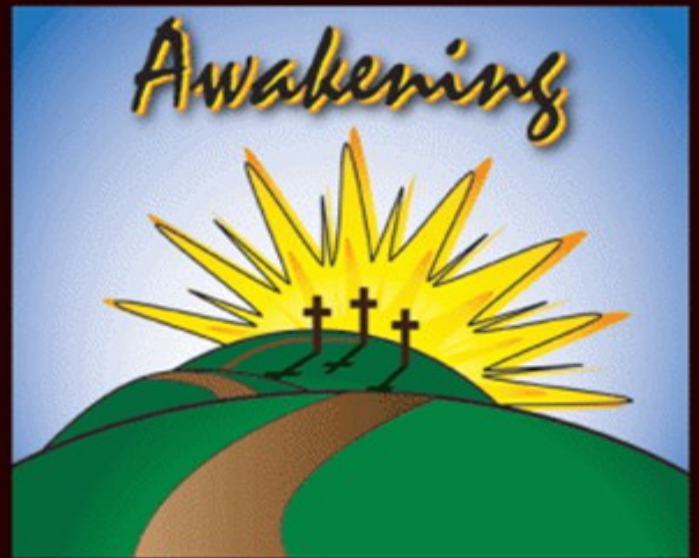


*August 2014*  
*Great Banquet/Awakening News*



**WHAT:** Summer Gathering—August 23, 2014

**WHERE:** In keeping with tradition—our Summer Gathering will once again take place at the Norman and Carolyn Brown Farm

**LOCATION:** Just east of the intersection of Towanda Avenue and Shelbourne Drive, Normal

**DETAILS:** Agape making begins at 5:30  
Potluck dinner begins at 6:00-Bring a dish or two to share and your own table service. Drinks are provided  
Worship begins at 7:30

**WHAT ELSE:** Remember this event is open to everyone. Friends and family. Invite your those who you've been praying will attend a Banquet or Awakening weekend.



# UPCOMING GREAT BANQUET WEEKENDS...

## MEN'S GREAT BANQUET #108 September 11-14, 2014

**Lay Director** Bruce Tompkins-*Staying Power*

**Asst. Lay Directors**

Jim Gonsalves  
Marty Thornton

**Spiritual Director**

Mel Duvall-*Sacramental Grace*

**Asst. Spiritual Directors**

Harold Meers-*God's Gift of Grace*  
Paul Stroup-*Our Response to God's Grace*  
Rick Tindal-*Obstacles to God's Grace*  
Don Crittenden-*A Life of Grace*

**Musicians** Mike Casali & Greg Reichert

**Speakers**

Rich Irwin-*Discovering Priorities*  
Mark Wylie-*Ministry of All Believers*  
Bob Bills-*Way of Relationship*  
Russ March-*Truth Through Study*  
Bruce Tucker-*Life of Christian Action*  
David Kaeb-*Disciples*  
Paul Dew-*Changing Our Environment*  
Alan DeCrane-*Body of Christ*  
Randy Cox-*Establishing Priorities*

**Table Leaders** Jon Marler, Brian Webner, Val Pritchett,  
Todd Calhoun, Durand Dressel

**Agape Chapel Leader**

Randy Harmon

**Chapel Assistants**

Don Ammerman, Craig Nelson, Dan  
Cochran, Vic Palomino

**Board Advisor** Darren Plattner

## WOMEN'S GREAT BANQUET #109 September 25-28, 2014

**Lay Director** Crystal Ward-*Staying Power*

**Asst. Lay Directors**

Karen Reginelli  
Jeanne Beal

**Spiritual Director**

Amanda Richardson-*Sacramental Grace*

**Asst. Spiritual Directors**

Kerri Cordray-*God's Gift of Grace*  
Terry Pitzer-*Our Response to Grace*  
Steve Ward-*Obstacles to Grace*  
TBN-*A Life of Grace*

**Musician** To be named

**Speakers**

Barb Bills-*Discovering Priorities*  
Betty Nave-*Ministry of All Believers*  
Chelsea Dean-*Way of Relationship*  
Abby Aupperle-*Truth Through Study*  
Marrita Taylor-*Life of Christian Action*  
Erin Steers-*Disciples*  
Judy Kelly-*Changing Our Environment*  
Lindsay Aupperle-*Body of Christ*  
TBN-*Establishing Priorities*

**Table Leaders** Carol Mettrick, Jenifer Drat, Jill  
O'Flaherty, Rita Schiffbauer,  
Annie Hobson

**Agape Chapel Leader**

Sherry Morgan

**Chapel Assistants**

Vickie Butler, Jill Little, Kim Payne,  
Sheila Sonka

**Board Advisor** Donna Able

Great Banquet 108 Dedication Service—Sun, Sept 7  
Great Banquet 109 Dedication —Sun, Sept 21  
Both dedications will be at 6 p.m.  
Please check the website for location

Fourth Day Meeting  
Thursday, October 9 at 7 p.m.  
Please check the website for location  
[www.bngreatbanquet.org](http://www.bngreatbanquet.org)

## **And now a word for our sponsors.....**

I remember watching television as a kid, and the important role that sponsors played. That role is just as critical in our Great Banquet Community!

As sponsors, you have committed to helping your guest truly experience the joys of the weekend, the Great Banquet Community and most importantly seeing the love of Christ. With this awesome privilege comes responsibility! Lets take some time to review the sponsor requirements as outlined on the Great Banquet Application form found on our website [www.bngreatbanquet.org](http://www.bngreatbanquet.org)

1. The sponsor meets with and explains the weekend.
2. The sponsor insures that the guest completes the guest section of the application, fully and completely. Remember that the dietary restrictions and medical conditions are really, really important. We work with the East Bay Camp staff, and dietary restriction should really be restrictions not 'meal preferences'. If someone has an allergy or intolerance that is different than just not preferring something. The same goes for medical conditions. While the accommodations are nice at camp, CPAP Machines require electricity, and there are only so many outlets in a room! Your Board Advisor and Lay Director really need to know these requirements!
3. The sponsor completes the sponsor section. An application is not complete until both the guest section and the sponsor section are completed. PLEASE help our registrar and complete both sections of the application before turning in the form.
4. The sponsor writes a \$25 check and mails the completed 2 page application to the registrar. The application fee helps cover a cost of the \$170 weekend.
5. The application is submitted to the Registrar in a prompt and timely manner. This is where we need your help! Careful and prayerful consideration goes into all portions of the team and guest functions. We need to work on getting our guest list completed BEFORE the dedication the Sunday before the weekend takes place. Given our world of 24 hour connections, sometimes it is easy to forget that this community exists with volunteers. Although there is always room for one more guest in the conference room and at camp, reservations and confirmation of food must be made with the camp, buttons must be made, room and table assignments are carefully and prayerfully selected. Lay Leaders work to place people at different tables, in different rooms based on community and church affiliation. Adding people at the last minute, while possible is not the preferred method!

As a sponsor you can help us by getting your guest application in a minimum of 2 weeks BEFORE The weekend! In fact, it is not too early to get an application in NOW for the upcoming weekends. There are always special exceptions, however, the 'exceptions' should not be the rule! Get that sponsor info in NOW!

After the application is delivered, your job is not complete! There is getting your guest to camp, sponsor hour, securing letters for the Sunday afternoon agape bag, candlelight, and closing! Sponsors all play a vital role in each of those! Sponsors also assist their guest in attending the 4th Day meeting that is held after the women's weekend!

As you can see, the Great Banquet Community relies heavily on the sponsor! It is a critical job! Thanks for your continued sponsorship, and we look forward to more great guests in the future!

## **Logan Prison Ministry**

*Peggy Kennedy has answered God's call to lead the women's team into Logan Correctional Center on Friday, October 10—Saturday, October 11, 2014.*

*As we did last year, we will be using the two day schedule as Logan has shortened the time allowed for retreats.*

*While all of our weekends need and covet your prayers, please pray mightily for this weekend. Pray for the guests, the team and that the clearance process goes well. Pray that the women God wants to be at our retreat will be selected by the Chaplain.*

*If anyone needs more information, please contact Peggy Kennedy, Lay Director, 309.451.3518 or Karen Layten, Board Advisor, 309.261.3556.*

## **Logan Great Banquet #14 October 10-11, 2014**

**Lay Director** Peggy Kennedy-*Staying Power*

### **Asst. Lay Directors**

Poonam McAllister  
Donna Bowman

### **Spiritual Director**

Tim Mitchell-*Sacramental Grace*

### **Asst. Spiritual Directors**

Sheila Wells-*God's Gift of Grace and Our Response to God's Grace*  
Dave Jassman—*Obstacles to Grace*  
Shirley Ryan-*Life of Grace*

### **Musician**

To be named

### **Speakers**

Gail Sigler-*Discovering Priorities*  
Kathy Knecht-*Ministry of All Believers*  
Bobbi Overfelt-*Way of Relationship*  
Karla Lohnes-*Truth Through Study and Disciples*  
Jane Frieden-*Life of Christian Action and Body of Christ*  
Karen Layten-*Changing Our Environment and Establishing Priorities*

**Table Leaders** Ellen Reeves, Terri Drollinger, Monica Tervan, Jan Runner, Nancy Harvey, Sybil Nash, Tina Gonsalves, Vicki Stogsdill, Michelle Giermann, Jean Johnson, Linda Walker, Marilea White, Doretta Irwin, Sherry Evans, Peg Gentes, Marita Taylor, Sue Miller, Julia Baier, Debby Paullin, Cindy DeCrane

### **Agape Chapel Leader**

Bert Cochran

### **Chapel Assistants**

Sharon Heger, Jennifer Wilson, Kim Williamson, Mary Sanko, Angela Raymond

### **Board Advisor**

Karen Layten

Luke 14:15-24 presents the parable of the Great Banquet. The focus of Great Banquet is to know Jesus as Lord and Savior and to make Him known.

*To live a life of grace and to respond to higher levels of Christian discipleship becomes the purpose of the Great Banquet.*

## **Awakening News**

Girls Awakening Weekend #5—November 21-23,  
Dedication—November 16  
Lay Director—Gina Dew

Please be in prayer for Awakening #5

Pray for:

- ◆ the team as it's being formed
- ◆ for sponsors of the sleepers
- ◆ for the sleepers who God wants to attend
- ◆ Pray for the sleepers who need to be on the weekend, that obstacles will be removed

The Image of the Awakening  
Weekend comes from  
I Samuel 3:1-10

## **Dedications**

Dedications are a great place to get up to the minute information.

They always have the meal server sign ups and info about prayer vigils (both are good ways to be a part of the team away from the lake or prison).

Dedications are an opportunity to share in holy communion and worship with the team.

Dedications are a 'family affair' and include a children's sermon.

Attending a dedication is a great way to show your support for the team members that will be attending to our guests on the weekend.

## Calling All Banners!

Remember when you went on your original weekend and you were overwhelmed with Agape? Remember how banner after banner kept appearing with MORE agape attached to it? Let's totally shower our guests this fall with God's love in the form of Agape made by His children. We look forward to seeing how God inspires you!

A special welcome to all of our new spring 2014 Great Banquet and Awakening members. We hope you'll find interesting and helpful information in the newsletter. If you have any questions please contact your sponsor or a board member. We encourage you to get involved, attend the team dedication service, apostolic hour and be on the other side of a candle for the upcoming weekends. We look forward to seeing you at East Bay!

## Our website always has the most up to date information!

Check it out at [www.bngreatbanquet.org](http://www.bngreatbanquet.org) or  
[www.bngreatbanquet.org/awakening/](http://www.bngreatbanquet.org/awakening/)

### Great Banquet Board Members 2014

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**For updated information check out the website:**

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**Need applications? Go to the website:**

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