

ACCOMMODATIONS

For lodging at the Shilo please contact the Shilo directly. Contact Sr. Chris Grigalunus to arrange lodging in homes of the brethren or at the BSRC (limited number of rooms and may have to share a restroom). Also, at the Shilo, are a limited set of rooms, for \$114 + tax per room/night. Be sure to mention the Portland Area Bible Students. Our ecclesia is prepared to subsidize the hotel costs if needed. For registered guests, a continental breakfast will be available near the front lobby or a “complimentary registered guest breakfast” in the Shilo restaurant. All meals will be buffet style in an effort to meet all dietary needs. A picnic is being arranged at the BSRC on Sunday afternoon when the convention is over.

Accommodations/Reservations:

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Children’s programs and activities are being planned. Children should bring swimwear. Please advise us early if you will be bringing children.

INFORMATION

The convention program, studies and location are posted on our web page under the Convention link at:

www.portlandbible.com

We plan to broadcast the convention via the Internet.

Convention Chairman:

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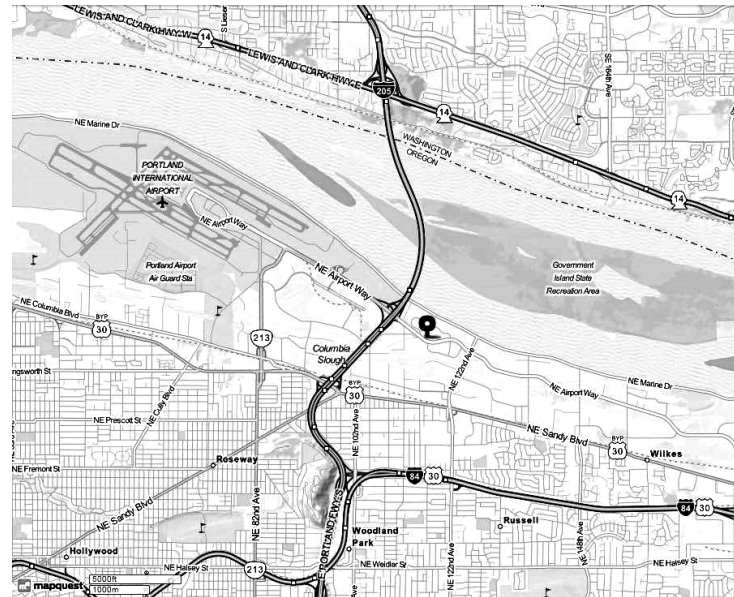
DIRECTIONS

I-205 from the North: Take exit 24. Use the left-most lane on the off-ramp. Turn left onto Airport Way. The Shilo will be on the left one-half mile beyond I-205. There is a left turn lane off Airport Way to enter Shilo.

I-205 from the South: Take exit 24B, which will merge onto Airport Way eastbound. The Shilo will be on the left one-half mile east of I-205. There is a left turn lane off Airport Way to enter Shilo.

From the airport: Stay eastbound on Airport Way. You will pass under I-205. The Shilo will be on the left one-half mile beyond I-205. There is a left turn lane off Airport Way to enter Shilo.

From the East (the BSRC): Heading North on 181st it will curve to the left and become Airport Way heading westbound. After about 3.5 miles, the Shilo will be on the right.

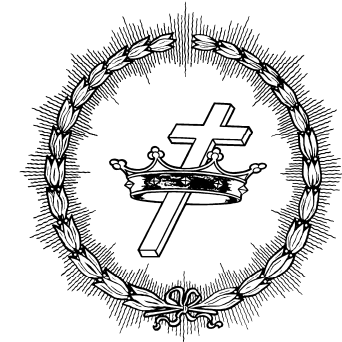


Portland Area Bible Students Study Convention

August 19-20, 2017

Convention Theme

The True Vine And Its Fruit



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

Leaders and Speakers:

Brothers: John Baker, John Blackwell,
Ric Cunningham, Ed Grabner, Allan Ross

Location:

Shilo Inn Portland Airport
11707 NE Airport Way, Portland, OR 97220
Reservations: (800) 222-2244
Front Desk: (503) 252-7500
Convention Cell phone: (503) 519-0724

Theme Hymn: 119 “I Need Thee Every Hour”

Theme Text: John 15:5

“I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.”

PROGRAM

Dear Brethren,

You are cordially invited to attend the Portland Area Bible Students Study Convention. Our ecclesia continues to study the *Divine Plan of the Ages* and affirms 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; Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16; Rom. 14:19; 1 Thes. 5:11; Heb. 10:23-25

This year our convention will focus on The True Vine And Its Fruit. There will be three one-hour studies.

It is our desire that the program format will provide spiritual stimulation and encouragement for all able to attend. We look forward to your presence and sharing the blessings with us.

All services will be held at the Shilo Inn Portland Airport except for a picnic to be held at the Bible Student Retirement Center after the convention.

GET READY PROPERLY

"Prepare your heart for a blessing. Come to the Convention in the proper spirit – as a disciple, a learner. Come intent also on doing good as well as getting good, of consoling and encouraging others, as well as to be yourself comforted. Above all, come realizing that the Lord himself is the fountain of blessings, and remembering his word – not by might, nor by power, but by the Lord's Spirit are we to expect the blessings we hope for. In making ready and en route do not forget this important item, for on it your share of the Convention's blessings greatly depends." Z'07-162

Saturday, August 19 – Chairman: Br. Bill Facker

9:45 Bethel & Welcome

10:00 – 11:00 **Discourse:** Br. John Blackwell

11:00 Fellowship

11:30 – 12:30 **Discourse:** Br. John Baker

12:30 Buffet Lunch

Chairman: Br. Bill Ostrander

2:00 – 3:00 **Study 1:** - The True Vine and Its Fruit
Br. Ric Cunningham

3:00 – 4:00 Fellowship

4:00 – 5:00 **Study 2:** - The True Vine and Its Fruit
Br. Allan Ross

5:00 Buffet Dinner

6:30 – 7:30 **Testimonies:** Br. Ed Grabner

7:30 **Songs in the Night**

Sunday, August 20 - Chairman: Br. Jerry Leslie

9:15 Bethel Service

9:30 – 10:30 **Study 3:** - The True Vine and Its Fruit
Br. John Baker

10:30 Fellowship

11:00 – 12:00 **Discourse:** Br. Ric Cunningham

12:00 Buffet Lunch

Chairman – Br. Walter Schroeder

1:30 – 2:30 **Discourse:** Br. Allan Ross

2:30 Fellowship

3:00 – 4:00 **Discourse:** Br. Ed Grabner

5:00 **Picnic:** at the BSRC

The True Vine And Its Fruit — JOHN 15:1-17

1. What was the purpose for Jesus giving this parable (1-17)
2. What is the setting for our Lord giving this parable? What takes place before and after this parable is given?
3. Is there a false vine in contrast to "the true vine"? (v.1) What environment is good for true vines to grow good fruit?
4. What is the work of the "husbandman" with the vine and branches? (v.1) What is the role of the Father and Son?
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5. What is the reason and lesson for branches to be pruned or purged? (v.2) How can we best endure and benefit from pruning?
6. What is the power of *words* for those in the vine? (v.3, 7) Can *words* convey spirit and life?
7. What does it mean to "abide" in the vine and what do the branches bear? (v.4-6) How can we be sure we are abiding in the vine?
8. What are examples of little or much fruit in a Christian life? (v.2, 5, 8) How can we become better fruit bearers?
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9. What does it mean to "abide" in Jesus' and the Father's love? (v.9, 10) Are there forces that might take us away?
10. What "remains"? (v.11, 16) Will it remain beyond this earthly life and journey?
11. What can be done to encourage greater fruitage in others? (v.12-17) Is there a lesson in grapes growing in clusters?
12. In considering this parable, what do you think are the most important lessons for us to remember and put into practice?

References: R3544; R2464; R140; F197/198, F401