

Bloomington-Normal Great Banquet & Awakening

Community News & Events February 2015

Sharing our Gifts

Each of us has been given different gifts to be used in building up the body of Christ and as the old saying goes, "Variety is the spice of life."

This is no less true in our Great Banquet Community than in our local churches. I just want to take a moment to encourage us to each use our gift as the Spirit leads us. In particular I want to remind us that **the gift of giving – financial giving – is a tremendous and often behind-the-scenes blessing of support** for our weekends. This community is able to help people encounter Christ in a way that is unlike any other and it takes lots of time, energy, prayer and money to keep it going!

It is my hope that God will speak to each of us about how we can keep these weekends vital and healthy for years to come. As the Apostle Paul writes, "6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; 7 if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; 8 if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully." –Romans 12:6-8

May we each lean into our gift in the upcoming weekends!

De Colores,
Pastor Amanda Richards
Community Spiritual Director

Welcome New Members !

Banquet # 108

Shane Cisco	Bud Spray	Kent Shaffer
Galye Thomas	Kerry Parker	Will Watson
Nick Burke	Mac McNair	Trace Pitzen
Josh Calandrillo	Fred Nimke	Clint Dickson
Marty Pickett	Jordan White	

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Anna Roberts	Julie White	Colleen Pouge
Julie Bopp	Ruth Nicewonger	Laura Miller
Laura Carter	Mary McQuilken	Elizabeth Ray
Julia Landon	Amy Pitzer	Londa Holoch
Kim Wohlwend	Laura Spencer	Charlotte Frazee
Heather Shepard	Maureen Groth	Jimma Parker
Q Samuel	Marcie Shaffer	Terry Hagensee
	Kim Myers	

Awakening # 5

Gabi Toulon	Sam Cooley	Becky Lovell
Shannon Angel	Melanie Myszka	RJ Campbell
Lauren Ward	Kristin Bunn	Katie Campbell
Ktie Kepple	Micah Cocco	Katie Starkey
Sam Lange	Georgi Roll	Alex Ewalt
Muireall Currie	Karalee White	Delaney Knecht
Marissa Herrera	Andrea Gordon	Grace Maynard
	Amanda Buchanan	

Who are you sponsoring?

Applications available on-line

www.BNGreatBanquet.org

Men's Great Banquet # 110

March 5-8, 2015

Dedication: Sun., March 1 - 6:00 pm Calvary UMC in Normal

Lay Director	Marty Thornton
Asst. Lay Director	Jake Aupperle
Asst. Lay Director	Tim Knecht
Musician	Glenn Dicken
Musician	Mike Casali
Board Advisor	Nick O'Neall
Talk 1 - Discovering Priorities	Dan Cochran
Talk 2 - God's Gift of Grace	John Brown
Talk 3 - Ministry of All Believers	Bruce Tucker
Talk 4- Our Response to Grace	Bruce Tompkins
Talk 5 - The Way of Relationship	Jeff Williamson
Talk 6 - The Truth Through Study	Mike Riddle
Talk 7 - Sacramental Grace	Kevin Summers
Talk 8 - The Life of Christian Action	Ron Aupperle
Talk 9 - Obstacles to Grace	Marty Thornton
Talk 10 - Disciples	Bob Bills
Talk 11 - Changing our Environment	David Kaeb
Talk 12 - A Life of Grace	Phil Rodrick
Talk 13 - The Body of Christ	Joe Landon
Talk 14 - Staying Power	Clinton Brown
Talk 15 - Establishing Priorities	Jim Gonsalves
Agape Chapel Leader	Dan Cochran
Agape Chapel	Don Stogsdill
Agape Chapel	Robin Shelton
Agape Chapel	Mark Stone
Agape Chapel	John Sonka
Agape Chapel	Austin Anderson
Table Leader	Jeff Hoschek
Table Leader	Joe Kreiter
Table Leader	Jim Fowler
Table Leader	Gordon Williams
Table Leader	Rod Smithson
Table Leader	Scott McAllister

Simple Weekend Outline

Thursday

7:00 pm Registration
7:30 Send off/Sponsor's Hour

Friday

7:30 am Meal Servers arrive
8:00 Breakfast
9:15 Discovering Priorities
11:15 God's Gift of Grace
11:30 Meal Servers Arrive
12:30 pm Lunch
1:45 Ministry of All Believers
3:00 Our Response to God's Grace
5:00 Meal Servers Arrive
5:30 Dinner
6:30 The Way of Relationship

Saturday

7:30 am Meal Servers arrive
8:00 Breakfast
8:45 Truth Through Study
10:15 Sacramental Grace
12:00 pm Meal Servers arrive
12:30 Lunch
3:00 The Life of Christian Action
4:30 Obstacles to Grace
5:00 Meal Servers arrive
5:30 Dinner
7:00 Disciples
7:30 Community Arrives for Gut Bucket
8:30 Candlelight Worship
10:00 Candlelight

Sunday

7:30 am Meal Servers arrive
8:00 Breakfast
8:50 Changing Our Environment
10:00 A Life of Grace
11:00 Body of Christ
11:30 am Meal Servers arrive
12:00 Lunch
1:30 Staying Power
2:30 Establishing Priorities
5:00 Closing

Women's Great Banquet # 111

March 19-22, 2015

Dedication: Sun., March 15 - 6:00 pm Calvary UMC in Normal

Weekend Support

72 hour prayer Vigil

Support the weekend with your prayers!
Sign-up on-line through Sign-up Genius
www.bngreatbanquet.org

Meal Servers

Be Christ's hands and feet while serving our guests and team!
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General Conference Room Agape letters

Let our guests and team know how you have been praying for them and offering up sacrificial acts of agape on their behalf!

Set-up/Clean Up

4:30 pm Wednesday before the weekend
4:00 pm - 1 hour after Closing

Gut Bucket Band

7:30 PM, Saturday

Bring a costume (or we will provide a silly hat!)
sing a song, provide entertainment(?) for the weekend.

Candlelight Worship

8:30 PM, Saturday

Join us for community worship, as we lift up each guest and team in prayer, celebrate communion & reconnect with one another.
* Help with set-up at 7:00

Closing Worship

5:00 PM, Sunday

Hear how God has changed lives in 72 hours!

Banners

We are in need of new banners to share on the weekends. A great reunion group project!

Agape Gifts

All those cute little gifts can make a BIG impact.
Plan on 60-70 gifts per weekend.

Lay Director	Karna Croft
Asst. Lay Director	Rhonda Jenkins
Asst. Lay Director	Jan Scott
Musician	Jeff Shelton
Board Advisor	Karla Lohnes
Talk 1 - Discovering Priorities	Monica Terven
Talk 2 - God's Gift of Grace	Kim Burke
Talk 3 - Ministry of All Believers	Kaye Schroeder
Talk 4- Our Response to Grace	Dan Jassman
Talk 5 - The Way of Relationship	Amanda Jassman
Talk 6 - The Truth Through Study	Lauren Sheley
Talk 7 - Sacramental Grace	Lori Bultemeier
Talk 8 - The Life of Christian Action	Sheila Meiner
Talk 9 - Obstacles to Grace	Chuck Anthony
Talk 10 - Disciples	Ellen Wylie
Talk 11 - Changing our Environment	Sharyl Jennings
Talk 12 - A Life of Grace	Barb Anthony
Talk 13 - The Body of Christ	Vicki McCain
Talk 14 - Staying Power	Karna Croft
Talk 15 - Establishing Priorities	Carolyn Jiles
Agape Chapel Leader	Debby Paullin
Agape Chapel	Heather Plattner
Agape Chapel	Sarah Cisco
Agape Chapel	Katie Cook
Tech Support	Monica Terven
Table Leader	Bert Cochran
Table Leader	Angie Croft
Table Leader	Carol Ropp
Table Leader	Carolyn Brown
Table Leader	Jill McNiff
Table Leader	Rita Schiffbauer

Check out www.BNGreatBanquet.org for updates !

Boy's Awakening # 6

March 27-29, 2015

Dedication: Sun., March 15 - 6:00 pm Calvary UMC in Normal

Lay Director	Paul Dew
Asst. Lay Director	Dave Theile
Asst. Lay Director	PJ Learn
Musician	Greg Reichert
Board Advisor	Rob Wall
Talk 1 - Identity	Al Schroeder
Talk 2 - Love	Luke Aupperle
Talk 3 - Meaning of Life	Mark Terven
Talk 4- Sin and Love	Keith Jenkins
Talk 5 - Salvation	Steve Ward
Talk 6 - Following Jesus	Ralph Smith
Talk 7 - Study	Doug Fujimoto
Talk 8 - Prayer	Reece Raymond
Talk 9 - Worship	Tyler Blanks
Talk 10 - Friends	Austin O'Neill
Talk 11 - Loving Jesus	Scott Riddle
Talk 12 - Distractions	Squish Derek Caughran
Talk 13 - Environment	Nick Burke
Talk 14 - Church	TBA
Talk 15 - Power	Paul Dew
Agape Chapel Leader	Aaron Shane
Agape Chapel - youth	Keanan Schroeder
Agape Chapel - youth	TBA
Agape Chapel - adult	TBA
Agape Chapel - adult	TBA
Table Leader	TBA
Table Leader	TBA

Weekend Support

55—hour Prayer Vigil

Prayer Vigil starts at Noon on Friday! Sign-up on line at Bngreatbanquet.org

Make Pillow Agape & Banners

All those little gifts can make a BIG impact!

General Conference Room Agape Letters

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! Please note: Parents/Sponsors of sleepers should not serve until Sunday. Sign-up on line at www.bngreatbanquet.org

Weekend Snacks

It's High School kids—you know how they can eat! Drop by some home-made goodies for the weekend.

Set-up & Clean Up

Set-up—4:30 pm—Thursday before the weekend
Clean-up—3:00 PM—Sunday

*** This is a great need for Awakening, and a wonderful act of sacrificial agape!**

Awakening Sponsorship

Awakening weekends are designed for high school sophomores—seniors or have graduated from high school within the past year.

Get applications on-line at bngreatbanquet.org

Kids and Weekends

Please remember, events taking place at East Bay Camp are for adults and youth who have attended a Fourth Day (Banquet, Emmaus Cursillo) or Awakening weekend.

Children and people who have not attended a weekend are welcome at our dedications and gatherings. However, they should not be at weekend events.

Simple Weekend Schedule

Friday– Day 1

12:00– 12:30	Arrival/Registration (please eat lunch before you arrive)
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	<i>Meal Servers arrive</i>
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	<i>Meal Servers arrive</i>
8:00am	Breakfast
8:45 am	Following Christ Talk
10:15 am	Study Talk
11:20 am	Prayer Talk
Noon	<i>Meal Servers</i>
12:30 pm	Lunch
1:35 pm	Worship Talk
3:45 pm	Friends Talk
5:00 pm	<i>Meal Servers arrive</i>
5:30 pm	Dinner
7:15 pm	Poster Party
8:30 pm	<i>Community Worship</i>
8:50 pm	Loving Jesus Talk
10:00 pm	<i>Candlelight</i>

Sunday– Day 3

7:30 am	<i>Meal Servers arrive</i>
8:00 am	Breakfast
9:05am	Distractions Talk
10:05 am	Environment Talk
11:05 am	The Church Talk
11:30 am	<i>Meal Servers arrive</i>
12:00 pm	Lunch
12:50 pm	Power Talk
2:00 pm	Agape Letters Shared
3:00 pm	Cross Service
3:30 pm	Closing

The Image of the Weekend

I Samuel 3:1-10 is the biblical image of the Awakening. Samuel is a boy who ministers to the Lord under Eli, the priest. One night as Samuel is lying down within the temple of the Lord, the Lord calls, "Samuel! Samuel!". Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him, so he did not recognize who was calling him. After the Lord calls Samuel three times, Eli perceives that it's the Lord calling. He instructs Samuel to respond with, "Speak, Lord, for thy servant hears," when the Lord calls again. Samuel does as Eli instructs, and hears from the Lord.

Join us in supporting the upcoming weekend to help to help "sleepers/participants" recognize and respond to God's voice!

Financial Support

The average cost per participant will be \$150. We are asking "participants" to pay a \$100 registration fee.

1. Because parents expect to pay when their youth attend an event and they value things more with a fee.
2. It seems "less cult like" for parents un-familiar with 3-day model weekends.

We will continue our community's policy of accepting all participants regardless of ability to pay the registration fee.

Financial support may be sent to:

B/N Great Banquet

PO Box 707, Bloomington, IL 61702

Or paypal at www.bngreatbanquet.org

Physical Support

We have discovered that we need additional support for set-up and clean-up for the Awakening Weekends.

Plan on staying an extra hour after the Awakening closing to get East Bay back in shape and supplies to the closet.

Clean-up starts at 3:00 pm on Sunday afternoon!

We appreciate your support !

Lincoln Great Banquet # 50

April 17-19, 2015

Dedication: Sun., April 12 - 6:00 pm Morningstar in Normal

Lay Director	Wayne Giermann	Agape Chapel Leader	Durand Dressel
Asst. Lay Director	Keith Blankenship	Agape Chapel	Dale Layten
Asst. Lay Director	Don Ammerman	Agape Chapel	Kevin Bromley
Musician	Glenn Dicken	Agape Chapel	Kerry Parker
Musician	Bill Givens	Agape Chapel	Len Thebarga
Board Advisor	Harry Jiles	Table Leader	Bruce Mitchell
Talk 1 - Discovering Priorities	TBA	Table Leader	Dean Westpfhal
Talk 2 - God's Gift of Grace	Jack Weller	Table Leader	Josh Calandrillo
Talk 3 - Ministry of All Believers	Jon Marler	Table Leader	David Kaeb
Talk 4- Our Response to Grace	Harold Meers	Table Leader	Keith Taylor
Talk 5 - The Way of Relationship	TBA	Table Leader	Victor Palomino
Talk 6 - The Truth Through Study	Alan DeCrane	Table Leader	Brad Ladage
Talk 7 - Sacramental Grace	Mel Duval	Table Leader	Jim Vancawenberg
Talk 8 - The Life of Christian Action	Richardo Baez	Table Leader	Terry Tosh
Talk 9 - Obstacles to Grace	Joe Culpepper	Table Leader	Joe Kreiter
Talk 10 - Disciples	Dean Buhrke		
Talk 11 - Changing our Environment	Bob Mueninghoff		
Talk 12 - A Life of Grace	TBA		
Talk 13 - The Body of Christ	Alan Bruehl		
Talk 14 - Staying Power	Wayne Giermann		
Talk 15 - Establishing Priorities	Rusty Bledsoe		

Lincoln Clearance

Clearance for Candlelight and Closing

Prior clearance is needed for those wishing to attend weekend events at Lincoln Correctional Center.

Candlelight - arrive at Lincoln at 4:30 pm
Closing - arrive at Lincoln at 3:30

Please contact Harry Jiles by March 1st
309-830-2642 or sabinajiles@gmail.com

He will gather information from you and submit to Lincoln. Once you have clearance, you will receive an e-mail with additional instructions.

Lincoln Support

Prayer Vigil

Prayer Vigil starts at Midnight on Friday!
Sign-up on line at Bngreatbanquet.org.

General Conference Room Agape Letters

Share with guests that you have been lifting them in prayer to grow closer to Jesus!

Sponsor's/Agape Letters

We all know how special the agape letters are. Help us provide letters for our Lincoln brothers.

Address to: "Dear Brother in Christ"

Sign: "Sister in Christ or Friend"

Do not seal envelopes

Agape Gifts

Paper agape works best ... bookmarks, origami, kids coloring pages and art work are always a hit!

*** no stickers, staples, tape, paper clips

Letters and Agape will be collected at the Lincoln dedication on Sunday, April 12.

It Takes a Community !

As we head into a busy spring weekend for the BN Great Banquet Community, I am reminded that these weekends really do take a community! **If you are looking for a call to arms...this is it!** This spring, we'll host weekends for men and women at East Bay Camp, the Guys Awakening (for teens) and a Men's weekend at Lincoln Correction Center!

We need your help! Your agape, your letters for those in Logan, your presence serving meals, holding candles, attending the closing are all needed! Mark your calendars! And, there is always room for more at the table in our Great Banquet, and we need your help making those that attend have an outstanding weekend!

Information on how **YOU can get involved this spring** is detailed throughout this newsletter and more info can be found on our website www.bngreatbanquet.org.

I look forward to seeing you this spring!

Kevin Daugherty
BN GB Community Lay Director

Many Thanks ...

Our community is so blessed to have so many folks who are dedicated to making sure our weekends and community run smoothly.

This past December we had several folks who completed their time of service on the board. A couple of them even agreed to continue serving as Board Advisors this spring! Yep- they are that dedicated!

When you see the following people around in the community, please join us in extending a warm thank you for all the extra time and efforts they have made in helping our community stay so strong!

Randy Harmon
Phyl Reichert
Rob Wall
Ce Ann Kreun
Karla Lohnes
Marty Thornton

Community Board of Directors

Community Lay Director	Kevin Daugherty	309-962-3529
Weekend Events	Gina Dew	309-378-3407
Weekend Events	Dave Theile	309-662-4768
Prayer Vigils & Meal Servers	Lindsay Aupperle	309-310-4014
Set-up/Clean-up	Nick O'Neill	309-261-2709
Set-up/Clean-up	Jim Gonsalves	309-660-4299
Set-up/Clean-up & Website	Scott Dunt	309-824-1523
Website	Rich Irwin	309-662-5896
Supplies	Mike Beal	309-825-7705
Supplies	Kaye Schroeder	309-826-9502
Supplies	Bert Cochran	309-530-5252
Registrar	Donna Able	309-242-7792
Lincoln Liaison	Harry Jiles	309-830-2642
Logan Liaison	Karen Layten	309-261-3556
Team Selection & Training	Karen Reginelli	309-830-4507
Newsletter	Shelly Hanover	309-826-6336
Fourth Day Meetings	Terry Pitzer	309-310-2128
Gatherings	Kim Toulon	309-287-3583
Musician	Phil Reginelli	309-838-6903
Agape Correspondence	Crystal Ward	217-855-3389
Database	Darren Plattner	309-726-1574
Treasurer	John Plattner	309-828-1684
Spiritual Director	Dan Jassman	309-287-3242
Spiritual Director	Amanda Richards	309-262-9004

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Community Calendar

Men's Banquet # 110

Dedication: Sun. March 1 - 6pm at Calvary UMC
Th. March 5- Sun. March 8

Women's Banquet # 111

Dedication: Sun. March 15 - 6pm at Calvary UMC
Th. March 19-Sun. March 22

Fourth Day Meeting

Th. March 26 - 7:00 pm at Calvary UMC

Boy's Awakening # 6

Dedication: Sun. March 15 - 6pm at Calvary UMC
Fri. March 27-Sun. March 29

Lincoln Banquet# 50

Dedication: Sun., April 12 at Morningstar UMC
Fri. April 17-Sun. April 19

Men's Banquet # 112

Th. September 10-Sun. September 13

Women's Banquet # 113

Th. September 24-Sun. September 27

Girl's Awakening # 7

Fri. November 13-Sun. November 15

Add Me to the E-list !

Join the Great Banquet e-list to be notified of community events, weekend needs and more, send an e-mail to Shelly Hanover at shellyhanover@me.com

Follow Us on Twitter

Follow our tweets at @bngreatbanquet. Get reminders on website updates, upcoming events, and any community news or needs the instant we tweet them!

Meal Servers & Prayer Vigils

Sign-ups for the meal servers and prayer vigil spots are now on-line through sign-up genius. Visit our website at www.BNGreatBanquet.org to sign-up.

Great Banquet Fourth Day Meeting

Thurs. March 26 - 7:00 pm at Calvary UMC

Spring guests and those looking to get more involved with our community are invited to share about their Fourth Days, create reunion groups and learn more about the community.