

NORRIS BIBLE BAPTIST SEMINARY

Impacting the World through its Graduates

Since 1984, NBBS has been preparing men for the preaching ministry of God’s Word as pastors, evangelists and missionaries. Wives, of many of these men, have also been equipped for service. Now more than ever, it can truly be stated that **NBBS is making an impact on the world**. Not only churches have been started, but churches are being pastored by many of these men. These ministries are having a significant effect on their communities, and through the missionaries they send out or support. Even so, missionaries on the foreign field, who once sat in the classes being conducted at NBBS, are also repeating the cycle in nations around the world through Bible institutes. **Of course this number is growing**. Recent graduates include couples either just beginning deputation, or who are preparing to start. Men are taking pastorates, or staff positions. Others are seriously considering the planting of churches.



When one trains preachers, and their wives, or invests in the seminary through prayer, as well as financially, he is ultimately touching the lives of thousands for good, for eternity, through them, thus **Psalm 67:1-2 increasingly becomes a reality**.

Important Dates & Events

34th Annual IBFI National Meeting in Ft. Worth, Texas, on the campus of NBBS – Monday night through Thursday morning, May 21-24. Graduation is Tuesday night, at 7:00 PM.

NBBS Representatives

NBBS Representatives are ready to visit your church: Dr. Barber, Dr. Riggsby, or myself.

Favorite Sayings

"Riggsbyisms"

When noticing a student nodding off in class, Dr. Riggsby would sometimes jokingly refer to him by name, and then say, "I do not need you praying for me at this moment son, let's stay awake." *Provided by Alumnus/Pastor Dale Harris. Terry Riggsby (Administrator of NBBS -1984-1999).*

Our Heritage Speaks

Six Characteristics of Acts: 2 "Human instrumentality stands out." Louis Entzminger
(To be continued)

Alumni News!

Following up on the last issue of the *Circuit Writer* **Jarrold Tunnell**, a 2017 graduate of NBBS, is now on deputation as a missionary to Argentina, sent through the Victory BC, Weatherford, Texas. He and his wife Deirdre recently welcomed their fourth child into the world. He not only is a thankful father, but a fresh advocate for the cause of missions, and a glad promoter of the NBBS. **J.D. Young**, a 2016 graduate of NBBS, after returning from his second trip to Honduras, is soon to begin deputation as a missionary to the nation. As reported in the previous *Circuit Writer*, **Nathan Howard** plans to begin deputation as a missionary to Thailand in the near future.

Current students are accepting staff positions in churches. **Hunter Whiddon** recently became the Associate Pastor of the Tabernacle BC, Arlington, TX, where alumnus Robin Webb is pastor; **Heath Van Zandt**, a few weeks ago become the Youth Director at Santa Fe Baptist Church, Weatherford, TX, where Tony Thomas is pastor. **Tony Roa** recently became the Youth Director at Countryside BC, Mansfield, TX, where Claude Sutton is pastor. Several other students are either also staff members, or are serving in various capacities in their church. Their education is obviously being furthered thereby and souls are being won.

Highlights!

Founder's Week with Dr. Barber

Every year, during the second semester, Dr. Raymond Barber, as the leading founder of the NBBS, addresses the student body and faculty. The messages are always well received by the students, and this year was no exception, and it was an especially spiritual time. Several commented on how **there was a level of receptivity among the student body that was indicative of our theme for the year, "By His Spirit."**

Week of Concentrated Study with Dr. Baugh

Last semester, Dr. Carl Baugh of the Creation Evidence Museum, Glen Rose, TX, spoke on creation during our Week of Concentrated Study. This semester, he focused on Noah's flood and on archaeology. Monday & Tuesday, **students, and some faculty members, discovered and excavated dinosaur footprints** on the Paluxy River. On Wednesday & Thursday, he spoke on archaeology in Israel. It was a very impacting week. **More information will follow in the near future, as the excavation site is further uncovered this summer.**

An Insightful Message from Tom Wallace

Recently, Bro. Tom Wallace, director of the Fortress of Faith ministry, in 50 minutes, **gave the most insightful and useful overview of Islam and Muslims and how to reach out to them with the gospel most of us have ever heard.** The students were very much encouraged.

Week of Special Messages from Dr. Weaver

Early in May, after over 50 years in the ministry, and having pastored three churches, including the Worth BC, Ft. Worth, TX, faculty member **Dr. Weaver gave a series of sermons on the pastorate** during a week of chapel services. He capped it off by giving a list of "35 Things I Have Learned from 50 Years of Pastoring."



16 very impressive pictorial histories of the Bible up through the KJB are now on display. Donated to the seminary through Bro. Phil Sawilowsky. Framing was paid for by several persons.

Traveling and Representing the School

I have continued to conduct Bible conferences, visit churches, and present the seminary in several settings.
Let me know if I can help you and your church!