Great Banquet

Madisonville Great Banquet www.greatbanquet.com



Spring 2013

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



Spring Great Banquet Dates:

February 21-24- Men's Hopkins County Jail #17 Lay Director - Jason Eastwood March 14-17- Women's Muhlenberg County Jail #4 Lay Director - Melissa Lear April 11-14- Men's Great Banquet #156 Lay Director - Tod Hill April 18-21- Men's Green River Correctional Complex #8 Lay Director - David Parker April 25-28- Women's Great Banquet #157 Lay Director - Cindy Bell May 10-11- Women's Western Kentucky Correctional Complex #10 Lay Director- Carol Thomas May 16-19- Women's Great Banquet #158 Lay Director - Kelly Crowley

READ BELOW FOR TIMES OF EACH TALK, SERVING TIMES AND AGAPE IDEAS!

Sponsors: Have you been thinking about sponsoring someone on the Great Banquet? Now is the time to ask and have applications completed and turned in. If you have any questions, contact Dawn at First Presbyterian Church 821-6426.



AGAPE PARTY! April 1st at 7:00 pm IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP SERVICE. Join us for the worship service at First Presbyterian Church and then help to prepare "agape" in the gym for the Great Banquet weekends.



PLEASE PRAY FOR JIM AND RUTH HENDRIX WHO WILL BE SERVING WITH TEAM MEMBERS FROM OTHER GREAT BANQUET COMMUNITIES AS THEY HELP START UP A GREAT BANQUET MOVEMENT IN JAMAICA ON JAN 20-FEB 2, 2013. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT!

Commercial grade kitchen items are needed for kitchen use during the Banquet weekends. If you or your church would like to make a monetary donation towards the purchase of these items please call Dawn at 821-6426.



For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16

AROUND THE BANQUET TABLE

Greetings Madisonville Great Banquet Community!

The time has come to "go out quickly into the streets and alleys and into the highways and lanes" to find men and women who need Jesus in their lives or who need spiritual renewal and invite them to the Great Banquet. Yes, it is Great Banquet time again and the 2013 Spring teams have been selected and will soon begin their Monday night meetings in preparation for their respective weekends. There will be one Men's weekend and two Women's weekends, and there are four prison/jail weekends planned for this spring. It is very important that the Community keep these teams and their weekends covered in prayer. As always included on the 72 hour prayer chart, James 5:16b says, "The prayer of a righteous man (woman) is powerful and effective". When prayers from a righteous person are offered fervently to God, He will respond in a way that best fits His good purposes for those guests who attend the weekends.

I would like to thank everyone who supported each of the 2012 Fall weekends through his/her service, food, agape, financial support, prayers, letters, etc. The men and women who were loved on during the church and prison/jail weekends were truly blessed as well as those who served on the teams. It never ceases to amaze me how the Community comes through when there is a need.

This past fall we began using our "simple-to-use" battery-operated candles (NOT!) at our Candlelight services. We plan to invest in another type of battery candle for the spring where no training is required to operate it (HA!) and it has better illumination. I want to thank everyone for persevering through this time of change but we all know that regardless of what we use for light during the Candlelight service, God's light will shine, through us, to the guests.

This January, there are both Men's and Women's Great Banquet teams going to Jamaica to serve on the start-up of the Jamaica Great Banquet Movement. This is Lampstand Ministries' breakthrough into international Great Banquet movements. Couples from various Great Banquet Communities throughout the United States will be united together to serve as team members on these inaugural men and women Jamaica Weekends in late January. Our Community will be represented on these teams by Jim and Ruth Hendrix. In addition to serving on their respective teams, they will also be involved in missions work while there. I would like to thank everyone who has provided financial support for our Community's couple, and for the prayers being lifted up for this mission. Again, God will respond to our prayers in ways that best meets the needs of those team members and guests so that lives will be changed and blessed. Hallelujah!

I want to thank those Great Banquet Board members whose terms expired at the end of 2012. I truly enjoyed working with you and getting to know you. Your deep concern, dedication, and outpouring toward the Great Banquet Movement were exemplary and have not gone unnoticed, either by me, the Community, or God. I also want to thank First Presbyterian Church, First United Methodist Church, and other churches in the area for your continued support of the Madisonville Great Banquet Movement. I really believe that God intends for us to experience life together as children of God. Psalm 133:1 says "How wonderful it is, how pleasant, for God's people to live together in harmony"! As we love unselfishly, share honestly, serve practically, give sacrificially, comfort sympathetically, and do all the other "one another" commands found in the New Testament, both on the weekends and every day of our lives, we will allow God to do His work in us from the inside out. I also thank everyone who continues to play a part in this Great Banquet Movement. I pray nothing but excellent health, prosperity, and peace upon each one of you as we continue together to share Jesus with others. God bless you all!

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Terry Cates Community Lay Director Madisonville Great Banquet

Check the Madisonville Great Banquet website (www.greatbanquet.com) to see the list of guests who have confirmed. The list is updated weekly to show the latest confirmations.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

PRAYER

Prayer is a key part of the success of each Banquet. Please keep the team and guests in your prayers during each of the Great Banquet weekends. Attend the events throughout each weekend and signup on the 72 hour prayer charts.

PROPERTY

If you can help with bed setup and takedown please contact **Kelly Crowley 884-3365**. Make this a sacrificial offering for guests and team! Bed setup is at 6:00 pm on Wednesday prior to each weekend. Bed takedown is at 7:00 am on Sunday morning of each weekend.

CLEAN UP

Clean-up will take place on Sunday afternoons of each weekend beginning at 2:00 pm on Sunday; with many hands this should go very quickly. Call **Brianna Sutton**.

BUS DRIVERS

We are okay for the time being, but if you have a CDL license and desire to drive the bus for one of the weekends give **Dawn** a call at the **First Presbyterian Church 821-6420 or 821-6426**.

SNACKS AND SERVERS

If you can bring a snack or help serve a meal at the Banquet, please **contact Betty Hendrix** (snacks) 824-9749 or Sherry Harvey (servers) 841-8385. Please remember your amazing weekend. Providing snacks and helping to serve are important areas of help. Snacks on Friday are especially needed.

AGAPE

Remember what an important impact the banners had on you when you attended? Make BANNERS for the upcoming Great Banquets. Banners made for previous weekends here in Madisonville have been mailed to other communities, so make new ones! Reunion groups, if you are looking for something special to do make a banner as a group for the upcoming weekends. The Agape Party is held before the weekends of each Banquet season. Call Teresa Lee 977-2148 if you are interested in helping to make agape for the upcoming Banquets.

FREE BOOK TABLE

One of the many blessings at the Great Banquet is the opportunity to sow God's word into the lives of our guests by offering free Christian literature and media. If you have Bibles, Christian books, CDs, DVDs, or devotions you would like to donate please take them to First Presbyterian Church or call **Dave Hendrix 821-1709**.

SERVERS Call Sherry Harvey 841-8385 to sign up to serve a meal. Leave your name and number and she'll get back to you. It is very important that you are prepared to spend 2 to 2 ½ hours serving, cleaning up, and setting up for the next meal.	SPONSOR'S HOUR Sponsor's hour for each Great Banquet is held on Thursday before each Banquet (except the jail/prison weekends), at 7:30 pm. Everyone is encouraged to stay through the entire Sponsor's Hour to lend strength and prayers to God's people.	72 HOUR PRAYER VIGIL & PRAYERS FOR SPEAKERS CHART Please be sure to sign-up to pray for the guests and team members during the Banquets. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much." James 5:16
CANDLELIGHT 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. Candlelight will be held at the First United Methodist Church at 8:30 pm on the Saturday during each Banquet.		CLOSINGS Closings will be held at the First Presbyterian Church at 5:00 PM on the Sunday of each Banquet.
824-9749 to sign up to bring them. If she is not home, please leave a Banquet. Please do not bring gifts to tl		
HELP AGAPE TEAM MEMBERS ON THE WEEKEND An "Agape" chart is available for you to sign-up and assist the agape team members on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of each weekend. Go to the Great Banquet website for the name of the agape person to contact for each weekend. www.greatbanquet.com		AGAPE PARTY Help make agape for the weekends! Contact Teresa Lee 977-2148 for the time and date of our next Agape Party at the First Presbyterian Church.

2013 Great Banquet Board Members

Diana Anderson-	Clergy
Cindy Bell-	Agape
Sherri Buchanan-	Kitchen Coordinator, Secretary
Terry Cates-	Community Lay Director
Dennis Coombs-	Community Spiritual Director
Terri Dozer-	
David Hendrix-	Book Table
Lon Lorton-	First Presbyterian Church Liaison
Barry McGaw-	Director of Jail and Prison Ministries
Patsy Sutton-	Agape Letters to the Communities
Kelly Crowley-	4 th Day Meetings
Tod Hill-	
Marilyn Locke-	Music
Jim McMurtrie-	Clergy
Barry Vaughn-	

Volunteers

Eric Anderson (Greenville)-	Sponsors' Hour
Andy Bell-	Bus
Matt Bell-	Website
Sherry Harvey-	Servers
Betty Hendrix-	Snacks
Teresa Lee-	Agape Party
Penny Pleasant-	Registration
Brianna Sutton-	Clean-up/Facility Restoration
Amy Menser-	Candlelight
Eric Brown-	Bed Setup/Takedown
Michele Hill-	Newsletter/Email Database

Talks and Times

Friday:

Pray in:	Talk time:	Title of Talk
9:00 a.m.	9:15 a.m.	Discovering Priorities
10:45 a.m.	11:15 a.m.	God's Gift of Grace
1:15 p.m.	1:45 p.m.	Ministry of All Believers
2:30 p.m.	3:00 p.m.	Our Response to Grace
6:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.	Way of Relationship

Saturday:

Pray in:	Talk time:	Title of Talk
7:45 a.m.	8:15 a.m.	Truth Through Study
9:15 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	Sacramental Grace
2:30 p.m.	3:00 p.m.	Life of Christian Action
4:00 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	Obstacles of Grace
7:00 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	Disciples

Sunday:

Pray in: Talk time: Title of Talk

8:20 a.m.	8:50 p.m.	Life of Grace
9:30 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	Changing our Environment
10:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	Body of Christ
12:45 p.m.	1:00 p.m.	Staying Power
1:45 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	Establishing Priorities

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Meal Times for Serving

*If you signed up to serve a meal and cannot make it please call Sherry Harvey 841-8385 as soon as possible.

WHEN SERVING ANY OF THE MEALS: Plan to arrive on time, help serve, clean up and setup for next meal. When you arrive wash your hands, grab an apron, ask the kitchen crew where you can be of help, and let the joy of the Lord shine in and on you as you become the hands and feet of Christ!

Be at the church by:

Friday morning breakfast-	7:00 a.m.
Friday lunch-	12:00 p.m.
Friday supper-	5:00 p.m.
Saturday morning-	7:00 a.m.
Saturday lunch-	12:00 p.m.
Saturday supper-	5:00 p.m.
Sunday morning-	7:30 a.m.
Sunday lunch-	11:30 a.m.

Great Banquet Weekends	Men's #156 April 11-14, 2013	Women's #157 April 25-28, 2013	Women's #158 May 16-19, 2013
Lay Director	Tod Hill	Cindy Bell	Kelly Crowley
Head Spiritual Director	Philip McCoy	Scott Heltsley	Diana Anderson
Assistant Lay Director	JW Durst	Amy Bell	Hannah Witherspoon
Assistant Lay Director	Gene Coulter	Robin Sanchez	Shirley Hill
Talk #1 Discovering Priorities	JW Durst	Amy Bell	Hannah Witherspoon
Talk #2 God's Gift of Grace	Alan Menser	Jim McMurtrie	Dee Padgett
Talk #3 Ministry of All Believers	Dan Crim	Roshun Radford	Betty Hendrix
Talk #4 Our Response to Grace	Lonnie Strader	Shelia Carter	Ray England
Talk #5 Way of Relationship	Adam Murray	Staci Noffsinger	Lyndi Bryan
Talk #6 Truth Through Study	Steve Boggess	Deborah Torian	Sherri Buchanan
Talk #7 Sacramental Grace	Philip McCoy	Scott Heltsley	Diana Anderson
Talk #8 Life of Christian Action	Titus Hollie	Carla Embry	Sonja Richey
Talk #9 Obstacles to Grace	Robert Clemmons	Kristy Heltsley	Sharon Dossett
Talk #10 Disciples	Fred Locke	Jackie Clemmons	Suzanne Weir
Talk #11 A Life of Grace	Gary Ball	Donna McMurtrie	Dennis Coombs
Talk #12 Changing Our Environ.	Chris Dennis	Roberta Saulsberry	Carla Kelley
Talk #13 Body of Christ	Eric Anderson(M'ville	e)Tanya Bowman	Lesley Ronemous
Talk #14 Staying Power	Tod Hill	Cindy Bell	Kelly Crowley
Talk #15 Establishing Priorities	David Jones	Barbara Eichholz	Marty Vaughn
Table Leader	Mike Eubanks	Jo Bannister	Donna Russ
Table Leader	Chuck Fitch	Melissa Cheek	Shelli Smith
Table Leader	Bart Boles	Nadine McNeal	Telisa Stone
Table Leader	Jeremy Johnson	Vickey Reynolds	Sabrina Coomes
Table Leader	Derek Bannister	Beth Ellis	Yvonne Stone
Table Leader	Robert Torian	Nika Ball	Jacqui Pelphrey
Music	Rufus Baker/ Bryan Martin	Marilyn Locke	Tracey Embry
Head Kitchen	John Mangum	Carin Stewart	Terina Gray
Kitchen	Dennis Kohutek	Lydia Long	Stephanie Wallace
Kitchen	Kenny Cook	Jalane Sommers	Kate Gibson
Agape	Robert Witman	Georgia Mills	Mandy Qualls
Agape	Matthew Althouse	Leann Allen	Megan Trader

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Quick, easy, and inexpensive agape ideas from The Upper Room Discussion Group			
Rainbow mechanical pencils:	Write this down: Jesus Loves You!" or "Jesus has signed your heart with his blood."		
Mending kits:	"God fixes everything."		
Jigsaw Pieces:	Jigsaw puzzle pieces either hot glued to a pin back or a card (You can put a piece of magnet strip on the back of the card for a fridge magnet.): "God put it all together for you." Or "Puzzled? Talk to God." Or "Don't let Jesus be your missing piece!" or "If life is a puzzle, turn to the Lord." Or "Now I know in part, then I shall know fully. 1 Corinthians 13:12."		
Notepad:	Little notebooks or note pads. "Write this down: Jesus Loves You!"		
	He has written your name in the Lambs book of life. Rev 13:8		
Small calendars:	(wallet size are good): "I am with you always. Jesus"		
Cood pool/ogoo	"Grow in Christ."		
Seed packages: Life Savers:	"Jesus is the real life saver!" John 3:16		
Small rulers:	"Measure your life in Christ." Or "Jesus Rules!"		
Emory Board:	Emory board or small piece of sand paper on a card: "Jesus can smooth away all our rough edges!"		
Nail:	Nail on a card. "Need an eternal fix? Try John 3:16."		
Butterfly anything:	"God changes things." Eph 4:23		
Diaper pin:	"God can change even the worst of things."		
Maps or compasses:	"Jesus is the way" or "Lost? Talk to God" or "Need directions? Talk to the Father." Or "Lost? Follow the Son." Rom 10:10		
Magnifying glass:	"See everything clearly with Christ" or "Let your faith be magnified." Or "If they dusted your Bible for fingerprints, would they find any fresh ones? Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Psalm 119:105."		
Small bars of soap:	"God can make all things clean."		
Emergency rain ponchos:	"When life gives you rain, God gives you rainbows!"		
Yo-yos:	"God will be there though all your ups and downs."		
Rock:	Write "Jesus is the rock" and draw a cross on the rock.		

Duct tape and nail:

Penny: Runts: Paper clip chain:

Heart:

Candy conversation hearts: Bears:

Erasers: Key chain: Shoe horns: Earplugs: Atomic fireballs: Smiley face anything: Kites:

Band aid on card: Pots:

Golf tees taped to a card: Airhead candy: Kool Aid packages: Hershey kiss(es):

Mint: Sponge: Chewy Candy:

Now and Later candy: Q-tip: Small plastic frogs: Gold Fish crackers: Small back scratchers: Skittles candies: Equal package: Picture of a cell phone:

Small packages of tissues: Gold wrapped chocolate coins: Corks or fishing bobbers: Put a small piece of duct tape on a card. Then put a nail through the card as if you were pinning something to it. On card write: "Men fix everything with duct tape. God used his son." Penny hot glued to a card. "Jesus just makes 'cents'" Runts candies in a small bag. "The fruits of the spirit are." Paper clip chain made of brightly colored paper clips or several brightly colored paper clips hanging on an earring hoop: "Genesis 9:13" Foam heart glued to a card: "Give your heart to Jesus." Or any heart verse. "These go in your tummy. Put Jesus in your heart." Teddy bear stickers or very small (1/2 inch) teddy bears or gummy bears. "God's love bears all." "Jesus erased all your sins." "Let Jesus be the key to your life" or "Put God in the driver's seat." "For a perfect fit every time, try Jesus." "For all those times when noise is not so joyful." "Get fired up for Christ!" "Smile. God loves you." Small plastic or balsa wood planes or miniature kites: "Fly high with Christ." "Christ heals all." Small jars or pots made from Play Dough and hardened. "Put yourself in the potter's hands." "Jesus will always fit your needs to a tee!" "Don't be an airhead! Listen to Jesus!" "Let Jesus be the cool aid in your life." Hershey kiss(es) on a card: "A good night kiss for you. Sleep in peace as God watches over you" or "An honest answer is like a kiss on the lips." Proverbs 24:26 or with 2 kisses "Angel kisses." A mint taped to a card: "Jesus is 'mint' for you." Small piece of sponge attached to a card: "Soak up God's love." Gum, caramel, starburst candy, tootsie roll or other chewy candy: "Choose Jesus" or "Choose this day whom you will serve." Joshua 2:4-15 "Jesus Now and Later." Q-tip taped to a card: "Open our ears, Lord. We want to hear Jesus." "FROG: Fully relying on God." "Come follow me and I will make you fishers of men." Matthew 4:19 "God always has a hand for you!" "Taste the rainbow of God's love." "Nothing equals Jesus!" Photocopy picture on paper and color with bright colors: "Call on God. Unlimited free anytime access."

"God will take your tears and make an ocean." "His love is more precious than gold." God's love is unsinkable.

Small match box-size cars: Honey: Cream Savers: Small pocket size mirrors: Letter openers: Toy watches: Birds:	"Put God in the driver's seat." Bit of Honey or fast food size honey package: Psalm 19:10 You are the cream of the crop. Let Jesus be your Life Savior. "Let Christ be reflected in you." "God opens up a whole new world of possibilities." "God has all the time in the world for you." Or "Ecclesiastes 3:1" Small plastic or feather birds (floral section of craft store): "Matthew 10:31"
Toy paratroopers (party favors): Individually wrapped hand wipes: Rubber Ducks: Mini-frisbees or spinning tops:	"Let Jesus be your parachute." "Jesus makes all things clean." "Life with Christ is just ducky!" "I may not always know where I'm going, but the one I'm following does. 'The Lord will guide you always.' Isaiah 58:11"
Whistle: Milky Way candy bars: Baseball trinkets: Mustard seed:	"Whistle while you work Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men. Colossians 3:23." "He had a universe to choose from, but God chose you." "No outs. All safe with Christ" or "Hit a home run with Christ." Mustard seed glued to a piece of cardstock: "A little faith goes a long way. Matthew 17:20.
Snickers Thumbodys	Tape or glue a "fun-size" Snickers bar to a note card and put the words, "Hungry for God, Why Wait" Place your thumb onto an inkpad and place on a note card. Draw each
Stick with God Dryer Sheets Kleenex	thumbprint as a person - be creative! Write "Thumbody Loves You!" Tape or hot glue a small stick to a note card and write "Stick With God" Staple a dryer sheet to a note card and write "Cling To Jesus!" On a travel-size package of Kleenex, write Rev. 21:4 - "God shall wipe every tear from their eyes."
Noisemakers	Attach this message to a noisemaker: Psalm 100:1 - "Make a joyful noise"
Bag of nuts UNO Sponge	On a bag of nuts, write: "Jesus is nuts about you!" Write: "DO UNO JESUS?" On a piece of sponge, attach the message: "You made the journey, soak it all in!"
Belly Button Cleaner	On a piece of matchstick, glue a piece of pipe cleaner, rounded. Attach the message: "Just when you think you had everything, a belly button cleaner!" and the verse 2 Cor. 7:1 - "Let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God."
Pixie Sticks	Attach a Pixie Stick (sugar stick) to a note card and write: "God 'picks' you as His beloved."
Candy Cane	Attach a candy cane to a note card and write "By the stripes, we are healed."
Birthday Candles	Attach a birthday candle to a note card and write "Let your light shine" - Matthew 5:11
Play Doh	On a small Play Doh container, write Isaiah 64:8 - "We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand."

Prayer Rock	Wrap a small rock in cloth and tie shut. Attach a sheet that says "Jesus 'spoke to them in parables to show that they should keep on praying and never lose heart." - Luke 18:1
Stir it up	Attach a plastic spoon to the message "let us consider how to stir up one another to love and to good work." Hebrews 10:24
Band-Aid	Attach a Band-Aid to a note cards that says "God Heals all Wounds."
Pencil	Attach a pencil to a note card that reads "Bind them upon thy fingers, write them upon the table of thine heart." Proverbs 7:3 or "You're all 'write' with God!"
Gummy Worms	Throw some gummy worms into a bag and attach the message "Come follow me, Jesus said, and I will make you fishers of men." or "Let Jesus work His way into your heart."
Washers	Attach a metal washer to a note card and write "Jesus will wash away your sins."
Paper Umbrella	Attach a paper umbrella to a note card and write "His love shelters us from the storm."
Rubber Band	On a rubber band, attach the message "Band together for Christ's Sake."
Hawaiian Lei	Attach the message "Jesus Leid down His life for you" to a Lei.
Missing Piece	Attach a puzzle piece to a note card with the message "Jesus is the missing piece."
Paint Brush	Attach the message "Let Jesus be the artist of your soak" to a small paint brush.
Marble-ous	On a notepad, attach a marble and the message"Jesus is Marble-ous!"
Sugar	Attach a packet of sugar to a note card with the message "Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus!"
Warheads	Attach a sour candy or Warhead to a note card with the message "Don't let your love for the Lord grow sour."
Compass	Attach small gift card to compass that says: "God's direction is always true!"
Sunflower Seeds	Attach card to bag of seeds that says: "You are a seed sewn by God. Grow and bloom where you are planted"
Door Hangers	Print on computer "Resting in the Lord" Do Not Disturb and Walk# our group name
Almond Joy	Put on label or attach small gift tag that says: "The JOY of the Lord is your strength." Nehemiah 8:10