



# Great Banquet

Madisonville Great Banquet Movement

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

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<p style="text-align: center;">"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.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>John</i></p> <p>3:16</p>													

## AGAPE PARTY!!

Please come and worship with the teams on Monday October 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church. After worship, we will be making agape for the upcoming weekends.

**From the Banquet Table  
Fall – 2007**

Hello Great Banquet Brothers and Sisters!

Our fall weekends are quickly approaching. Team meetings have started, First Presbyterian is undergoing a fantastic remodeling, and we're planning a monumental 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration – but first things first.

In this busy time – as in other calmer times – we must strive to glorify God in all that we do. One of my favorite scriptures is 2 Timothy 1:6–12. Please read it in its entirety when you have time, but in this letter, I want to center on verse 7. Paul writes, "For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline." What a dynamic scripture! Power, Love and Self-discipline – all available to us because the Holy Spirit lives in us 2000 years later – just like it did in Paul and Timothy, and the early Christians. Now is not the time to be shy about our beliefs.

We have the POWER, we know the LOVE, but until we do something with what we have received, the power and love aren't used. SELF-DISCIPLINE is the "third leg of the stool."

Twenty-five years ago, a group of people from Madisonville and surrounding communities banded together to form the first Madisonville Walk to Emmaus team. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Love of God, and the team's self discipline, a movement began that continues today. At the close of 2007, the Madisonville Walk to Emmaus/Great Banquet ministry will have completed 176 weekends! This number includes the prison weekends, but DOES NOT include weekends in other communities created by Madisonville teams. Praise God!

Saturday, September 22 at 4:00, we are celebrating our 25-year anniversary of the Walk to Emmaus/Great Banquet community. Please come to the Madisonville City Park (located on Park Avenue in Madisonville), bring enough food and drink and lawn chairs for you and your family. We will begin with a potluck and then a Praise and Worship service beginning at 6:00. You can get additional information at [www.greatbanquet.com](http://www.greatbanquet.com). PLEASE COME!

## Great Banquet

Self discipline is used when we worship in our churches, witness to others, and lead a God-centered life. I pray that each of you has a church home. The Great Banquet IS NOT A CHURCH, but gives us lots of ways to worship and witness.

We can:

- Attend Great Banquet services (Send-off, Candle-light, Closing)
- Sponsor guests on the Great Banquet weekends;
- Serve on Great Banquet teams;
- Serve weekend meals;
- Send banners, Agape and/or snacks;
- Participate in the 72-hour prayer vigil

As our fall activities begin, we are to use the Spirit-given power to show God's love to others, and the motivation (or self-discipline) to get out there and participate. Here's a list of opportunities:

- **September 6 – 9<sup>th</sup>, West Kentucky Correctional Center #2 – Fredonia (David Thomas (LD), Marvin Hightower (SD)).**
- **September 22<sup>nd</sup> - 25th Anniversary – Walk to Emmaus and Great Banquet, Madisonville City Park, located on Park Avenue, 4:00 PM.**
- **October 18 -21<sup>st</sup> - Great Banquet Men's #129 (Dennis Coombs (LD), Eddie Fleming (SD))**
- **October 25 – 28<sup>th</sup> – Women's Hopkins County Detention Center, Madisonville (Jane Mosley (LD), Marsha Hightower (SD))**
- **November 1 – 4<sup>th</sup> – Great Banquet Women's #130 (Sam Pendley (LD), Philip McCoy (SD))**
- **November 15 – 18<sup>th</sup> – Vienna Medium Security #38, Vienna, IL (Greg Stinnett, (LD), Robert White (SD))**

Refer to our web site [www.greatbanquet.com](http://www.greatbanquet.com) for service locations and times. Please begin praying for these teams and future guests.

For the prison weekends, please contact Dawn at First Presbyterian (821-6426) to sign up for Snacks, Sponsor letters, Agape, and/or the 72 hour prayer chart.

For the other "regular" weekends, we need to use our Holy Spirit-given power, love and self discipline to attend the send-off, candle light and closing services, plus all the other opportunities to glorify God.

Come on out and let's worship together! Don't be shy.

De Colores,

Gina Kirby