

**How Serious Do You Take Your Schooling? AT NBBS IT IS:**

**17 Weeks Per Semester • 37.5 Hours Per Course**

*Studying Every Book in the Bible Twice in the Order the Books are Found*

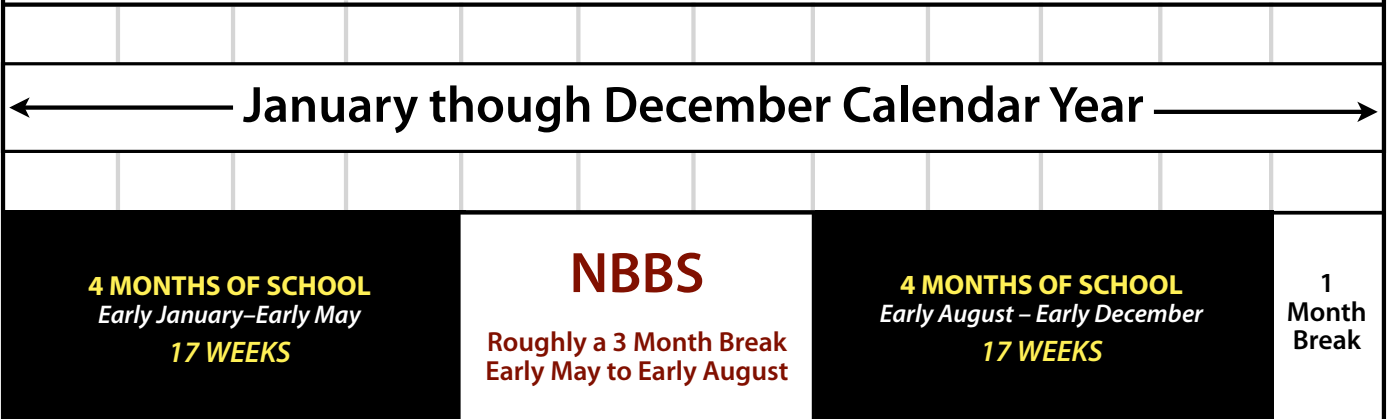
*Studying the 14 Doctrines of the Bible Twice - First Overview, then in Detail*



**Numerous Practical and Bible Related Courses • 4-Year Bachelor’s Degree with a Bible Major and a **Pastoral, Missions, or Church Ministry Minor** (48 Courses from 54 Courses) as Needed for Minor • **Seven Courses Especially for Women****

NBBS Offers a 1-Year Diploma, 2-Year Associate’s Degree, 4-Year Bachelor’s Degrees & 3-Year Master’s Degrees

**AN NBBS SCHOOL YEAR is for 8 Months (34 Weeks) with 4 Months of Break**  
Most Bible Colleges’ Semesters are 13 to 15 Weeks Long (a 26 to 30-Week School Year)



**Note! Chart Reflects a Contrast Between Two 4-Year Bachelor’s Degree Strategies**



**At NBBS, in Four Years, You Get 16 to 32 More Weeks of Schooling**

\*Some Bible colleges’ semesters are 13 to 15 weeks long, that is why it is stated that at NBBS one gets 16 to 32 weeks more schooling over a 4 year period.

**Note! The NBBS School Year Starts with a Fall Semester – the Chart is Formatted for the Sake of Visual Clarity**

## Important Dates

### Week of Concentrated Study

#### Great News!

1. **School started in August with the best financial footing we had since late 1990s.** Our number of supporting churches continues to grow, as does the amount of the offerings at the two annual IBFI fellowship meetings. The offering in May of 2020 was stunning. IBFI President and myself were astounded by what God did, all in one week! Although we were not able to meet or conduct graduation (until August), we had nearly all the \$60,000.00 goal amount in hand by the end of week! *The Fellowship has not let up, to which the next May of 2021 (\$64,000+ the past one in 2022 (\$81,000+) offerings attest.*

2. **We had our largest freshman class since the fall of 2019.** The two school years affected by COVID (2020 and 2021) hindered our churches in many ways, hence the seminary. Thank God though for the persevering of the many pastors and churches who went out of their way to see to it that NBBS also weathered the storm and its lingering distractions.

#### Favorite Sayings

##### "Riggsbyisms"

"Time management is really managing yourself." Cited often by Dr. Terry Riggsby (Administrator of NBBS – 1984-1999).

##### *Our Heritage Speaks*

Romans is "...the divinely appointed means of producing righteousness in man....the theme of the Book of Romans...'The Gospel of God.'"

*Lectures on Romans* by J.Frank Norris, p. 8

#### Alumni News!



Mostly alumni in the mix!

## The Benefits of Specialization!

NBBS strives to excel in teaching Biblical content, Bible doctrine and practical application of both. This is done by not only the course selections, daily chapel, but by a faculty being made up of preachers and their wives. This is all in conjunction with ministerial experience students receive in churches while their schooling is taking place.

When your specialization is the singular training of preachers and their wives, as well as single women for church ministry, it results in a student body that has a shared focus and therefore a shared pursuit. This creates a mutually beneficial synergy for all concerned.

A seminary as such brings to mind something that generally differs from a college atmosphere in a Christian setting. The students are characterized by a much broader age span, leads to a more serious atmosphere, with a level of greater academic commitment.

Potential Rehoboams (emerging leaders being unduly influenced by age-bracket peers) can be headed off by adding older friends in the ministry while in school, when Timothys and Tituses are trained together.

Besides just learning the more erudite theological designations (*Paterology, Christology, Pneumatology, Bibliology, Angelology, Satanology, Demonology, Anthropology, Hamartiology, Soteriology, Ecclesiology, Missiology, Eschatology, Israelology*) in the four-year undergraduate program they actually immersed in the great doctrines of the Bible, and are thereby equipped to teach and preach the milk (I Peter 2:2), manna, corn (i.e., harvested corn of the land - Joshua 5:11), meat, and strong meat of the Word.

If a church is to be the "pillar and ground of the truth" then the pastor and his staff need to be firmly "rooted and grounded" in the Christian faith (yea Christ), in order to build up a people in the same.

#### Wonderful Time of Blessing in Michigan!

As our more recent alumni mature in the ministry, they join the ranks of those who have been undergirding NBBS through the years. The semi-annual IBFI meeting drew alumni from various states! Pastor Barry Bedwell and the historic Faith Baptist Church of Canton, Michigan were great hosts! There was a vibrant spirit from the start of the fellowship meeting. The preaching was very substantive and energetic. The nature of the alumni's training at NBBS



was vocalized in many positive ways in sermon, as well as in the overall spirit of NBBS students and graduates who were present. NBBS is bearing fruit as good as Michigan Apples, even Jonathan Apples just picked off the tree! *Matthew 17:20.*