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President's Greeting

May 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in our Savior's name. There several items of good news to share with you.

Today, May 1, 2026 is an important date in the life of IRBS. Yesterday, we signed papers to obtain a new home for our seminary: 2015 E. Lamar Blvd., Arlington, TX (pictured above). After some necessary renovations, we will move in and begin using it for God's glory. It will have classrooms, offices and space for our growing library. We are exceedingly thankful.

Later this month, we will be hosting the first meeting of the Particular Baptist Theological Society. Scholars, pastors and students will gather to hear 19 or 20 presentations, mostly related to the topics *Chalcedonian Christology* and *Baptist History*.

The next day, May 16, we will celebrate our annual commencement. Pastor Ben Scofield, who last year retired from our Board of Trustees, will be our graduation speaker.

Later that day, we hope to hold an open house at our new building. While it won't be ready for classes yet, we still want you to rejoice with us in this provision. If you are in the area, we hope you will stop by.


As you can see, with the Lord's blessing, May will be a joyful month for us all.

With much thanksgiving,
James M. Renihan
President, IRBS




Dr. Renihan's Speaking Schedule:

May 3, **Lord's Day**, Reformed Baptist Church, Ft. Worth
May 9, **Sola Scriptura**, Breathe Reformed Baptist Church, Colorado Springs, CO
May 23, **Sola Scriptura**, Sellwood Church, Portland, OR
May 30, **Sola Scriptura**, Calvary Community Church, TN
June 6, **Sola Scriptura**, Grace Baptist Ch., Rangely, CO
June 12, **Sola Scriptura**, Emmanuel Baptist, Verona, VA



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

The image is a promotional flyer for the Particular Baptist Theological Society. It features a circular logo at the top center with the text 'PARTICULAR BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY' around the perimeter and 'CHALCEDONIAN CHRISTOLOGY' at the bottom. Below the logo, the event details are listed: 'Friday, May 15, 9AM-4:30PM', 'Join us at St. John Lutheran Church, 1218 E. Debbie Ln, Mansfield, TX'. To the right of the text is a small portrait of James Dolezal, identified as the 'Plenary Speaker'. At the bottom of the flyer, it says 'Free Admission'. The entire flyer is set against a white background with a red border.

Particular Baptist Theological Society

Register today!

- 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.

More information

Congratulations to the Class of 2026!



Quentin Polinari

Certificate of Reformed Baptist Studies

- Hericourt, Haute-Saone, France
- Master of Science in International Business Development, ICN Business School; Diploma from the Institut Biblique de Genève; Biblical Counseling Certificate with the French branch of the CCEF
- Married to Clara
- Father to Max and Eugénie
- Plans to continue to pastor in his rural church and be involved with Action Biblique France to promote holy doctrine and church planting



Alain Derenoncourt

Master of Arts in Religion

- Jacksonville, Florida
- Bachelors in Political Science, Florida State University
- Married to Sabiana
- Father to Nia Elizabeth, Joseph, Benjamin, Lorna Jacquelyn, Simeon Olivier, Anne Marie, Olive Camille, and Thomas Asaph (due May 14, 2026)
- Plans to continue his education



Matthew Evans

Master of Arts in Religion

- Manchester, United Kingdom
- Master of Physics
- Married to Elizabeth
- Plans to bring his varied interests (theology, philosophy, languages, sciences) together into a project, however the Lord leads



John Benjamin Cook

Master of Divinity

- Beaverdam, Virginia
- Bachelor of Science in Chemistry, Hampden-Sydney College
- Married to Sarah
- Father to Magnolia, Killian, Atticus, Adoniram (deceased)

IRBS On the Road Summer Dates



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

- May 9, Breathe Reformed Baptist Church, Colorado Springs
 - May 23, Sellwood Church, Portland, OR
 - May 30, Calvary Community Church, TN
 - June 6, Grace Baptist Church, Rangely, CO
 - June 12, Emmanuel Baptist Church, Verona, VA

- **Gazing at the Glorious Trinity**

- Dr. Daniel Scheiderer, Assistant Professor of Christian Theology

- June 20, Bethel Reformed Baptist Church, Bluffton IN

- 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

Contact admissions@irbsseminary.org to register

Ethics & Reformed Moral Theology - D. Sparks

Christology - J. Dolezal

Foundations of Theology - C. Rennie *

* Class to be held in Ramsbottom, UK

Summer 2026 Course Schedule

Registration open now

Hebrew I - J. Wilson

General Epistles & Revelation - T. Decker

Covenant Theology - D. Scheiderer

Soteriology - T. Hicks *

*** Class to be held in Ramsbottom, UK**

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Preaching the Psalms to a Christian
Congregation - J. Renihan

2-3 July, Thursday & Friday
Stanmore Baptist Church, Sydney

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NEW ZEALAND

Puritanism - J. Renihan

6-10 July, Monday-Friday
Crosspoint Church, Palmerston North

Fall 2026 Course Schedule

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**

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

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Partner Church 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 meetings are on hiatus for the summer. If you (or a lady in your life) is interested in joining us **for scripture, fellowship, and prayer**, please send your/her email address to kristen@irbsseminary.org to be added to the invitation list for the fall.

Student-led Missions Prayer Meeting

All are welcome to join us **Saturday, May 30**, 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.

New Ladies' Apparel

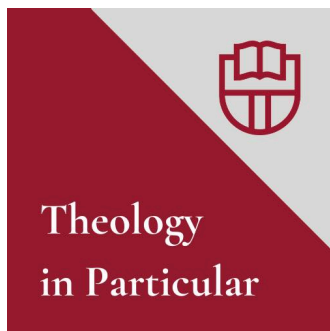


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Podcasts



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Prayer Requests

Praise God for His many blessings, including:

- The Particular Baptist Theological Society, to include several excellent presenters
- The purchase of a new building for our residential program!
- The perseverance & dedication of the students of the class of 2026!

Please pray for:

- Renovations of the new building
- Travel mercies and His blessing over the PBTS meeting and Commencement ceremony
- The new students beginning in June

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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