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President's Greeting



October 2024

Dear Brother and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the Savior's Name. It is wonderful to write to you again and to thank you for your support for the work of IRBS. We are thrilled at what the Lord is doing. Recently, we admitted our 100th student, and more have applied since. Our plans for the January and Spring terms are coming together very nicely. Two Spurgeon scholars, Drs. Ed Romine and Brandon Rhea will be offering an elective course on aspects of Spurgeon's thought January 13-16, and our biennial missions course will again be offered on the Radius International campus in Tijuana, Mexico during the week of January 27-31. These January courses will lead into our regular semester schedule beginning in February. Praise the Lord!

Thank you for your prayers and your support. Great things are happening!

In Christ,
James M. Renihan
President, IRBS

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

His upcoming speaking schedule includes:

October 13 - Sovereign Grace Reformed Baptist Church, Jacksonville, FL

November 3 - Branches Church, Fullerton, CA

November 4-5 - Southern California Reformed Baptist Pastors Conference

November 17 - Grace Fellowship Church, Sanford, FL



Thank you to everyone who celebrated the new academic year with us at Convocation last month.

If you missed it, you can view Dr. Renihan's excellent sermon, "In the Beginning, God created the Light of Nature," on [Facebook](#) or at [Sermon Audio](#).

Apply today

for the 2024/2025 Academic Year.

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

Fall Course Schedule

Registration closes October 4

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


AP 501
**Foundations of
Philosophical Theology**



with Dr. James Dolezal

MONDAY-THURSDAY,
9AM-4PM CST
October 21-24
On Campus & Livestream

HOMILETICS I
PT602
&
**PREACHING
PRACTICUM I**
PT603




with
Dr. J. Ryan Davidson

November 7-12 &
December 5-6
(See **Course Schedule** for times.)
Livestream

Winter (January) Schedule

Registration opens November 1

CH 541
**Charles
Spurgeon:
The
Sabbatarian
Evangelist**



with Dr. Brandon Rhea & Dr. Ed Romine

This course will examine the Sabbatarian convictions and evangelistic practices of the 19th century Baptist pastor, Charles Haddon Spurgeon. Emphasis will be given to how his evangelistic practices and Sabbath keeping influenced his life and significant preaching ministry.

PT604, **Missions & Evangelism**, will be offered this coming **January 27-31** (M-F)

on the **Radius International** campus in **Tijuana, Mexico**.

This is a fantastic opportunity to participate in missionary training from a well-respected organization and to see missions in a real-world setting. Each day will include morning lectures, afternoon practical exposure to outreach in Tijuana, and evening conversations with the Radius staff. These are people who are doing the work of missions, and students will benefit greatly. Early registration for degree-seeking students opens October 1. Travel expense help is available for qualified students. Spots are limited.

January 27-31, 2025



Live in
Tijuana, Mexico

In cooperation with 
Missions & Evangelism
with Chad Vegas

Spring 2025 Schedule

HOT OFF THE PRESS!
Registration opens December 2.

Hebrew III - J. Wilson
Foundations of Theology - C. Rennie
Medieval Christianity - J. Montgomery
Reformation - J. Montgomery
Covenant Theology - S. Renihan
Homiletics II - J.R. Davidson
Worship - K. Puls

Legacy (self-paced) Course List

Registration is always open.

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 now a BDiv (Baccalaureate in Divinity) program!

Like the Diploma Program, the BDiv is 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

Attention Ladies of the IRBS Family!
(Men of the IRBS family, please spread the word to the women in your lives.)

All wives, fiancées, female students, and other interested ladies are invited! Our monthly Women's Fellowship will meet on **Tuesday, October 15**, at **7:30pm CST** via **Zoom**. *This is a deviation from our regular 2nd Tuesday schedule.*

We (usually) meet on the second Tuesday of each month of the academic year. Our time together will focus on fellowship and praying for one another, We'll also spend some time this year in the book of Ephesians.

You will be blessed to hear of the Lord's far-reaching work into the depth of the hearts of IRBS women stretching all across the country and the world!

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.

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.

Upcoming Events

The Missionary Conference

October 16-18 in **Jacksonville, FL**, 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.

High school, college, and seminary student tickets \$89 (no code needed).

Purchase tickets



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



Reformed Baptist Academic Press

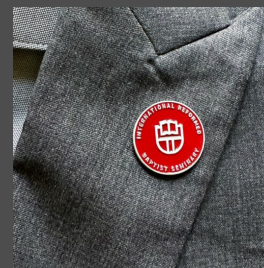
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Check out our new [**Faculty Book Recommendations List**](#) for a categorized list of quality resources!

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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](#).

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 growing enrollment!

Please pray for safety for those traveling to Mansfield this month for *Foundations of Philosophical Theology*, as well as for our staff who travel to conferences & events around the country.

Also, pray that God will clear the way for many students to attend our Missions class in Tijuana this January.

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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