

GREAT BANQUET Newsletter!



May, 2016

Blessings from the 2016 Spring Banquets!

What a beautiful blessing each of the 2016 Spring Banquets were! God showed up in mighty ways. The Men's banquet had a total of 23 guests go through their weekend and the women had a total of 24 guests. These 47 men and women are now a part of the Great Banquet community! Each weekend experienced changed lives. Christ's love was demonstrated through talks, agape, prayers, meals, and the service of a wonderful supportive Community. Thanks to each and every person who contributed in any way, shape or form to these weekends. You are each a blessing and a vital part of the body of Christ – thank you for your service!

Anthropomorphism is a big word that describes when we assign human characteristics to God. Obviously, God is uniquely God. But if God does "feel" or "respond" in a way like humans do, I am certain that God smiles really big when members of this community give and love so sacrificially as with these previous weekends. It must surely make God very happy. DeColores Michael Qualls, Spiritual Director

Here's what our Spring Lay Directors had to say about their weekends, *"What a joy to serve as lay director for Great Banquet #79. God's spirit was moving from Thursday night making my new best friend to saying our goodbyes on Sunday afternoon. This team served with compassion and love for our guests and our guests were receptive of God's agape love. Please continue to pray for Great Banquet #79 as they continue on their 4th day journey. My prayer for them is that each one will find God's special plan for their lives."* Sharon Stone, Lay Director, Great Banquet #79

"I enjoy seeing how men from different denominations can come together and worship and praise God and learn to be better disciples. It certainly happened on the men's weekend." Boyd Williams, Lay Director, Great Banquet #78

The Next Men and Women's Weekends!

Men's Fall Great Banquet Weekend #80 – Thursday, September 29 - Sunday, October 2, Pinecrest Conference and Retreat Center, 21430 Hwy 57, Moscow, TN 38057. Lay Director – Mike Karel

Women's Fall Great Banquet Weekend #81 – Thursday, October 6 - Sunday, October 9, Pinecrest Conference and Retreat Center, 21430 Hwy 57, Moscow, TN 38057. Lay Director – Betsey Bogen

4th Day Event – Saturday, October 15, 6-8 PM, Faith Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 3427 Appling Road, Memphis, TN 38133

Please be in prayer for the Fall lay directors as they prayerfully consider their teams and also pray for potentials guests.

Ask God to lay friends and family in your life upon your heart that you could sponsor for the fall banquets.

***Sponsor and registration forms can be found on the website,
www.midsouthgb.com.***



The 72-hour prayer vigil for both weekends will soon be available on the website (www.midsouthgb.com). Once loaded, Click on "Prayer Chart" found on the left hand side - scroll down until you find Mid-South Great Banquet for both the men and women's weekends and find the time that works best for you.

Scholarships for the Weekends:

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 to notify them of your desire to make a donation for a scholarship.



2017 Awakening Weekend

Saturday, January 14 – Monday, January 16, 2017

Lay Directors: Kristy Scarbrough & Zach Johnson

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 Sylvia Henry and let her know so that she can update the database. Sylvia's contact information is listed below with the board members.

GATHERINGS DATES FOR 2016

May 21 – Restoration Church - Munford

60 East Main Street, Munford, TN

6:00 pm – Potluck Dinner followed by fellowship & worship.

Childcare will be provided.

August 13 – First Cumberland Pres. Church – Olive Branch

8161 Germantown Road, Olive Branch, MS

November 12, 2016 – First Presbyterian Church – Jackson, TN

1573 N. Highland, Jackson, TN 38301

Keep in mind that Gatherings aren't just for the community.

It's a great place to bring friends or family that might go through a future weekend. This gives them a great opportunity to meet members of the community prior to going through their weekend.

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