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President's Greeting



December 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace,
goodwill to men (Luke 2:14).

Two of my favorite Bible characters always come to mind during the Advent season, the elderly believers Simeon and Anna (Luke 2:22-38). Simeon was "just and devout," eagerly anticipating the fulfillment of the promises about Messiah given to the prophets. I often wonder what it was like for him to hold a little baby in his hands, knowing that this child was the savior. And Anna, likewise seeing the Christ child, worshipped the Lord and spoke of Him to everyone she met.

What wonderful testimonies! Two experienced believers, having served the Lord for decades, patiently waiting for that moment when faith would be made sight. Their witness calls out to us: be patient, trust the Lord, and He will bring His promises to pass.

Thanks be to God. May His blessings be upon you and yours as you remember the wonder of the incarnation.

In Christ,
James M. Renihan
President, IRBS

Dr. Renihan's Schedule

Jan 17 Founders Pre-Conference, Ft. Meyers, FL

Jan 25-27 Deep South Founders Conference, Brandon, MS

Save the Date for Commencement

May 18, 2024, IRBS will be holding our commencement ceremony in Mansfield. We would love to have you join us!

Registration is Now Open for Winter & Spring

Winter Course Offerings & Schedule

PT 702 Pastoral Counseling - J. Ryan Davidson

ST 541 Two Kingdoms Doctrine in Reformed History and Ethics - D. VanDrunen

ST 541 Two Kingdoms Doctrine in Reformed History and Ethics

with Doctor David VanDrunen



Jan 31- Feb 2, 9AM-1PM CST

This 1-credit elective course considers the theological category of the two kingdoms, or God's twofold rule in this world. The first part of the course examines the doctrine historically, from early Reformed conceptions to more recent controversies. The second part examines the biblical-theological foundations of the doctrine. The final part explores the doctrine's practical implications, considering topics such as vocation, political engagement, complicity with evil in Christians' cultural engagement, and the mission of the church. Lectures will be delivered live in Mansfield and broadcast via livestream.

Spring Course Offerings & Schedule

Greek II- J. Henson

Puritan Preaching for Today - J. Renihan

History & Wisdom- J. Wilson w/ teaching assistant

Preaching the Psalms to a Christian Congregation - J. Renihan

Christology - J. Dolezal

Biblical Theology - R. Barcellos

Apologetics in Pastoral Ministry - I. Fuller

Pastoral Administration - M. Prodigalidad

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



A Gift for You

As an advent gift for our friends, we are once again offering our Devotions for December Lord's Days as a free download from our [website](#). May they encourage and refresh you as you prepare to celebrate the birth of our Saviour.

Thank you for your support,

both financial and prayer, now
and throughout the year!

GIVING
TUESDAY

Upcoming Events

IRBS Women's Fellowship

These meetings remind us of the Lord's far-reaching work into the depth of the hearts of these IRBS women stretching all across the country! We hope to build on this long-distance encouraging time of sharing and hearing of each other's faith in Christ. We will continue using the book of Colossians as a guide for our meetings as we hear of God's work and pray for one another. We will continue to meet on the second **Tuesday** of each month. The next session is scheduled for **December 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.

Colossians 1:4

"Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints."

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. The next meeting will be **December 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.



NATIONAL FOUNDERS CONFERENCE

Pre-conference is Wednesday, January 17, in Cape Coral, FL.
Dr. Tom Ascol & Dr. James Renihan will be speaking on "A Time for

Confessionalism."

Conference is January 18-20 (Thursday-Saturday).

[Registration is open now.](#)

Then join us for the Deep South Founders Conference

January 25-27 (Thu-Sat) in **Brandon, MS**, where Dr. James Renihan & Dr. Rich Barcellos will join Pastors Kurt Smith & Rusty Grant to speak on **The Law of God**.

[Registration is open now.](#)

Come visit the IRBS booth at both!

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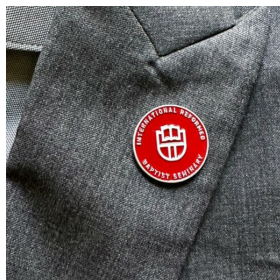
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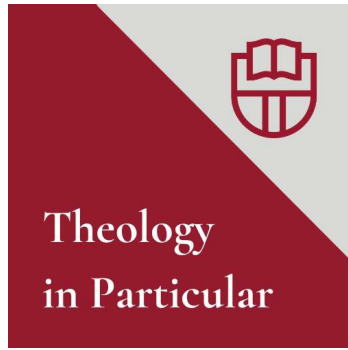
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Prayer Requests

Praise God for His continued faithfulness, as He grows and equips IRBS for the work to which He has called us. Please pray for students as they wrap up fall coursework and prepare for exams, and for faculty as they prepare for spring courses. Also, pray for travel mercies this Christmas and for our upcoming Winter intensive courses.

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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