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President's Greeting



July 2023

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

It's our 25th anniversary! July may usually be a slow month, but not for us. IRBS began in July 1998 in Escondido, California and in God's mercy continues today in Mansfield, Texas. We have been the recipients of divine grace and peace over these years, and begin our celebration of what the Lord has done with great thankfulness. We hope to mark this celebration with a series of events culminating with our commencement exercises in May 2024.

Have you noticed our new logo? It commemorates and reminds us of our thankfulness to the Lord for all he has done. Please join us in giving thanks.

In Christ's service,
James M. Renihan
President, IRBS

Dr. Renihan's Speaking Schedule

July 3-5 Teaching Theology of Ministry (PT500) in Sydney for IRBS Australia

July 10-14 Teaching Symbolics (ST501) Part 1 for IRBS New Zealand

Apply by July 5 for Fall 2023 admission.

Summer & Fall Course Offerings

See our [website](#) for dates & times

Summer & Fall Registration now open

LS-H 603 Hebrew III - Josh Wilson

ST 704 Eschatology - Daniel Scheiderer

PT 703 Pastoral Theology II - J. Ryan Davidson

ST 703 Doctrine of the Church - James Renihan

LS-G 401 Greek I - Josh Henson

OT 501 Pentateuch - Josh Wilson

Register by July 5 for the summer term.

In Mansfield:

~ Coming this summer ~

ST 704
Eschatology
with Dr. Daniel Scheiderer

Offered live and via Zoom
August 1-4, Tue-Fri
9AM-4PM CST

Evangelicals too often assume that a claim to study eschatology is a claim that one is engaging in millennial evaluations. As important as those discussions are, their synonymity with the term "eschatology" suggests that our focus has drifted from the hope of the scriptures. Instead, our attention must be given to—and our emphasis must be upon—a biblical contemplation of the hope expressed in the creeds and confessions, a hope centered on Christ's judgment of the wicked and his gift of life everlasting to those who are righteous by faith.

Dr. Daniel Scheiderer
ST 704 Eschatology

And abroad:



PT 500 Theology of Ministry
with Dr. James Renihan
July 3-5



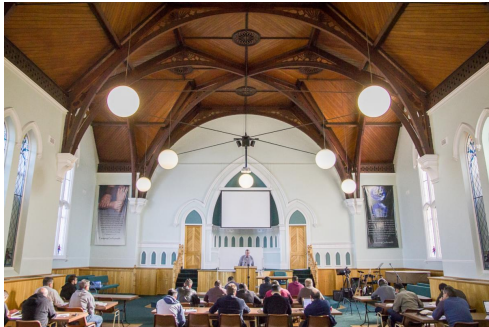
ST 501 Symbolics part 1
with Dr. James Renihan
July 10-14



ET 501 Hermeneutics
with Dr. Rich Barcellos
July 10-14

Email admissions@irbsseminary.org for more information.





rapidly with multicultural immigration (forecast growth of 1 million every decade). Stanmore Baptist Church was established in 1901, located strategically close to the city centre, next to universities, hospitals and three evangelical Bible colleges. SBC is committed to training up men, church planting and missions, and they see IRBS Australia as integral to advancing these goals.

Michael and Nicole Prodigalidad have been part of Stanmore Baptist Church since 2000. Mike was called to serve in a full-time pastoral role in 2010, after spending a decade in medical research, technology commercialization and business management. He has postgraduate degrees in Theology, Business and Chemistry.

Mike uses his past experiences in the business and academic world as he ministers in the local church and assists the work of IRBS, as a Trustee and Adjunct Professor in Pastoral Theology. Mike and Nicole have been blessed with 3 boys, Daniel, Joel and Matthew, who serve alongside them at SBC.

Stanmore Baptist Church has been hosting a School of Theology (SOT) since 2015 with a threefold goal: (1) to support & encourage existing pastors in ministry, (2) to challenge & equip younger men who aspire to serve the Lord in some ministry capacity & (3) to promote fellowship amongst like-minded churches. We recently launched IRBS Australia to build on the SOT concept and also to enhance it.

Theology of Ministry with Dr. J. Renihan this July will be the first IRBS Australia class, with 40 people already signed up!

Save the Date!

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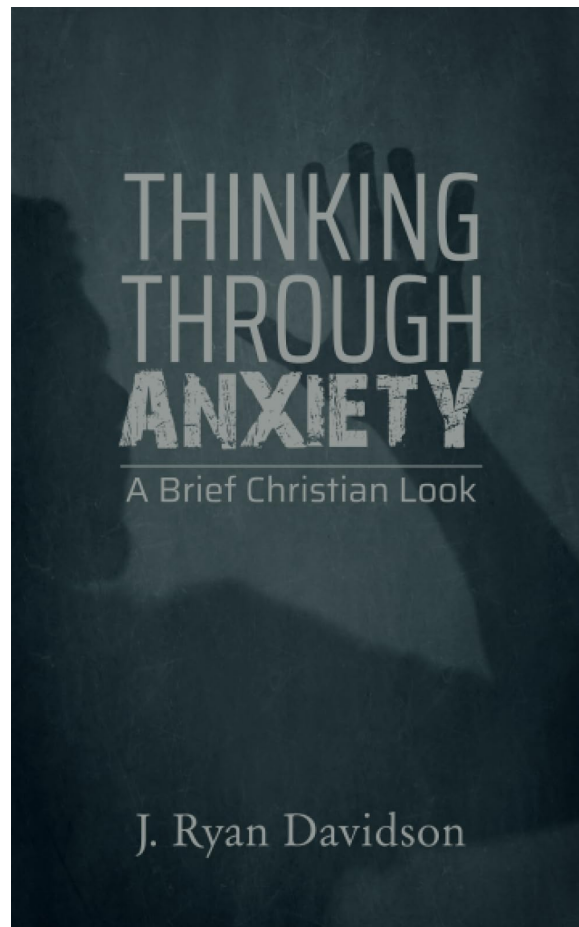
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This September, IRBS will be holding the convocation of our 25th Academic Year in conjunction with the Texas Area Association of Reformed Baptist Churches' 2023 Pastors' Conference. The ceremony will be on Thursday, at 7 PM. Dr. James Renihan will be speaking this year for Convocation, and attendance (to convocation) is free! **Registration** is open now.

Faculty writings



Order through [Amazon](#) (now available in English & Spanish).

Christ is our redemption and sanctification (1 Cor. 1:30) and the Lord will complete the work He has begun in us (Phil. 1:6). Therefore, in our continual wrestling with fear, worry, and anxiety, we need to constantly remember that we are assured resurrection and ultimate freedom from every sin and infirmity on the last day. Our struggle must be framed with the reality of who we are in Christ.

J. Ryan Davidson, Drs., IRBS Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology

Why the Reformation is Still Important for the Church Today: Sola Fide

By Josh Wilson (excerpt from [Founders Midwest](#))

Take for example the Baptist Catechism. It teaches its hearers many doctrines by asking such simple questions as, "What is justification?" (Question #36) "What is adoption?" (Question #37) "What is sanctification?" (Question #38) "What is baptism?" (Question #97) "What is prayer?" (Question #105)" However, with respect to faith, the catechism does not simply ask, "What is faith?" Instead, it asks, "What is faith in Jesus Christ?" (Question #91) Note how this question emphasizes not just the concept of faith, but also the object of faith: Jesus Christ. This emphasis is also reflected in the answer to the question: "Faith in

Jesus Christ is a saving grace whereby we receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation, as He is offered to us in the gospel." Furthermore, the confession from which this catechism is drawn, the Second London Confession, also emphasizes Christ as the object of saving faith. It states: "But the principle acts of saving faith have immediate relation to Christ accepting, receiving, and resting upon Him alone for justification, sanctification, and eternal life by virtue of the covenant of grace." (Chapter 14.2)

So why is it so important to make what seems to be such an obvious emphasis upon Christ as the object of saving faith? The need for this emphasis is evident in the answer to the catechism question. The offer of the gospel to the sinner who would be saved is the offer of Jesus Christ. Returning to the age-old question of "How can a man be made right with his God?", when we proclaim the gospel we are setting forth Christ as the answer to that question. To the hearers who would hear us, we do not exhort them to have faith alone, we exhort them to have faith alone in Christ. Only look to Christ for your justification. Only look to Christ for your sanctification. Only look to Christ for eternal life, believing in Him, trusting in Him, resting upon Him alone. Thus, the need for the emphasis upon Christ as the object of faith in the Reformation teaching of Sola Fide is because Christ and only Christ is the offer of the gospel. To make anything else other than Christ the offer of the gospel is to proclaim a distorted gospel, and to make anything else other than Christ the object of faith is to believe a distorted gospel.

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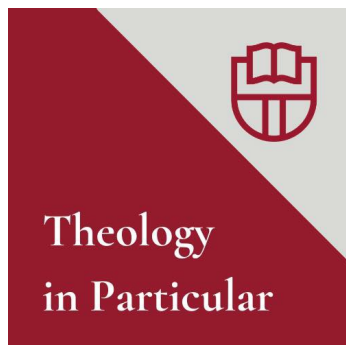
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Podcasts



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Prayer Requests

Praise God for His faithfulness since the very beginning of IRBS, 25 years ago! Lift up in prayer new students as they learn to balance classwork and family responsibilities. Also, please pray for travel mercies for Dr. Renihan and others who have many travels this summer.

May IRBS continue to be an effective tool in His hand.

Soli Deo Gloria!



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