

Continual Church Planting Emphasis at NBBS

A promoting of stateside church planting by the IBFI mission agency, that mirrors its foreign and cross cultural missions emphasis, results in the NBBS being greatly undergirded in its efforts to prepare its graduates who feel led of God to start churches at home and abroad.

Six NBBS faculty members have been stateside church planting pastors. Others took over small struggling churches, the dynamics of which parallels many aspects to the starting of a church. Additionally, alumni and other men are brought in to lecture on the subject in classes, during one of the weeks of concentrated study conducted every semester, as well as to preach in chapel. **The Church Planting course at NBBS, expressly on the “why and the how to” of establishing new churches,** is taught by the above referenced faculty members. Related courses, such as **Church Polity and Administration**, also further prepare the student who plans to church plant. *The prominence of church planting in the Book of Acts and the Epistles of Paul readily undergirds the subject and this emphasis is highlighted at NBBS in the courses addressing these books.*

Investing in NBBS means getting in on the ground floor of future church planters' ministries.

Logistical and Financial Support that is Available

1. An NBBS graduate is potentially able to get monthly support through the subsidiary IBF Metro Area Preacher's Fellowship for two years, and some of the churches give over and above the set amount and/or help out in special offerings for needs that come up for the church planting endeavor (furniture, songbooks, equipment, signage, printing needs, etc.).

2. An NBBS graduate can also go out from his home church as a 1) home missions church planter to either start churches to turn over to other preachers, or 2) to establish a church in which he will remain as the pastor. In both scenarios, he is able to go on deputation to raise support as an IBFI recommended missionary (just like the foreign or stateside cross-cultural IBFI missionaries). As a long term stateside church planter the support he raises is indefinite. As a church planting pastor his status as an IBFI missionary is for three to five years while the church is being established.

3. Other forms of assistance are available, for example, in a southern state, several independent Baptist churches have identified towns where independent Baptist churches are needed in their state. Logistic support is offered from them as the Lord leads. NBBS alumni pastors are in association with that group.

4. There are several independent Baptist ministries whereby men with construction skills assist at all levels of remodeling a facility or in the building of a church facility. A list of these ministries is made available to NBBS church planters.

Every new church started is another source of glory to Christ, as well as prayer and financial support for missionaries!



Important Dates

First Day of School/Opening Day Rally – Tuesday, August 14 on NBBS Campus

Orientation begins at 8:00 AM for all students. There will be a special charge from Dr. Barber, the NBBS Chancellor, as well as brief words of challenge from the IBFI President and NBBS President at 11:00 AM. A luncheon will follow.

IBF Metro Meeting at Open Door BC, Grand Prairie, TX – Thurs., July 19, 9:30-12 NOON.
Alumnus Heath Hogue, Host Pastor. *Breakfast provided beforehand and lunch afterwards.*

News!

1. **Ray Richey Attendance Scholarship for the 2018-2019 school year will again be offered.**
2. **NBBS Representatives are ready to visit your church!** Consider having Dr. Barber, Dr. Weaver, Dr. Riggsby, Bro. Stewart, or any faculty member to present NBBS to your people. We are always ready to share what makes the NBBS uniquely effective in the training of preachers, as well as a wise investment.

Favorite Sayings

"Riggsbyisms"

"Prayer must have purpose, passion, power and a place." Cited by Dr. Terry Riggsby
(Administrator of NBBS – 1984-1999).

Our Heritage Speaks

Six Characteristics of Acts: 3) Prayer. 4) The Cross and the Resurrection, with particular emphasis on the latter..." Louis Entzminger

Alumni News!

2017 NBBS alumnus **Jarrold Tunnell** is gradually transitioning from his job as a manager at Chick-Fil-A to being full-time on deputation as a missionary to Argentina, sent out of Victory BC, Weatherford, TX. *Feel free to call Bro. Tunnell and schedule him to present his field of service to your people: 817.901.4240.*

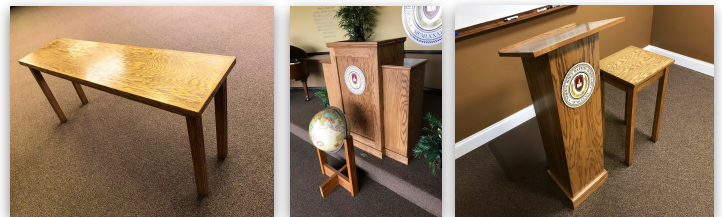
Pastor **Fred Ferren** (Central BC, Chico, TX), and NBBS faculty member, returned to the NBBS classroom this past spring to earn a bachelor's degree. He graduated from NBBS years ago with a three-year diploma. *He is the first to do what several have said they plan to do.*

May Fellowship Highlights!

There was great preaching, from start to finish with both guest preachers Dr. Mike Norris (Franklin Road BC, Murfreesboro, TN) and Dr. Gary Coleman (Lavon Drive BC, Garland, TX) bookending the meeting Monday night and Thursday at 11:00 AM, respectively. Our theme for the year, **BY HIS SPIRIT** (Zech. 4:6) was repeatedly addressed and elaborated upon by nearly every preacher. NBBS students gave vibrant testimonies. Nine students graduated Tuesday night! Our offering goal of \$50,000.00 was exceeded and additional funds have continued to come in since the meeting toward the offering. The spirit was great from start to finish as was the fellowship.

More New Custom Crafted Furniture

Glen Anderson, brought the school **seven more pieces of red oak furniture**: three display tables and four small classroom tables to accompany the lecterns used by the instructors. These complement the lecterns and pulpits he previously fashioned for the seminary. We are very grateful for the time, expense, and energy he has invested in so doing.



Three Man Big-Project Team

IBFI President, Dr. Willie Weaver, along with two board members, Pastor Eric Crawford and Pastor Glen Anderson, have taken on the few remaining big projects of the many that we set out to do and saw get done these past four years. They are researching and getting bids on the resealing of the 94 windows on the main building, as well as for replacement of the two nearly 40 year old heating & A/C systems on the same building (which will save the IBFI much money due to much greater efficiency of the units, the ability to zone six 5 ton units in contrast to two 15 ton units, as well as negating the regular service calls that are made on the old units – that this past year cost over \$3,000.00 to fix leaks and replace parts). The section of the parking lot related to the main building will be getting the broken areas fixed, and both parking lots will be re-stripped.

Their efforts are already freeing me up to focus more singularly on the seminary.