

“Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.” John 17:17

The student’s heart is to **increasingly be set apart unto God**. The ultimate instrument the Spirit uses accordingly is the Bible. In keeping with this, the following points are made:

At NBBS, the Students are Taught Directly from an **Open Bible**

(both the instructor’s and the student’s). Charts and notes are in the mix, but **they are subservient to the Biblical text** being cited. By “directly” is meant, the instructor strives to keep the student, through the manner in which he teaches, under the influence of the Word.

The Textbook for All but Four Classes is the Bible

Supportive textbooks in which students are directed to read are intended primarily to be read outside of class, though brief sections are sometimes read in class. The four English classes are somewhat the exception to this approach, though **the Bible is often included in the lectures**, especially in the English Composition and Literature classes.

*John
17:19
Acts
20:32*

*There is a difference in the
books that men make, and the
Book that makes men.*

The Students are Taught Every Book of the Bible
No book of the Bible is left up to being an elective course.

All the Books of the Bible are **Directly Studied Twice**

Each book of the Bible is surveyed, then also taught in an **in depth expositional manner** (during the four year course of study). In all other classes numerous Biblical passages are studied as well.

The Books of the Bible are Taught Consecutively

The order in which the books are found in the Bible, is the order in which the students study them. The Old Testament books are taught the first two years, the New Testament ones are studied the last two years. This is not only logical, but it is in keeping with the Spirit’s design of the Bible’s nature. **What is first given in Genesis, crescendoes in Revelation.**

Notes in Bible Exposition Courses are Given in a Running Commentary Format

The **actual text of Scripture is given** with brief explanations parenthesized within it, or if the explanation is lengthier, it is provided directly below the sentence or paragraph of Scripture.

Much is Made of Cross-Referencing

Comparing Scripture with Scripture is keeping with the axiom, **“The best commentary on the Bible is the Bible.”**

Scripture Memorization is a

Major Part of the Course of Study

How much more can the Spirit sanctify their hearts, if they **hide the Word of God in them?**



We are seeking to realize the truth of John 17:17 in the hearts of the students.

Important Dates

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.

Worthy Sayings

"Riggsbyisms"

"Goal setting without objectives is just a dream." Dr. Terry Riggsby (*Admin. of NBBS – 1984-1999*); *Faculty and Field Representative*

Our Heritage Speaks

"Acts is of course the greatest book ever written on missions....The evangelism taught in the book of Acts never stopped short of the baptismal waters and church membership." Dr. Louis Entzminger

Alumni News!

IBFI Vice-President and NBBS alumnus, **Pastor Chris Boatman** just conducted his church's annual mission conference at **High Plains Baptist Church** of Clovis, NM (April 5-9). They reached their goal of **\$75,000** in commitments this year for missions! I was invited to kickoff the conference on Wednesday night in representing the school and preaching. I was very warmly received, and my wife and I **greatly enjoyed our time with them**. They are monthly supporters of NBBS, and **they gave us a check for \$2,000.00 for the seminary!** This, with the \$700.00 that has been given for the new carpeting on the school side of the main building, has us again, off and running!

Entzminger Friday with Dr. Barber

Dr. and Mrs. Barber were at the seminary for the annual Founder's Week, March 7-10. Dr. Barber conducted what could be termed a pastoral theology course. **He challenged the students in the practical areas of the ministry** as well as what the spirituality of a preacher should be. He brought several of his books with him and offered them to the students at a reduced price. The students took advantage of it and bought several of them. We gave each of the students a sermon on CD, on prayer, that Dr. Barber preached in January at Victory Baptist Church, Weatherford, TX. On Fridays, several of the men have been wearing bow ties. A couple of months ago, Kenneth Ralph, an upperclassman, referred to it as "**Entzminger Friday**." He was the youth director for seven years at Maranatha BC for Bro. Mark Brown in Columbus, GA, and is now the youth director at FBC of Cottdale for Bro. Charles Pugh. We had our biggest "Entzminger Friday," when about half of the male students on Friday wore bow ties. Bro. Ralph is holding the picture of Dr. Entzminger wearing his bow tie; Dr. Barber is behind the pulpit.



25 Different Sources Took Part in Funding the New Flooring in the Foyer!

The new flooring in the foyer of the Ray Richey Building is in place and looks great! The 30+ year old gray carpet was replaced with a very high quality vinyl laminate that has the appearance of wood planks. **Twenty-five different sources contributed toward the offering. The \$9,000 needed was reached fairly quickly.** It was launched with a \$2,000 contribution by an alumnus in December. This was Phase One of a Three Phase fund raising plan. **Phase II, the carpeting of the school side, is well under way with \$2,700 already given toward it!**



Keep praying.

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