



ADVANCED BIBLE STUDY SERIES

Feb 20-23 and Feb 23-25, 2018

Gemünden, Germany

All are welcome to attend either or both sessions...

ABSS I runs from Tuesday AM through Friday noon (arrival encouraged from Monday evening!). The daily schedule is for 5-6 sessions (of 50 minutes), but we include a long afternoon break to enjoy your choice of the nature or the fellowship (or both).

ABSS II is a family-friendly*, weekend retreat from Friday evening through Sunday after lunch, with a 1-day seminar on Saturday (but still a long afternoon break) followed by an informal assembly Sunday.

(* We want to accommodate families, but everyone is welcome.)

This year's presenters:

Keynote presenter: Darryl Tippens (Abilene, Texas)

speaking on: "The Intersection of Faith and Culture: Literature and the Arts"

Additional presenters:

Jordan Arnold (Slovakia) - "The Word of the Cross"

Max Dauner (Marseille, FR) - (to be announced)

Patrick Boyns (Peterborough, UK) - "The Authority of Scripture"

Robert Limb (Paris) - "Hope as Pastoral Theology in the 21st Century"

For ABSS II - Darryl Tippens will present our Saturday Seminar.

REGISTER EARLY - SPACE IS LIMITED !

For additional information and more details on the program, contact:

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INFO on ABSS 2018 Gemünden, Germany

- I) Advanced Bible Study Series (Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri / Feb 20-23) *
II) ABSS Weekend Retreat (Fri, Sat, Sun / Feb 23-25)

Registration, Arrival...

No formal pre-registration or deposit is required, other than to let us know you plan to come. Please let us know (see address below) by Sunday, February 4th .. Also: if you indicated you would come and have had to change your plans, please let us know!!

*For ABSS I, we encourage you to arrive Monday evening (from 17h00). We will have something to eat for those who haven't had a chance to eat along the way (around 19h30) followed by with a brief orientation to the week's speakers and material. For ABSS II, you can arrive any time Friday afternoon or evening. (We will have a brief orientation Friday evening for those who arrive before bedtime.) In both cases... an 'ETA' (estimated time of arrival) is welcome.

Costs...

The cost for an adult will be €28 per day. So the total for session one, Monday PM through Friday noon = €112. (Weekend = €56, Both sessions = €168). This amount covers 'room and board' and a small conference administration fee. There is also a fee - €7 (1x) - for the linens. You can bring your own if you want to save this (1-person beds, with duvets and large pillows). Families will have a discount applied from the third person (± 50%). Please plan to pay with euros (no checks or dollars please). There are cash machines in Usingen (10 min).

Extra info...

Costs cover breakfast, a warm meal at noon and a sandwich meal at night. You are invited to bring along something typical from your country to go with the sandwich meal (i.e. - relish, spreads, 'vegemite', rare and wonderful sausages, etc.) and/or cake or cookies to have with our coffee breaks. Traditionally, there is a "Gemündener Follies" low-entry-level talent show. And tradition demands that some of us continue to make fools of ourselves in public. Plan to bring along some "spare change" for the collection for "ice-cream night". The "hired cleaning" is included in the fee. Be informed that we also have a scholarship fund if you are able to 'deposit' or should you need to 'withdraw'. Also, plan to have something to offer during the 'Book Review / Reading Advisory' session (incl. websites, other resources, etc.).

How to get to Gemünden...

Gemünden lies 30-35 km beyond the north edge of Frankfurt, somewhere in the hills between Usingen and Bad Camberg.... GOOD LUCK, especially if it's dark!

No, seriously... to reach the 'Bibelfreizeitheim Gemünden'

Goldhecker Weg 6

D61276 Weilrod-Gemünden

Tel 49 (0)6083941036

(if no answer, call Paul's cell +32.488.481.082 - but please try the center first)

Backup: Tel 49 (0)6083941035 (conciierge Gerlinde/Günter)

1) From Bad Camburg (on the A3 Frankfurt-Köln)....

Drive into Bad Camburg, over tracks and 2 km to a T-intersection with a stoplight. Turn right. As you leave the town (1.5k) turn left direction Usingen. Follow this road several km until you come to another T-junction with highway 275 (at a small place called Tenne) where you turn left, direction Usingen. Drive through Riedelbach. After about 4 more km there are several curves in the road and a town (Neuweilnau) on your left. As you pass, you may see the ruins of a castle tower ahead. Soon you will pass the town and after a sharp bend to the right, always on the same road, you will then turn to the left, up the hill, direction Altweilnau. (You first pass by a left turnoff, heading back down into Neuweilnau.) Up the hill, after driving by the old tower and a bend to the right, you want to take a left turn (following the 'through traffic' indication), Up the hill, after driving by the old tower and a bend to the right, you want to take a left turn (following the 'through traffic' indication) - direction Oberlauken. Drive through Oberlauken to Niederlauken and there - about 70m after the road bends to the right and - you have your first sign for Gemünden, a left turn. As you enter the edge of Gemünden (having driven about 2 km) there will be a lumber yard (SORG). Over your left shoulder (a sharp turn-around) is the Goldhecker Weg (landmark - an electrical service hut). Drive up the hill passing a couple of houses (right side) then about 300m and you come to the Bibelfreizeitheim.

2) from the other direction.... Usingen (A5 Frankfurt-Giessen)

Exit the A5 at "OberMörlen" (no.14) and follow 275 through Usingen. After leaving Usingen, follow signs for Niederlauken (right at first and/or second turnoffs, in case of second, direction Hundstadt Laubach....) and then refer to the above information

(Note - from Frankfurt, you can also take the 456 into Usingen from Oberursel Nord.)

3) or come to the Usingen train station and we will arrange to pick you up.

(Try to prearrange, so we don't make extra trips. About 15 min each way.)

Or, if you're really adventurous, there is also a bus connection from Usingen to Gemünden. (Some also arrange to come to the Wilhelmsdorf station.)

For any additional details (i.e. about the speakers and their topics) contact:

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