

Portland Area Bible Students Annual Study Convention

ACCOMMODATIONS

Accommodations will be available at the Collins Center, in local motels and in the homes of brethren. The Collins Center has a total of 23 rooms with private bathrooms. Some rooms can handle 4 persons.

For RESERVATIONS please contact Sr. Carolyn Fiorillo via e-mail:

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or 503-669-0740. If possible we would like to hear from you by **July 31**.

MEAL SERVICES

Meal costs will be covered by the ecclesia. Breakfast is included on Saturday and Sunday. In addition to the regular meal entrees, vegetarian meals will be provided. Please notify the convention chairman if you would like the vegetarian option or have other dietary requests. It would help with meal counts if you could let us know that you plan to attend.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Classes are planned for our young people. Please advise us if you will be bringing children. Children should bring appropriate clothes and shoes for outdoor recreational activities.

STUDIES

If you find scriptures and other Bible Student references for either of our studies please contact us via e-mail or at the phone numbers listed below, so we can post them to our web site.

INFORMATION

Please see our Internet page for additional study aids and information including convention programs and facility pictures. It is our plan to broadcast the convention. We will post links to audio files as soon as possible. Here is our class Internet web site:

<http://www.portlandbible.com/Program2008.cfm>

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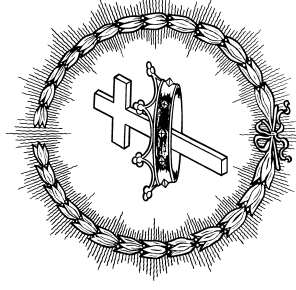
August 15,16,17, 2008

Convention Theme

CONSECRATION

Theme Text – Luke 9:23

And he said to *them* all, if any *man* will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.



Welcome to all believers in the Ransom,
And those who love God and the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ

Speakers

Brothers Dan Beard, Larry McClellan, Joe Megacz,
Tom Ruggirello, Harry Wildblood

Location

Alton L. Collins Retreat Center
32867 SE Highway 211 Eagle Creek, Oregon 97022
503-637-6411 or 888-567-6411
Convention cell phone: 360-907-5431

Theme Hymn 208 - "Thy Grace Impart"

Dear Brethren,

You are cordially invited to attend the Portland Area Bible Students Annual Convention. This year our convention will focus on the theme: **CONSECRATION**. On this subject we will have a Theme Discourse, four short Discourses on examples of Consecration, plus two group studies and a vesper presentation.

The Portland Area Bible Students continue to study the Plan of the Ages and appreciate the harvest message as presented by Br. Russell. We encourage the use of his writings and other supporting references, in addition to scripture, so that when we come together, all things may be done for mutual edification.

1 Cor 14:26 "What then shall we say, brothers? When you come together, everyone has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. All of these must be done for the strengthening of the church."

Col 3:16 "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God."

Rom 14:19 "Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification."

PROGRAM

Friday August 15, 2008

Chairman: Br. Walter Schroeder

5:00 Dinner (served until 6:15pm)

6:30 Welcome

6:45 **Discourse** Br. Joe Megacz

7:45 **Vesper Service** - Consecration
Br. Tom Ruggirello

8:30 Close

STUDY QUESTIONS

Study 2 – Sunday – 9:45am

PRACTICAL ASPECTS OF CONSECRATED LIVING

Theme for this study: To draw out the guiding scriptural principles for our sacrifice and service to God, the brethren and the world, plus how we can practically apply those principles in our lives now [beginning of 21st century].

1. What consecration factors or principles should be considered in discerning the relative priority of temporal responsibilities versus spiritual opportunities? (R5206:3, 3845:5, 3097:1, 942:2)
2. How may we know if we are daily and properly paying our vows unto the Most High? What does it mean to be fully consecrated? Psalms 116:14-16
3. How do we handle different perspectives amongst brethren on the meaning and carrying out of our consecrations? Phil 3.15
4. What techniques may we employ to "transform our minds"? Rom. 12:2; A203; R626
5. How do we "die daily" and practice self-denial? Give examples of "laying down our lives for the brethren." 1 Cor. 15:31; 1 John 3:16; F468-469; R4138
6. How can we encourage one another to focus on the spiritual goals of consecration, especially when the secular affairs of the flesh are severely challenged? Col. 3:2; R5905

Sunday August 17, 2008

Chairman: Br. Jerry Leslie

- 8:00 Breakfast (served until 9:00am)
- 9:30 Opening service
- 9:45 **Group Studies** [convention divided into two groups]

PRACTICAL ASPECTS OF CONSECRATED LIVING

Study leaders: Brs. Dan Beard and Tom Ruggirello

- 11:15 Fellowship
- 11:45 **Discourse** Br. Larry McClellan
- 12:30 Lunch
- 2:00 **Discourse** Br. Harry Wildblood
- 2:45 Fellowship
- 3:00 **Discourse** Br. Dan Beard
- 3:45 Close of convention

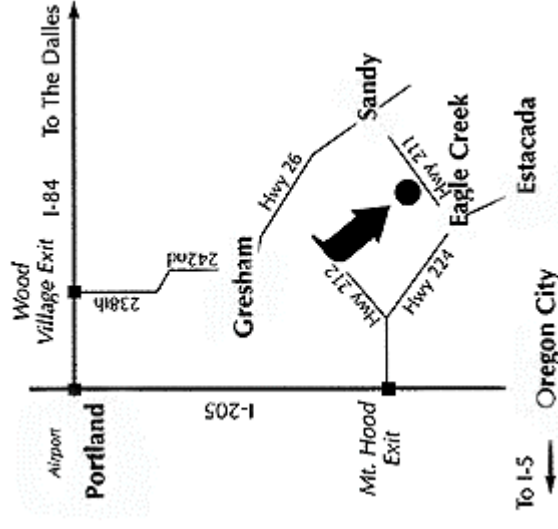
DIRECTIONS

From the NORTH (I-5 & I-205) and EAST (I-84)

From I-84 take the Wood Village exit (exit 16) into Gresham. Turn left on Burnside, which becomes Hwy 26. Proceed east to the town of Sandy. In Sandy, turn right on Hwy. 211 (toward Estacada). Go approximately 4 miles on Hwy 211 to Collins Retreat Center on the right (north) side of the road.

From the SOUTH and WEST

Take I-5 to I-205. Exit at Hwy 224 (exit 12). Take Hwy 224 to Eagle Creek (approx. 14 miles from the freeway). In Eagle Creek, turn left on to Hwy 211. Go approximately 2 miles east to Collins Retreat Center on the left (north) side of the road.



STUDY QUESTIONS

Study 1— Saturday — 3:30pm

Chairman: Br. Brent Hislop

8:00	Breakfast (served until 9:00am)
9:45	Opening service
10:00	Theme Discourse: CONSECRATION — Br. Larry McClellan
11:00	Fellowship
11:30	Short discourses on EXAMPLES OF CONSECRATION The Apostle Paul — Br. Harry Wildblood The Apostle Peter — Br. Joe Megacz
12:30	Lunch
2:00	Short discourses on EXAMPLES OF CONSECRATION The Apostle John — Br. Dan Beard James and his Epistle — Br. Tom Ruggirello
3:00	Fellowship
3:30	Group Studies [convention divided into two groups]
OUR LORD'S EXAMPLE OF CONSECRATION	
	Study leaders: Brs. Larry McClellan and Harry Wildblood
5:00	Dinner
7:00	Testimony — Br. Larry McClellan
8:00	Vespers — Br. Larry McClellan
8:30	Close

OUR LORD'S EXAMPLE OF CONSECRATION

Theme for this study: To determine ways we can be sure, in our daily living, that we are staying in the right path that was laid out for us by our great High Priest and what lessons we can learn from our Lord's experiences in dealing with the world, the flesh, and the devil.

1. How was Jesus tempted in all points as we are? Heb. 4:15; E110
2. What did Jesus mean? "Whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me." Matt. 10:38 (ESV); R901 col.2 last ¶
3. How did our Lord fill the roles of head, captain and anchor? Eph. 4:15,16; Heb. 2:10; 6:19,20; E118
4. How do we apply Heb. 3:1 in our daily lives? "Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus." R3313 col.2 ¶-2,3
5. How do we apply his experiences in the wilderness (immediately after being baptized in the river Jordan) with our own? R4969
6. What lessons do we learn from his last hours on earth, particularly in the Garden of Gethsemane with his disciples? R1801; R2773

We recommend 4 items on consecration by Br. Benjamin Barton found in "Pilgrim Echoes" on pages 47, 133, 319 & 375.