

Bloomington-Normal Great Banquet & Awakening

Community News & Events Spring 2017

Weekend Deadlines

For the first time in our community history, we had to canceled the Girls Awakening this past fall, due to lack of enrollment.

This sparked a lengthy board discussion on guest and sleeper recruitment, deposits at East Bay, financial responsibility and more. From that discussion, it was determined that we will have **minimum participant deadline** to host our weekends.

What this means is that we need a minimum of 5 participants registered by a set date to host our weekends.

If we have less than 5 participants by the deadline we will cancel the weekend, with little financial impact to the community or East Bay.

Applications can be found online at:
BNGreatBanquet.org

Spring 2017

Girl's Awakening 13: February 17-19

Registration Deadline: February 3

Dedication: Sun. February 12

Boy's Awakening 14: March 3-5

Registration Deadline: February 17

Dedication: Sun. February 12

Men's Banquet 118: March 16-19

Registration Deadline: March 3

Dedication: Sun. March 12

Women's Banquet 119: March 30-April 2

Registration Deadline: March 17

Dedication: Sun. March 26

Lincoln Correctional Center Banquet 52: April 21-23

Dedication: TBD

** Minimum of 5 participants needed by registration deadline to host weekends.*

'Tis the Season!

Kevin Daugherty
Community Lay Director

'Tis the season! No.... not that season. By the time you receive this newsletter, the holiday decorations are put away, and hopefully you are still keeping your new year's resolutions!

The season that I am speaking of is our 2017 Spring Awakening/Great Banquet season! Kicking off at Valentine's Day and continuing roughly through Easter, we host 4 weekends at East Bay Camp, and send a team into Lincoln Correctional Center.

And just like the holiday season, we need many hands to bring the community spirit to these weekends. Perhaps a resolution that you made was to get more involved in the Great Banquet Community, and a great way to do that would be to help with community Agape! From the nifty little pillow and table agape pieces to the letters sent to the guest at Lincoln, we need your help! Wouldn't it be great if we doubled the amount of pillow agape we provided for the weekends? And it would be even more powerful if we could provide 25 letters for each guest at Lincoln 52? Can we count on you?

More than the physical agape, would you like to make 2017 the year you add sacrificial agape to your list of service? The community always needs members of the prayer vigil, we can always use meal servers, and wouldn't it be something if we had standing room only at candlelight and closing services for the lake weekends? It is possible with your commitment of time.

Check the newsletter for more details of the times and locations that you can serve, and if those opportunities don't work, the community is always in the need of prayer, and that can fit into your schedule anytime!

Awakening Weekends !

Joint dedication: Sun., February 12 • 6:00 pm

Network Bible Fellowship, 1717 RT Dunn Drive Suite 203-204, Bloomington

Girl's Awakening # 13 February 17-19, 2017

Registration Deadline: Friday, February 3

Lay Director	Monica Terven
Asst. Lay Director	Rhonda Jenkins
Asst. Lay Director	Kaye Schroeder
Musicians	Amanda Jassman Hannah Jassman
Board Advisor	Crystal Ward
Talk 1 - Identity	Kyleigh Block
Talk 2 - Love	Alexis Anderson
Talk 3 - Meaning of Life	Elizabeth Simpson
Talk 4- Sin and Love	Gary Gawlik
Talk 5 - Salvation	Dan Jassman
Talk 6 - Following Jesus	Sherry Evans
Talk 7 - Study	Andrea Gordon
Talk 8 - Prayer	Maggie Dew
Talk 9 - Worship	Sarah Lange
Talk 10 - Friends	Anna Smith
Talk 11 - Loving Jesus	Barb Anthony
Talk 12 - Distractions	Martha McNair
Talk 13 - Environment	Dawn Heath
Talk 14 - Church	Lena Daugherty
Talk 15 - Power	Monica Terven
Agape Chapel Leader	Terri Drollinger
Agape Chapel	Debbie Cooley
Agape Chapel	Jan Kibler
Agape Chapel	Larin Harr
Agape Chapel	Emily McAllister
Table Leader	Molly White

Boy's Awakening # 14 March 3-5, 2017

Registration Deadline: Friday, February 17

Lay Director	Joe Landon
Asst. Lay Director	Bob Bills
Asst. Lay Director	Andy Traeger
Musician	Tyler Banks
Board Advisor	Bruce Tucker
Talk 1 - Identity	JayB Ready
Talk 2 - Love	Al Behrens
Talk 3 - Meaning of Life	Tim Knecht
Talk 4- Sin and Love	Jake Aupperle
Talk 5 - Salvation	Isaac Gaff
Talk 6 - Following Jesus	Jonathan Thompson
Talk 7 - Study	Justin Reeves
Talk 8 - Prayer	Keith Jenkins
Talk 9 - Worship	Brady Patrick
Talk 10 - Friends	Landon Harr
Talk 11 - Loving Jesus	Michael Pitzer
Talk 12 - Distractions	Jake Zook
Talk 13 - Environment	Abraham Zuniga Alzamora
Talk 14 - Church	Jasil Olabode
Talk 15 - Power	Joe Landon
Agape Chapel Leader	Dean Buhrke
Agape Chapel	Grant Gourley
Agape Chapel	Trevor Perring
Agape Chapel	Jonathan Smith
Agape Chapel	Jacob Holoch

Sponsorship: Freshman in high school - Freshman in college.

Please be in prayer about who YOU can sponsor this Spring.

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

Awakening 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

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

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

Set-up—4:30 pm—Thursday before the weekend

Clean-up—3:00 PM—Sunday

Awakening Financial Support

The average cost per participant is \$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 unfamiliar 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

Men's Great Banquet # 118

March 16-29, 2017

Dedication: Sun., March 12 • 6:00 pm at Calvary UMC
Registration Deadline: Friday, March 3

Lay Director	Jim Gonsalves
Asst. Lay Director	Don Ammerman
Asst. Lay Director	Lucas Bauer
Musicians	Mike Casali Glenn Dicken
Board Advisor	Kevin Daugherty
Talk 1 - Discovering Priorities	Bruce Tompkins
Talk 2 - God's Gift of Grace	Keith Blankenship
Talk 3 - Ministry of All Believers	Jake Zook
Talk 4- Our Response to Grace	Kevin Gordon
Talk 5 - The Way of Relationship	Rob Wall
Talk 6 - The Truth Through Study	Jim Fowler
Talk 7 - Sacramental Grace	Phil Rodrick
Talk 8 - The Life of Christian Action	Jeff Hoschek
Talk 9 - Obstacles to Grace	Jim Pitzer
Talk 10 - Disciples	Bob Mueninghoff
Talk 11 - Changing our Environment	Steve McNair
Talk 12 - A Life of Grace	Marty Thornton
Talk 13 - The Body of Christ	Don Ammerman
Talk 14 - Staying Power	Jim Gonsalves
Talk 15 - Establishing Priorities	Phil Reginelli
Agape Chapel Leader	Tim Gaines
Agape Chapel	Dan Cochran
Agape Chapel	Herb Steffen
Agape Chapel	David Fluty
Agape Chapel	Nick Murukas
Agape Chapel	Nick Smith
Agape Chapel	Ernist Mitchel
Table Leader	Jason McHenry
Table Leader	Jim Jones
Table Leader	Scott McAllister
Table Leader	Kevin Bromley
Table Leader	Dewey Drollinger

Banquet Schedule

Thursday

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

Friday

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

Saturday

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

Sunday

7:30 am	<i>Meal Servers Arrive</i>
8:00	Breakfast
8:50	Changing Our Environment
10:00	A Life of Grace
11:00	Body of Christ
11:30 am	<i>Meal Servers Arrive</i>
12:00	Lunch
1:30	Staying Power
2:30	Establishing Priorities
4:45	<i>Community Arrives for Closing</i>
5:00	Closing

For more updates visit:

www.BNGreatBanquet.org

Women's Great Banquet # 119

March 30-April 2, 2017

Dedication: Sun., March 26 • 6:00 pm at Calvary UMC

Registration Deadline: Friday, March 17

Banquet 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!
Sign-up on-line through Sign-up Genius
www.bngreatbanquet.org

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	Ellen Wylie
Asst. Lay Director	Kim Williamson
Asst. Lay Director	Gay Cochran
Musicians	Annie Hobson Jared Hobson
Board Advisor	Donna Able
Talk 1 - Discovering Priorities	Lisa Anderson
Talk 2 - God's Gift of Grace	Terry Pitzer
Talk 3 - Ministry of All Believers	Abby Aupperle
Talk 4- Our Response to Grace	Paul Stroup
Talk 5 - The Way of Relationship	Lindsay Mitchell
Talk 6 - The Truth Through Study	Carol Tompkins
Talk 7 - Sacramental Grace	Chuck Anthony
Talk 8 - The Life of Christian Action	Kim Williamson
Talk 9 - Obstacles to Grace	Barb Bills
Talk 10 - Disciples	Janet McCarty
Talk 11 - Changing our Environment	Rita Schiffbauer
Talk 12 - A Life of Grace	Karen Reginelli
Talk 13 - The Body of Christ	Ann Rohde
Talk 14 - Staying Power	Ellen Wylie
Talk 15 - Establishing Priorities	Jennifer Bauersfeld
Agape Chapel Leader	Kathleen Thornton
Agape Chapel	Julie Biever
Agape Chapel	Susan Bruehl
Agape Chapel	Diane Hinthorne
Agape Chapel	Tracey Vincent
Table Leader	Kren Kuntz
Table Leader	Gerry Johnson
Table Leader	Sarah Duckworth
Table Leader	Tammy Tucker
Table Leader	Vicky VanCawenberg
Table Leader	Kate Grey
Table Leader	Sharyl Jennings

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

Lincoln Great Banquet # 52

April 21-23, 2017

Dedication: TBD - Watch website and listen to announcements

Lay Director	Harry Jiles	Agape Chapel Leader	Mark Terven
Asst. Lay Director	Steven Sigler	Agape Chapel	Denny Sutter
Asst. Lay Director	Bob Bills	Agape Chapel	Dewey Drollinger
Musician	Mike Casali	Agape Chapel	Addison Phillips
Musician	Glenn Dicken	Agape Chapel	Josh Calandrillo
Board Advisor	Rusty Bledsoe	Agape Chapel	Paul Popejoy
Talk 1 - Discovering Priorities	Jim VanCawenberg	Agape Chapel	Gayle Thomas
Talk 2 - God's Gift of Grace	Rick Tindall	Table Leader	David Kaeb
Talk 3 - Ministry of All Believers	Bernie Wrezynski	Table Leader	Joe Krieter
Talk 4- Our Response to Grace	Wayne Gierman	Table Leader	Ricardo Baez
Talk 5 - The Way of Relationship	Scott Riddle	Table Leader	Scott Booraem
Talk 6 - The Truth Through Study	Reece Raymond	Table Leader	Steve Myers
Talk 7 - Sacramental Grace	Eric Swanson	Table Leader	Rusty Hendren
Talk 8 - The Life of Christian Action	Rick Lohnes	Table Leader	Keith Taylor
Talk 9 - Obstacles to Grace	Joe Culpepper	Table Leader	Leland Dean
Talk 10 - Disciples	Todd Calhoun	Table Leader	Paul Crownheart
Talk 11 - Changing our Environment	Bill Givens	Table Leader	Durand Dressel
Talk 12 - A Life of Grace	Randy Williams	Table Leader	Kevin Cook
Talk 13 - The Body of Christ	Tom Payne	Table Leader	Alan DeCrane
Talk 14 - Staying Power	Harry Jiles		
Talk 15 - Establishing Priorities	Alan Bruehl		

Lincoln Support

Prayer Vigil

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

Sponsor's/Agape Letters

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

Lincoln Clearance

Clearance for Candlelight and Closing

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

Please contact Rusty Bledsoe by February 5
309-838-0950 or rusty@ctb123.net

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

Community Calendar

Gathering: Sat. January 28
6:00 pm at First Presbyterian, Normal

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Fourth Day Meeting: Thurs. April 6
6:30 pm at Calvary UMC, Normal

Lincoln Banquet: April 21-23
Dedication: TBD

Many Thanks!

Since our community began back in the 1980's, John Plattner has faithfully served on our Great Banquet Board as Treasurer and even accepted a term as Community Lay Director! In 2017, John will be stepping down from the board.

John we appreciate the dedication you have shown and consistency of leadership you have provided. No one will ever know just how much time and energy you have given to ensure that this community continues to be the wonderful ministry that it is - you will be missed!

When you see John this *Banquet Season* - please extend your thanks for a job well done!

Oh and by the way...

How many of you knew, that it's John Plattner who orders Tobin's Pizza for every weekend?

Community Board of Directors

Community Lay Director	Kevin Daugherty	309-962-3529
Weekend Events	Cara McMorris	309-826-3325
Weekend Events		309-662-4768
Weekend Events	Peggy Kennedy	309-531-3518
Prayer Vigils & Meal Servers		
Set-up/Clean-up	Joe Landon	309-827-6960
Set-up/Clean-up	Bruce Tucker	309-825-6702
Set-up/Clean-up	Jim Gonsalves	309-660-4299
Set-up/Clean-up	Scott Dunt	309-824-1523
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
Lincoln Liaison	Rusty Bledsoe	309-838-0950
Logan Liaison	Karen Layten	309-261-3556
Team Selection & Training		
Team Selection & Training	Aaron Shane	309-531-8863
Newsletter/Website	Shelly Hanover	309-826-6336
Fourth Day Meetings	Terry Pitzer	309-310-2128
Gatherings	Kim Toulon	309-287-3585
Gatherings	Julie Anderson	309-212-7274
Musician	Phil Reginelli	309-838-6908
Agape Correspondence	Crystal Ward	217-855-3389
Database	Darren Plattner	309-828-5326
Treasurer	Sheila Melzer	309-532-1466
Spiritual Director	Dan Jassman	309-287-3242

Weekend Costs:

Approximate Weekend Expenses (per person)

Great Banquet	\$175
Awakening	\$150
Prison	\$25

Financial support may be sent to:

B/N Great Banquet

PO Box 707

Bloomington, IL 61702

Or paypal at www.bngreatbanquet.org

For more updates visit: www.BNGreatBanquet.org

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www.BNGreatBanquet.org

Fourth Day Meeting

Thurs. April 6

6:30 pm at Calvary UMC

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.

Data Base Clean Up

Help us save money and trees! If you would like to stop receiving the B-N Great Banquet/Awakening newsletter please email:

Darren Plattner gd7995@gmail.com

Shelly Hanover ShellyHanover@me.com

Please remember, newsletters and other information is available online at BNGreatBanquet.org

Musicians Needed!

We are looking for musicians who are willing to volunteer in our community. There are two primary ways to serve:

- 1) Saturday night Apostolic Hours (that's the worship service we do prior to Candlelight)
- 2) Serving as a musician on a Great Banquet or Awakening weekend.

If you are willing to serve in either capacity, contact Phil Reginelli at preginelli@advance-trading.com.

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