct.

For example, the secondary colors of **violet**, **green**, and **orange**, are the result of two of the three primary colors equally mixed with each other.

Analogous to this, all the doctrines of the Bible are interdependent. Those who are training preachers, must therefore **rightly convey the primary doctrines of the Bible**, in order for secondary teachings to be correct. These “secondary aspects of truth” must also be properly configured. In other words, the basic doctrines upon which all other Bible truths rest, must first be known before one can proceed in truly imparting the additional teachings of Scripture.

As a ministerial student continues to grow in his knowledge, and begins to go toward either a pastoral or missionary role, he makes use of “hues and shades of truth” **in keeping with his grasp of the primary and secondary truths** and the nature of his ministry. For example, if he is rightly grounded in church doctrine (ecclesiology), he knows that this is the church age, and therefore thinks of ministry in a church-oriented context. Having in hand the “full palette of Scriptural truth,” he is inspired thereby to pastor a church which is a **vibrant portrayal of Christ**

to its community, as well as to the world, much like Solomon's temple of old.

*The “basics first” approach of the NBBS means seeking first to ground the student in the primary truths of the nature of God, Christ, and the Bible.*

*Then it is about establishing them in truths which are secondary, as well as those which are subordinate but also vital to the “faith once delivered to the saints.”*

In keeping with this, **at the NBBS, we seek to rectify the “color blindness”** that is due to ignorance. Off-color ways of the world system are shown to be in need of being “covered over with a fresh coat of truth,” if not first stripped away of the “old paint of compromise” for the sake of a true and lasting bond. The student is then led to further realize that well chosen “paint” will do wonders in such cases, when it is the “colorant of correct doctrine.” **For, good theology is never dull or unimpressive, whether it is being learned, or lived out.**



## Important Dates

**Tuesday, January 10**

### **First Day of School for Spring Semester.**

It will be combined with the monthly IBF Metro Meeting. Great music, preaching, and a luncheon to follow. Join us and encourage the students! IBF Metro Mtg. - 9:30 AM-Noon. (NBBS classes will be conducted from 7:00-9:30)

**April 18-21, 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.

### **Take Note!**

1. **The Ray Richey Attendance Scholarship** is being offered again in the spring semester.
2. **NBBS Representatives are ready to visit your church!** Dr. Barber, Dr. Riggsby, Bro. Stewart, or any faculty member, are always ready to share what makes the NBBS uniquely effective in the training of preachers, as well as a **wise investment for churches to make through offerings.**

## **Favorite Sayings**

### **"Riggsbyisms"**

"It is always too soon to quit." Cited by Dr. Terry Riggsby (*Administrator of NBBS – 1984-1999*).

### ***Our Heritage Speaks***

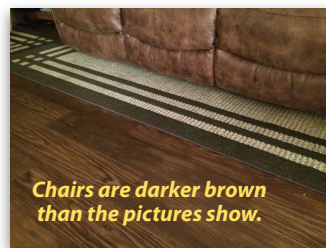
"...as the sun of the morning after a stormy night, as the rainbow in the cloud in the day, are these words, 'But God...'" J. Frank Norris

## **Alumni News!**

Rbie Threatt, a faithful supporter of NBBS slipped into Heaven on Oct. 13. He was 1987 graduate. He preached a great message in chapel just three weeks before. He was, in the recent past, an active faculty member, and was ready to come back on board in the near future. He was pastor of the Liberty Baptist Church of Mineral Wells, TX. He was much beloved by IBFI pastors and a good friend to many of us. *To his wife and family we send our condolences.*

## **A Thousands Words Plus!**

If a picture is worth a thousand words, here are a few thousand words! Thank you on behalf of the students and administration for your offerings!



**New Dorm  
Flooring &  
Furniture!**  
Rugs, Leather  
Recliners  
as well as  
Dressers.



**Transformed Mechanical Closet; Example of Motivational Scriptures/Sayings on the Walls; Some the New Library/ Office Area Furniture. Some Office Furniture, Not Pictured.**

