

Bloomington-Normal Great Banquet & Awakening

Community News & Events August 2017

Brown's Picnic

Saturday, August 19 @ Brown's Farm
1544 E. Shelbourne Dr., Normal, IL 61761
(Corner of Shelbourne & Towanda)

Join us as we get ready for a busy Awakening/Banquet Season! Enjoy fabulous food and warm fellowship. Gatherings are open to everyone!

5:30 pm Agape Making

6:00 pm Potluck Dinner

Please bring a dish or two to share and your own table service. Drinks will be provided.

7:30 pm Worship

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 a **minimum participant deadline** to host our weekends.

What this means is that we need a minimum of 5 (five) 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

Return On Investment & Great Banquet

From Kevin Daugherty, Community Lay Director

I recently heard Howard Dayton (Compass Financial), state that the bible references money and possession over 2,000 times. I want you to know that your Bloomington Normal Great Banquet and Awakening Board takes the financial state of our organization very seriously, but you won't be hearing about it 2,000 times!

You've probably noticed an increased awareness given to the financial situation of our community. One thing we have discovered, is that with the rising costs of our programming (East Bay expenses, Great Banquet expenses) our actual costs of the Great Banquet Weekend is \$200, and the cost of an Awakening is \$130. These are per person numbers.

What is included in that number? Lodging accommodations, meals, various items from the 'closet', the photograph, music rights, newsletters, little Great Banquet books, poster board and markers, and even crosses!

So, while the return on that modest investment is shared with those that attend the Closings at every weekend, we are making a concerted effort to share the actual costs.

Adding Awakenings means that we are looking for youth involvement that serve as positive role models to other youth. Often these youth don't have the finances to support the weekends they serve on. We certainly don't want to limit team membership to those that can 'afford' it, but we need to look at helping pay the experiences forward for both team members and guests.

What can you do? Please keep our community in your prayers! Consider a donation! Most importantly continue to support the community with your sponsorship, and your presence. We have over 3,800 members that have participated in our 3 day weekend experience. We need help from all of you!

Check out our website and our social media accounts. we hope to see you soon!

Fall Great Banquet Weekends

Men # 120: September 7-10, 2017

Dedication: Sun., September 3

6:00 pm at Calvary UMC

Registration Deadline: Friday, August 25

Women # 121: September 21-24, 2017

Dedication: Sun., September 17

6:00 pm at Calvary UMC

Registration Deadline: Friday, September 8

Men's Team	Team Role	Women's Team
Rick Lehner	Lay Director	Nancy Behrens
Ron Kennedy	Asst. Lay Director	Dorothy Graham
Jeff Williamson	Asst. Lay Director	Judy Kelly
Greg Reichert	Musicians	Jeff Pitzer
		Denise Pitzer
Phil Reginelli	Board Advisor	Shelly Hanover
John Dirks	Talk 1 - Discovering Priorities	Sandy Kokaly
	Talk 2 - God's Gift of Grace	
Kerry Parker	Talk 3 - Ministry of All Believers	Linda Webner
	Talk 4 - Our Response to Grace	Gary Gawlik
Clinton Brown	Talk 5 - The Way of Relationship	Julie Anderson
Jim Fowler	Talk 6 - The Truth Through Study	Betty Nave
Dan Jassman	Talk 7 - Sacramental Grace	Lori Bultemeier
Jim McNiff	Talk 8 - The Life of Christian Action	Amanda Cryer
	Talk 9 - Obstacles to Grace	Kim Burke
Tyler Blanks	Talk 10 - Disciples	Sandy Theile
Scott Dunt	Talk 11 - Changing our Environment	Kathy Rygh
	Talk 12 - A Life of Grace	Judy Vadala
Michael Reginelli	Talk 13 - The Body of Christ	Linda Adams
Rick Lehner	Talk 14 - Staying Power	Nancy Behrens
Bob Muenninghoff	Talk 15 - Establishing Priorities	Jennifer Bauersfeld
Dan Cochran	Agape Chapel Leader	Katherine Daugherty
Tony Johnson	Agape Chapel	Jenna Bair
Nick Murukas	Agape Chapel	Lynnette Hendren
Doug Parker	Agape Chapel	Kim Payne
Robin Shelton	Agape Chapel	Amy Pitzer
Don Stogsdill	Agape Chapel	
Jeremy Baier	Table Leader	Angie Asper
Hal Gray	Table Leader	Katie Cook
Ed Holtz	Table Leader	Debbie Cooley
Mark Langellier	Table Leader	Diane Harsha
David White	Table Leader	Emily Hopt
Don Stogsdill	Table Leader	Sheila Melzer

Simple 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 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 Meal Servers Arrive

12:30 Lunch

3:00 Christian Action

4:30 Obstacles to Grace

5:00 Meal Servers Arrive

5:30 Dinner

7:00 Disciples

7:30 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 Meal Servers Arrive

12:00 Lunch

1:30 Staying Power

2:30 Establishing Priorities

5:00 Closing

Sponsorship Applications

can be found on-line at: BNGreatBanquet.org

Logan Great Banquet # 17

Friday, October 6-Saturday, October 7, 2017

Logan Dedication

Monday, October 2 • 6:30 pm

Network Bible Fellowship

1717 RT Dunn Dr. #203, Bloomington IL 61701

Logan Support

Prayer Vigil

Sign-up on line at BNGreatBanquet.org.

Sponsor's/Agape Letters

Help us provide letters for our Logan sisters.

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 are always a hit!

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

Community Calendar

- Sun. Sept. 3** Men's Dedication at Calvary (6pm)
- Sept. 7-10** Men's #120 Great Banquet Weekend
Registration deadline: August 25
- Sun. Sept. 17** Women's Dedication at Calvary (6pm)
- Sept. 21-24** Women's #121 Great Banquet Weekend
Registration deadline: September 8
- Thurs. Sept. 28** 4th Day Meeting at Calvary (6:30pm)
- Mon. Oct. 2** Logan Women's Dedication at NBF (6:30pm)
- Oct. 6-7** Logan Women's #17 Great Banquet Weekend
- Nov. 3-5** Girl's Awakening Weekend
Registration deadline: October 20
- Nov. 17-19** Boy's Awakening Weekend
Registration deadline: November 3

For more updates visit:

www.BNGreatBanquet.org

Lay Director	Michelle Giermann
Asst. Lay Director	Donna Bowman
Asst. Lay Director	Monica Terven
Musician	Jeff Shelton
Board Advisor	Karen Layten
Tech Support	Linda Walker
Talk 1 - Discovering Priorities	Doretta Irwin
Talk 2 - God's Gift of Grace & Our Response	Barb Bills
Talk 3 - The Way of Relationship	Gail Sigler
Talk 4- Obstacles to Grace	Wayne Giermann
Talk 5 - Sacramental Grace	Joe Culpepper
Talk 6 - Ministry of All Believers	Gudrun Dunt
Talk 7 - Disciples & Study	Karen Layten
Talk 8 - Life of Grace	Shirley Ryan
Talk 9 - Life of Action/Body of Christ	Marilea White
Talk 10 - Staying Power	Michelle Giermann
Talk 11 - Establishing Priorities	Peggy Kennedy
Agape Leader	Bert Cochran
Agape Chapel	Hellena Beal
Agape Chapel	Marsha Beard
Agape Chapel	Terri Drollinger
Agape Chapel	Jill O'Flaherty
Table Leader	Christine Adcock
Table Leader	Nancy Batty
Table Leader	Sherry Blessing
Table Leader	Pam Buggar
Table Leader	Sherry Evans
Table Leader	Nancy Harvey
Table Leader	Jean Johnson
Table Leader	Christie Junior
Table Leader	Kim McHenry
Table Leader	Temeria Olabode
Table Leader	Debby Paullin
Table Leader	Jan Runner
Table Leader	Mary Sanko
Table Leader	Elizabeth Simpson
Table Leader	Susan Sopek
Table Leader	Vicki Stogsdill
Table Leader	Renee Swiggum
Table Leader	Christy Traeger
Table Leader	Linda Walker

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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

Banners

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

Candlelight Worship

8:30 PM, Saturday

Join us for worship, prayer, communion and reconnecting with one another.
* Help with set-up at 7:00 pm

Closing Worship

5:00 PM, Sunday

Hear how God has changed lives in 72 hours!

Financial Support

Approximate Weekend Expenses (per person)

Great Banquet	\$200
Awakening	\$130
Logan/Lincoln	\$25/guest

Financial support may be sent to:

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