

# Great Banquet Newsletter!



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Please feel free to contact any of the board members with any questions or concerns you have concerning the Mid-South Great Banquet or the Awakening.

## ***20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!!!!***

**We are going to celebrate our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the forming of the Mid-South Great Banquet at the August Gathering (held at Advent Presbyterian on August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 p.m. - further details can be found in the information below on Gatherings).**

**We want to make this the biggest celebration of the year! If you know of community members you haven't seen in some time, reach out and give them a call about this exciting event. We have a lot to celebrate and praise God for in this community. Let's join together and make it a wonderful evening of fellowship with friends from days of new and days of old.**

## **GATHERINGS FOR 2014**

Gatherings are a great place for the community and their families to join together in food, fun and fellowship. A donation for childcare is collected so bring the kids, a pot luck dish and sit back and enjoy the company around you. Listed below are the remaining Gatherings for the year.

**May 31<sup>st</sup> 6-8PM at Restoration Church**  
**60 E Main St., Munford, TN 38058**

**Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> 5-8 PM at Advent Presbyterian Church**  
**1879 N Germantown Pkwy, Cordova, TN 38016**  
**20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration -**  
**5:00 p.m. - Meet & Greet**  
**6:00 p.m. - Dinner & Program**

**Nov 8<sup>th</sup> 6-8PM First Presbyterian Church**  
**1573 N Highland Ave., Jackson, TN 38301**

### ***Rejoice over the Spring Men's & Women's Banquets:***

The Spring Men and Women's banquets were such a success – praise God! So many men and women moved by the Spirit and overwhelmed to witness the outpouring of love from the unseen hands and feet of Christ.

Thanks to all who served either through being on the team, attending send-off, providing snacks and drinks, serving a meal, participating in serenade or candlelight, praying for the weekend, making Agape or unloading or packing up. It takes so many to bring it all together. What a blessing our community is!

### ***Announcing the Fall Men's & Women's Banquets:***

**Men's Spring Great Banquet Weekend #71 – Thursday, October 2 – Sunday, October 5, Pinecrest Conference and Retreat Center, 21430 Hwy 57, Moscow, TN 38057. Lay Director – David Freeman**

**Women's Fall Great Banquet Weekend #72 – Thursday, October 9 – Sunday, October 12, Pinecrest Conference and Retreat Center, 21430 Hwy 57, Moscow, TN 38057. Lay Director – Crystal Burnett**

**4<sup>th</sup> Day Event – Saturday, October 18, 6-8 PM, Faith Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 3427 Appling Road, Bartlett, TN 38133**

## ***Think about friends and family you could sponsor for the Fall weekends:***

Now is the time to start thinking about friends, neighbors, co-workers and/or family members that you could sponsor for the Fall weekends. Be in prayer and remember that in order to sponsor someone you need to turn in a guest form, sponsor form and a \$50 deposit. All the forms along with the payment can be found and made on the Midsouth Great Banquet website ([www.midsouthgb.com](http://www.midsouthgb.com)).

Please be mindful of the following when deciding to sponsor a guest for the weekend:

- *Sponsoring a guest is both a joy and a responsibility but keep in mind that there are many things you need to do for a guest before, during and after the weekend such as gathering letters, send-off, prayer, trying to attend serenade and/or candlelight, closing, 4<sup>th</sup> day and assisting them in finding a reunion group.*
- *Remember that the Great Banquet is not structured to solve deep-seated personal problems or serve as a rehabilitation weekend. It is designed to provide to those attending a personal encounter with Jesus Christ.*
- *Select a guest who wishes to strengthen their spiritual life; who wants to have a better understanding of prayer, the sacraments, study and Christian action; who strives to live a Christian life that bears fruit for God; or who seeks to know Jesus as Lord and Savior and to make Him known.*
- *Be intentional about talking to the prospective guest about the Banquet. Make a specific date (or at least be intentional) to explain all about the Banquet. Answer all their questions. If the person is married, talk to both husband and wife, equally, and get both of their commitments. Tell the story of the Great Banquet by letting them know what happened to you at your Banquet/Cursillo/Emmaus. Tell them how meaningful the talks, chapel visits, or worship services were. We ask only that you not share about agape acts and the Candlelight Service.*

### ***Scholarships for the Weekends:***

Also, remember that scholarships are always a need for the Banquets. There are many needs for the weekend and oftentimes we have guests or sponsors who are unable to pay the necessary fees. If you feel led, please email the board at [boardofdirectors@midsouthgb.com](mailto:boardofdirectors@midsouthgb.com) to notify them of your desire to make a donation for a scholarship.

### ***Special Note from the Board:***

If you or someone you know, who is a member of the Mid-South Great Banquet has recently changed e-mail address, physical address, or phone numbers please contact Sandi Sartin and let her know so that she can update the database.



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