

President's Greeting

January 2025

Happy New Year!

I'm sure that you've heard (and even spoken) those words many times recently. Even so, it's a genuine desire isn't it? And for Christians it means an even better hope, as we desire for one another growth in grace, increase in Christ-likeness and an ever increasing joy in the worship of God. And so, when you read these words, here, please let these sentiments come to your mind.

We expect 2025 to be one of our busiest years yet. We continue to see an increase in students as we develop relationships with churches new and old. Our recently announced *IRBS on the Road: A Deep Dive into Baptism* already has 23 scheduled dates throughout the year. God willing, these meetings will be held in Texas (January and March), Ohio (February and July), Missouri (February), Oklahoma (March), North Carolina (March), Oregon (April), Virginia (twice in May), Tennessee (May), California (May, September and November), Colorado (June), Australia (June and July), New Zealand (June), England (September), Indiana (September), Georgia (October), Maine (November) and Massachusetts (November). If you live near one of these places, you are welcome to attend; if you are interested in information about *IRBS on the Road*, please contact us. And please pray for me as I minister in these places. Ask the Lord to make these visits fruitful for His glory.

By His grace, we all hope that 2025 will be a year in which we see our Lord's faithfulness in all things. There will be challenges and difficulties as well as His mercy in everything. As we enter the New Year, let's worship Him and ask that His will may be done on earth as it is in heaven.



In Christ,
James M. Renihan
President, IRBS

Dr. Renihan's Speaking Schedule:

January - Sunday School, Heritage BC, Mansfield

Jan 18 **IRBS on the Road**, Fort Worth, TX

Feb 1 & 2 **IRBS OTR**, Toledo, OH

Feb 16, RBC, Montreal, PQ

Feb. 24-25 (Mon & Tue) **IRBSOTR**, St. Louis, MO

Feb. 25-26 Founders MW Conference, Fenton, MO



On the Road

Update: IRBS On the Road 2025 is full.

Stay tuned for IRBS On the Road 2026!

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.

Apply now for 2025/2026 enrollment.

Also accepting Applications for Self-paced enrollment.

Winter (January) Schedule

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.

Registration now closed.

January 27-31, 2025



Live in
Tijuana, Mexico

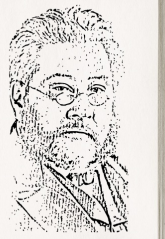
In cooperation with 

Missions & Evangelism

with Chad Vegas

CH 541

**Charles
Spurgeon:
The
Sabbatarian
Evangelist**



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.

Registration is open now.

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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AUSTRALIA

Dr. Richard Barcellos will be teaching **Biblical Theology** at Stanmore Baptist Church in Sydney, **January 13-17**. For more information, please contact **Dr. Michael Prodigalidad**.

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UNITED KINGDOM

Dr. Robert Strivens will be teaching **Baptist History** at Trinity Grace in Ramsbottom, Manchester, **February 4-7**. 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, **February 17-21**.

IRBS Church Partner officers may audit for free with promo code (email **admissions**).

Legacy (self-paced) Course List

Registration is always open.

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

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UNITED KINGDOM

The Interim Board of **IRBS UK** is delighted to announce that Enoch Adekoya, a member of the board for several years, has been appointed Director, beginning January 2025. Enoch served as Pastoral Assistant at St. Giles, Islington. He holds a Master's in Theology and is currently pursuing a PhD in Political Theology at the University of Manchester, where he has served among the Postgraduate



Researchers under the Lincoln Theological Institute. Enoch has been actively engaged with the work at IRBS UK as one of the Interim Board members. He is currently a member of Trinity Grace Church, Ramsbottom. He and his wife, Rosie, are blessed with three daughters. Alongside distance and legacy courses, IRBS UK currently offers four in-person courses a year. Enoch's appointment will enable IRBS to cultivate the growth of their UK faculty and facilities. Enoch says, "It is a delight to formally join IRBS UK as the new Director. Having had the joy of serving on the Interim Board, I have witnessed the seminary meet the increasing demand for training gospel ministers across the nation and beyond. IRBS has been richly blessed with gifted pastor-scholars whose dedication and commitment the Lord has blessed tremendously in recent years. I am deeply honoured and thankful for this call and pray that God makes use of this appointment to further the seminary's vision: Equipping confessionally grounded stewards of the gospel to faithfully labour for the glory of Christ among the churches."

Opportunities to Connect

Women's Fellowship

All interested ladies are invited! Our monthly Women's Fellowship will meet on **Tuesday, January 14**, 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 Board Chairman, 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

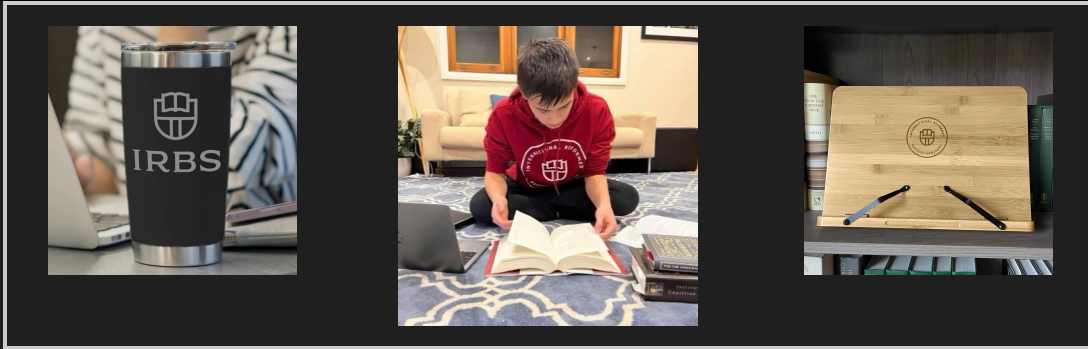
All students are invited to a monthly missions prayer meeting via **Zoom**. This month we will be meeting on **Saturday, January 25**, 10-11AM CST. The Zoom link is posted on the Populi dashboard.

Our particular focus will be on persecuted brethren, unreached people groups, and confessional Baptist missionary endeavors.

Please join us as we bring these vital prayers to our God.

Questions may be emailed to bnasmith1@gmail.com.

IRBS Merchandise



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Upcoming Conferences

Ref Con OKC

March 6-7, 2025
Thursday & Friday
Exact location TBD.

“God *of our Fathers:*
Confessing *our Glorious*
God
with the Puritans”

Speakers include: Dr. James Renihan
Dr. James Dolezal
Pastor John Wohlgemuth
Pastor David Bane

[Register here](#)

Confessing the Faith

April 25-26, 2025
Friday & Saturday
Free Reformed Church, Chilliwack, BC

Topic: Chapter 2
**Of God and of
the Holy Trinity**

Speakers include:
Dr. James Dolezal,
Dr. Samuel Renihan,
Pastor Jim Butler

[Register here](#)

Save the Dates- Conference & Commencement!



God's Garden & His Gardeners

A Theology of Church Planting

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

Speakers include:

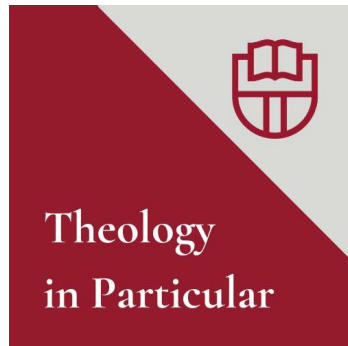
Dr. James Renihan
Dr. J. Ryan Davidson
Dr. Jeffrey Riddle
Dr. Daniel Scheiderer

Registration opens early 2025.

IRBS Class of 2025 Commencement

Saturday, May 17, 10AM CDT

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 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 the New Year and His continued grace in it. Praise Him for an amazing response to IRBS On the Road!

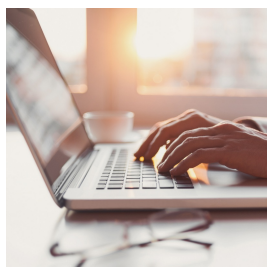
Please pray for:

- Students and staff attending our Missions class in Tijuana this month. Pray for travel mercies as well as preparation and protection, physically and spiritually.
- God's word to prosper mightily through IRBS on the Road, as well as good health, safety, and wisdom for Dr. Renihan as he travels to teach.
- 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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