

BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL GREAT BANQUET & AWAKENING COMMUNITY NEWS



December 2012
B/N Great Banquet & Awakening Community
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Mark your calendars now

Winter Gathering
6:00 p.m. Saturday January 26, 2013
Potluck and Agape making for two new
Great Banquet communities
Fort Myers, FL and Jamaica!
First Presbyterian Church,
2000 E. College Avenue, Normal



The Bloomington-Normal Great Banquet Community wishes to extend a special welcome to the participants of Awakening #1

*Please join us for the Winter Gathering on Saturday, January 26th at 6 p.m.
You may invite others who have not yet experienced a weekend.*

If you have any questions please contact Ce Ann Kreun at 830-3016

Welcome Fall Guests Banquets 100 & 101

Bill Wetzel
Bruce Mitchell
Colin Danenberger
Cory Deerwester
Don Cooper
Harold Meers
Jack Kuntz
Kyle Hoffmann
Lee Harris
Mike Schoeninger
Alicia Smith
Carol Charlson
Carol Ropp
Elizabeth Skelcher
Emily Manninen
Felicia Anvick
Jean Schmidt
Karen Kuntz
Kari Scott
Linda Bigelow
Marlene Colclasure
Mary Jane Willey
Nancy Barling
Sandy Mullins
Wanda Gray

Awakening Weekend Simple Schedule

Thursday – Set-up

4:30 pm Set-up begins ...

Friday—Day 1

12:00– 12:30 Arrival/Registration (please eat lunch before you arrive)

Community provides snacks and drinks for the weekend

12:30 pm Send Off/Sponsor's Hour

1:40 pm Identity Talk

2:50 pm Love Talk

4:15 pm Meaning of Life Talk

5:00 pm Meal servers arrive—bring agape

5:30 pm Dinner

7:35 pm Sin & Love Talk

8:45 pm Poster Party

9:30 pm Salvation Talk

Saturday—Day 2

7:30 am Meal servers arrive—bring agape

8:00 am Breakfast

8:45 am Following Christ Talk

10:15 am Study Talk

11:20 am Prayer Talk

12:00 pm Meal servers arrive bring agape

12:30 pm Lunch

1:35 pm Worship Talk

3:45 pm Friends Talk

5:00 pm Meal servers arrive bring agape

5:30 pm Dinner

7:15 pm Poster Party

8:30 pm Candlelight Worship

8:50 pm Loving Jesus Talk

10:00 pm Candlelight Walk Through

Sunday—Day 3

7:30 am Meal servers arrive bring agape

8:00 am Breakfast

9:05am Distractions Talk

10:05 am Environment Talk

11:05 am The Church Talk

11:30 am Meal servers arrive bring agape

12:00 pm Lunch

12:50 pm Power Talk

2:00 pm Agape Letters Shared

2:45 pm Help with tear down/clean-up

3:00 pm Cross Service

3:30 pm Closing – come here how lives have been changed!



“...Come, for all is now ready.”

Luke 14:17

What I learned about Awakening #1

It was a life changing event
Jesus is our driving force
It was encouraging
We are not perfect and that's okay
The perfect one died on the cross
We need to listen to His plan for us
God's love is real love
Cast your burdens, don't pick them up
again
Trust God
We need to take responsibility for our
faith
God has a path for us
We are all sinners
We are all precious

Boys Awakening—March 1-3, 2013

Please pray for Boys Awakening #2 at East Bay.

Here are a few ways to get involved:

- ◆ **Attend Dedication, Candlelight, Closing**
- ◆ **Participate in the 55 hour Prayer Vigil**
- ◆ **Make Pillow Agape & Banners**
- ◆ **Write a General Conference Room Agape Letter**
- ◆ **Be a Meal Server**
- ◆ **Provide Weekend Snacks**
- ◆ **Help with Set-up & Clean Up**

Welcome Girls Awakening #1

**Abigail Crockett
Ashley Collins
Danielle Segerstrom
Eliza Daugherty
Emily Vallender
Haley Emmert
Janelle Huffman
Janelle Martin
Julia Landon
Lauren Anderson
Lindsey Gist
Molly Burke
Paige Smid
Sara Thede
Shelby Gulley
Shruthi Ramachandan**

Our website always has the most up to date information!

Check it out at www.bngreatbanquet.org or
www.bngreatbanquet.org/awakening/



“...Come, for all is now ready.”

Luke 14:17

A word from Community Spiritual Director Amanda Richards

*The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, “Samuel! Samuel!”
Then Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.” – 1 Samuel 3:10*

Listening when God is talking is an important part of our life of faith. If we do all the talking in our relationship with God and don't leave room for the Holy Spirit to move us, grant us wisdom, give us understanding and guidance then we become obstacles to the Kingdom being on Earth as it is in Heaven.

And if we do not listen because the noise of our schedules, our world, our selfishness, or our sin drowns God out and deceives us into thinking that God is not speaking, we must work all the harder to listen. I believe that the Enemy loves to distract us so that we cannot hear the still, small voice of God. And I think that the Enemy dials up the volume when we are gearing up for our Weekends.

This year our community took a faithful step to grow God's kingdom by adding Awakening weekends for youth to have an experience of God and grow in their faith. Satan doesn't want our Sleepers (the term for our guests) to wake up! And I suspect that many of us in the community who might need to be listening to God's urging us to be Sponsors or Prayer Warriors or Agape Makers or Food Providers or Meal Servers have been missing the voice of God.

I am asking and encouraging us all in the Bloomington Normal Great Banquet Community to take time to not just pray for the blessings to be poured over the Awakening weekends but to be like God's servant Samuel and take time to say to God, “Speak, for your servant is listening.” We might just be surprised by what we hear.

Lincoln/Logan Prison Ministry

As you may know, our women's Great Banquet, scheduled for October 12-14, 2012 was postponed. Karen Layten and her team had already begun their team preparation meetings when the decision to postpone was made. Our men's Great Banquet scheduled for spring of 2013 is also uncertain. Your Bloomington/Normal Great Banquet community board is asking all community members to be in diligent prayer as we ask the guidance of our Heavenly Father through the Holy Spirit to help resolve this uncertainty and continue this vital ministry we pursue to the glory of our Savior and Lord, Christ Jesus.

Our prison liaisons are staying in touch with those in charge at Logan and Lincoln to continue our good relationship with them. We, as a community, need to lift up in prayer Lincoln, Logan, Dwight, the inmates, guards and administrators. Please watch our website for updates.

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Your Great Banquet Board of Directors

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Important Calendar Dates...

Winter/Spring 2013

Saturday January 26, 2013 @ 6:00pm

Winter Gathering—Potluck/Agape Making for Jamaica/
Ft. Myers--First Presbyterian Church, College Avenue
at Hershey Road,
Normal, Illinois

Sunday February 24, 2013 @ 6:00pm

Bloomington/Normal Boy's Awakening #2 Team Dedi-
cation--First Presbyterian Church, College Avenue at
Hershey Road, Normal,

Friday March 1, 2013 to Sunday March 3, 2013

Bloomington/Normal Boy's Awakening Weekend #2--
East Bay Camp,

Thursday March 21, 2013 to Sunday March 24, 2013

Bloomington/Normal Men's Great Banquet Weekend
#102--East Bay Camp

Thursday April 4, 2013 to Sunday April 7, 2013

Bloomington/Normal Women's Great Banquet Week-
end #103--East Bay Camp