

Preparing Men to Serve



The Church: Pillar and buttress of truth

Dear Friends,

With the resumption of this new semester, we give thanks to God for His blessing upon the work of International Reformed Baptist Seminary UK and the prayerful support of you all, our dear friends and partner-churches.

In his first epistle to Timothy, Paul wrote what is among the most glorious depictions of the church of Christ as we find in the pages of Scripture.

The purpose for which Paul exhorts young Timothy in his calling as an under-shepherd of Christ's church is that Timothy "may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth." 1 Timothy 3:14–15.



Undoubtedly, the ongoing cultural fractures we are witnessing in our age are symptoms of a dying world, a world in need of divine truth. A world that has rejected the revelation of God in pursuit of broken cisterns.

Paul's exhortation thus reassures us of the glory and the solemnity of the work and calling of the church of Christ.

This society of God is, as Calvin once wrote, "as it were, a casket in which his truth is kept, so that it may be upheld and preserved in this world."

In the Lord's inscrutable wisdom, He appoints finite vessels through whom He upholds the beauty of Christ and His gospel before such a dying world. Such is the glory of the calling to which Timothy has been commissioned.

Such is the solemnity of the work of gospel ministry, for which our students are trained, that they would labour as servants of Christ who preserve and proclaim His word to the nations.

Friends, we have been entrusted with a glorious deposit of truth worthy of proclamation, that of a God who reigns as Lord over all things, and King who is reconciling sinners to Himself.

Please pray for our students. Pray that the Lord would grant them much grace and strength to labour faithfully. Pray for the men entrusted with the task of teaching our students. May the Lord be glorified and make known the riches of His grace through the faithful labours of His church.

Yours in the risen Christ,
Enoch Adekoya
Director, IRBS UK

Will your church consider partnering with us?

At the heart of the seminary's work is our commitment to rigorous, comprehensive, yet affordable seminary training.

Through our Church Partnership Programme, UK churches who support the seminary receive various benefits, including reduced tuition fees for student-members of partner churches, free access to a variety of IRBS UK video classes, free class Listening/Auditing privileges (typically £150 for a full week of class) and much more!

Are you prayerfully training a man for the ministry?
Please consider joining us through the Church Partnership Scheme.

The new International Reformed Baptist Seminary initiative, "IRBS On the Road", commenced this year, IRBS OTR presents an opportunity to bring IRBS to your church for a day.

This year our seminary president, Dr. James Renihan, gave a series of seminars entitled "A Deep Dive into Baptism" to various churches across the United States and beyond.

On the 20th September 2025 Dr. Renihan gave his one-day seminar at Great Harwood, Lancashire. We praise God for the wonderful response to the new initiative.



Pastoral Theology I: Theological Pastoring



From the 7th to 11th July, Dr. Ryan Davidson, Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology and Dean of Students at IRBS, taught a series of lectures on *Theological Pastoring*.

Dr. Davidson led students and Listeners through a study of the preparation, identification, and work of the pastor/elder in the New Testament corpus. The course covered a range of topics intended to aid students to comprehend the theological nature of the pastorate.

We eagerly anticipate the forthcoming *Biblical Theology* lectures taught IRBS UK Associate Professor of Exegetical Theology, Dr. Richard Barcellos, from the 13 – 17th October, 2025.

All are welcome to register for any of our forthcoming courses as a Listener via the seminary website link: www.irbs.uk.

Our degree programmes

- **Master of Arts**

A two-to-three-year degree programme completed through the hybrid learning format, either in-person or online.

- **Master of Divinity**

A three-to-four-year course designed to prepare pastors and pastors-in-training.

- **Bachelor of Divinity**

Our BDiv course provides the best foundation for men entering the ministry who have yet to pursue a formal degree programme.

- **Certificate of Reformed Baptist Studies**

The CORBS programme is a fourteen-to-fifteen-hour programme designed as a supplement to previous theological/ministerial training.



Student Testimonial: Ashley Charles

Ashley Charles, one of our current Master of Divinity students, writes of the Lord's blessing upon his studies with IRBS UK:

"I really thank God for the opportunity that he has given me to study at IRBS. From an academic perspective, the courses are rigorous and provide a comprehensive range of various theological sub disciplines that are pertinent to ministry.

However, what I appreciate most about the seminary, is that it is clear that their aim is not just to encourage us to pursue academic excellence as though that were an end in itself, but they are encouraging us to be diligent in our studies in order that we grow in our love for the Lord and serve his church better. SDG"

Thank you, dear friends, for your continued prayerful support and interest in the work of the seminary. May Christ be honoured through the labours of His people.

For more information on our degree offerings, please contact: enochadekoya@irbs.uk or visit www.irbs.uk.