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## President's Greeting

December 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings from our IRBS trustees, faculty, administrators and students. We give thanks to God for your steadfast love to Christ and to our Seminary. Humanly speaking, we could not fulfill our mission to train servants of Christ without you.

December is always a month for reflection. We remember the incarnation of our Savior with wonder and amazement. To think that the Second Person of the Holy Trinity assumed a true human nature in order to procure our redemption is astounding. I hope that in the busyness of the season you will stop to worship and adore Him.

Additionally, during the month many of us look backward in review and forward in anticipation. We think about the things the Lord has done over the past months and we look forward with anticipation to the things He will do in 2026. Will you join me in praising Him for His wondrous works completed in 2025, and asking Him to show forth His glory throughout the New Year?

In gratitude,  
James M. Renihan  
President, IRBS

Dr. Renihan will be speaking at Building Tomorrow's Church in Gilbert, AZ, January 8-10, 2027. See link below to register.



## IRBS On the Road 2026:

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Bring a unique educational experience to your church with IRBS on the Road!

This one day event is perfect for any Christian interested in deepening their understanding of these important topics.

### Event Highlights:

- Topics:
  1. **Deep Dive into Baptism (Renihan)**
  2. **Sola Scriptura, God's Precious Gift to Us (Renihan)**
  3. **Gazing at the Glorious Trinity (Scheiderer)**
- Speakers:
  1. Dr. James Renihan, President and Professor of Historical Theology
  2. Dr. Daniel Scheiderer, Assistant Professor of Christian Theology
- Duration: 3-4 hours
- Who Can Attend: Open to your church and other local churches
- Check out the **Theology in Particular** episode #221 that aired on 10/27 for more details.

For more information or to schedule an IRBS on the Road Day for your congregation, please contact Brent Ward at [giving@irbsseminary.org](mailto:giving@irbsseminary.org).



**GIVING**  
**TUESDAY**

December 2, 2026

Your support helps support the Lord's work as we strive to prepare the next generation of His under-shepherds for ministry.

You may give in any of the following ways:

- Through Zelle: [giving@irbsseminary.org](mailto:giving@irbsseminary.org)
- Online: [irbs.org/donate](https://irbs.org/donate)
- By Mail: IRBS, P.O. Box 1384, Mansfield, TX 76063
- Through Your Employer: If your workplace participates in Fidelity Investments' Workplace Giving, you can give directly through their Giving Marketplace.

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## Upcoming Courses

### **Legacy (self-paced) Course List**

Registration is always open.

### **Winter 2026 Course Schedule**

Registration now open.

**Reformed Apologetics (live in Texas and Zoom) - J.V. Fesko**  
**Puritan Preaching ELECTIVE (Zoom) - D. Scheiderer**

### **Spring 2026 Course Schedule**

Registration opens December 2

**Puritanism - J. Renihan**

**Theological Anthropology - D. Scheiderer**

**Greek III - J. Henson**

**Philosophical Theology - J. Dolezal**

**Ethics & Reformed Moral Theology - D. Sparks**

**Christology - J. Dolezal**

**Pastoral Theology II /Practical Theology - J. R. Davidson \***

**Symbolics - J. Renihan \*\***

**Foundations of Theology - C. Rennie \***

\* Class to be held in Ramsbottom, UK

\*\* Class to be held in Quebec, CA

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Email [admissions@irbsseminary.org](mailto:admissions@irbsseminary.org) for more information about any IRBS classes.



## Particular Baptist Theological Society

Proposal deadline: December 15

Save the date for the first meeting!

- Friday, May 15, 2026
- Heritage Baptist Church, Mansfield, Texas
- This year's theme is *Chalcedonian Christology*.
- Our plenary speaker will be Dr. James Dolezal, PhD.
- One-day meeting to include a plenary session alongside concurrent side sessions that consist of papers presented by scholars, students and ministers interested in the goals of the Society.
- The doctrinal standard will be the New Hampshire Confession of Faith.
- Stick around for the IRBS Class of 2026 Commencement on May 16.

Proposals and questions may be sent to [pbts@irbs.org](mailto:pbts@irbs.org).

[More information](#)



### Churches Officers have auditing fees waived

Did you know that officers of IRBS Partner Churches enjoy waived auditing fees on their choice of IRBS classes?

With the **IRBS Church Partnership**, local churches can **share the load** with men in their congregations who are called to pursue pastoral ministry, **relieving them** of the financial burdens that come with seminary education.

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## Opportunities to Connect

# Join the Women of IRBS for Fellowship & Prayer

Student wife? Female student? Faculty wife? Sister in Christ?

**All interested ladies are invited!**

Our Women's Fellowship will meet on **Tuesday, December 9 (7:30PM CT) for scripture, fellowship, and prayer.** If you (or a lady in your life) is interested in joining us, please send your (her) email address to [kristen@irbsseminary.org](mailto:kristen@irbsseminary.org) to be added to the invitation list.

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## Student-led Missions Prayer Meeting

All are welcome to join us **Saturday, 20th December**, at 10am CT for the **Haystack Prayer Meeting**. We will be joining together to pray for the work of missions throughout the world. The New Creation Mandate given by the Lord Jesus Christ to his disciples to "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations," stands now and even to the end of the age. Therefore, let us join ourselves in prayer, beseeching our God for the building of his everlasting kingdom.

The **Zoom** link will be posted in the Populi dashboard and calendar.

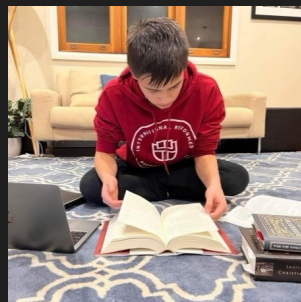
Please join us as we bring these vital prayers to our God.

Questions may be emailed to [bnasmith1@gmail.com](mailto:bnasmith1@gmail.com).

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## Upcoming Conferences

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# THE CHURCH

*the Bride of Christ*

## **Building Tomorrow's Church 2026**

- January 8-10 (Thursday-Saturday)
- Grace Covenant Church in Gilbert, Arizona

Speakers include:

Jim Renihan  
Chris Marley  
Jim Butler

**Register today**

## CONFESSING THE FAITH



### **Topic: 2LCF Chapter 3 Of God's Decree**

## **Confessing the Faith 2026**

- April 10-11 (Thursday-Friday)
- Free Reformed Church in Chilliwack, British Columbia

Speakers include:

Jim Renihan  
Rich Barcellos  
David Charles

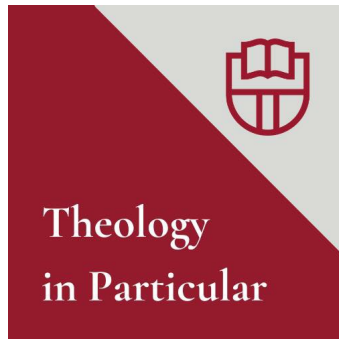
**Register today**



### **Introducing IRBS Western Canada**

For our brothers and sisters in British Columbia and the surrounding area, we are excited to announce that IRBS classes will now be held yearly in conjunction with the Confessing the Faith Conference in Chilliwack. Stay tuned for details.

**Podcasts - Over 500,000 downloads to date!**



**New cohost**, Dr. Daniel Scheiderer, joins Joe Anady to discuss a variety of topics with IRBS faculty. New episodes air every Monday. Listen on your favorite podcast app or find all episodes on our [website](#).



Just a few minutes to listen? Check out our microcast, featuring brief discussions between Dr. Renihan & Pastor Fred Pugh, IRBS Chairman of the Board, on matters about and within the 2nd London Confession of Faith. Listen on your favorite podcast app or find all episodes on our [website](#).

## Prayer Requests

Praise God for His many blessings, including:

- New IRBS On the Road opportunities
- An outstanding response to our request for Particular Baptist Theological Society proposals

Please pray for:

- God to sustain students and faculty in their faith and peace
- Hurdles to be removed for applicants who are called by God to IRBS, particularly international applicants
- A fruitful Giving Tuesday

Thank you for your faithful prayer support.  
May IRBS continue to be an effective tool in His hand.  
Soli Deo Gloria!

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