

Experience Cutting-Edge Training

“the word of God is **quick**, and powerful, and **sharper than any twoedged sword**, **piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit**, and of the joints and marrow, **and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.**” Hebrews 4:12

The combination of features, mission, and heritage of the Norris Bible Baptist Seminary make it a one-of-a-kind preacher training center. It was established in 1984, to largely mirror the Bible Baptist Seminary of Ft. Worth (which had its beginning in 1939, under the leadership of J. Frank Norris and Louis Entzminger). A school which was committed to a **thoroughgoing teaching of the whole English Bible**, while also instilling within its students a fervency for evangelism, worldwide church planting, doctrinal and practical preaching in keeping with the historic Baptist faith. Both Norris and Entzminger, in spite of having been educated in the typical fashion of denominational schools (Norris having graduated from a prominent college among denominational Baptists, then afterwards at the top of his class from their premier seminary), **felt their approach was a marked improvement**. Time has repeatedly proven them right.

Saturation in Bible & Doctrine!
All Books of the Bible Taught Twice
– by Survey then by Exposition
10 Doctrinal Courses

And why not? The Bible is unique in its quality! For example, if there were two libraries, and one had all the books that have ever been written but no Bible; and the other had only one book, a Bible, which would be the best library, **the most relevant to mankind? The Bible is also unique in its vitality! It is a living book! It is said to be “quick”** (which means “alive” Hebrews 4:12, I Corinthians 15:45; Ephesians 2:1-5ff) **and powerful. It is compared to a seed which has life in itself** (I Peter 1:22-25). **It is likened unto a branch that is grafted** (James 1:21). **It has the breath of God in it** (II Timothy 3:16-17); **like Adam of old** (Genesis 2:6-7) **who was an extravagant sculpture beyond any other and yet merely statuesque, until He was breathed into by God; then he became an animated (living) sculpture! Furthermore, the Bible is unique in its instrumentality! It is the “sword of the Spirit.” In keeping with God’s own analogy, what a surgeon does with a knife or with a laser, cannot compare with what the Spirit does in the heart of a man with the Word of God! Whereby He pierces “even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit” – the innermost part of man, hence, the “thoughts and intents of the heart” are uniquely discerned** (Hebrews 4:12).



Therefore, in a world that is increasingly high-tech, nothing still is as **cutting-edge as the Bible**. By its very nature, it will always be the most advanced, and yet settled presentation of truth there will ever be. *What can be more modern than a book of timeless truths given by an eternal and all-knowing Creator? Because God is outside of time and sees the past, present, and future all at once, He can impart truth that is ageless. Nothing could be more state-of-the-art and up-to-date than His Word.* The Bible is a book that is proactive, prescient, and penetrating in its message in ways no other writing could ever be (Psalm 119; Galatians 3:8; II Timothy 3:16-17 – “thoroughly furnished”). **Hence, we are compelled to teach the Bible in a truly comprehensive manner** (all 66 books twice). **The better it is taught to**

preachers, the more relevant will be their training. Better includes quantity, and 24 of our 48 courses are in Bible exposition. As Christ prayed, “Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.” John 17:17.

We know of no other place where your foundational Bible training will be as Biblically thoroughgoing and ministry directed (14 practical courses) as it will be at NBBS. Other areas of learning are indeed relevant, but a distant second in priority; so “first things first” preacher, have done with the peripheral course approach.

Important Dates

Opening Day Rally & First Day of
Spring Semester - Tues. Aug. 13

A Heads Up!

NBBS Representatives are ready to visit your church! Consider having Dr. Barber, Dr. Riggsby, Bro. Stewart, or any faculty member present NBBS to your people. We are always ready to share what makes the NBBS uniquely effective in the training of preachers, and their wives, as well as a wise missions investment.

Favorite Sayings

"Riggsbyisms"

"Don't be around negative people." *Cited by Dr. Terry Riggsby, Faculty (Admin. of NBBS - 1984-1999).*

Our Heritage Speaks

"Ten Points About the Unknown God by Paul in Acts 17:23-31: 6) 'He is omnipresent, v. 27. He is not far from everyone of us! He is everywhere, though invisible.'"

Studies in Acts, Louis Entzminger

Alumni News!

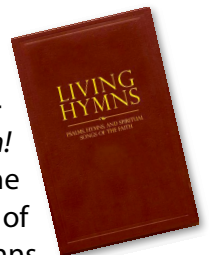
Johnny Leslie, is a May 1997 graduate of NBBS, and has been a church planting missionary to Croatia since May, 2000. He, with the help of others, including a Croatian pastor, in 2018, completed a 10-year project of producing a **Bible in the Croatian language** consistent with the KJB – and having the same O/T and N/T textual basis.



Seizing the Opportunity!

We are ready to start our 36th fall semester with a new A/C system! (*Last fall it was in sight with only a few thousand dollars yet to raise, but fans had to be scattered everywhere to help us through the months of August and September. Fortunately, it was a fairly mild summer. We were glad we had it in by spring.*) **We will also be ready for the winds and rain of the later fall season as it relates to the 94 windows that surround the main building** which houses the school and all IBFI offices. **These windows will have been resealed and the four that need replacing will have been replaced.** *Thank you to the many who gave!* This means, we are down to one major project of the 35 we set out to accomplish mid-summer of 2014. We are going to secure our own parking lot striping machine and we have a plan in place to patch the parking lot. *This will take care of numbers 33 & 34 on the list.* This leaves the last project, which is the **replacing of the original worn gray carpet on the office side with the same brown tone carpet on the school side.** We hope to see this done no later than next summer. *The installation would be a challenge to work around during the school year (office furniture. and library bookcases full of books needing to be moved, etc.).*

We are very grateful for the **brand new 900-song hymnals a faithful couple secured for us!** *What an investment for them!* Hymnals are a prominent aspect to the NBBS program. Christianity is the "faith of our fathers," and by divine design, the hymns are a major aspect to the faith being passed down to us. **Hymnals are as Hebrews 11:1-12:3 set to song**, especially when Christians know the biographies of the writers of the songs (both music and lyrics), and the stories behind the hymns. Students are also directed to use this musical heritage as a **reference point** in the development of their music program in their churches, as well as the primary feature to it. Overall, **the doctrinal content and theological expression in the hymns is unsurpassed**, and they help to protect from the corrosive influences put upon churches of today.



As NBBS continues to go forward afresh, new missionaries are emerging, pulpits and church positions are being filled, and new stateside churches are beginning to appear on the horizon. **Please keep the prayer support going! It is the ultimate way in which you can undergird the school! Remember, the student body prays regular for our supporters, by name.**