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President's Greeting



November 2024

"Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever." (Psalm 136:1). Greetings to you from our good LORD, who always shows us mercy.

In the United States, the fourth Thursday of November is Thanksgiving Day, a national holiday. While many call it 'turkey day' (since turkey is the traditional meal served) and most watch parades and football games, for Christians, it is a unique annual opportunity to express to the LORD and to one another our gratitude for the many ways He has shown us His goodness during the past ten months.

In anticipation of Thanksgiving Day, I will mention some things I am thankful for. I am overwhelmed by the grace of God, for the Gospel and the forgiveness it brings, for the doctrine of God in all its beauty, for the incarnation of the Second person of the Trinity, for the gift of the Holy Spirit, for Scripture--both Old and New Testaments. I am grateful for my wife and the 46 years we have been married, for my five children and their love for Jesus Christ, and for my grandchildren, many of whom have professed their faith in believer's baptism. I bless God for the privilege of serving as a minister of Jesus Christ, and for the opportunity to serve Him through IRBS for 26 years. I am grateful for our graduates, men faithfully serving churches in the United States and several other countries. I am thrilled with the amazing growth our seminary has experienced in the past two years. I praise the LORD for our trustees, faculty and staff who all serve with diligence and devotion. And, I am thankful for all of you who faithfully support us with your prayers and gifts.

"Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,
and into His courts with praise.
Be thankful to Him and bless His name.
For the LORD is good,
His mercy is everlasting,
And His truth endures to all generations."
Psalm 100:4-5.

In Christ,
James M. Renihan
President, IRBS

Dr. Renihan's upcoming speaking schedule includes:

Nov 3 Branches Church, Fullerton, CA

Nov 4-5 Southern California Reformed Baptist Pastors Conference, La Mirada, CA

Nov 15-17 Grace Fellowship, Sanford, FL

Nov 19-23 Evangelical Theological Society, San Diego



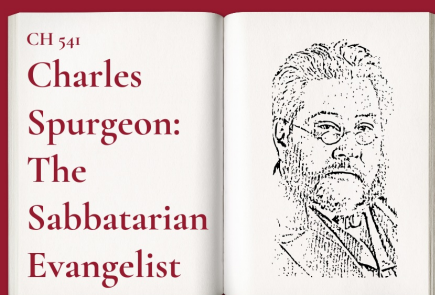
IRBS is pleased to announce that in 2025, God willing, we will begin a new initiative we are calling "IRBS on the Road." This will be an opportunity to **bring IRBS to your church for a day**. One of our faculty members will teach for 3 or 4 hours on a topic of importance and interest. In 2025, we will be considering believer's baptism and we are calling these days: "IRBS on the Road: A Deep Dive into Baptism." If the Lord allows, Dr. Renihan will be representing IRBS and teaching about baptism. These gatherings are intended for everyone in your church, and we hope you will invite Christians from nearby churches to attend as well. We already have several meetings scheduled in Texas, Florida and Ohio, and have had requests from various other locations, including overseas. It is expected that Saturday will be the common day for these sessions, but if it is more convenient for your church, they may be scheduled for other days as well. If you would like further information or would like to schedule an *IRBS on the Road* day at your assembly, please contact Brent Ward at giving@irbsseminary.org.

Apply today

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

Winter (January) Schedule

Registration opens November 1



with Dr. Brandon Rhea & Dr. Ed Romine

A one-credit elective option, CH541 will be offered **January 13-16, online**. 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 **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. Travel expense help is available for qualified students. Spots are limited.

January 27-31, 2025



In cooperation with 
Missions & Evangelism
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Spring 2025 US Schedule

Registration opens December 2.

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

Spring 2025 IRBS International.

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UNITED KINGDOM

Dr. Robert Strivens will be teaching **Baptist History (CH701)** at Trinity Grace Church in Ramsbottom, Manchester. **February 3-7, 2025, 9-5 GMT.** For more information, or to sign up as an auditor, visit. brokenwharfe.com/irbsuk

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QUEBEC

Dr. Michael Beck will be teaching **Covenant Theology & Cultural Engagement** in Montreal, Quebec, **February 17-21, 2025, 9:30-5 EST.** For more information, visit [Covenant Theology and Cultural Engagement ~ Michael Beck, PhD](#)

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!

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. Courses can be completed residentially, online, or a hybrid of the two. Students 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 participate in class as any other student would, regarding assignments, examinations, and class participation. The BDiv is a degree granting program. Upon completion of the requirements, 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, November 12**, at **7:30pm CST** via **Zoom**.

We meet on the second Tuesday of each month of the academic year. Our time together focuses 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



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REFORMED BAPTIST
PASTORS' CONFERENCE

Of Effectual Calling

November 4-5 at Trinity Reformed Baptist Church in **La Mirada, CA**

Speakers include Dr. James Renihan, Dr. Samuel Renihan, Pastor Jason Walter,

Save the Dates!



IRBS Faculty Conference

God's Garden & His Gardeners
A Theology of Church Planting

Friday, May 16, 8AM-12:30PM CDT

Faculty speakers include J. Renihan,
R. Davidson, J. Riddle, & D. Scheiderer
Registration will open early 2025.

IRBS Class of 2025 Commencement

Saturday, May 17, 10AM CDT

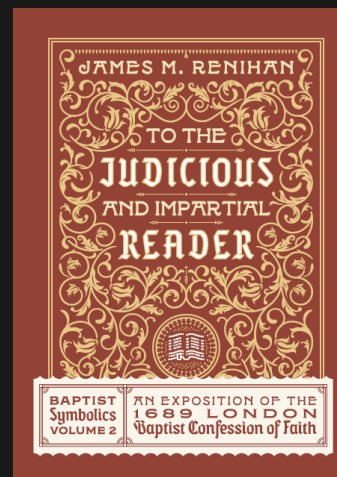
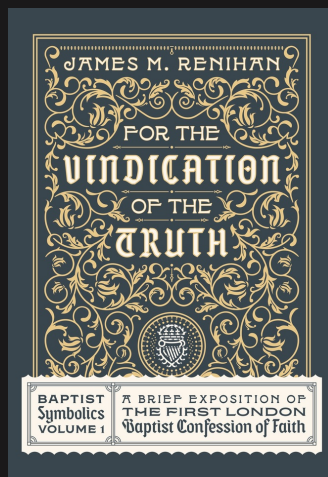
both at **Heritage Baptist Church,**
Mansfield, TX

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.](#)

Starting to think about gift-giving?



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Give the gift of IRBS!

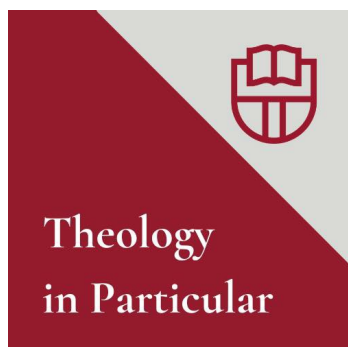
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And speaking of giving...

GIVING TUESDAY

...is coming up on December 3.

Podcasts - Over 300,000 downloads to date!



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 students on 5 continents! And praise Him that our enrollment has more than doubled since Fall 2023!

Please pray for:

- God to clear the way for many students to attend our Missions class in Tijuana this January. Pray for their preparation and protection, both physically and spiritually.
- Focus, clarity, and perseverance for students and faculty, as they near the end of the fall semester.
- God's word to prosper mightily through IRBS on the Road.
- Continued financial support, allowing students in economically unstable regions of the world to pursue sound pastoral education as they minister to their flocks.

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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