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President's Greeting



September 2023

When Paul wrote to the Philppians, he expressed his thankfulness to the Lord when he remembered the saints in that congregation. Like him, and on behalf of everyone at IRBS, I can say that I thank God for all of you, wherever you may be.

The first semester of our twenty-fifth anniversary year has begun. Students are receiving their assignments, professors are offering their first lectures of the term, and all are rejoicing in what the Lord is doing among us. We continue to see growth, we are thinking through several important opportunities the Lord seems to be presenting to us, and we all marvel at the good things He showers upon us.

Here at the beginning of this anniversary year, I want to thank you for your prayerful support for the work of International Reformed Baptist Seminary. We serve the Lord because your gifts and intercession bring these blessings to us.

One more thing: on May 16-18 2024, with the Lord's permission, we will be having a celebration of these many years. On the evening of the 16th, we will be having a banquet to celebrate, on the 17th, a one day conference, and graduation will be on the morning of the 18th. We will be especially pleased if you can be with us for those days. Please save the dates, and plan to come to Mansfield to rejoice with us.

In Christ,
James M. Renihan
President, IRBS

Dr. Renihan's Schedule

September 3 Cross Fellowship Church, Aubrey, TX
Sept 7-9 IRBS Convocation/TAARBC Conference
Sept 14-18 Sacramento Gospel Conference, Sacramento, CA
Sept 21-23 G3 Conference, Atlanta, GA
Sept 25-26 TGC Conference, Indianapolis, IN

You're Invited to Our Convocation!



September 7, 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. Professors Richard Barcellos & Charles Rennie will be speaking at the conference.

The convocation ceremony will be on Thursday, at 7 PM. and Dr. James Renihan will be speaking. Attendance (to convocation) is free!

Registration is open now.

Fall Semester begins September 4

Course Offerings & Schedule

Registration now open

- 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
- CH 610 Puritanism - Robert Strivens (livestream from UK)
- NT 702 General Epistles & Revelation - Timothy Decker
- NT 502 Gospels - Jeffrey Riddle

Email admissions@irbsseminary.org for more information.

Upcoming Events

IRBS Women's Fellowship

The IRBS Women's Fellowship will begin meeting monthly on the second Tuesday of each month. The first session is scheduled for September 12 at 8:30 PM Eastern time/5:30 PM Pacific Time. Joy Pugh (wife of Chairman of the Board, Fred Pugh) will be leading. All wives, fiancées, female students, and other interested ladies are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to admissions@irbsseminary.org. A Zoom link will be sent to everyone who responds.

Student-led Missions Prayer Meeting

All students are very welcome to a monthly missions prayer meeting via Zoom. It will be taking place on the third Saturday of each month at 10am Central Time, beginning September 16. Our particular focus will be on persecuted brethren, unreached people groups, and confessional Baptist missionary endeavors. Please join us as we bring these vital matters in prayer to our God.

Please email admissions@irbsseminary.org with questions.

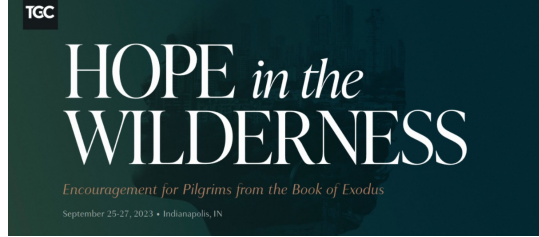
Student Testimonial



IRBS Student, Joaquin Garcia of California, on his experience at our Missions & Evangelism class in Tijuana:

What a great experience! The whole week was such a blessing. Staying in Mexico at one of the Radius campuses a few minutes from the border, was definitely the right choice. It set the stage for us to better understand the importance of immersing yourself in a different culture while training for a missionary context. The various lectures by Professor Vegas were very compelling in setting out the clear biblical case for why missions is so central to the local church's gospel work. A particular case was made for a better biblical method of needing to proclaim the gospel through church planting among prioritized people groups who first need bible translations as they have no scriptures in their heart language. The significant amount of exposure to malpractice among missions work abroad and the positive counter-case derived from sound biblical interpretation and church history was enlightening and helpful. Hearing Brad Buser's testimony of how he, with God's help, was able to endure the arduous task of actually reaching a remote jungle people group with the gospel over the course of 20 years before cofounding the Radius training school to send others to do the same, was inspiring and challenging, to say the least. The Radius staff was so welcoming and helpful. The Radius students were very impressive in their serious-minded commitment to long term preparation and suffering in order to faithfully complete the missionary task, no matter the cost. Having delicious meals provided by Radius staff and talking to fellow IRBS students as well as Radius students was a delight. We also were able to take a quick walk in the local neighborhood to have some authentic tacos, a wonderful time that will be remembered fondly. All in all, this may be one of the best one-week courses that IRBS offers, and I would highly recommend to any seminary student, church officer, church member, or anyone interested in missions to clear a week in their schedule to attend this course, as I suspect you will not regret it.

Come visit the IRBS booth at these conferences



G3 National Conference 2023

The Sovereignty of God
Atlanta, GA
September 21-23

The Gospel Coalition 2023 Conference

Hope in the Wilderness
Indianapolis, IN
September 25-27



Save the date

October 20-21

Registration is open now for **Semper Reformanda 2023** in Houston. Pascal Denault, James Renihan, and Samuel Renihan will be speaking. IRBS students will receive a discounted rate! Contact admissions@irbsseminary.org for promo code.

Partner with us

Our Church Partnership program offers tuition-free, credit-earning courses to members of supporting churches, along with many other benefits.

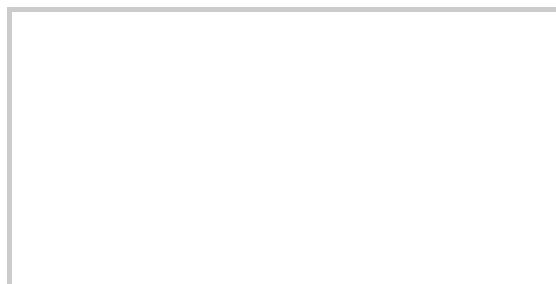
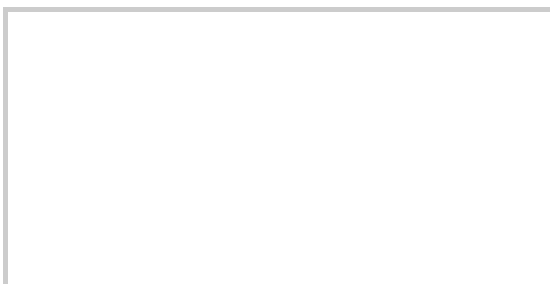
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Podcasts





Theology in Particular

Joe Anady discusses a variety of relevant topics with IRBS faculty. New episodes air every Monday. Listen on your favorite podcast app or find all episodes on our [website](#).



Consider the Confession

Just a few minutes to listen? Check out our microcast, featuring brief discussions between Dr. Renihan & Pastor Fred Pugh, Chairman of the Board of IRBS, on matters about, and within, the Second London Baptist Confession of Faith.

Episodes air every Thursday. Listen on your favorite podcast app or find all episodes on our [website](#).

Prayer Requests

Praise God for the many new students joining us for the fall semester from around the world! We also praise Him for our faithful partner churches.

Please pray for the upcoming Convocation and Pastor's Conference and traveling mercies for those coming to Mansfield. Lift up in prayer new students as well as the upcoming graduates, as they begin their last year of training for pastoral ministry.

Some faculty members have recently experienced loss in their families, so please pray for comfort and peace.

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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