

Great Banquet



Madisonville Great Banquet Movement

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March 2005

"To know Jesus as Savior and Lord and make Him known"



Spring 2005 Banquet Dates

Men's #116
March 31 – April 3, 2005

Women's #117
April 14-17, 2005

Women's #118
April 28-May 1, 2005

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

PROPERTY

Contact Mike Edwards at 884-7320 or Joe Guion at 821-8813. Bed setup will be at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, March 30th, April 13th, and April 27th. Take down is 7:30 am on Sunday, April 3rd, April 17th, and May 1st. Make this a sacrificial offering for guests and team!

CLEAN UP

Clean up will take place on Sunday afternoons of each weekend. Beginning at 2:00 pm on Sunday, April 4th, April 18th, and May 2nd. With many hands this should go very quickly. Any work not completed Sunday will be finished on the following Monday morning at 8:00 am. Call Denise Edwards, 884-7320.

SEND OFF

Call Denise Edwards at 884-7320, to help register guests and team for these Banquets. You will be needed on the following Thursdays: March 31st, April 14th, and 28th.

BUS DRIVERS

If you have a CDL license and desire to drive the bus for one of the weekends, give Jeff Hobgood a call at 322-9080.

AGAPE

Make BANNERS for the upcoming Great Banquets. Remember what an important impact the banners had on you when you attended? Banners made for previous weekends here in Madisonville have been mailed to other communities, so make new ones! Reunion Groups, if you are looking for something special to do, make a banner as a group for the upcoming weekends.

SPONSORS

Now is the time to have your guest confirm or cancel his/her participation in the Banquet he/she has been accepted for. Have them call the church office as soon as possible!

Check the Madisonville Great Banquet website (www.greatbanquet.com) to see confirmed guests. The list is updated weekly to show the latest confirmations.



For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

WAYS YOU CAN HELP WITH BANQUET WEEKENDS

<p style="text-align: center;">SERVERS</p> <p>Call Cindy Sasser at 884-5214 or 339-7024 to sign up to serve a meal. Leave your name and number on the machine and she'll get back to you. Be prepared to spend 2 to 2 ½ hours serving, cleaning up, and setting up for the next meal. This is most important.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SPONSOR'S HOUR</p> <p>Sponsors Hour for the Men's Great Banquet #116 will be on Thursday, March 31st and Women's #117 will be on Thursday, April 14th, and Women's #118 will be on Thursday April 28th at 7:30 PM. Everyone is encouraged to stay through the entire Sponsor's Hour to lend our strength and prayers to God's people. Eric Anderson is in charge of the Sponsor's Hour.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Newsletter</p> <p style="text-align: center;">If you want to receive the newsletter in the mail, please contact the Presbyterian Church at 270-821-6420.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">CANDLELIGHT</p> <p>Your presence at Candlelight adds to the Body of Christ and the impact the Lord has on His people as He uses our worship, prayers and sacrifices for the guests and team. Candlelight will be held at the First Methodist Church at 8:30 PM on Saturday, April 2nd, April 16th, and April 30th.</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">CLOSINGS</p> <p>Closings will be held at the First Christian Church at 5:00 PM on Sunday, April 3rd, April 17th, and May 1st.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">SNACKS & SALADS</p> <p>Snacks are needed for both weekends. Call Peggy Phelan (322-8562) to sign up for this. If she is not home, please leave a message.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">AGAPE LETTERS</p> <p>We also need individual, as well as group, agape letters. Please mark family letters with an F on the envelope. Be sure your guest's name appears on the outside of the envelope, as well. (PLEASE NOTE: Gifts are better given before or after the Great Banquet. Please do not bring gifts to the Great Banquet for your guest.)</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Potluck Meal and Team Dedication</p> <p>The 4th day community is invited to a potluck meal with the teams on March 28th at 6 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church. Bring a dish and eat with the teams and then have worship and team dedication.</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">Agape Party</p> <p>Please come and worship with the teams on March 21st at 7 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church. After worship, we will be making agape for the upcoming weekends.</p>

Great Banquets #116, #117, and #118 Teams & Schedules

		<u>Men's #116</u>	<u>Women's #117</u>	<u>Women's 118</u>
	Director	Rob Wilson	Diane Andersen	Cindy Sasser
	Assistants	Dale Davis Eric Anderson	Mary Jane Gamblin Andrea Holmes	Shelley Cates Peggy Phelan
Friday				
9:15 AM	Discovering Priorities	Dale Davis	Mary Jane Gamblin	Shelley Cates
11:15 AM	God's Gift of Grace	Larry Pierce	Lon Lorton	Carol Owen
1:45 PM	Ministry of All Believers	Darin Daves	Anne Devine	Sam Pendley
3:00 PM	Our Response to Grace	Gary Dock	Dee Padgett	Denise Golightly
6:00 PM	The Way of Piety	Terry Cates	Shelia Mills	Mary Ann Coulter
Saturday				
8:15 AM	Truth Through Study	Steve Starr	Jan Anderson	Joan Dock
10:00 AM	Sacramental Grace	Mark Brown	Isabel Brown	Lanna McGary
3:00 PM	The Life of Christian Action	Allen Holmes	Penny Charbonneau	Lisa Ladd
4:30 PM	Obstacles	Jeff Calhoun	Richard Parsons	Mac Dossett
7:15 PM	Disciples	David Parker	Amy Abbott	Carla Kelley

Sunday				
8:50 AM	Changing Our Environment	Matt Davis	Terri Dozer	Kathy McClellan
10:00 AM	From Faith to Life	Walter Boone	Marie Washington	Ben Holloway
11:00 AM	The Body of Christ	Mike Edwards	Pam Smith	Carolyn Bishop
1:30 PM	Staying Power	Rob Wilson	Diane Anderson	Cindy Sasser
2:30 PM	Establishing Priorities	Syd Tate	Pat Lorton	Jayne White
	Table Leaders	Jeff Duvall Tem Major John Charbonneau Jerry Womak Brian Wicker Nathan Richey	Vivian Burch Cindy Ferris Julie Major Meredith Hurd Charlotte Cobb Debrina Duvall	Linda Pierce Suzanne Duncan Denise Baker Jennifer Daves Kendra Pressley Beverly Hicklin
	Music	Steve Ayer	Ann Hofmann	Marilyn Locke
	Kitchen	Brian Foster Gary Chandler Carl Veazey	Betty Jarvis Amy Menser Tammy Hobgood	Lisa Coombs Wendy Mitchell Belinda Orange
	Agape	Bill Laffoon Steve Walker	Sylvia Martin Natalie Adams	Melissa Ball Jeanetta Piper

AROUND THE BANQUET TABLE

Well it is that time again. And what a busy 2 months it has been.

As most of you know, Glenn Parker has stepped aside for awhile due to a new position at G.E. requiring more of his time. Glenn has not gone anywhere and is still part of our board as the session representative from the Presbyterian Church.

I want to personally thank Glenn for his dedication to this movement and his leadership during the past 3 years. I am finding his shoes are mighty hard to fill. I love you brother.

The new board has already met twice and exciting things are happening. On April 21-24, 2005 we will be starting a new Great Banquet weekend at the Hopkins County Detention Center.

Walter Boone, Lon Lorton, Barry McGaw and I met with Jim Lantrip at the facility and Jim is very enthusiastic about this venture. A team is being formed as I write this and I will give more details at the candlelight.

We have also implemented some changes for this board to be more involved in job assignment and decision making. Glenn started implementing these last year and we are attempting to carry on with these ideas.

We are trying our best to stay true to the model of the Great Banquet weekend. Any improvements that we make are not in the model, but in the execution of the process. Our desire is that the logistics, context and process of the weekend are not diluted or changed for the sake of change. We feel it is our responsibility to present the same structure each weekend and that the Holy Spirit will find a new and different way to individually touch the heart and soul of each Guest. For we know it is the Holy Spirit that makes the weekend unique.

I want to thank Rev. Lon Lorton who is our Community Spiritual Director this term, the Session and the congregation of First Presbyterian Church on behalf of the Madisonville Great Banquet Community for their support and gracious hospitality.

We also truly appreciate all the ways that the churches of our community support the Great Banquet, for in so doing, they have been the hands and feet of Jesus to those who serve and attend.

We are truly blessed to live in this community.

See you on the weekends.

Jim Hendrix
Community Lay Director

