

## How Evangelism is Fostered, Taught & Reinforced

Our greatest objective as Christians is to glorify God. **Nothing so glorifies God as the salvation of a soul—especially as that soul begins to live for Him, and in so doing, leads others to Christ.** This is why personal evangelism is ever the primary application of all the teaching being done at NBBS. Our faculty, made up of preachers, are encouraged to share **stories** thereunto in class and in chapel. **Sayings and Scripture** are posted on the wall, or incorporated in the regular communications to the students. **Songs** are sung in chapel that promote personal evangelism. Students, in prayer times before class, or in chapel, spontaneously request prayer for persons they are seeking to win to Christ, or who have just been led to Christ.

### Personal Evangelism is Taught Throughout the NBBS Program

The **Four Gospels** and the **Book of Acts** are replete with examples of evangelism, and the **Epistles** are saturated with like challenges and instruction. The course **Apologetics**, is geared largely to equip the students to be able to witness to everyone they encounter in keeping with I Peter 3:15. They are taught it is not about “out arguing” someone, but rather using what they learn to clear the way for the Gospel to be presented. In the **World Religions and Cults** class, the students are not just taught the erroneous beliefs of others, but how to lead them away from error unto Christ. In the **Bible Doctrine III** class, wherein the doctrine of salvation is studied, the students learn more clearly the Biblical teaching on salvation. In keeping with this, they are directed to put what they are learning into practice in their evangelistic efforts. The courses on **Church Planting**, **Pastoral Ministry** and **Church Administration** instruct not only on this subject, but address the need for a training and actual program of personal evangelism to be a primary part of the church’s ministry. The class on **Prayer**, encourages students to pray for those they are seeking to win to Christ, and to have a prayer list thereunto. Furthermore, in **English Composition II**, the students write a personal testimony tract, one that can be printed and passed out to people. The full semester course of **Personal Evangelism**, teaches the students how to witness better and it seeks to motivate them to do so. Key Scriptures are pointed out, and illustrations are given to be used in witnessing. They have an assigned supporting textbook to read in order to be further instructed on how to win the lost, and to be further inspired to do so. In the **Teaching Children I & II** class, the students are taught not only how to prepare the way for their salvation, but also how to more effectively present the Gospel to them (II Timothy 3:15). The **Missions III** course, addresses the cross-cultural barriers missionaries face when seeking to evangelize. In the **Weeks of Concentrated Study** that are conducted each semester, one of the studies is on evangelism. Daily, in **Chapel**, preachers often challenge the students to stay fervent in their witnessing.



### Christian Service Reports

We readily recognize that the students are accountable to their pastor and church for their Christian service, but we provide a form onto which they are to record their witnessing efforts and results for the past month. The form is afterwards to be signed by their pastor and returned to the school to be part of their academic record. ***A passion for winning others to Christ is one that is best both caught and taught.***

## Important Dates

Week of Concentrated Study - October 24-27, Tuesday through Friday, from 8:00 AM to 12 NOON. **Dr. Carl Baugh** will be conducting the three daily sessions. He will be speaking on the "Biblical Creation Model Versus the Evolutionary Models."

## Great News!

1. We have **three new regularly monthly supporting churches** for the NBBS: Central BC, Denton, TX, where Paul Shelton is the pastor; Fort Victory BC of Crowley, TX, where Bill Keisling is the pastor; and Central BC of Chico, TX, Fred Ferren (alumnus) is the pastor. Another pastor has told me they will begin supporting us in February, as part of their new commitments to be made during their mission conference. We anticipate that other churches will soon do so whose pastors have expressed to me their desire to begin regular monthly support of the seminary.

2. **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 uniquely effective in the training of preachers.

## Favorite Sayings

### "Riggsbyisms"

"90% of our problems would be solved if we got our priorities right." Cited often by Dr. Terry Riggsby (*Administrator of NBBS – 1984-1999*).

### Our Heritage Speaks

"...one of the characteristics of Spirit-filled believers is their spirit of generosity." Louis Entzminger (*Studies in The Acts...Apostles*, p. 75)

## Alumni News!

J.D. Young, a 2016 NBBS graduate is interning under alumnus pastor David Grice at Lighthouse Baptist Church, Grand Prairie, TX. He is doing regular outreach work, teaching and preaching some, and assisting in other ways as needed. His wife Vanessa is still taking some classes at NBBS in order to further her training. J.D. is still looking toward becoming a missionary, in the near future.

## We Knocked on the Door of 60

There is always a handful of potential students at the "last minute" who do not come through, but at the time of this writing we officially have enrolled 52 students. The attendance of the student body has been very good, with only a few exceptions. Part of the training process is stepping up to and sustaining a new level of commitment. Prospective students becoming actual students, other students struggling to attend faithfully or even finishing the semester are always an element to the unfolding school year. Even so, it has been far more the exception for us, than the norm. Often, by second semester, new students get more settled in to the flow. Your prayers do make difference. The second semester often "sees" some of the prospective students enrolled, as well as students not previously in the picture.

## We Love Our New Carpet

New laminate on the foyer (since spring) and now new carpet on the school side means that 2/3rds of our three phase new floor covering plan has been accomplished!

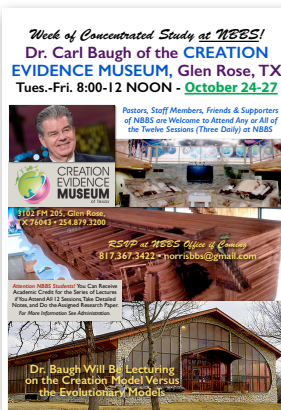
Around \$25,000 has been raised for it from nearly forty different sources! We are still fine-tuning the facility. Baseboards and door

trim are being painted, as well as greenery being added. What a difference in atmosphere these improvements are making at the seminary!



## Week of Concentrated Study

Dr. Carl Baugh of the Creation Evidence Museum in Glen Rose, TX, will be conducting our Week of Concentrated Study this semester, October 24-27, 8:00-12 NOON with three sessions daily. All pastors, church staff, and friends of NBBS are invited to attend. There is no charge. Dr. Baugh will be contrasting the Biblical view of origins with those of the theories of evolution.



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