

The Cart Before the Horse?

If the Bible is what it claims to be, **and it is** (I Timothy 3:16-17); if we are to preach it, and it alone, **and we are** (II Timothy 4:1-2); if we are to preach all of it – the whole counsel of God **as Paul did and as Christ said** (Acts 20:27, Matthew 28:20); if the Old Testament prepared the way for the New Testament, **and it did** (Hebrews 10:1, Romans 15:4, II Corinthians 10:11); if, “**The New is in the Old contained**

and the Old is by the New explained” and it is; if the better we know the Old Testament the better we will understand the New Testament, and this is so; if the New Testament writers quoted from, or referred to it hundreds of times, **and they did**; then surely preachers in training need to adequately, and exceptionally learn the Old Testament before they can really understand and appreciate the New Testament. Otherwise they are “**getting the cart before the horse.”**



At the **Norris Bible Baptist Seminary**, the students are taken through a Bible survey of the Old and New Testaments in order and study the first five books of the Bible their first year. The second year they are taken through the Historical, Poetical and Prophetical Books. It is not until their last two years they work their way through the New Testament books. *If a man starts to study the Bible seriously in preparation for the ministry, and he jumps into the New before really knowing the Old, he gets ahead of himself, and does not have the sufficient knowledge needed to pull (or push!?) into his study. Hence the small cart in the above portrayal is fitting. In other words, we are teaching the whole English Bible – beginning with Moses (i.e., Luke 24:27, 44), and staying with it until we finish with the Book of Revelation the last semester of the student’s schooling.*

The Old Testament FORESHADOWED the New Testament (Hebrews 10:1).

The Old Testament FORESAW the New Testament (Galatians 3:8).

The Old Testament FORETOLD the New Testament (Jeremiah 31:31).

We teach the whole Bible – the English Bible; and we do it in logical sequence.



Important Dates

Founders' Week – March 3-6
Last Day of Classes – Friday, May 15

Great News!

1. **Alumnus Michael Wiggins is set to become our new Administrator in June.** He will continue as the Associate Pastor at Heritage Baptist Church, Haslet, Texas, where Eric Crawford is the pastor. He will initially split his duties between the two. He is a 2001 graduate, and has been on faculty this year. He has already begun assisting both Bro. Stewart and Dr. Riggsby.
2. **Dr. Terry Riggsby is also now a Field Representative for the NBBS.** He has already begun visiting churches and is prepared to meet with prospective students, present the school, as well as preach. After his tenure is up in May as Administrator, he will continue on as a member of the faculty and in this role of representing NBBS.
3. **Yes, we really are debt free!** The Raymond W. Barber Conference Center was paid off in full! We will no longer need to make the \$8,000.00 monthly payment. Since May of 2014, this payment was being made from the proceeds of the May and October offerings. *Thank you Ray Richey for your investment in eternity via NBBS and the IBF!*

Favorite Sayings

"Riggsbyisms"

"You're tired? The world is run by tired people." Dr. Terry Riggsby (*Founding Administrator of NBBS – 1984-1999*)
Meant to motivate students to press on!

Our Heritage Speaks

"Stand by the Word of God and the God of the Word will stand by you." J. Frank Norris

On the Preaching Trail!

FYI! Bro. Billy Kyle is now available for revivals and pulpit supply. He pastored Marion Baptist Temple, Marion, Ohio, 30 years and is a long-time supporter and a founding pastor of the NBBS. (740.725.8810) the2kyles@gmail.com

Get in on the Investment of a Lifetime – for Eternity!

When you invest in the training of preachers, you are making **an investment second to none**, if not the investment of a lifetime and even eternity!

Often, I say to the students, "I am teaching thousands of persons this morning." Then **I go on to remind them, that as they stay faithful, their audience and their sphere of influence will grow. That someday they will be touching the lives of hundreds of people directly** (I Timothy 4:16), and more, indirectly.

Pastor, think of the many people you preach to every Sunday, and then think of the lives they touch. Think of those whom you are reaching on the mission field through missionaries supported or sent out of your church. Think about the lives that are being touched by those that are reached on the field as they touch others. **Consider how this adds up through the years.** Realize anew how much this is going to matter in eternity.

If you encourage a preacher at a fellowship meeting, you encourage a church. If you encourage a church, you encourage a marriage, a home, a community, a missionary.

Can you think of anything that will pay the eternal dividends that investing in a future pastor or missionary will – one who himself will invest in missionaries and pastors in the near future? All this is to your account and the glory of God. Is not this something which your church should get involved in as never before?

We live in a nation where there many highly motivated investors. Our economy is largely affected by how investors' investments are seemingly going. People put all kinds of "stock" in the stock market – a market that will matter nothing in eternity and could mean next to nothing tomorrow as it did in 1929 and almost again in 2007.

At the NBBS, more than in most schools, your investments are not primarily paying for elaborate facilities or extracurricular school activities. Rather, they are going more directly into the quality of the teaching program itself, as well as the students.

Are you investing monthly in the NBBS?

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