

# Great Banquet



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

## Spring 2006 Banquet

### Dates

[Men's #121](#) - Mar 30-Apr 2, 2006

[Women's #122](#) - Apr 20-23, 2006

[Hopkins Co. Detention Center](#)

[#3](#) - Apr 27-30, 2006

[Women's #123](#) - May 4-7, 2006

## AGAPE PARTY!!

Please come and worship with the teams on Monday March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church. After worship, we will be making agape 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!

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

*John 3:16*

## AROUND THE BANQUET TABLE

Greetings,

March Madness is right around the corner. Both in basketball and Great Banquet weekends. Can't you feel the excitement?

This has been another busy 6 months since the last newsletter and much has happened.

We have had our very first Women's Detention Center weekend at the Hopkins County Detention Center, we had 2 Madisonville Great Banquet weekends which were maxed out and we sent another team to Vienna, Illinois to Vienna Correctional Institution to conduct a weekend there. The team meetings were awesome! The teams came together and were joined by the Holy Spirit every weekend. The stories began coming out of lives changed, hurts mended, Christians being renewed and souls accepting Christ for the first time.

Now we are about to partake on this adventure with God again and it is so exciting to be used by God this way.

As I write this, a group of men will be heading out to Green River Correctional Facility in Central City in a couple of days for the first ever Great Banquet in that facility. We met with them last week and they are excited about our arrival. The team has been praying for the Holy Spirit to prepare the way and inmates are starting to sign up. Barry McGaw is expecting 50-60 guests to participate on this GRC Great Banquet #1.

Speaking of Barry McGaw...I want to publicly thank him for taking on this prison ministry. It has grown so big that the prison ministry needs to have someone who could be our liaison to the prison.

Barry has stepped up and is doing a great job. The community continues to say YES, when asked to serve on a team.

The weekends continue to be full and we thank God for continually blessing our movement.

The Great Banquet board welcomed 5 new members to the board in January. They are Dale Davis, Mary Jane Gamblin, Kathy McClellan, Carol Owen and Rob Wilson. They bring a wealth of experience to the board and will serve for 3 years. Thank you for your yes in this position of leadership. I would also like to thank Steve Ayer, Denise Edwards, Patsy Sutton and Marty Vaughn for their past few years of service to the board.

Currently we have a sub-committee working on up grading the Lay Directors, Spiritual Directors, and Agape manuals. They should be finished in a few weeks.

We are in the process of refurbishing and buying new mattresses at this time. I know, I know, it's about time, huh. These are not cheap and if God lays a desire on your heart to help in this major purchase, trust me, it will be welcomed.

A couple of housecleaning items I want to mention. We are receiving a lot of Guest Applications without a Sponsors letter attached. A couple of weeks before the weekend, I start calling the Sponsors of Guests that we have not received a confirmation from. Without a Sponsor letter with their phone number, we have to search the data base for their number and hope it is still correct.

I have also noticed a trend this past year of many guest applications coming in without the \$10.00 registration fee. This is the only money requirement that we have ever asked for so I hope that sponsors will honor that.

One last thing, if you have moved or have a different phone number since you went through your weekend or worked on a weekend, could you call Dawn at the First Presbyterian Church 821-6420 so she can update your name on the data base. Thanks a lot.

The Great Banquet is just a tool. And one of many that God uses to bring us closer to him. But I see God's love and I see God moving in such a special way in our community that I just have to be a part of it. I know you feel the same. See you on the weekends!

In His Grip,  
Jim Hendrix  
Madisonville Community Lay Director

P.S. Some people have asked what a prison sponsor's letter is -- below is a good example.

Dear Brother/Sister In Christ,

Our prayer for you this weekend has been that your heart and mind will be open to the love of our Lord Jesus Christ. May God meet your deepest needs now and always. He gives so much and asks so little in return. Only that we love and believe in him. We hope you have enjoyed your weekend as much as we did. We pray that these 72 hours have been an up lifting time for you. That His grace has surrounded and comforted you and that you have received a peace that comes only from Him. He is the answer to all our needs. God truly loves us. We praise God for your experience this weekend. We also pray you will share this weekend with others. Grow in the Lord and He will truly bless you. May god's love and blessing fill all your 4<sup>th</sup> days.

DeColores,  
Jim & Ruth (or Your Brother in Christ)

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

<b>PROPERTY</b>	<b>CLEAN UP</b>
Contact Mike Edwards at 884-7320 or Joe Guion at 821-8813. Bed setup will be at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, March 29, April 19, and May 3. Take down is at 7:30 am on the following Sunday. Make this a sacrificial offering for guests and team!	Clean up will take place on Sunday afternoons of each weekend. Beginning at 2:00 pm, 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 Tem Major 825-3808.
<b>SEND OFF</b>	<b>BUS DRIVERS</b>
Call Penny Pleasant at 383-3306 to help register guests and team for these Banquets. You will be needed on March 30, April 20, and May 4..	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.
<b>AGAPE</b>	
Make BANNERS for the upcoming Great Banquets. Remember what an important impact the banners had on you when you attended? A lot of the banners made for previous weekends have been mailed to other communities, so make new ones!	

## WAYS YOU CAN HELP WITH BANQUET WEEKENDS

<b>SPONSOR'S HOUR</b>	<b>CANDLELIGHT</b>
Sponsors Hour for the Men's Great Banquet #121 will be on Thursday, March 30, Women's #122 will be on Thursday, April 20, and Women's #123 will be Thursday May 4 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.	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 1, April 22, and May 7.
<b>CLOSINGS</b>	<b>SNACKS &amp; SALADS</b>
Closings will be held at the First Christian Church at 5:00 PM on Sunday, April 2, April 23, and May 8.	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.
<b>AGAPE LETTERS</b>	<b>Potluck Meal and Team Dedication</b>
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.)	The 4 <sup>th</sup> day community is invited to a potluck meal with the teams on March 27 at 6 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church. Bring a dish and eat with the teams and then have worship and team dedication.
<b>Agape Party</b>	<b>SERVERS</b>
Please come and worship with the teams on Monday March 20 <sup>th</sup> at 7 p. m. at the Presbyterian Church. After worship, we will be making agape for the upcoming weekends.	Call Cindy Sasser at 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.

## Newsletter

**If you want to receive the newsletter in the mail, please contact the Presbyterian Church at 270-821-6420.**

## Great Banquets Teams &amp; Schedules

			Men's #121	Women's #122	H.C. Men's Detention #3	Women's #123
		Lay Director	Eric Anderson	Shelley Cates	Jon Dunn	Pat Lorton
		Assistant Lay Directors	Waymon Jones Alan Holmes	Kathy McClellan Debbie White	Dick Peyton Roger Wilson	Sam Pendley Carla Kelley
<b>Friday</b>						
9:15	AM	Discovering Priorities	Waymon Jones	Debbie White	Dick Peyton	Carla Kelley
11:15	AM	God's Gift of Grace	Eddie Fleming	Mike VanHeyningen	Walter Boone	Larry Pierce
1:45	PM	Ministry of All Believers	Tod Hill	Kayla Horn	Robert Mason	Yvonne Bourland
3:00	PM	Our Response to Grace	Mark Eddings	Marie Washington	Philip McCoy	Philip McCoy
6:30	PM	The Way of Piety	Eric Taylor	Judy Rice	Barry McGaw	Sharon Wells
<b>Saturday</b>						
8:15	AM	Truth Through Study	Chris Dennis	Lisa Ladd	Rick Boling	Julie Major
10:00	AM	Sacramental Grace	Wayne Edwards	Denise Golightly	Robert White	Lon Lorton
3:00	PM	The Life of Christian Action	Dave Hendrix	Lisa Coombs	Brad Dunbar	Greta Chandler
4:30	PM	Obstacles	Bill Wright	Mac Dossett	Terrance Minor	Shelia Carter
7:15	PM	Disciples	Glen Parker	Mary Ann Coulter	Matt Pratt	Debbie Myers
<b>Sunday</b>						
8:50	AM	Changing Our Environment	David Jones	Wendy Mitchell	John Taylor	Billie Buchanan
10:00	AM	From Faith to Life	Richard Parsons	Sharon Dossett	Marvin Hightower	Lanna McGary
11:00	AM	The Body of Christ	Paul Ashby	Shirley Hill	Greg Kelley	Amy Menser
1:00	PM	Staying Power	Eric Anderson	Shelley Cates	Jon Dunn	Pat Lorton
2:00	PM	Establishing Priorities	Randy Abbott	Lagene Wright		Karen Solise
		Table Leaders	Eric Anderson (M'ville) Ken Hendrix Jerry Dozer Craig Bass Frank Chappa Tim Harkins	Betty Hendrix Tammie Wilson Kim Higgs Tonja Simms Sharon Harris Tracie Lear	Ben McCurty Red Rice David Parker Greg Stinnett Troy Dock Dennis Coombs Ismael Baker David Duncan	Debbie Taylor Terina Patterson Chenel Stewart Laura Fleming Darlene Walters Sylvia Martin
		Music	Brian Higgs/Brad Shaw	Marilyn Locke	Brad Dunbar Matt Pratt John Harris Troy Dock	Beverly Rawlins
		Kitchen	Gary Chandler (Head) Brian Taylor Donnie Davis	(Head) Daphne Rogers Kim Conners  Teresa Lee		Karen Elliott (Head) Kay Hibbs Cathy Pierce
		Agape	John Osbourne (Head) Kenneth Cook	(Head) Donna Potts Hannah Witherspoon	Joe Guion Barry McGaw	Cindy Elder (Head) Deanna Hicklin