



President's Greeting

March 2026

Dear Friends of IRBS, Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings from Mansfield Texas. Thank you for your prayers for IRBS, the Lord is answering. In January we sent a letter to you detailing some of the plans we are prayerfully contemplating. One of them is the purchase of a property which can serve as a permanent home for our Seminary. One of our faculty members searched and found a building; Brent and I visited it, then two of our Trustees came to visit it, and after careful consideration, we have made an offer on this property. Our offer has been accepted and we are now in the 45 day period of financing, inspections, communication with local authorities and everything else that is involved in the purchase of a commercial property. The building is in Arlington, Texas, about 25-30 minutes north of Mansfield and about 15 minutes south of the DFW airport. It's an excellent location with all the facilities we need to teach classes, locate our growing library (approximately 20,000 volumes!) and provide offices for administration and visiting faculty.

Would you please pray for us in this matter? Ask the Lord to make it clear that this is the right decision for us, that He will give us wisdom as we weigh the inspection reports, that we will be able to secure financing, and that all we do will honor Him. If all goes according to the plan laid out in the escrow process, we will close on the property in early May. Though we won't be able to occupy it right away (due to some modifications we will need to do), I'm hoping that we can give a tour to those who visit for graduation.

Thank you for your loving support. May the Lord bless you abundantly.

In Christ,
James M. Renihan
President, IRBS



Dr. Renihan's Speaking Schedule:

March 14, Sola Scriptura, Christ Reformed Baptist Church, OKC

April 18, Sola Scriptura, Branches Fullerton, CA

An Exciting Update about the Future of IRBS

Our Trustees have been carefully considering the future of IRBS and now believe that it is time to resume a primarily residential educational model. Our goal is that by 2028 we will have a fully functioning program in the Dallas-Ft. Worth area, building a seminary community for our students. We will still offer distance courses, but we desire that the majority of domestic students will come to Texas to study with us.

Several steps toward this goal have been taken or are in process. In July 2024, we appointed two professors to serve as Academic Dean and Dean of Students. Our Academic Dean has begun the process of seeking accreditation for the Seminary. In July 2025, we hired our second full-time professor and are planning that he and his family will move to the Dallas-Fort Worth area in summer 2026. We hope to employ a third full-time professor to join us in Texas in the next year or two.

Each year, we will increase the number of classes that are held live in Texas, some

intensive and some offered weekly throughout the semester. To that end, a building search was a top priority. As mentioned above, we are now under contract for a facility that we believe will serve as an excellent home for IRBS. The Lord has allowed us to develop excellent relationships with many pastors and churches in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, most of which are an hour or more away from Mansfield. It is our desire to move closer to them. This will allow us to deepen these relationships as well as provide permanent stability for the Seminary.

Dallas-Fort Worth is a great place to grow IRBS. With more than 8,000,000 inhabitants, it is now the fourth largest metropolitan area in the United States. It is centrally located in the country and is home to the second busiest airport in the nation. The cost of living is relatively low compared to other large metro areas, and with many churches for students to attend and serve internships, it is an ideal location for growth.

Please pray with us for these changes.

IRBS On the Road March & April Dates



March 7, Glorious Trinity, Providence Reformed Baptist, Chişinău, Moldova

March 14, Sola Scriptura, Christ Reformed Baptist Church, OKC

April 18, Sola Scriptura, Branches Fullerton, CA

April 25, **Glorious Trinity**, Free Baptist Church in Limerick, ME

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

Event Highlights:

- Topics:

Sola Scriptura, God's Precious Gift to Us

Dr. James Renihan, President and Professor of Historical Theology

Gazing at the Glorious Trinity

Dr. Daniel Scheiderer, Assistant Professor of Christian Theology

- Duration: 3-4 hours
- Check out **Theology in Particular** episode #221 (10/27/25) 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.

Upcoming Courses

Legacy (self-paced) Course List

Spring 2026 Course Schedule

Registration is open now!

Philosophical Theology - J. Dolezal

Ethics & Reformed Moral Theology - D. Sparks

Christology - J. Dolezal

Symbolics - J. Renihan **

Foundations of Theology - C. Rennie *

* Class to be held in Ramsbottom, UK

** Class to be held in Quebec, CA

Summer 2026 Course Schedule

Registration opens April 2.

Hebrew I - J. Wilson

General Epistles & Revelation - T. Decker

Covenant Theology - D. Scheiderer

Soteriology - T. Hicks *

* Class to be held in Ramsbottom, UK

Fall 2026 Course List

Registration opens May 26.

Intro to Research Writing - M. Grinder

Hebrew II - J. Wilson

Foundations of Theology - C. Rennie

Prophets - D. Grumbles
Gospels - J. Riddle
Homiletics I - J.R. Davidson
Preaching Practicum I - J. R. Davidson
Doctrine of the Church - D. Scheiderer
Christology - J. Dolezal *

* Class to be held in Ramsbottom, UK

Apply for Enrollment Today

Email admissions@irbsseminary.org for more information about any IRBS classes.



Friday, May 15, 9AM-4:30PM

Join us at

St. John Lutheran Church, 1218 E. Debbie Ln,
Mansfield, TX



Plenary Speaker
James Dolezal

Free Admission

Particular Baptist Theological Society

Register today for the first meeting!

- Friday, May 15, 2026
- 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.

Questions may be sent to pbts@irbs.org.

More information



Introducing the Chris Beamer Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship stands as a lasting testimony to Chris's faith in Christ and his love for the Reformed Baptist tradition, and as a means of enabling future generations to prepare for faithful ministry.

[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? Contact giving@irbsseminary.org to join today!

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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, March 10 (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 to be added to the invitation list.

Student-led Missions Prayer Meeting

All are welcome to join us **Saturday, 28th March**, 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.

Questions may be emailed to bnasmith1@gmail.com.

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Upcoming Conferences



**Jesus Christ, the Same:
For His People. Forever.**

RefConOKC 2026

- March 12-13 (Thursday-Friday)
- Edmond's FBC, Edmond, OK

Speakers include:

Jim Renihan

James Dolezal

Matthew Emerson

Register today. Tickets are going fast!

CURSO TEOLÓGICO DEL SEMINARIO REFORMADO SACRA TEOLOGÍA

**Sacra
Hermeneútica**



Dr. Richard Barcellos,
Ph.D.



Marzo 30 - abril 4, 2026 | Guadalajara, México | [Aplica aquí](#)

Sacra Teologia Reformed Seminary

- March 30-April 14 (Thursday-Friday)
- Guadalajara, Mexico

Richard Barcellos speaking

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

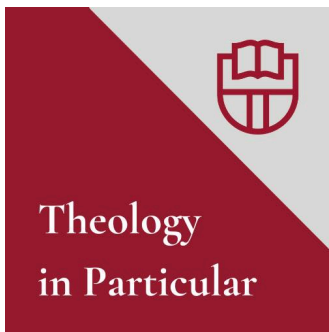
Register today.



Introducing IRBS Western Canada

For our brothers and sisters in British Columbia and the surrounding area, we are excited to announce IRBS classes will now be held yearly in conjunction with the Confessing the Faith Conference in Chilliwack. This year's class is Symbolics with Dr. Renihan.

Podcasts



Joe & Daniel are back with new episodes!
Airs 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

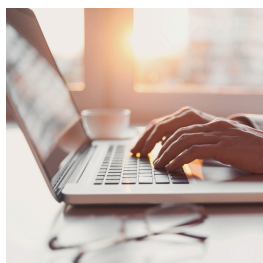
Praise God for His many blessings, including:

- Our progress in the building search!
- Continued growth of our student body, both domestically & around the world!

Please pray for:

- Guidance & wisdom through the process of finalizing the purchase of our new potential building.
- An exciting international conference coming in 2027, to celebrate the 350th anniversary of the 2LBCF. Stay tuned for details.

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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