

AWAKENING

SPONSOR'S FORM

**TO BE FILLED OUT
BY THE SPONSOR**

MAIL TO:

The Awakening
Midsouth Great Banquet
P. O. Box 343357
Bartlett, TN 38184

"Sleeper's" name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email address: _____

Your name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email address: _____

Phone: Home () _____ Work: () _____

Name and Denomination of church now attending _____

Do you attend regularly? _____ Where did you make your Awakening/Banquet/other? _____

When? _____ # _____ Are you now in a

reunion group? _____ How many sleepers have you sponsored in the last year? _____

Are you praying and sacrificing for your sleeper? _____ How long have you known

the sleeper? _____

Why do you feel that this person would be a good sleeper? _____

Does the sleeper have the physical and mental health needed for an Awakening weekend? _____ Is the sleeper under any temporary emotional strain that might indicate his/her weekend should be postponed? _____ Are you able and willing to assist the sleeper to get into a group reunion? _____ The Candlelight? _____ The Closing? _____ Have you explained the post-weekend meeting? _____ Are you aware of the importance of minimal contact with your sleeper during the weekend? _____

Sponsoring a sleeper is both a joy and a responsibility. There are things you must do for your sleeper before, during and after the weekend. Remember also that the Awakening is not structured to solve deep-seated personal problems. It is designed to provide to those attending a personal encounter with Jesus Christ.

Signature _____ Date _____

Return this form along with the Sleeper's registration form to the above address.

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SPONSOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

Here are a few suggestions for recruitment that should increase your effectiveness, help you properly interpret the Awakening, and bring into realization the importance of your responsibility in sharing God's grace as a sponsor. The responsibility of the growth of a new Awakening sleeper rests squarely on your shoulders. Follow these steps to be a good sponsor:

1. Select a "sleeper" who wishes to strengthen his/her spiritual life; who wants to have a better understanding of prayer, worship, friends, study and Christian action; who strives to live a Christian life that bears fruit for God; or who seeks to know Jesus as Savior and Lord and to make Him known.
2. Be intentional about talking to the prospective sleeper about the Awakening. Make a specific date to explain all about the Awakening. Answer all their questions. Tell the story of the Awakening by letting them know what happened to you on your Awakening/Banquet/other. Tell them how meaningful the talks, chapel visits, or worship services were. We ask only that you not share about agape acts, the Cross Service, or the Candlelight Service.
3. Explain to them the follow-up meeting on the Tuesday following their Awakening, (Fourth Day meetings are announced at Closings and in newsletters), about reunion groups and Gatherings.
4. You are responsible for agape letters for your sleeper. Ask your sleeper's family to write agape letters. You are also responsible for asking others for such letters. Family letters should have an "F" in the upper right-hand corner so they can be opened first.

Special note: Gifts are not accepted for sleepers or team members during the Awakening weekends. Gifts are better given before the Awakening or immediately following on their 4th day.

5. When you get a letter confirming your sleeper, call immediately and share your joy. When speaking with your sleeper be sure he/she calls the number provided on the acceptance letter to confirm his/her participation. If for any reason your sleeper cannot attend, call that number yourself. There is usually a waiting list of people who want to attend, so the sooner notification of cancellation is made, the sooner someone else can be accepted.
6. Keep in touch with your sleeper until you bring him/her to the Send-off on the Saturday morning of the weekend, at 8:00 a.m. If, for any reason, your sleeper changes his/her mind about attending during this time, please call the above number immediately.
7. Make plans to bring your sleeper to Send-off and plan to stay for Sponsor's Hour, which is held immediately following Send-off. This is the time when sleepers and team members are prayed for by name, and you can pray and sacrifice for your sleeper.

8. Come to Candlelight and Closing, and celebrate the weekend with your sleeper. Make plans to take your sleeper home after the Closing.
9. Bring your sleeper to the follow-up (4th day) meeting on the Tuesday following his/her Awakening. The purpose of the meeting is to explain reunion groups.
10. Make sure your sleeper gets into a reunion group. Invite him/her to yours for a few times so he/she can experience the group reunion. If he/she does not want to become a part of your group, encourage him/her to find one of his/her own.
11. Encourage your guest to be a Christian witness in his/her family, school, and church. Be his/her cheerleader so Christ is shared with the world. "See how they love one another." So evidence your life that Christ and you are an overwhelming majority.