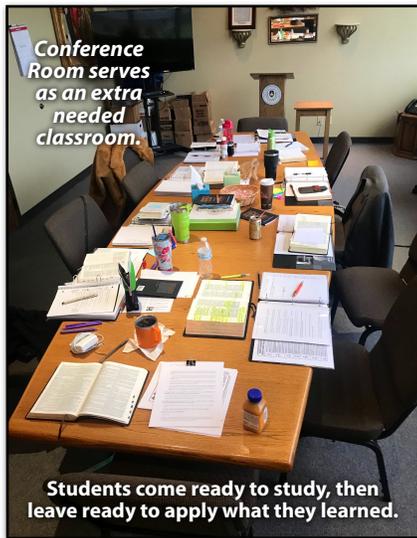


Better, Both Taught & Caught - Philippians 4:9!

It is often said that “some things are better caught than taught.” This statement is viewed as true by most persons. However, in many cases, things are better taught, and then caught. This way, what they “catch” is what should be caught. In other words, doctrine better shapes the practice rather than practice, the doctrine.

As it relates to preachers being trained for the ministry, several things must come into the mix. 1) The quality of what they are being taught. 2) Who is doing the teaching of it? 3) Are the students eager to be taught the subject at hand? 4) Are both the teacher and the student being enabled by the Spirit to give forth and to receive (Matt. 16:17de, John 14:21, 23, I Cor. 2:13)? 5) Are the students having more than sufficient opportunity in church work to put their grasp of truth into application – to “get the knack”, of conveying what they have learned (Eph. 4:12)?



Catching on by seeing it done, or even being shown how to do it, is only a positive IF what is being done is right.

The position of a pastor, evangelist, missionary, or youth director, are church roles. It is from these men, we gather a faculty. **Christ not only started one kind of a ministry, a church, He also did not authorize any other ministry to do what He committed it to do (Matt. 28:18-20, I Tim. 3:15).**

Beyond the daily chapel services in which students share the preaching load, along with faculty and guest preachers, they are also very active in their respective churches where they are taught by pastors and their wives. **On the job training is never more real than in a seminary like NBBS. The various churches within the metroplex area provide “across the board” experience for our students.** From teaching Sunday School,

to working on or running a bus route, to taking part on outreach and evangelism programs, to working in or directing youth groups, to working in VBS or youth camps, to preaching in nursing homes, and in their churches, students are being mentored by their pastors in every which way that relates to the ministry. The churches in turn, are greatly blessed by the students’ service. They also help in the shaping of a preacher and his wife. Hands on instruction at church and at school helps to balance out their training.

Doctrinal and the practical truths and principles are better grasped when the student can observe and participate in church ministry. Application and duplication by way of hands on training is a necessity if the student is going to graduate with the seasoning of experience, clear objectives in mind, and right doctrine. **Getting 1/3rd of their training at NBBS, 1/3rd in their church, and 1/3rd on their own, is key!**

Hands on experience also further opens the students up to better appreciate and perceive the relevance of what they are being taught.

Every May, our graduates join the ranks of alumni who have entered the field of service before them. Some to the foreign mission field (of late, Malawi, Honduras, Argentina, - soon more nations) and some to stateside church planting, or assuming pastorates, becoming assistant pastors, or youth directors. Others continue serving in the ministerial positions they were carrying out while in seminary.



Ministry done with Spirit enlightened application of truth, and practice, becomes an art. A refined expertise enabled by the Spirit of God, is how New Testament church age ministry is to be done.

Important Dates

First Day of School – Tues., Jan. 11, 2022

IBF Metro Meeting Combined with First Day of School and the Opening Day Rally!
(Lite Breakfast and a Lunch to Follow.)

Glad to Visit in Your Church

NBBS Representatives are readily set to visit your church! Consider having Dr. Barber, Dr. Riggsby, Bro. Stewart, or any faculty member pre-sent 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

“Riggsbysms”

“Clutter and procrastination go hand in hand because each reinforces the other.” Cited often by Dr. Terry Riggsby (*Administrator of NBBS (1984-1999)*).

Our Heritage Speaks

In Baptism, a Believer Declares at Least 10 Truths: 8. “Every time a believer is baptized he declare his faith in the resurrection of Christ.” Rom. 6:3-4. *Lectures In Romans*, J.Frank Norris

Alumni News!

Alumnus **Cody Samford** accepted the call to pastor the Victory Baptist Church, Kerrville, Texas, late 2020. Much remodeling has been done and the church has grown. Their missions program has been reorganized and expanded. They began supporting NBBS monthly in early 2021. His nephew plans to attend Norris the fall of 2022. God is blessing this work! *It was a joy recently to be with them on a Sunday.*



Bro. Samford & his wife Kathryn



Upgrading of Facilities and Grounds!

The start of the school year found students working around the very long needed remodeling being done on one of the dormitory restrooms (funded by Dr. & Mrs. Barber), as well as the repair of the ceilings and related areas damaged by a pipe break during a cold snap in February. The insurance came through on it, but we had to wait until school was out in May to start on it. The final results were dramatically great!



First 4 pictures show the restroom remodel underway, the last 2, the finished



The ceilings were largely sheet rocked anew and then textured and remaining ceiling which had the “popcorn” finish, were refinished to match the new.

Work on the dorm ceiling and walls was funded by insurance money and the offering taken up in May at the alumni luncheon. It was all completed after school got started this fall.

The Main Building and the Conference Center needed to be power washed (including the brick sections) and hairline fissures in the stucco patched, coated, and painted. The parking lot curbing was repaired and all was re-stripped. All this needed to be done for years but was last on our projects list.



The building is crisply outlined with new caulking and paint.

