

# Great Banquet




## Madisonville Banquet Movement

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## February, 2001

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



**Spring 2001 Madisonville Great Banquets**

Men's #96 March 22-25  
Women's #97 April 5 - 8  
Women's #98 April 19 - 22

*There are still openings for the upcoming Madisonville Great Banquets in March and April.*

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

### PROPERTY

Contact Joe Guion 821-8813. Bed setup will be 6:00 PM on Wednesday, March 21, April 4, and April 18. Take down is 7:30 AM on Sunday, March 25, April 8, and April 22. Make this a sacrificial offering for guests and team!

### CLEAN UP

Cleanup will be done on Sunday afternoon of each weekend. Beginning at 2:00 PM on March 25, April 8, and April 22. With many hands this should go very quickly. Any work not completed Sunday will be finished on the following Monday morning at 8:00 AM. Call Denise Edwards, 884-7320.

### REGISTRATION

Call Glenda Rich, 676-8624 or Glenda Skaggs, 249-8500 to help register guests and team for these Banquets. You will be needed on March 22, April 5, and April 19.

### BUS DRIVERS

We are okay for the time being, but if you have a license and the desire to drive for one of the weekends, give Dawn a call at the Presbyterian Church, 821-6420.

### AGAPE

Make BANNERS for the upcoming Great Banquets. Remember what an impact the banners had on you when you attended? Banners made for previous weekends here in Madisonville have been mailed to other communities, so make new ones!

We also need individual, as well as group, agape letters. Please mark family letters with an "F" on the envelope. Be sure your guest's name appears on the outside of the envelope as well. (PLEASE NOTE: *Gifts are better given before or after the Great Banquet. Please do not bring gifts to the Great Banquet for your guest.*)

There is an opportunity to make Agape for the upcoming weekends on March 12 at 7:30 PM. Please attend the worship service with the Teams and Patsy Sutton will lead you in making Agape. Call her at 825-1683.

### SNACKS & SALADS

Snacks are needed for all three Great Banquets. Call Susie Parker at 825-9497 (leave a message if no one is home).

## SPONSORS

NOW is the time to have your guest confirm or cancel his/her participation in the Banquet he/she has been accepted for.

## 4th Day .....

*4th Day Meetings will be held March 27 (for men) and April 24 (for women) at 7:00 P.M. at First Presbyterian Church for the purpose of forming reunion groups.*

*Anyone who is in search of a reunion group is welcome to come to these meetings.*

### e.stuff

We have updated our Madisonville Great Banquet Community website to include Applications and Sponsor forms. You may complete these electronically, rather than filling them out on paper. Also you may receive your newsletter by email and save us the postage. Service opportunities, times and dates are available there as well. Please check it out at [www.spis.net/fpc/gb.htm](http://www.spis.net/fpc/gb.htm)

# WAYS YOU CAN HELP WITH BANQUET WEEKENDS

## **SERVERS**

Call Lyndi Bryan at 825-8678 to sign up to serve a meal. Leave your name and number on the machine and she'll get back to you. Be prepared to spend 2 to 2 1/2 hours serving, cleaning up and setting up for the next meal. This is most important.

## **SPONSORS' HOUR**

Sponsors' Hour for Men's Great Banquet # 96 will be March 22, for Women's #97 on April 5 and for Women's #98 on April 19 at 7:30 PM. Everyone is encouraged to stay through all of the sponsors' hour to lend our strength to the prayers of God's people.

## **72 HOUR PRAYER VIGIL & PRAYERS FOR SPEAKERS CHARTS**

Men's #86  
 Jake McDonald, 825-3768  
 Alan Menser, 797-2269  
 Women's #97  
 Gina Kirby, 884-7098  
 Patricia Boone, 821-5861  
 Women's #98  
 Tammy Williams, 476-8937  
 Joyce Russell, 383-3040

## **CANDLELIGHTS**

Your presence at Candlelight adds to the Body of Christ and the impact the Lord has on His people as He uses our worship, prayers and sacrifices for the guests and team. Candlelights are held at First Methodist Church at 8:30 PM Saturday of each Banquet weekend.

## **CLOSINGS**

Closings are held at First Christian Church at 5:00 PM on Sunday of the weekends.

## Great Banquets #96, #97, #98 Teams & Schedules

		<b>Men's Great Banquet #96 March 22 - 25, 2001</b>	<b>Women's Great Banquet #97 April 5 - 8, 2001</b>	<b>Women's Great Banquet #98 April 19 - 22, 2001</b>
	<b>DIRECTOR</b>	David Thomas	Markida Wilson	Tamela Hobgood
	<b>ASSISTANTS</b>	Dave Hendrix, Rob Wilson	Shari Winstead, Donna Edwards	Alisa Betts, Debbie Parks
<b>Friday</b>				
9:15 A.M.	DISCOVERING PRIORITIES	Dave Hendrix	Donna Edwards	Debbie Parks
11:15	GOD'S GIFT OF GRACE	Pete Hedgepath	Dee Padgett	Mac Dossett
1:45 P.M.	MINISTRY OF ALL BELIEVERS	Donnie Carroll	Kristy McClellan	Ronnah Alexander
3:00	OUR RESPONSE TO GRACE	Ben Holloway	Lanna McGary	Wayne Edwards
6:00	THE WAY OF PIETY	Tim Martin	Carla Kelley	Kim Thompson
<b>Saturday</b>				
8:15 A.M.	TRUTH THROUGH STUDY	Roger Rich	Teresa Dillingham	Jilian Martin
10:00	SACRAMENTAL GRACE	David Fackler	Mike Van Heyningen	Dennis Mayfield
3:00 P.M.	THE LIFE OF CHRISTIAN ACTION	Mark Eddings	Debbie White	Deanna Brown
4:30	OBSTACLES	Marvin Hightower	Denise Golightly	David Fackler
7:15	DISCIPLES	James McClain	Sara Wittington	Mevelyn House
<b>Sunday</b>				
8:50 A.M.	CHANGING OUR ENVIRONMENT	Charlie Ramsey	Connie Skultety	Judie Leibfried
10:00	FROM FAITH TO LIFE	Mike Thomas	Roy Schmetzer	Marie Washington
11:00	THE BODY OF CHRIST	Richard Short	Diane McGuire	Annette Peadro
1:30 P.M.	STAYING POWER	David Thomas	Markida Wilson	Tamela Hobgood
2:30	ESTABLISHING PRIORITIES	Mike Hofmann	Carol Thomas	Cheryl McDonald
	TABLE LEADER	Jeff Jones	Virginia McCuiston	Julie Boling
	TABLE LEADER	Tony McClaren	Deena Crick	Beverly Hicklin
	TABLE LEADER	Randy Oakley	Jean Nofsinger	Angie Baldwin
	TABLE LEADER	Gary Branham	Heather Crook	Diana Anderson
	TABLE LEADER	Larry Willoughby	Beth Cullum	Kay Hibbs
	TABLE LEADER	Wally Hardy	Becky McCabe	Shirley Parker
	MUSIC	Tom Carr/Dan Shain	Marilyn Locke/Dana Trimble	Andrea Biddle
	HEAD KITCHEN	Jackie Polley/Dennis Coombs	Tammy Walker	Andrea Head
	KITCHEN	Ty Leibfried	Tammy Hunt	Cindy Miller
	KITCHEN	John McLemore	Denise Wilson	Brandy Wells
	AGAPE	Jake McDonald, Alan Menser	Gina Kirby, Patricia Boone	Tammy Williams, Joyce Russell

## Men's #94

Larry Alexander	John May
Mason Alstadt	Alan Menser
Loren Armstrong	Brian Miller
Jamie Ausenbaugh	Terrence Minor
Matt Bell	Bobby Nall
Gordon Bentley	Gary Oldham
Ben Bolinger	Jason Oldham
Jerry Bonnell	Jon Parker
Brent Branson	David Peacock
Mike Bryant	Daniel Shain
Bobby Carter	Greg Shelton
Steve Crick	Matt Sickman
Antonio Earthman	James Smith
David Floyd	Justin Snorton
Pete Hedgepath	Kenneth Thewissen
Jim Huggins	Lorella Traylor
Ty Leibfried	Tim Trimble
Johnny Logan	Larry Truitt
James Lutz	Tim Wilson
Robert Mason	Jimmy Wynn

## Women's #95

Heidi Armstrong	Nancy Maddox
Deanna Ashby	Diane Mason
Beth Baldwin	Kim Masteller
Martha Basham	Ann May
Crystal Carlton	Sue McCarty
Tracy Carlton	Linda Oglesby
Barbara Casey	Janet Pewitt
Thelma Cottrell	Robbie Plunkett
Beth Cullum	Connie Reno
Angel Eicholz	Joyce Russell
Erin Fulkerson	Connie Sellers
Kelley Hearn	Amy Shain
Sannon Hedgepath	Cheryl Shelton
Cecile Herald	Kaye Stokes
Darlene Herrick	Dana Trimble
Roxanne Holmes	Cathy Vinson
Kayla Horn	Trudi Wilson
Roxanne Justice	
Denise LeVaughn	
Sherry Logan	

## Around the Banquet Table

The passing of the Super Bowl signifies the beginning of another Spring of Great Banquets. Actually the return of the Men's Team from Vienna signals the start of the season. And speaking of Vienna ... it was a wonderful weekend by all accounts. The Team did a great job under difficult circumstances. Recent administration and structure changes within the prison system have made the future of our ministry there uncertain. For now we seem to be okay, but there is always concern for the future. I guess it's a lot like life. The Joyful Noise sang on Saturday evening, so we had a chance to visit for a short time with Team and Guests. It was a Spirit-filled time, with the men showing such gratitude for the folks who traveled there to attend the Candlelight and Closing Services. What a joy this part of our Community's ministry is. It is so gratifying to see the way the men there respond to our presence.

All the Spring Teams are formed. A list of members is in this newsletter. Now is the time for you to sponsor that person you have been thinking about. Remember there are two weekends in the Spring for women. We have resurrected all of the applications we had on file from previous weekends. These include folks who had conflicts of some sort and could not attend when they originally planned. Letters were sent out and if we get no response from these we will deactivate the application and the people will have to reapply if they desire to attend.

Please take time to review the service opportunities listed. Bed Setup for Men's # 96 will sneak up on us, so be mindful of the date, **March 21 at 6:00 PM**. Also, we could use a couple of men to help clean up on Sunday afternoon at 2:00 PM for each weekend. Consider the Prayer Charts, meal serving and as always monetary donations are welcome. These things are very important to the success of the weekend. Another way you might consider serving is spending a couple hours helping the Agape folks or doing dishes or setting tables. This doesn't require much time, but helps to get the work done. Also, it is such a blessing just being around the church on a weekend.

So you ask. What about the health of the Great Banquet in Madisonville? In a word, good. Team members are Spirit-filled and enthusiastic. We have applications coming in and people are excited about bringing their guests. Many people are eager to help and we get volunteer sheets throughout the year. As you can see from the list of new guests, we have had good turnouts. We generally have full weekends scheduled, 42 Guests. It's only the last few days beforehand that conflicts arise, and people have unavoidably cancelled. As we approach our 100<sup>th</sup> weekend I am confident that this movement will continue, as long as we remain focused, disciplined and servant-oriented.

We are trying our best to stay true to the model of the Banquet Weekend. The improvements we make are not in the model, but in the execution of the process. Our desire is that the logistics, content and process of the weekend are not diluted or changed for the sake of change. We feel it is our responsibility to present the same structure each weekend, and that the Holy Spirit will find a new and different way to individually touch the heart and soul of each Guest. For, after all, it is the Holy Spirit that makes the weekend unique.

I want to digress for just a moment and thank the Session and congregation of First Presbyterian Church on behalf of the Madisonville Great Banquet Community for their support and gracious hospitality. We pray that they soon will have an Installed Pastor. We pray also for the other churches in our community that are without regular pastors. We also truly appreciate all the ways that the churches of our community support the Banquet, for in so doing, they have been the hands and feet of Jesus to those who serve and attend.

Please find a way to serve and especially continue to pray for our community.

Jerry Klym  
Community Lay Director

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*Come, Holy Spirit,  
fill the hearts of  
Your faithful and  
kindle in them  
the fire of  
Your love.*