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President's Greeting



August 2024

Dear Friends of IRBS,

Warmest greetings from Mansfield, Texas! Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the month when the annual seminary cycle begins anew. Expectation builds as we welcome incoming students, professors commence teaching their courses, and everyone presses on seeking to grow in the knowledge of God as revealed in Holy Scripture. My prayer for this new academic year is that it will be a period in which Christ is exalted and His kingdom extended. IRBS is not a church, but it works closely with many churches to extend Messiah's reign. What a great privilege this is! Will you join me in this prayer?

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

Dr. Renihan will be teaching Symbolics this fall on Tuesdays & Wednesdays. This class may be attended virtually.

Apply today

for the 2024/2025 Academic Year.

Accepting Applications for Self-paced enrollment and the Spring term.

Fall Course Schedule

Registration now open

Symbolics - J. Renihan

Hebrew II - J. Wilson

Ancient Church/Patristics - J. Montgomery

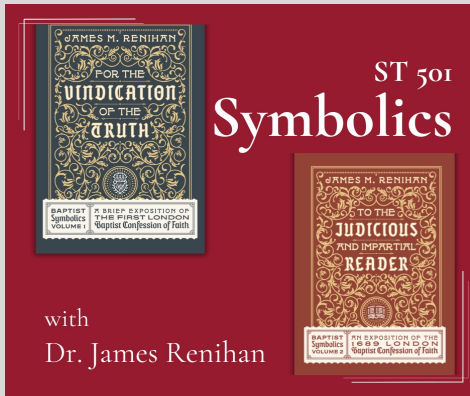
Introduction to Research Writing - M. Grinder

Acts & Pauline Epistles (UK) - T. Decker

Foundations of Philosophical Theology - J. Dolezal

Homiletics I - R. Davidson

Preaching Practicum I - R. Davidson




ST 501
Symbolics

with
Dr. James Renihan

TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS
August 27- December 10
9AM-12PM CST
Livestream

ET 501
HERMENEUTICS



with
Dr. Richard Barcellos


MONDAY-FRIDAY
September 16-20
9AM-4:30PM CST
On Campus & Livestreamed

Winter (January) Course List

Registration opens October 1

Charles Spurgeon: The Sabbatarian Evangelist - B. Rhea & E. Romine
Missions & Evangelism - C. Vegas

January 27-31, 2025



Live in
Tijuana, Mexico

In cooperation with 
Missions & Evangelism
with Chad Vegas

MDiv student, Pete Petra (UK), has this to say of his experiences in this class: *I can't recommend the Missions and Evangelism course in Tijuana more highly. The course content itself was (as usual with IRBS!) rich and stretching. It has been instrumental in helping me work through how the small church I lead can play a part in God's purposes for the nations. The particular treat of being in Tijuana was to be able to mix with the missionaries in training at the Radius campus. It was not only a great blessing to enjoy fellowship with them for the time that we were there, but also to be able to learn about the real-life practicalities, considerations, concerns, and hopes for church-planting amongst unreached language groups. To be able to have this fellowship really helped to flesh out what we were learning in the course material. I am still receiving prayer updates from some of the missionaries I met, and it is a thrill to be able to follow the progress of the Lord's leading them into the mission field.*

Legacy (self-paced) Course List

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

Introducing the IRBS BDiv

With the new academic year, our diploma program is 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! If you or a woman in your life would like to be added to the invitation list, please send your email address to kristen@irbsseminary.org.

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. Watch for the Zoom link, posted monthly to the Populi dashboard.

Please join us as we bring these vital matters in prayer to our God. Email bnasmith1@gmail.com with questions.



3535 Conference

August 13-15

Registration is now open

We have noticed that there seems to be growing interest in the theology and practice of Christ's churches. What does the Word of God say about this

Theme:

Ecclesiology

Community Baptist Church
Fargo, North Dakota
August 13-15
Tue-Thu

important topic? And how have Christian congregations applied what they find in Scripture? In August, Dr. Renihan and Dr. Chad Van Dixhoorn will be the featured speakers at a **conference on ecclesiology** sponsored by the **3535 Foundation**. This will be a time to think about the Doctrine of the Church presented in the Bible and as understood and practiced by our fathers in the faith. **Financial assistance** for interested persons is available from the 3535 Foundation. Email admissions@irbsseminary.org with questions. Please consider attending this important gathering.



Save the Dates, 9/10 & 9/11

for the upcoming **IRBS Convocation**, again in conjunction with this year's **TAARBC Pastors' Conference**.

Dr. James Dolezal & Pastor Jason Walter will be speaking at the conference on Chapter 5 of the 2LCF, the Doctrine of Divine Providence.

Dr. James Renihan will be speaking at the convocation. Admission to the convocation is free.

Registration is now open.

Register Now for Discount

Join us **October 16-18** in Jacksonville, FL, for **The Missionary Conference**, commemorating the 500th anniversary of William Tyndale's English Bible translation. The conference aims to promote a biblical understanding of and involvement in world missions, exploring key questions and challenging the pragmatic mindset that has infiltrated evangelicalism.

Use promo code (**IRBS_i9NPd**) to receive discounted tickets, if registered by 8/16. High school, college, and seminary students can still buy tickets for \$89 (no code needed).

Purchase tickets



Save the Dates for Semper Reformanda, Houston

10/18 & 10/19

Who is Jesus? What is the Covenant of Redemption and what does it teach us about the nature and work of Jesus? What are the human and divine attributes of Jesus? What is the significance of his life of obedience? Was his work really complete?

Dr. James Dolezal & Dr. Tom Hicks will be speaking. IRBS students can receive a 40% discount on tickets. Email Kristen, admissions@irbsseminary.org, for the promo code.

Registration is now open.

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:

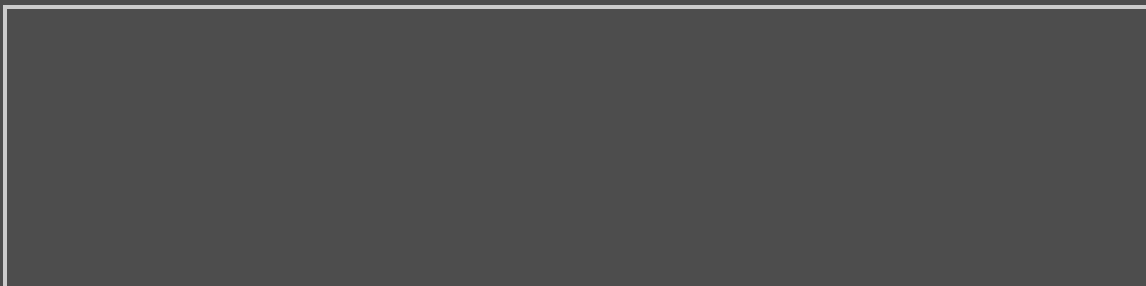
- A Necessary Distinction: Christ as God and Christ as Mediator (James M. Renihan)
- Retrieving the Bibliology of John Owen (Jeffrey T. Riddle)
- Benjamin Keach and the Everlasting Covenant: Baptist Expositor of a Puritan Doctrine (Daniel D. Scheiderer)
- Robert Haldane's Life, Influence, and Contribution 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!

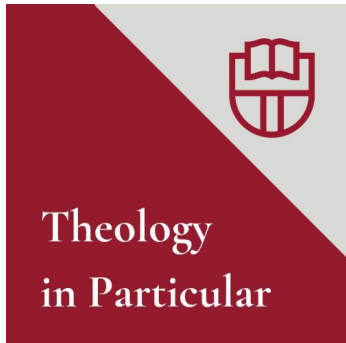
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Prayer Requests

Praise God for new students joining us this fall, from all over the US and the world! Praise Him, too, for the growing family of IRBS Partner Churches. Their support makes it possible for us to keep student costs low.

Please pray for IRBS professors, as they prepare to teach and guide the next generation of Reformed Baptist pastors this new academic year.

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!

LEARN FROM WHERE YOU ARE

Enrollment in and completion of our degree programs is now accessible to students from all over the world! Nearly all classes are available via video conferencing and may be attended from anywhere. We also offer several pre-recorded, self-paced Legacy courses. Reach out to [admissions](#) for details.



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