

TAARBC
PASTORS' CONFERENCE 2018

CONFSSIONALISM
**AN INTRODUCTION TO THE
SECOND LONDON CONFSSION
OF FAITH**

July 22-24, 2018

FEATURED SPEAKERS:
Dr. James Renihan
Dr. John V. Fesko

The purpose of the TAARBC Pastors' Conference is to encourage and instruct Reformed Baptist pastors, seminary students, and other interested men with seminary-level lectures on the doctrines of the Scriptures as summarized in the Second London Baptist Confession.

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FEATURED SPEAKER



Dr. James Renihan

President and Professor of
Historical Theology, IRBS
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He is a graduate of Trinity Evangelical Divinity School (Ph.D.), Seminary of the East (M.Div.), Trinity Ministerial Academy, and Liberty Baptist College, (B.S.). His academic work has focused on the Second London Baptist Confession and the broader Puritan theological context from which it arose. He has been published in many journals, and is the author of multiple books including *Edification and Beauty*, *A Toolkit for Confessions*, *True Love, Faith and Life for Baptists* and several others. Dr. Renihan and his wife Lynne have five adult children, who all love and serve Christ, and nine grandchildren. Two are pastors of Reformed Baptist churches.

FEATURED SPEAKER



Dr. John V. Fesko

Academic Dean, Professor of Systematic Theology and Historical Theology, Westminster Seminary, California

Dr. Fesko received his M.A.Th. at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and his Ph.D. at King's College, Aberdeen, Scotland. He has been involved in the ministry for over 10 years, having served as a church planter, and now a minister in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. He has taught at Westminster Seminary California since 2009, where he now serves as Academic Dean. Dr. Fesko has written several books, essays, and articles in the areas of systematic theology, soteriology, and early modern Reformed theology. He and his wife Anneke have three children and live in Escondido, California.

Conference Theme: Confessionalism

In outlining various cultural factors that militate against the use of creeds and confessions in the church, I am not arguing that every minister or every believer who declares they have “no creed but the Bible” is necessarily in thrall to all or any of the above. Indeed, some of the most militant “no creed” people I have come across have been very much on the hardline separatist wing of the Christian church and scarcely vulnerable to accusations that they are capitulating to the wider cultural fear of excluding someone. They have a legitimate fear that creeds and confessions can end up in certain circumstances supplanting Scripture and becoming the sole authority in the way the church operates.

What we have seen, however, is that there are powerful currents within modern life that militate in various ways against the positive use of creeds and confessions in the church. These currents often go unnoticed by those of us who have no choice but to live, move, and have our being within them. Thus, the pastor who thinks he is being biblical by declaring he has no creed but the Bible may actually, upon reflection, find that his position is more shaped by the modern world than he at first realized. Rather than instinctively taking his cue from the historic practices of the church, he may in fact really be shaped by the wider world. The stories the modern world tells us are powerful: the future-oriented promise of science, the technology that privileges the young, the materialistic paradise offered by consumerism, which is always just around the next corner, the dying of confidence in words, the fragmentation of human nature, the distrust of traditional structures and notions of authority, and the wicked results of saying that somebody else is wrong and does not belong. All of these in their different ways make the idea of doctrinal Christianity, expressed in creeds and confessions, both implausible and distasteful; and all of them are part of the cultural air we breathe.

Carl R. Trueman, *The Creedal Imperative*,
Crossway, 2012, pp. 47-48.

SCHEDULE

	Monday, July 23rd	Tuesday, July 24th
9:00 am to 10:00 am	<i>Association Business Meeting for Members and Guests of TAARBC</i>	<i>Scriptural Foundation of Confessions Dr. John V. Fesko</i>
10:00 am to 10:30 am	<i>Business Meeting Continued</i>	<i>Break</i>
10:30 am To 11:30 am	<i>Business Meeting Continued</i>	<i>History of Confessions 1500-1800 Dr. John V. Fesko</i>
12:00 pm To 1:00 p.m.	<i>Lunch and Registration for Conference</i>	<i>Lunch</i>
1:00 pm To 2:00 pm	<i>Historical Context of Second London Confession of Faith Dr. James M. Renihan</i>	<i>Confessionalism Among the 17th Century Baptists Dr. James M. Renihan</i>
2:00 pm to 2:30 pm	<i>Break</i>	<i>Break</i>
2:30 pm to 3:30 pm	<i>Structure of the Second London Confession of Faith Dr. James M. Renihan</i>	<i>Cultural Case Against Confessions Dr. John V. Fesko</i>
5:30 pm to 6:30 pm	<i>Dinner</i>	<i>Dinner</i>
6:30 pm To 7:30 pm	<i>Formal Introduction of TAARBC Churches and IRBS Students</i>	<i>Usefulness of Creeds and Confessions Dr. John V. Fesko</i>
7:30 pm To 8:30 pm	<i>Informal Meet & Greet with Incoming IRBS Students</i>	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1.SOLID GROUND CHRISTIAN BOOKS

will be represented at our conference this year. Michael Gaydosh will be bringing many wonderful Reformed books for your perusal. Be sure to come prepared to take home some of these great books that will be for sale!

2. REGISTRATION:

A. Modes: To register for our upcoming conference, please mail the filled out registration form to: Heritage Baptist Church, 201 East Broad St., Mansfield, TX 76063 or visit our website www.reformedbaptist.org and register online. Online payment is also available.

B. Deadlines: Save \$15.00 off general or \$10.00 off student registration if you register on or before April 15. If you are requesting to stay in a home, please submit your registration by April 5– this is on a first come, first served basis.

C. Contact: If you have any questions about registration, lodging or any other matter, please contact: Cindy Cason at hbcmansfield@gmail.com; 817-453-5580.

D. Fees:

Early Registration (Through April 15th):

Pastor \$60

Pastor and Wife \$80

Seminary Student \$20

Seminary Student and Wife \$40

Regular Registration (Beginning April 16):

Pastor \$75

Pastor and Wife \$95

Seminary Student \$30

Seminary Student and Wife \$50

IRBS students and Heritage members

Registration Fee Waived

Digital notebooks will be emailed to pastor/student registrants. Additional notebooks may be purchased at registration desk at a cost of \$5.00 each.

REGISTRATION FORM

TITLE:

FIRST NAME:

LAST NAME:

SPOUSE NAME (IF ATTENDING):

IRBS STUDENT?: YES ___ NO ___

ADDRESS:

CITY STATE ZIP

CHURCH NAME:

CHURCH TOWN, STATE:

EMAIL:

REGISTRATION COSTS COVER ALL MEALS LISTED ON THE SCHEDULE AND CONFERENCE MATERIALS. PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOXES BELOW:

- GENERAL REGISTRATION EARLY-\$60; SPOUSE \$80
- GENERAL REGISTRATION REGULAR-\$75; SPOUSE \$95
- STUDENT REGISTRATION EARLY-\$20; SPOUSE \$40
- STUDENT REGISTRATION REGULAR-\$30; SPOUSE \$50
- MEETINGS ONLY, NO MEALS
- I WILL ATTEND THE ASSOCIATION BUSINESS MTG

- I DESIRE ACCOMODATIONS IN A HOME
- I WOULD LIKE TO STAY WITH:
- I NEED TRANSPORTATION TO/FROM AIRPORT:
- ARRIVAL DATE/TIME:
- AIRPORT/AIRLINE/FLIGHT #:
- DEPARTURE DATE/TIME:
- AIRPORT/AIRLINE/FLIGHT #:

WE WILL PROVIDE .PDF AND .DOC NOTEBOOKS .

The digital notebook will be emailed to the email address provided above.

Return this form with registration fee (check or money order). Make checks payable to HBC.

If you register online, you may pay by Paypal, mail your payment, or pay when you arrive.

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