

## Praying to the Lord of the Harvest!

Increasingly, there are churches without pastors, as well as growing communities without churches! We, and like-minded Bible schools who are training preachers, are **not able to keep up with the requests** for pastors, and related staff members. There is also a void in cities where there were once vibrant churches, **which have need of churches yet again!**

Very small towns of a few years ago, are now rapidly growing cities in the DFW metroplex (the 4th largest in America at 7.2 million). These are **places where we urgently need to plant new churches**, for strategic reasons. The brisk development of these cities unduly increases the challenges faced by a new church plant. Various other “brands of churches” are beating us to it.

NBBS graduates are increasingly stepping up to the task of starting new churches, taking pastorates in churches needing revitalization, and joining church staffs, further putting their education to work, **but we need far more laborers for the harvest** in America. As always, of course, we also need missionaries for the foreign field. Now that our school has resurged, we are again seeing our IBFI mission family grow. As you know, **every new church planted or revitalized, is a new or greater supporter of missionaries.**

In view of this, a sustained appeal goes out, **“pray for more men & women to surrender to the call of God upon their life!”** Preachers need like-minded wives who are also equipped to do the work along side of them. *This is why NBBS offers seven courses especially for women as part of their studies.*

**Our school reflects what is transpiring in our churches – as it relates to men being called into the ministry. May we pray as never before to the Lord of the harvest for men and women to fully respond to the call! Then trained, and sent forth to break up the fallow ground sow the seed of the Gospel, water it, in order to reap a harvest of eternal souls!**

**NORRIS BIBLE BAPTIST SEMINARY**  
Preachers Partnering to Train Preachers!

More **CHURCH PLANTERS** Needed!

More **CHURCH REVITALIZERS** Needed!

More **CHURCH BUILDERS** Needed!

**More Men and Women Answering the Call are Needed Now More than Ever!**

The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: **PRAY YE THEREFORE** the Lord of the harvest, that He would send forth labourers into his harvest.” Lk. 10:2

“The field is the world” Mt. 13:38 • “look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.” John 4:35 • “I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.” Isa. 6:8

## Important Dates

OPENING DAY RALLY for the Start of the 39th Year of the NBBS is Tuesday, Aug. 9, 10:30 AM.

Annual IBSI Fall Fellowship Meeting with Pastor Barry Bedwell and the Faith Baptist Church, Canton, Michigan Tuesday AM thru Thursday NOON • October 11-13, 2022

## NBBS Representatives

Consider having NBBS Chancellor Dr. Raymond Barber, NBBS President Jonathan Stewart, Dr. Terry Riggsby (Field Representative), or any faculty member to present NBBS to your people.

## Favorite Sayings

### "Riggsbyisms"

"Our problem is not the lack of time, but rather, our use of time."

Cited often by Dr. Terry Riggsby  
(Administrator of NBBS - 1984-1999)

### Our Heritage Speaks

"We should pray while we preach."

Lectures On Daniel by J. Frank Norris, p. 125

## Alumni News!



Chris Boatman, a 1988 NBBS alumnus, accepted the pastorate of the Faith Baptist Church, Kaufman, TX, several weeks ago. Bro. Boatman previously was a missionary to Belgium, then pastor of the Faith Baptist Church, Aransas Pass, TX, and more recently, pastor of the High Plains Baptist Church, Clovis, NM. Thereafter he did pulpit supply for churches who were in between pastors. Accordingly, he was the interim pastor at the Victory Baptist Church, Kerrville, TX, before going to the church in Kaufman. Bro. Boatman, among several positives, has led the churches he pastored to greater heights in their missions programs. He has stayed involved with NBBS through the years. About five years ago, myself, and our Business Manager and his wife, who is the NBBS secretary, prayed very specifically about a four-digit dollar figure we needed to finish getting various school supplies in place for the start of the school year. Some thirty minutes later, Bro. Boatman called "out of the blue" saying he was sending the school a love offering from the Clovis church in relation to their recent mission conference. When he told me the amount, it was exactly the figure for which we had prayed!

## Highlighting Recent Alumni (date of their graduation after their name)

NBBS alumnus **Cody Samford**, pastor of the Victory Baptist Church, Kerrville, TX, a few weeks ago sent **Chad Fitts** (2016), to start the Arise Baptist Church in Northlake, TX. In the process, Bro. Fitts was approved this May as an IBSI Church Planting Home Missionary. Bro. Fitts is well on his way to recovering from a brush fire accident in early June, wherein he suffered 2nd-degree burns over 33% of his body. Skin grafts were needed. **Jacob Luman** (2018), of ABCP<sup>1</sup>, accompanied by his family, has been filling in for him at the new work. **Soon Bro. Fitts will be fully back in the pulpit, and available again to present the ministry in churches as they are seeking support.** **James Chambers** (2020), has also just become the Associate Pastor of the aforementioned Victory Baptist Church. He and his wife Diane, and their son Jakob, are a great team!



**Hunter Whiddon** (2020), a few weeks ago accepted the pastorate of Beacon Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, TX. He and His wife **Stephanie** (2019) have a one year old daughter (Bethany). He is following Chad Fitts into the pastorate of Beacon.

**Tyler Yates**, who graduated from NBBS last May, 2021, was approved this May as an IBSI missionary to the Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico, and is sent by the New Horizons Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, TX, (Iglesia Bautista Nuevos Horizontes), where Javier Garza is pastor. He has just started deputation.

**John Lund**, (2016), has accepted the position of Associate Pastor at Faith Baptist Church, Canton, MI, where Barry Bedwell is pastor. Bro. Lund served under James Pointer, and more recently Quentin Vaughn, at the Sioux City Baptist Church, Sioux City, IA.

**Jarrold Tunnell**, (2017), has not only finished his deputation, but also language school, which he and his wife diligently attended and graduated from during the COVID-19 shutdown period. **The Tunnell Family will very soon be departing for Argentina.**

**Melissa Roa**, (2021), became a part-time secretary for IBSI this past March. She, along with her husband **Tony** (2020), and their children, are one of the three families that make up the Antioch Baptist Church Planters. **Zack Doty** (2021), and his wife Charish and their children, (along with the Lumans) are the other of the three household units that make up ABCP. ABCP is still assisting **Heath & Caryssa Van Zandt** (2021/2022), with the church plant in Rhome, TX.