

NBBS's Commitment to Training Women for Christian Service

Several Degree Programs for Women

Ladies at NBBS can pursue the one-year Bible certificate, a two-year associate degree, or four-year bachelor degrees with a major in Bible and a minor in church ministry, or missions. They can proceed further with their education to earn a master's degree in church ministry.

There are Several Courses at NBBS that are Specifically for Women

The courses which are a part of the women's associate's or bachelor's degree program, may also be taken individually without the pursuit of a degree, or even audited (attending class and receiving the notes but not pursuing credit through taking the tests or doing the assignments). These subjects are Great Women of the Bible, Great Women of Church History, Christian Womanhood, Homemaking, The Preacher's Wife, Teaching Children I & Teaching Children II. There is also a course on Family for single or married students. We also encourage the wife of a man who is planning on being a church planter to take the course Church Planting. Week-long studies are done each semester that often relate to women, as well as those done in other similar settings.



Financial Assistance to Women Students at NBBS

Wives of full-time students (4 to 6 classes) at NBBS, go tuition free. The unmarried daughters of full-time pastors or missionaries receive a 50% discount on their tuition. Also, several of our scholarships are applicable to female students.

Testimony of Some of the Women Attending the Seminary

“As a student of NBBS, my knowledge of God and the Bible has grown exponentially, as has my love for, and faith in Christ. The environment at the school is one in which the Spirit's presence is felt in class and in chapel. I am very thankful also for the women's classes, and the friendships for life I have made with other ladies who have helped me even now in ministry, personal life, and spiritual growth.”
Aubrey Marquardt (Junior)

“The courses at Norris have greatly advanced my knowledge of the Bible and of Christ in so many ways. For example, my love of creation science has been profoundly deepened in the classroom, and by way of excavating dinosaur fossils—in which NBBS has arranged for students to participate—the relevance of Noah's flood has impacted me. Additionally, I have learned how to more wisely witness, including being able to better present the Gospel to children. Through all of this, and the ladies' classes, I am much more prepared to be a Christian school teacher. I also love having classmates of all ages. The tuition is low cost, this helps my husband and I to attend together.” Lauren Williams (Junior)

“Important to me is the camaraderie among the students, and respectfully, with our instructors. The spirit at school is not stuffy or haughty. We are able to start lifelong friendships with our peers, and teachers.” Holly Foster (Sr.)

Women have played a major role in the cause of Christ all down through history! So many have been uniquely indispensable to God's program (Gen. 3, Lk. 1-2, Rom. 16, Heb. 11, etc.).

Important Dates

38th NBBS Graduation is Tuesday,
7:00 PM, May 17, 2022

Annual May Fellowship Meeting
Monday PM through Thursday NOON
May 16-19, 2022

NBBS Representatives

Consider having NBBS Chancellor Dr. Raymond Barber, Field Representative Dr. Terry Riggsby, NBBS President Jonathan Stewart, or any faculty member to present NBBS to your people. NBBS is one-of-a-kind!

Favorite Sayings "Riggsbyisms"

"Procrastination - you had better break this practice, before it breaks you!" Cited often by Dr. Terry Riggsby (*Administrator of NBBS - 1984-1999*)

Our Heritage Speaks

"There is nothing so fascinating as the simple reading of the Scripture, properly read." Lectures On Daniel by J. Frank Norris, p. 19

Alumni News!



Caryssa Van Zandt, the wife of church planting alumnus **Heath Van Zandt** (IBFI missionaries), is graduating this May, from NBBS with a bachelor degree. The Van Zandts were blessed with two children during their days at Norris (Salem and Silas). Caryssa states: "After attending a semester at a different seminary, I heard of NBBS, and visited a couple of its classes. I was hooked. The consequential diving into God's Word and **learning the whole counsel of God** (studying the Bible from Genesis to Revelation in addition to the many doctrinal and practical classes), was life changing. As a Christian mother and now a Pastor's wife, I know it is vitally important that I am equipped with a firm knowledge of the Scriptures and have the ability myself to rightly divide the Word of truth to be the help that the Lord would have me to be where He places me. NBBS has equipped me with knowledge and the tools necessary to continue to learn and grow in my Christian walk. I am eternally grateful for everything this school stands for and offers."

Seize the Opportunity Before It Passes!

One of the greatest joys for my wife and I through the many years we have taught at the seminary, has been **seeing the spiritual development of female students** at NBBS. So many wonderful ladies who attended the school come to our minds when we think back through the years and look out across churches and the mission field.

Although, our specialization as a seminary has been the training of preachers, **we also seek to excel in the preparing of women for ministry.** There are many single young ladies who have surrendered their lives to full-time service, or who are already in full-time ministry and are students at NBBS.



It almost cannot be overstated how vital it is for the wife of a preacher to have ministerial training, and if possible, while and where her husband is being trained. It is even more so, when the school has several specialized courses for women, in conjunction with the general courses for both men and women, as it is at Norris.

My wife and I are so glad we heeded my youth director's advice many years ago, and made sure we went through Bible school together. It is because of this objective, that we seek to keep the cost of schooling down by way of the monthly regular support to the school from churches, as well as through scholarships and **wives of full-time student going tuition free.** Having a large faculty of pastors and missionaries, and their wives, who have an income independent of NBBS, is a great help too.

Pastors need wives, and the more training they can receive, **the greater their potential ministry together can be for the Lord.** So many wives make great financial sacrifices to attend Bible school - a sacrifice that is not as intensely necessary for them to make at NBBS. A wife can wisely take advantage of the opportunity afforded them at NBBS, even if it is for a two-year degree, instead of the Bachelor's degree, or at the least, taking some classes especially key to their needs as the wife of a preacher. A couple only has one chance to lay a foundation to their ministry together. Along these lines, we often see students meet their life's partner at NBBS.

Example of some of the curriculum.

