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Madisonville Great Banquet Movement

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

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"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

From the Banquet Table March, 2007

Hello, Great Banquet Brothers and Sisters!

We've been given another year to glorify our Lord and Savior through the Great Banquet – and what a year we're going to have!

Before we get into our jam-packed schedule, I'd like to introduce myself. Here goes... I'm Gina Kirby, Walk to Emmaus #10, sat at the table of Ruth (CLAP). I worship at Hanson United Methodist Church, and have been the Agape Trainer for the Madisonville Great Banquet community for several years. I'm married to Bob Kirby, have two grown daughters, two sons-in-law, four grandsons and one grand daughter. I work at GE in the Quality/Compliance Department and am also the Ombudsperson for the plant. And, some how, here I am – sitting at a computer, trying to express my surprise and joy at filling the position as the Madisonville Great Banquet Lay Director. Wow!

We began the 2007 with the Great Banquet Board of Directors meeting. The members are Lon Lorton (Community Spiritual Director), Amy Menser, Barry McGaw, Carol Owen, Dale Davis, Dennis Coombs, Jeff Hobgood, Kathy McClellan, Mary Jane Gamblin, Mike Edwards, Pat Lorton, Rob Wilson, Sheila Carter, Steve Ayer, Terry Cates, and Wayne Edwards. Please pray for these willing servants as we plan our Community's events.

I'd like to take this opportunity to give a very special thank you to the Board members who completed their three-year term – Ann Hofmann, Cindy Sasser, Eric Anderson, Peggy Phelan, and Steve Gilliam. Cindy and Peggy had added responsibilities – Cindy as "Server Coordinator," and Peggy as "Snack/Salad Coordinator" and "Kitchen Team Trainer." Ladies, you both did a fantastic job and we thank you. Cindy's replacement is Barbara Whitmer, and Peggy's replacement is Mary Jane Gamblin. Please check the web page for their telephone numbers.

One more key member to leave the Board was our former Community Lay Director -- Jimmy Hendrix. Jim, thank you for all your hours and hours spent in this position. You are truly a mighty man of God.

Our Spring began in February this year with the Green River Detention Center Weekend #2. Lay Director Pete Phelan and a phenomenal team of worship-warriors led the guests in a Spirit-filled weekend. Be sure to read the Hopkins County Men's Detention Center 72-hour prayer chart – two thirds of the prayer slots are filled with the names of Green River inmates! God is changing lives! Amen?

The team meetings for Men's #126 (Lay Director Bob Kirby), followed by Women's #127 (Lay Director Tammy Hunt), and Women's #128 (Patsy Sutton Lay Director)

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are well underway. Later this month, the Hopkins County Detention Center – Men's Team #5 (John Harris Lay Director) will start their meetings. Please check the web site for the dates and times for each of these weekends and all their services. Start praying now.

Our Fall season will start September 6th with West Kentucky Correctional Center Men's #2 weekend in Fredonia, followed by #129, then Hopkins County Women's Detention Center, then #130, and finally Vienna. Again, watch the web site for all the details.

We have two "First's" this year. The first-first is a change to the "Weekend Book Table." For those of you who don't remember, a book table filled with books from one of Madisonville's Christian book stores is set up each Great Banquet weekend. The books are sold at the regular price assigned by the store and are purchased by the guests and team members. As of Weekend #126, we will change from a "Purchase" book table, to a "FREE" book table. We are now accepting any gently-used or new Christian books or study Bibles to stock the table for our guests and team. Please check your shelves, closets, night stands, etc. for books you would like to pass on. Just box up your books, label the box "GB BOOK TABLE DONATION," and bring to First Presbyterian Church. We will store any left over books at the church for future weekends. Please call Rob Wilson at First Presbyterian if you need more information.

Next, our Madisonville Walk to Emmaus/Great Banquet Community has been richly blessed by our Lord and Savior using many, many people to get us to a major milestone – our 25th anniversary! Walk to Emmaus Weekend #1 started the movement in 1982 and is still going strong as the Great Banquet. We will celebrate with a Worship Gathering on Saturday, September 25th, at the Madisonville City Park. We will have a potluck supper, with music and worship services immediately following. Again, please watch the web page for more information, but **MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!**

Finally, I would like to close this letter with a quote from another letter – this one written by Paul in I Corinthians 11:1, "Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ." I certainly don't mean to be compared to Paul, or for you to follow me personally, but what I would like each of us to remember is this – we want others to **follow** us to Christ. If we do this right, we are to make a friend, be a friend and lead our friend to Jesus. Sound familiar? We lead, and then step out of the way for our Savior to do the rest. We are all simply followers following our Lord. Period.

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Gina Kirby