

# Bloomington-Normal Great Banquet & Awakening

Community News & Events Summer /Fall 2018

## Summer Gathering: Brown's Picnic

Saturday, August 18

Carolyn and Norman Brown's Home

1544 E. Shelbourne Dr., Normal, IL 61761

(Corner of Shelbourne & Towanda)

5:30 pm - Agape

6:00 pm - Potluck Supper

Bring a dish or 2 to share and table service

Drinks will be provided

7:30 pm - Worship

Bring the entire family for an evening of great food, hayrack rides, yard games, and worship!



## The Incredibles

by Rob Wall, Community Lay Director

My wife Beth and I recently took grandkids to see "Incredibles 2," the Pixar animated movie about the Parrs, a crime-fighting family of superheroes who try to do good and battle evil. It was an action-packed, well-orchestrated, and entertaining film. With the upcoming fall weekends, it reminded me of our Great Banquet family and the Great Banquet, Awakening, and Prison weekends.

Bob Parr, a.k.a. Mr. Incredible, is the dad who possesses super strength and limited invulnerability. I see these superpowers when I see people setting up and tearing down tables, chairs, and sound and video systems for our weekends.

The mom, Helen Parr, a.k.a. Elastigirl, has the ability to stretch her body into many shapes and forms. We all know people stretch well beyond their means when saying yes to team service, serving in leadership roles, giving talks, providing agape, and so much more.

There's Violet Parr, the daughter who can become invisible and project force fields for limited lengths of time. We have a lot of Violets. They are the prayer warriors, agape chapel servants, and community members at weekend events. These people project force fields through prayer and service but, unlike Violet Parr, for an unlimited time.

And, there are sons Dash with superhuman speed and Jack-Jack who has an assortment of powers. We have community members who have endless energy, do things quickly without expecting recognition, and possess and share an assortment of powers such as providing music, sponsorship, and serving the least, last, and lost in prison.

Finally, like all superhero movies there was a bad guy and this one had the Underminer, a mole-like supervillain who seeks to bring war and destruction to the world. It's no surprise that the spiritual Underminer shows up on our weekends. However, the key to victory over the Parrs' and our Underminer is recognizing we each have various powers and teaming up is the way to do good and defeat evil.

Check out this newsletter and our website to find ways you can be a community superhero and be incredible too!

# Mens Great Banquet # 124

Weekend Dates: September 6-9

Team Dedication: Sun. August 26 at Calvary UMC • 6:00 pm

Lay Director	Ron Kennedy
Asst. Lay Director	Dave McMorris
Asst. Lay Director	Rick Bauersfeld
Musicians	Greg Reichert
Board Advisor	Scott Dunt
Talk 1 - Discovering Priorities	Kevin Cook
Talk 2 - God's Gift of Grace	Steve Barrow
Talk 3 - Ministry of All Believers	Bernie Wrezinski
Talk 4- Our Response to Grace	John Brown
Talk 5 - The Way of Relationship	Stephen Sigler
Talk 6 - The Truth Through Study	Tom Payne
Talk 7 - Sacramental Grace	Dave Jassman
Talk 8 - The Life of Christian Action	Al Schroeder
Talk 9 - Obstacles to Grace	Joe Culpepper
Talk 10 - Disciples	Jim Fowler
Talk 11 - Changing our Environment	Willis Kern
Talk 12 - A Life of Grace	Steve Terry
Talk 13 - The Body of Christ	Kerry Parker
Talk 14 - Staying Power	Ron Kennedy
Talk 15 - Establishing Priorities	Jim Smith
Agape Chapel Leader	Paul Dew
Agape Chapel	Bob Hornke
Agape Chapel	Nathan Schumacher
Agape Chapel	Sawyer Howard
Agape Chapel	Dave White
Agape Chapel	Dean Buhrke
Table Leader	Nick Murukas
Table Leader	Will Watson
Table Leader	Steve McCane
Table Leader	Brian Goodwin
Table Leader	Dave Theile

## Banquet Schedule

### 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
4:45	Community Arrives for Closing
5:00	Closing

For more updates visit:

[www.BNGreatBanquet.org](http://www.BNGreatBanquet.org)

# Womens Great Banquet # 125

Weekend Dates: September 20-23

Team Dedication: Sun. September 16 at Calvary UMC • 6:00 pm

## Banquet Support

### 72 hour prayer Vigil

Support the weekend with your prayers!  
Sign-up on-line through Sign-up Genius  
[www.bngreatbanquet.org](http://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](http://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

Asst. Lay Director

Asst. Lay Director

Musicians

Board Advisor

Talk 1 - Discovering Priorities

Talk 2 - God's Gift of Grace

Talk 3 - Ministry of All Believers

Talk 4- Our Response to Grace

Talk 5 - The Way of Relationship

Talk 6 - The Truth Through Study

Talk 7 - Sacramental Grace

Talk 8 - The Life of Christian Action

Talk 9 - Obstacles to Grace

Talk 10 - Disciples

Talk 11 - Changing our Environment

Talk 12 - A Life of Grace

Talk 13 - The Body of Christ

Talk 14 - Staying Power

Talk 15 - Establishing Priorities

Agape Chapel Leader

Agape Chapel

Agape Chapel

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Agape Chapel

Table Leader

Table Leader

Table Leader

Table Leader

Table Leader

Table Leader

Dianne Lehner

Sharyl Jennings

Carol Tompkins

Jeff Pitzer

Denise Pitzer

Karen Reginelli

Angie O'Neall

Carol Smithson

Sherry Morgan

Judy Vadala

Estelle Brown

Gayle Dustman

Mary Kay Henson

Kathy Rygh

Kim Burke

Peggy Parker

Ce Ann Krueen

Kathleen Thornton

Julia White

Dianne Lehner

Jill McNiff

Cally Shane

Gudrun Dunt

Diane Hinthorne

Sandy Kokaly

Michelle Hoerner

Randy Payne

Carol Gilmore

Linda Walker

Aja Simpson

Jill Gray

Lee Hotz

Becky Hoschek

**Sponsorship:** Applications can be found on-line at: [BNGreatBanquet.org](http://BNGreatBanquet.org)

# Logan Great Banquet #18

Weekend Dates: October 5-6

Team Dedication: Sun. September 30 at Network Bible Fellowship • 6:00 pm

Lay Director	Monica Terven	Table Leader	Tina Lynn
Asst. Lay Director	Doretta Irwin	Table Leader	Debbie Cooley
Asst. Lay Director	Sherry Evans	Table Leader	Anna Barnlund
Musicians	Glenn Dicken	Table Leader	Susan Jiles
Board Advisor	Michelle Giermann	Table Leader	Gail Sigler
Tech Support	Maegan Beckert	Table Leader	Kim Williamson
Agape Chapel Leader	Vicki Stogsdill	Table Leader	Marilea White
Agape Chapel	Janice Bettisch	Table Leader	Poonam McAllister
Agape Chapel	Mary Sanko	Table Leader	Nancy Harvey
Agape Chapel	Lucy Williamson	Table Leader	Jill O'Flaherty
Agape Chapel	Hellena Beal	Table Leader	Kim Toulon
Agape Chapel	Angie Tiller	Table Leader	Rita Schiffbauer
Talk 1 - Discovering Priorities	Terri Drollinger	Table Leader	Carol Tompkins
Talk 2 - God's Gift of Grace/Response	Heather Plattner	Table Leader	Blythe Bauer
Talk 3 - The Way of Relationship	Christina Junior	Table Leader	Janae Bledsoe
Talk 4- Our Response to Grace	Kevin Gordon	Table Leader	Lana Gooding
Talk 5 - Sacramental Grace	Dan Jassman	Table Leader	Lisa Gordon
Talk 6 - Ministry of All Believers	Kelly Duby	Table Leader	Jean Johnson
Talk 7 - Disciples and Study	Peggy Kennedy	Table Leader	Nancy Annegers
Talk 8 - Life of Grace	Wayne Giermann	Table Leader	Pam Buggar
Talk 9 - Life of Action & Body of Christ	Temeria Olabode		
Talk 10 - Staying Power	Monica Terven		
Talk 11 - Establishing Priorities	Debby Paullin		

## Awakening Weekends

Watch the website [BNGreatBanquet.org](http://BNGreatBanquet.org) for more information, team lists and more!

### Girl's Awakening # 19

November 2-4

Lay Director: Kaye Schroeder

### Boy's Awakening # 20

November 16-18

Lay Director: Andy Traeger

### Registration now open!

Sleeper applications being accepted now!

Freshman in High School - Freshman in College

[www.BNGreatBanquet.org](http://www.BNGreatBanquet.org)

## Logan Banquet Support

### Off Site Candlelight

Friday, October 5 (time and location TBD)

More details coming soon!

### Prayer Vigil

Sign-up on line at [BNGreatBanquet.org](http://BNGreatBanquet.org).

### Sponsor's/Agape Letters

Help us provide letters for our Logan guests

Address to: "Dear Sister 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

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

# Community Calendar

## Summer/Fall 2018

Must have 5 registered guests/sleepers  
2 weeks prior to start of weekend.

**Mens Banquet 124: September 6-9**

**Womens Banquet 125: September 20-23**

**Fourth Day Meeting: Thursday, September 27**  
6:30 pm at Calvary UMC

**Logan Women's Banquet 18: October 5-6**

**Girls Awakening 19: November 2-4**

**Boys Awakening 18: November 16-18**

## Spring 2019

**Girls Awakening #21: February 8-10**

**Boys Awakening #22: February 22-24**

**Men's Great Banquet #126: March 7-10**

**Women's Great Banquet #127: March 21-24**

**Logan Men's Great Banquet #54: April TBD**

## Fall 2019

**Mens Banquet 128: September 12-15**

**Womens Banquet 129: September 26-29**

**Logan Women's Banquet 18: October TBD**

**Girls Awakening 19: November 1-3**

**Boys Awakening 20: November 15-17**

## Weekend Costs:

*Approximate Weekend Expenses (per person)*

Great Banquet	\$200
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](http://www.bngreatbanquet.org)



## Holy Land Trip

**November 10-19, 2019**

Travel with fellow members of Great Banquet and Calvary United Methodist Church for the trip of a lifetime to the Holy Land. This 10-day guided trip to Israel will include stops at Bethlehem, the Sea of Galilee, Jerusalem, Masada and the Dead Sea.

Sites we will visit include; the Western Wall, the Mount of Olives, the Garden Tomb, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, and many more.

Plus, enjoy a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee, stop at the Israeli Museum to see the Dead Sea Scrolls and participate in many memorable worship experiences. Additional excursions available.

*Limited to 44 travelers.*

**Join us! Information meeting:**

Monday, September 17 - 6:00pm

Calvary UMC (room 111)

**Travel Brochure available at:**

[www.BNGreatBanquet.org](http://www.BNGreatBanquet.org)

Includes cost, travel itinerary and more details

**For more information contact:**

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## Fourth Day Meeting

**Thurs. September 27 • 6:30 pm  
at Calvary UMC, Normal**

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.

## [BNGreatBanquet.org](http://BNGreatBanquet.org)

Visit our website to sign-up for Meal Servers and Prayer Vigil spots, check weekend schedules and get up to date information!

## 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](mailto:shellyhanover@me.com)

## 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](mailto:gd7995@gmail.com)  
Shelly Hanover [ShellyHanover@me.com](mailto:ShellyHanover@me.com)

Please remember, newsletters, team lists and other information is available online at [BNGreatBanquet.org](http://BNGreatBanquet.org)