

BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL GREAT BANQUET & AWAKENING COMMUNITY NEWS



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B/N Great Banquet & Awakening Community
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JOURNEY TO THE HOLY LAND ***October 30-November 8, 2013***

Travel with fellow B-N Great Banquet members for the trip of a lifetime to the Holy Land! This 10-day guided trip to Israel will include stops in Jerusalem, Sea of Galilee, Bethlehem, Dead Sea, Mount Zion and more. Sites we will visit include; the Mount of Olives, the Western Wall, the Garden Tomb, the Dome of the Rock, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and more!

Early (before May 1) Registration Price: \$3,849 per person (double)

Includes: hotel, transportation & 15 meals

Add a 5-day post trip excursion to Jordan. Sites to visit include: the stone carved city of Petra, **Madaba, the city of mosaics and Jerash the "Pompeii of the east"**.

Cost: \$1,449 per person (double)

Includes: hotel, transportation & 7 meals

Join us for an informational meeting **Monday, April 8th 6:30 p.m. at Calvary UMC.**

Representatives from Collette Vacations and Suzi Davis Travel will present a PowerPoint presentation with details of the trip; a Q & A session will follow.

Further information is available by contacting Terry Pitzer (TerryPitzer@mac.com or 309-725-3363) or Larry Phillips (LJPhillips@Frontier.com or 309-662-4757).

Awakening #2

March 1-3, 2013

Dedication 2/24-6 p.m. First Pres.

Lay Director

Kevin Daugherty (Power)

Asst Lay Directors

Joe Perring

Paul Dew

Spiritual Director

Steve Ward (Salvation)

Asst Spiritual Directors

Rick Lohnes (Sin & Love)

Kerri Cordray (Loving Jesus)

Musician

Kyle Hoffmann

Speakers

Chris Wylie (Identity)

Bob Sammer (Love)

Mark Sturgell (Meaning of Life)

Scott Riddle (Following Jesus)

Xavier Robinson (Study)

Don Ammerman (Prayer)

Dewey Drollinger (Worship)

Sean Morrison (Friends)

Mark Toulon (Distractions)

Dave McMorris (Environment)

Joe Chastain (Church)

Table Leader

TBA

Agape Chapel Leader

Tom Payne

Chapel Assistants

Mike Parker

TBA

Board Advisor

Rob Wall

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



“...Come, for all is now ready.”

Luke 14:17

Combined Dedication

#102 & #103

Due to Easter being the Sunday before the Women's Great Banquet weekend, the Men's and Women's dedication services for the spring teams will be held together. Mark your calendar now for a combined dedication service on Sunday, March 17th at 6 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church.

Please come pray with us!

Support Opportunities for Awakening

55-hour Prayer Vigil—Starts Friday at Noon! Contact Lindsay Pitzer, 309-310-4014 or lindsayaupperle@gmail.com

Make Pillow Agape & Banners—All those little gifts can make a BIG impact!

General Conference Room Agape Letters—Remember those special letters that were read during your weekend? How amazing that people in our own community are praying and sacrificing for us to grow closer to Christ. We need YOU to write a letter.

Meal Servers—Make it a party! Bring some table decorations, a little agape and have a good time! Contact Lynn Fletcher 309-838-4602 or lcffetch@gmail.com

Weekend Snacks—Provide homemade goodies for the weekend.

Ways to Serve the Weekends

- **72 hour prayer Vigil**

The backbone of the weekend, pray for lives to be touched by the Holy Spirit! Contact Lindsay Aupperle 309-310-4014 or lindsayaupperle@gmail.com to sign up for a time slot.

- **Set-up/Clean Up**

Starts at 4:30 on the Wednesday before the weekend. Clean up begins at 4:00 on Sunday. Contact Randy Harmon 309-825-2648 or Nick O'Neall 309-261-2709.

- **Meal Servers**

Community members are needed to serve our guests! Contact Lynn Fletcher 309-838-4602

- **Agape letters and Banners**

There is nothing better than receiving a personal handwritten letter. General conference room letters along with banners are needed to share on the weekends, too!

- **Gut Bucket Band**

7:30 PM, Saturday. Bring a costume, wear a funny hat and sing a song, to provide "entertainment" Saturday night. Gut Bucket participants should arrive at 7:30 for "practice" you will "perform" around 8:00 PM.

- **Candlelight Worship**

Meet Saturday at 8:30 pm in the Dining Hall for prayer, singing, a message, communion, and fellowship. To serve here contact Gina Dew 309-378-3407 or Dave Theil 309-662-4768.

- **Closing**

5:00 PM, Sunday. Hear how God has changed lives in 72 hours! Stay afterwards and help with clean-up.

- **Sponsorship**

It is a true joy to share a weekend with someone else. Look for the application online or contact Rob Wall, Community Registrar, at 309-663-7630 for more information.

- **Financially**

It has always been the spirit of our community that money is never an obstacle for someone who wishes to attend. A pair of weekends at East Bay Camp costs the community about \$15,000. If you can help financially, please send your tax deductible contribution to: B/N Great Banquet, PO Box 707, Bloomington, IL 61702-0707. Use PayPal! Info at www.bngreatbanquet.org

Our website always has the most up to date information!

Check it out at www.bngreatbanquet.org or
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Men's Great Banquet #102 March 21-24, 2013

Leadership

Lay Director Mike Beal (*Staying Power*)

Assistant Lay Directors

Bruce Tompkins
Jake Aupperle

Spiritual Director

Greg Summers (*Sacramental Grace*)

Assistant Spiritual Directors

Steve Barrow (*God's Gift of Grace*)
Rob Roy (*Our Response to Grace*)
Joe Culpepper (*Obstacles to Grace*)
Marty Thornton (*A Life of Grace*)

Musicians

Mike Casali & Jeff Shelton

Frontlines

Speakers

Randy Harmon (*Discovering Priorities*)
Steve Bowman (*Ministry of All Believers*)
Jim Swearingen (*The Way of Relationship*)
Greg Webb (*Truth Through Study*)
Stan Tarr (*Life of Christian Action*)
Jim Gonsalves (*Disciples*)
Stephen Sigler (*Changing Our Environment*)
Luke Aupperle (*Body of Christ*)
Nick O'Neill (*Establishing Priorities*)

Table Leaders

Keith Taylor, Dean Burkhe,
Bruce Mitchell, Matt Beal,
Cory Deerwester

Support

Agape Chapel Leader Chapel Assistants

Harry Jiles
Jaime Fitzsimmons, Don Bard
Keith Blankenship, Tim Gaines

Board Advisor

Darren Plattner

Women's Great Banquet #103 April 4-7, 2013

Leadership

Lay Director Sue Custer (*Staying Power*)

Assistant Lay Directors

Jane Frieden
Dianne Lehner

Spiritual Director

Dan Jassman (*Sacramental Grace*)

Assistant Spiritual Directors

Sheila Wells (*God's Gift of Grace*)
Betty Nave (*Our Response to Grace*)
Dave Jassman (*Obstacles to Grace*)
Mary Kay Henson (*A Life of Grace*)

Musicians

Dan & Leah Megli

Frontlines

Speakers

Jo Weller (*Discovering Priorities*)
Sybil Nash (*Ministry of All Believers*)
Mary Cranston (*The Way of Relationship*)
Jennifer Bauersfeld (*Truth Through Study*)
Linda Walker (*Life of Christian Action*)
Lis Hiltabrand (*Disciples*)
Mary Steinke (*Changing Our Environment*)
Carolyn Jiles (*Body of Christ*)
Karla Lohnes (*Establishing Priorities*)

Table Leaders

Jean Schmidt, Chris Shaffer,
Kim Burke, Laura Pritts,
Elizabeth Skelcher, Cindy Decrane,
Randy Payne

Support

Agape Chapel Leader Chapel Assistants

Rhonda Jenkins
Doris Idle, Vicki Stogsdill,
Donna Adkisson, Christie Deffner,
Felicia Anvick, Tammy Tucker
Karen Reginelli

Board Advisor

Reminder: Updated team lists are available at bngreatbanquet.org

A guide to a weekend at "The Lake..."

Thursday

7:00 pm Registration
8:00 pm Send Off/Sponsor's Hour

Friday

7:30 am Meal Servers Arrive
8:00 am Breakfast (no agape, please)
9:15 am Talk: Discovering Priorities
11:15 am Talk: God's Gift of Grace
Noon Meal Servers Arrive
12:30 pm Lunch (no agape, please)
1:45 pm Talk: Ministry of All Believers
3:00 pm **Talk: Our Response to God's Grace**
5:00 pm Meal Servers Arrive
5:30 pm Dinner
6:30 pm Talk: The Way of Relationship

Saturday

7:30 am Meal Servers Arrive
8:00 am Breakfast
8:45 am Talk: Truth Through Study
10:15 am Talk: Sacramental Grace
Noon Meal Servers Arrive
12:30 pm Lunch
3:00 pm Talk: The Life of Christian Action
4:30 pm Talk: Obstacles to Grace
5:00 pm Meal Servers Arrive
5:30 pm Dinner
7:00 pm Talk: Disciples
7:15 pm Arrive for Gut Bucket at Dining Hall
7:45 pm Gut Bucket rehearsal at Dining Hall
8:30 pm Candlelight Worship
10:00 pm Candlelight

Sunday

7:30 am Meal Servers Arrive
8:00 am Breakfast
8:50 am Talk: Changing Our Environment
10:00 am Talk: A Life of Grace
11:00 am Talk: Body of Christ
11:30 am Meal Servers Arrive
Noon Lunch
1:30 pm Talk: Staying Power
2:30 pm Talk: Establishing Priorities
5:00 pm Closing

Guest and Sleeper applications can be found on our website: www.bngreatbanquet.org or www.bngreatbanquet.org/awakening/



The GB board is looking for an additional person to help maintain our website.

Contact Shelly Hanover 309-826-6336 or shellyhanover@me.com for more information.

Lincoln\Logan Prison Update

Work is continuing on both correctional institutions to prepare for the facility switch. At this time, no one in administration can tell us when the switch will be completed and will not allow us to schedule a men's Great Banquet weekend until the switch is done. Therefore, the spring men's prison weekend is on indefinite hold. We have been given a tentative date for a women's prison weekend in October, with the hope that the facility switch will be completed and all the details of conducting the women's Great Banquet in a new facility will be ironed out by that time. Your board prison liaisons continue to work with administration officials to ensure that once the switch of the two facilities is complete, our community will continue our good relationship with both institutions and be able to carry on with our prison ministry. Continue to pray for a final resolution to this situation and for the prison residents, officials and personnel. Praise God that this situation is much closer to being settled than it was just a few months ago. God is good!

Clearance

Because of the uncertainty of when a Logan\Lincoln men's weekend will be scheduled, we are trying to be proactive and have our clearance list for the community attending Gut Bucket\Candlelight ready to go on short notice. If you might desire to participate, we will have sign up sheets at all the upcoming weekends at East Bay or you can call Harry Jiles 309-830-2642 or email him at sabinajiles@gmail.com. Obtaining clearance is not a commitment to attend but you cannot attend without clearance.

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Your Great Banquet Board of Directors

Shelly Hanover (Community Lay Director)	826-6336
Amanda Richards (Comm Spiritual Director)	262-9004
Dan Jassman (Asst Comm Spiritual Director)	807-0046
Ce Ann Kreun (Gatherings)	830-3016
Dave McMorris (Wknd Set Up/Clean Up)	826-3325
Dave Theil (Weekend Events)	662-4768
Donna Able (Supplies)	242-7792
Gina Dew (Weekend Events)	378-3407
Harry Jiles (Prison Liaison)	962-3391
John Plattner (Treasurer)	828-1684
Karen Layten (Prison Liaison)	261-3556
Karen Reginelli (Agape)	830-4507
Karla Lohnes (Community Musician)	830-7394
Kevin Daugherty (Asst Community Lay Director)	962-3529
Kim Toulon (Gatherings)	862-3714
Lindsay Aupperle (Prayer Vigils)	310-4014
Marrita Taylor (4th Day)	962-9783
Marty Thornton (Team Selection)	662-4600
Phyl Reichert (Newsletter)	532-3697
Nick O'Neill (Wknd Set Up/Clean Up)	724-8817
Randy Harmon (Wknd Set Up/Clean Up)	825-2648
Rob Wall (Registrar)	663-7630
Darren Plattner (Community Database)	726-1574
Rich Irwin (Website)	662-5896

Important Calendar Dates...

Spring 2013

Sunday February 24, 2013 @ 6:00 pm

Bloomington/Normal Boy's Awakening #2 Team Dedication--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

Sunday, March 17, 2013 @ 6:00 pm

Bloomington/Normal Men's **AND** Women's Great Banquet Teams Dedication—First Presbyterian Church, College Avenue at Hershey Rd, Normal

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 Weekend #103--East Bay Camp