

Great Banquet Newsletter!



Upcoming Fall Men's & Women's Banquets:

Men's Spring Great Banquet Weekend #72 – 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 #73 – Thursday, October 9 – Sunday, October 12, Pinecrest Conference and Retreat Center, 21430 Hwy 57, Moscow, TN 38057. Lay Director – Crystal Burnett

The Women's fall weekend is now full. Any sponsored women guests that sign up moving forward will be put on a wait list and will be notified if any openings occur.

Team Dedication/Potluck – Thursday, September 25, 6:30 PM, Faith Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 3427 Appling Road, Bartlett, TN 38133 – bring a potluck dish for the evening along with snack and/or beverage for Agape to take to the weekend for our guests.

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

Updated Team and Guest lists for both weekends are available on the Mid-South Great Banquet Website (www.midsouthgb.com)

Calling all Prayer Warriors!!!!

We have over 100 spots for both the Men's and Women's weekend still open on our prayer chart. Please go to the website and click on Prayer Chart on left hand bar – then scroll down and look for Mid-South Great Banquet Men's and Women's weekend. It's critical and probably one of the most important things we can do for the weekends!

Agape:

Lots of Agape will be needed for both weekends. Don't forget how special it was to come in at night and find agape on your bed or at the tables when you sat down for a meal. This is one of our many acts of love our guests experience throughout the weekend. 65 pieces are needed for each weekend.

There are so many needs and opportunities to be the unseen hands and feet of Christ for our guests. This leaves our Community with many opportunities to serve throughout each weekend. Come out for send-off, to serve a meal, decorate tables, write letters, provide snacks, attend serenade, candlelight and/or closing. Please remember these teams need LOTS of support from the community. Be mindful that in order to come out and serve/sponsor/attend, you must have participated in a weekend yourself.

Sponsoring a Guest for the Weekend:

Be in prayer over a friend or family member you could sponsor for the Men's weekend which still has spots available. 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 Mid-South Great Banquet website (<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, 4th day and assisting them in finding a reunion group.*
- *Remember that the Great Banquet is not structured to solve deep-rooted 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.*

LAST GATHERING 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 is the remaining Gathering for the year.

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

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, you can go to the website and make a donation through PayPal or mail a check to Mid-South Great Banquet, P. O. Box 343357, Bartlett, TN 38184.

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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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