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President's Greeting



June 2024

Dear Friends of IRBS,

Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our recent celebration of twenty-five years of IRBS was wonderful. About 125 people joined us at our banquet, a large group gathered for our faculty conference, and many rejoiced with us at the commencement exercises. I can say in all honesty that everything exceeded my expectations. Praise the Lord for His abundant blessings on our seminary. As you read this newsletter, you will learn about several appointments to important administrative positions. I am very grateful that the Lord has brought these together, for they demonstrate important steps forward for IRBS.

Now it's time to prepare for the next academic year which begins on July 1. Please pray for us as we continue to serve Christ, His churches and our students.

Thank you for your participation in this important work.

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

25 Year Celebration Banquet

Keynote Speaker Don Lindblad spoke from experience on the birth & growth of IRBS. A beautiful venue and delicious food paled in comparison to fellowshiping with brothers & sisters from around the world.



Faculty Conference

IRBS core faculty gave 4 sermons on 4 Solas, all pointing to Soli Deo Gloria!



[Conference video](#)

Class of 2024 Commencement

The moment we'd all been waiting for, recognizing four young men (one in absentia) for all of their hard work!



Commencement Video

New Administrative Appointments



**Rev. Mr. Charles Rennie, Drs
Academic Dean**



**Rev. Mr. J. Ryan Davidson, PhD
Dean of Students**



**Rev. Mr. Richard Barcellos, PhD
Director of Publications**



**Mrs. Kristen Wood, BA
Registrar**

Apply today

for the 2024/2025 Academic Year.

Please submit applications no later than July 15 for fall admission.

Summer Course Schedule

Registration now open

Greek III - J. Henson

Hebrew I - J. Wilson

Fall Course Schedule

Registration now open

Symbolics - J. Renihan

Hebrew II - J. Wilson

Ancient Church/Patristics - J. Montgomery

Introduction to Research Writing - M. Grinder

Acts & Pauline Epistles (UK) - T. Decker

Foundations of Philosophical Theology - J. Dolezal

Homiletics I - R. Davidson

Preaching Practicum I - R. Davidson

Hermeneutics - R. Barcellos

Legacy (self-paced) Course List

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

**Pastoral Counseling with
Dr. J. Ryan Davidson
will be held July 8-12 at**

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Introducing the IRBS BDiv

This coming fall semester, our Diploma Program will be transitioning into a BDiv (Baccalaureate in Divinity) program!

Like the Diploma Program, the BDiv will be designed to give mature students (30 and above) an opportunity to study at IRBS who have not yet earned a bachelor's degree. It is an exact reflection of our MDiv program, 110 credits that may be completed in a minimum of 3 years of full-time enrollment. It will also require completion of 600 hours of ministry internship work. The courses can be completed residually, online, or a hybrid of the two. Students who are accepted into this program will be on temporary academic probation, which will be lifted after 15 credits are completed with a GPA of 2.0 or higher. BDiv students will participate in class as any other student would, regarding assignments, examinations and class participation.

The BDiv will be a degree granting program. Upon completion of the program, a bachelor's degree will be conferred to graduates.

Opportunities to Connect

Women's Fellowship

Our monthly fellowship time is on hiatus. Stay tuned for it to pick up again in September. Have a blessed summer!

Student-led Missions Prayer Meeting

All students are very welcome to a monthly missions prayer meeting via **Zoom**. 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 bnasmith1@gmail.com with questions.

Building Tomorrow's Church

Registration is now open for BTC 2024.

Theme: "The Person & Work of the Holy Spirit"

**Gilbert, Arizona
June 6-8**



Partner with us

Our Church Partnership program offers tuition-free, credit-earning courses to members of supporting churches, along with many other benefits.
Check them out at [Church Partnership Program](#).

Things to read

JIRBS

This yearly journal offers some of the best scholarship for Reformed Baptists on the pressing theological issues of our day. Articles by faculty members and others outside the faculty who are invited to contribute an article or review to the issue.

Articles include:

- A Necessary Distinction: Christ as God and

Journal of International
Reformed Baptist Seminary



JIRBS 2023

*Published to explain and support the theology
of Holy Scripture as it is summarized in the
Second London Confession of Faith*

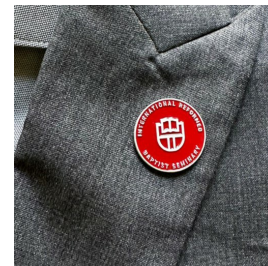
- Christ as Mediator (James M. Renihan)
- Retrieving the Bibliology of John Owen (Jeffrey T. Riddle)
- Benjamin Keach and the Everlasting Covenant: Baptist Expositor of a Puritan Doctrine (Daniel D. Scheiderer)
- Robert Haldane's Life, Influence, and Contribution to the Issue of the Sabbath (Jon English Lee)
- Thomistic Natural Theology and its Implications: A Review Article of Jeffrey Johnson's The Failure of Natural Theology (David VanDrunen)

Looking for something more to read?

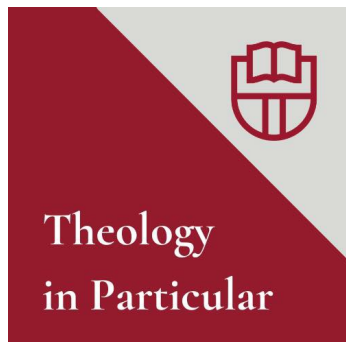
Check out our new **Faculty Book Recommendations List** for a categorized list of quality resources!

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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 on our [website](#).

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Prayer Requests

Praise God for an amazing 3 days of celebration, connection, and recognition in Mansfield last month. His hand truly was over the whole thing, and it was a blessing to many!

Please pray for our online summer courses, and for the many students taking advantage of self-paced classes during the summer term.

Praise Him for new applicants and pray for them and their families as they prepare for studies.

As always, pray that the Lord's will be done in all that we do, and that His glory remains the ultimate aim of all.

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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