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## President's Greeting

December 2024

Greetings to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity!

December brings many joyful events. We celebrate the birth of our Lord with festivities and parties, we reflect on the events of the past year, and we look forward with anticipation to the arrival of a New Year. This is how we all look at this twelfth month.

For those of us in the world of Seminary education, we might sometimes think of it differently. It marks the half-way point of the academic year. Students are busy submitting papers, finishing their assigned reading, and working hard to pass final exams. Professors then must evaluate and grade all the work they receive. In this sense, December is a busy month.

Whether we think of it as the final month of the year, or the mid-point of annual studies, it's a wonderful month! The most important thing is that we remember the Savior in all we do. As you participate in Christmas celebrations, do so with great joy. And pray for our students and faculty as they seek to glorify the Lord in this first month of Winter.

Thank you for your loving support--your prayers, and your gifts. Both aid us in preparing our students for their future ministries.

In Christ,  
James M. Renihan  
President, IRBS





## On the Road

**IRBS is pleased to announce** a new initiative, "IRBS on the Road." This will be an opportunity to **bring IRBS to your church for a day**. In 2025, we'll be considering believer's baptism in, "IRBS on the Road: **A Deep Dive into Baptism**," with Dr. Renihan. All Christians are welcome to attend. Saturday will be the common day for these sessions, but if more convenient for your church, they may be scheduled on other days of the week. If you would like further information or to schedule an *IRBS on the Road* day, please contact Brent Ward at [giving@irbsseminary.org](mailto:giving@irbsseminary.org).

# GIVING TUESDAY

**December 3**

Click for more info and payment options

Give today

At IRBS, we are unwavering in our commitment to training men for ministry without adding the weight of financial burdens. The road to pastoral and missionary service is already rigorous; debt should not stand in the way. Your support ensures that IRBS can continue to provide an exceptional education—one rooted in the Word of God, the historic Reformed faith, and the accountability of the local church.

Thanks to your continued generosity we have seen men graduate and immediately step into ministry roles as pastors, and planters. Churches are being strengthened, new works are being established, and the gospel is reaching places it otherwise would not. Together, we are witnessing the fruit of your investments in the kingdom of Christ.

**Apply by December 15 for spring enrollment.**

Also accepting Applications for Self-paced enrollment.

**Winter (January) Schedule**

Registration open.

PT604, Missions & Evangelism, will be

Registration closes

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.

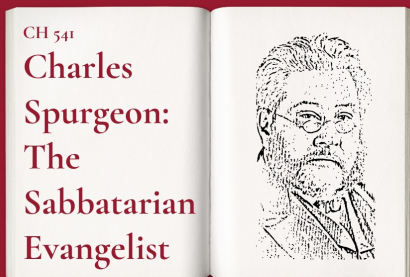
**December 6!**

January 27-31, 2025



Live in  
Tijuana, Mexico

In cooperation with   
Missions & Evangelism  
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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.

## 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.

# IRBS

### 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](http://brokenwharfe.com/irbsuk)

# IRBS

### 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](mailto:admissions@irbsseminary.org) for more information about any of these classes.

## Opportunities to Connect

### Women's Fellowship

All interested ladies are invited! Our monthly Women's Fellowship will meet on **Tuesday, December 10**, at **7:30pm CST** via **Zoom**.

We meet on the second Tuesday of the month and spend our time together in fellowship and prayer for one another, as well as discussing 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](mailto:admissions@irbsseminary.org). A Zoom link will be sent to everyone who responds.

### Student-led Missions Prayer Meeting

**All students** are invited 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](mailto:bnasmith1@gmail.com) with questions.

## Upcoming Events

### Save the Dates- Conference & Commencement!



#### God's Garden & His Gardeners

A Theology of Church Planting

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

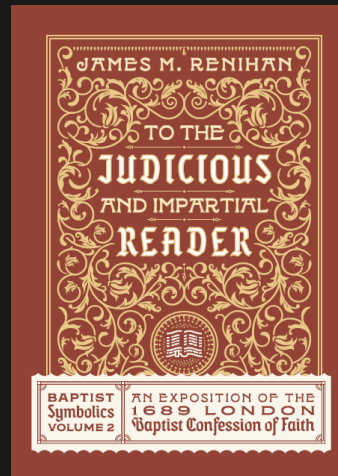
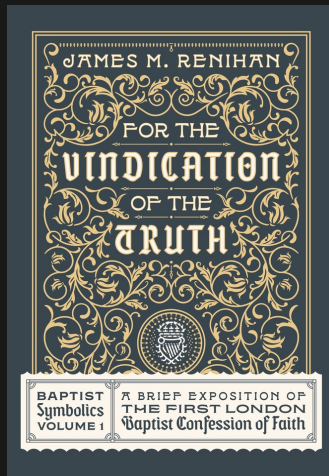
Faculty speakers include J. Renihan, R. Davidson, J. Riddle, & D. Scheiderer  
Registration will open early 2025.

#### IRBS Class of 2025 Commencement

**Saturday, May 17, 10AM CDT**

both at [Heritage Baptist Church, Mansfield, TX](#)

# Starting to think about gift-giving?



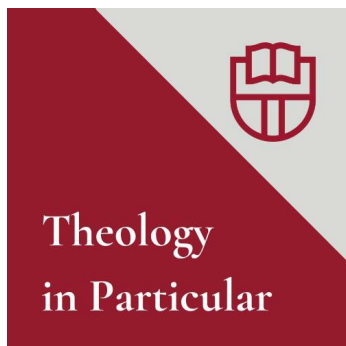
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## Podcasts - Over 300,000 downloads to date!



### 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 another semester nearly accomplished, according to His providence!  
Praise Him for a fruitful and well-attended first IRBS On-the-Road in Sanford, Florida.

Please pray for:

- Students and staff attending our Missions class in Tijuana this January. Pray for travel mercies as well as preparation and protection, both physically and spiritually.
- Focus, clarity, and perseverance for students and faculty in light of oncoming final exams.
- 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 that will prepare them to effectively minister to their communities.

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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