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President's Greeting



January 2024

Dear Saints in Christ,

Happy New Year! By God's grace and your prayerful support, 2023 was an outstanding year for IRBS. We are exceedingly thankful for all the things He has done, and we anticipate that His grace and mercy will continue to abound in 2024.

For Israel under the Old Covenant, the first day of the New Year was a day of remembrance (Exodus 12.2) as it began the month when the people would celebrate Passover, and it became a day to anticipate further blessings (Exodus 40.1 ff.) as the Tabernacle was set up in the midst of the camp. While we as Christians do not have a command to set aside January 1 as a religious holiday, nevertheless it will be of benefit to our souls to look back at God's gifts in 2023 and to seek that His will may be done on earth as it is in heaven in 2024.

Our prayer for you is that in this new year, your knowledge of God will deepen, your love for the Lord Jesus Christ will increase, and you will abundantly bear the fruit of the Spirit.. And, would you pray for all of us at IRBS--Trustees, Faculty, Administrators, students--that we might know the same divine gifts?

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

The Legacy program is growing!

Medieval Christianity (CH602) with Dr. Jason Montgomery is now available for self-paced enrollment or audit. See the whole Legacy course list at our [website](#).

Learn at your own pace with
the IRBS LEGACY program.

- THEOLOGY OF MINISTRY (PT 500)
- SYMBOLICS (ST 501)
- COVENANT THEOLOGY (ST 605)
- PREACHING THE PSALMS TO A CHRISTIAN CONGREGATION (OT 603)
- HERMENEUTICS (ET 501)
- ANCIENT CHURCH/PATRISTICS (CH 601)
- New! • *MEDIEVAL CHRISTIANITY (CH 602)*
- PURITANISM (CH 610)

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

Upcoming Events

IRBS Women's Fellowship

All wives, fiancées, female students, and other interested ladies are invited! We meet via **Zoom** on the second **Tuesday** of each month. The next session is scheduled for **January 9** at 8:30 PM Eastern time/5:30 PM Pacific Time. 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 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. Joy Pugh (wife of Chairman of the Board, Fred Pugh) will be leading. 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** on the third Saturday of each month at 10am Central Time. The next meeting will be **January 20**. 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.



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!

Save the date if you're near Provo, UT

For the **We Believe Pastors' Conference**, April 5, featuring Dr. James Renihan as conference speaker. Registration is now open.

Partner with us

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Faculty publications

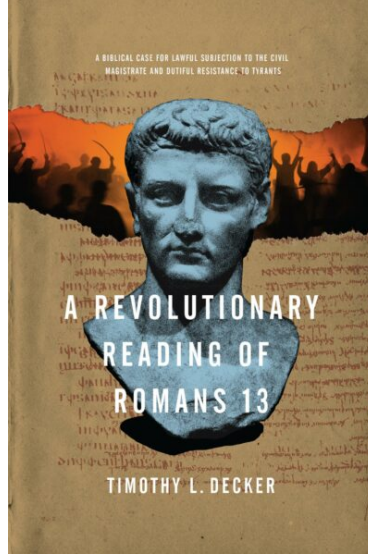
Now available for pre-order.

IRBS Adjunct Professor of New Testament, Dr. Timothy Decker's new book, *A Revolutionary Reading of Romans 13* may be pre-ordered through Founders Press.

By placing Paul's famous pericope about believers and the civil magistrate into contextual perspective, Dr. Decker has provided God's people with a helpful analysis of Romans 13:1-7.

~ Dr. James Renihan

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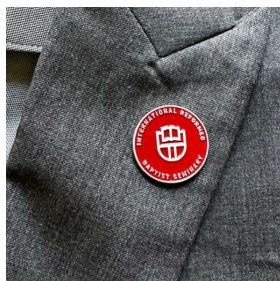
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Check out our new **Faculty Book Recommendation List** for a categorized list of quality resources!

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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 a new year and a promising spring semester! There are some exciting developments in the works for the 2024/2025 Academic Year, which warrant our praise and prayer.

Please pray for the good health of students and faculty, during this season of sickness. Also, for travel for our January classes.

As always, pray that the Lord's will be done in all that we do, as an institution and as individuals.

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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