

Bloomington-Normal Great Banquet & Awakening

Community News & Events October 2015

Join us for the Fall 2015 Awakening Weekends!

New Candles !

The BN Great Banquet Community was recently blessed with a donation of new electric candles. You may have seen these at the fall candlelight services. Our former candles were on their last legs, and the board was discussing how to acquire new candles, when Mark Stone (Banquet 106) accidentally entered a Board Meeting when we were discussing the candles.

Mark says, "after my weekend, I knew the impact of the candlelight ceremony, for some reason I was drawn to a meeting room, where I didn't know anyone. The board was discussing the candles and the memory of my son Kyle, who passed away in June 2014, kept coming to me." Mark approached the Great Banquet Board and shared his story, and his desire to fund the purchase of the new candles for the community in Kyle's honor. With great pride, we will use "Kyle's Candles" to share the light of God to all candidates and teams in the future! Thanks Mark for your thoughtful and impactful gift!

Financial Support

The average cost per Awakening participant is \$150. Guests are asked 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 Financial support may be sent to:

B/N Great Banquet
PO Box 707, Bloomington, IL 61702
Or paypal at www.bngreatbanquet.org

Sponsorship

Awakening weekends are open to
Freshman in High School - Freshman in college.

Please be in prayer about who YOU can sponsor!

Applications can be found on-line at:
BNGreatBanquet.org

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

Fall Awakening Weekends

Girl's Awakening # 7

October 23-25, 2015

Dedication: Sun., October 18 • 6:00 pm

@ Jacob's Well (304 Jersey Ave., Normal)

Boy's Awakening # 8

November 13-15, 2015

Dedication: Sun., November 8 • 6:00 pm

@ First Presbyterian in Normal

Cara McMorris	Lay Director	Tim Knect
Amanda Jassman	Asst. Lay Director	Aaron Shane
Jill McNiff	Asst. Lay Director	Tom Payne
Ellie Dew	Musician	Tyler Blanks
Gina Dew & Shelly Hanover	Board Advisor	Dave Theile
Kristen Tucker	Talk 1 - Identity	"Squish" Caughron
Amanda Cryer	Talk 2 - Love	Dave McMorris
Jennifer Bauersfeld	Talk 3 - Meaning of Life	Tim Gaines
Kim Burke	Talk 4- Sin and Love	Steve Ward
Lori Bultemeier	Talk 5 - Salvation	Mel Devall
Tracey Vincent	Talk 6 - Following Jesus	Dewey Drollinger
Autumn Hart	Talk 7 - Study	Kevin Kennedy
Gabi Toulon	Talk 8 - Prayer	Joe Landon
Lindsay Gist	Talk 9 - Worship	Lawson Parker
Ellie Dew	Talk 10 - Friends	Andy Traeger
Barb Bills	Talk 11 - Loving Jesus	Chuck Anthony
Judy Kelly	Talk 12 - Distractions	Rick Lohnes
Jill McNiff	Talk 13 - Environment	Austin O'Neill
Lauren Spaid	Talk 14 - Church	Connor Kennedy
Cara McMorris	Talk 15 - Power	Tim Knect
Carly Bauman	Agape Chapel Leader	Dean Burke
Ellen Wylie	Agape Chapel	Joe Kreiter
Becca Rice	Agape Chapel	Lucas Bauer
Natalie Fletcher	Agape Chapel	Steve Reeves
Mary Judith Irwin	Agape Chapel	Jim McNiff
Tony Langelier	Table Leader	TBD
Poonam McAllister	Table Leader	TBD

Awakening 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

A Word from our Registrar....

We live in busy times in a busy world and it seems we are being asked to give more with less. We have good intentions but sometimes our worlds seem to pull us apart from doing everything on our list and we do what we can to get by.

One of the most amazing gifts we can give is a Great Banquet weekend where are guests are freed from their cell phones, their laptops and all their electronic devises and they can worship in fellowship with other believers.

Our weekends offer a chance to be still and draw closer to our God. As sponsors we want those weekends to be just as amazing to the people we sponsor as our weekends were for us so here are some brief reminders for sponsoring guests.

- Make sure you bring your guest to the weekend or if that isn't possible, make sure someone brings them that they are comfortable with. Help settle them in their room, introduce them to people, show them where the snack table is etc..
- Attend Sponsors' Hour in the chapel and pray for your guest and hang their cross.
- You are responsible for getting personal agape letters for your guest and making sure they are at the Agape Chapel no later than Saturday night.
- Participate in Candlelight and the Closing. A general rule to follow is if you are sponsoring someone don't serve a meal before Sunday or participate in Gut Bucket so the first time they see you is at the Candlelight.
- Take your guest to the 4th Day meeting and encourage them to join a reunion group.
- Make sure your application is complete and legible.
- When at all possible, please sponsor couples together; it can put strain on a relationship when one is coming off a mountain top experience and the other has no idea what just took place.

Thought: Recently someone shared with my team that when she was asked to go on her Great Banquet she was told she "needed this". She encouraged us to change that to "you deserve this".

Prayerfully consider who you know that deserves this and make a difference in their life.

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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 others who have not attended a weekend) should not be at weekend events to serve meals, attend registration, candlelight or closing.

However a great way to get the kids (and others) involved is to have them attend the dedications and make agape.

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

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.

Community Calendar

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Spring 2016

Girl's Awakening # 9 (Amanda Jassman)

Fri., February 26-Sun. February 28

Boy's Awakening # 10 (Jake Aupperle)

Fri. March 4-Sun. March 6

Men's Banquet # 114 (Nick O'Neill)

Th. March 17--Sun. March 20

Women's Banquet # 115 (Jeanne Beal)

Th. March 31-Sun. April 3

Lincoln Men's Banquet (Don Ammerman)

Fri. April 8-Sun. April 10