

Great Banquet

Madisonville Great Banquet
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Spring 2014

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



Spring Great Banquet Dates:

March 6-9 Men's Hopkins County Jail #19 Lay Director - Anthony Brooks
March 20-23 Women's Muhlenberg County Jail #6 Lay Director - Carin Stewart
March 27-30 Men's Great Banquet #161 Lay Director - Fred Locke
April 10-13 Women's Great Banquet #162 Lay Director - Shirley Hill
April 10-13 Men's Green River Correctional Complex #9 Lay Director - Dave Hendrix
April 24-27 Women's Great Banquet #163 Lay Director - Sherri Buchanan
May 16-17 Women's Western Kentucky Correctional Complex #12 Lay Director - Peggy Phelan

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! March 17 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.



POTLUCK ! March 24 at 6:00 pm

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 (270) 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

*Greetings Great Banquet Community,
Pray these words find you well. I am sure many of you (as am I) are looking forward to the spring and summer seasons! But as I find myself grumbling about the cold, I am reminded each day is a day that the Lord has made, REJOICE and be GLAD in it! We are still blessed to be able to worship God in freedom, in spirit, and in truth! We as a Great Banquet community, as the Body of Christ, have a great responsibility to take advantage of every opportunity to make God known! To share his love, grace and mercy to all we come in contact with! Many will have that opportunity as they serve in some capacity on and about the upcoming spring weekends. But we have great opportunities each day of our lives in our homes, workplaces, and the list goes on and on of opportunities that God has afforded us. My prayer is that we don't become so focused on what we consider big or great opportunities that we forget about those doors God opens for us each day! Look forward to seeing each of you during the spring Great Banquet season. If there is anything I can do for any of you please feel free to let me know. May you realize God's love, mercy and grace each and every day of your lives!*

*Love in Christ,
Dennis Coombs
Community Spiritual Director*

Fall 2013

I was very humbled to get to serve as Lay Director for Men's Great Banquet #159. The team that was gathered in service of the Lord seemed to understand from the start what was expected of them and they really very early on came together and allowed God to use them in any way he saw fit. They came with a humble heart and when the guests arrived seemed to bond with them the very first day. God really blessed this banquet. The Team and the Guests allowed the spirit to work in them and although our banquet was fun and we laughed until we cried on many of occasion there were times that the spirit was so strong and so thick you could almost cut it with a knife. That weekend developed a theme towards Fathers due to the death of two team members Dad during the build-up and also the weekend of the banquet. Everyone seemed to feed off of that and the Lord showed up and showed out the entire weekend. That's what the Great Banquet is all about, and that's why it means so much to all who elect to serve God thru this ministry. I again feel so honored to have had the opportunity to serve in this capacity.

*De Colores,
Ken Hendrix
Lay Director GB #159*

Fall 2013

Why is it so difficult at times to put wonderful and meaningful experiences into words? I feel truly speechless when I try to articulate what serving as lay director meant to me. The Great Banquet experience offers each one of us a chance to enter a place of safety, love and peace in the companionship of those who seek what we seek. It was clear from as early as September as we were making plans to attend, that the guests of 160 attending were hungry for something more--something deeper!! Through the testimonies from each talk, the witnessing during discussions and fellowship and our magnificent worship, Holy Spirit was real and true in a mighty way! Lives were forever changed through healings, salvations, restorations and revelations! As He did last June during prayer and preparation, God keeps reminding me, even now, that it is HOPE that will lead us on!! To me, Great Banquet 160 was truly a celebration of God's love and the HOPE that each one of us who walk with Him can experience! I pray continued love, joy, peace and of course HOPE for each of the guests of 160, each team member, and our Great Banquet community!! You are and forever will be, upon my heart!

*De Colores,
Sonja Richey
Lay Director GB#160*

The following are letters from Roy Ellis, Robert White and Jim Hendrix who were blessed to be a part of the Great Banquet in Jamaica!

Last year I had the great privilege of travelling to Jamaica to participate in the Great Banquet weekend there. I traveled with Jim Hendrix, Robert White, and Michael Neikirk which was an experience itself! On the way down we were kept from leaving Nashville because of the bad storms in Atlanta and then we were grounded because of lightning strikes on the tarmac in Nashville. Needless to say we were late arriving in Atlanta and missed our flight to Jamaica. I have been on enough mission trips to know that there is a reason for everything and I am always reminded that God knows, God was with us, and that He was working behind the scenes for His purposes.

After a night in a roach motel in Atlanta we were on our flight to Jamaica. The rest of the team were met the day before and taken on the three hour ride to the location of the Great Banquet weekend. We were not completely sure how we would get there, but when we arrived, a man from the mission home was there and took us on our scenic ride to our home away from home for the next few days.

On the ride there Jimmy rode in the front and began to talk to our driver. In the conversation he was asked if he was going to attend the Great Banquet. He informed us that he was a pastor but was non-committed to whether he would be there or not. He decided to attend and his rationale was at least I know these four guys.

The week end was a huge success because of the Holy Spirit doing what He does when He is invited. However the week end was monumental for the driver, pastor, and weekend guest we met because of our travel problems. On his weekend he was totally delivered from years of bitterness and unforgiveness. Praise the Lord!

Oh, yes others were tremendously blessed, we had the privilege of painting on a church and building a small house for a man there. But, for me it was the blessing of missing a flight so God could reach one man and release him to be the man of God created him to be.

*Pastor Roy Ellis
Jamaica GB #3*

In August, 2013, I had the privilege to travel with other American Great Banquet Community members and serve the Lord in Jamaica on the Jamaican Great Banquet #3 Men's Weekend. The Great Banquet Weekend "talks" were presented by both Americans and Jamaicans. The Jamaicans had participated in the Jamaican Great Banquet #1 Men's Weekend.

The island of Jamaica is so beautiful with its sunny beaches, light blue warm ocean waves, and filled with the sounds of reggae music. Also the Jamaican people were very friendly, always ready to give you a hand wave and a smile. They are content with what they have, living life in the moment, and so appreciative of anything the CSI Missionaries and the American Great Banquet Community do for them.

I considered it a privilege to have been asked to serve in Jamaica. God is "moving" in Jamaica, with great promise of the Great Banquet ministry being an effective spiritual force in reaching Jamaica for Jesus Christ. If given the opportunity to serve with the Great Banquet Community in Jamaica, I encourage you to go.

*God Bless "Mon"
Pastor Robert White
Jamaica GB #3*

Dear Great Banquet friends,

In Aug 2013 Roy Ellis, Robert White and myself headed to Highgate, Jamaica to help in Jamaica Great Banquet #3. It didn't start very well as we were delayed in Nashville and by the time we got to Atlanta we had missed the last flight for the day so we had to spend the night in Atlanta.

Meanwhile the rest of the team had arrived and they were taken to Highgate to prepare for the weekend. The next day CSI Ministries had to send another van back to Montego Bay to pick us 3 up. (It is a 4 hour journey roundtrip).

The Jamaican that drove the van to pick us up lived near the CSI group house and was hired to get us. (The missionaries that had picked the group up the day before had to stay back with the others.) In talking to him on the way he stated that he was a minister at a church in Highgate but was not going to be attending the GB although he had been asked. I won't go into detail on why he didn't want to go but he had no interest.

Jamaica had been in a drought for a tad under 6 months and it was getting very serious. As we were driving through Ocho Rios, clouds began to form. He stated "you guys must be bringing the rain. I told him we weren't but I think the prayers of the people and the obedience of God's people may be about to see God's favor. He dropped us off and went home. Later that night as we were about to begin the GB I saw him walk in. I asked Arthur what he was doing back and he said that the Lord told him to and he packed a few clothes, told his wife where he was going, and left.

During Roy's talk I saw him break down and I went to him. He told me that he was dead on the vine in his ministry, he told me of the murder of his son 2 months before and the burglary of his house the week before. The rest of the weekend, he was a joy to watch. His testimony Sunday night brought tears to us all.

When he took us all back to the airport, he told me that the reason we didn't make our flight was for him. He stated he would have never met us and that he was a changed preacher. He had his love back. He was right.

We had been complaining about Delta and us being delayed and God was working and we didn't even know it. That is the thing that I remember most about that weekend.

Lon Lorton and myself and then later Ruth and Pat will be heading back in January for GB # 5 and #6. Pray for us in our travels and pray for those that will be coming.

PS....It rained every day we were there except one. God is good.

*De Colores,
Jim Hendrix
Jamaica GB #3*

Greetings Great Banquet Community!

I hope my brothers and sisters in Christ are geared up for another Great Banquet season. This spring we have three church Weekends and four prison/jail Weekends taking place. God has blessed our Community in a big way as more and more people are attending as guests, serving as team members, and also attending the Candlelight and Closing services. I feel so honored to be a part of this miraculous movement and see all the wonders that God accomplishes each and every Weekend through His obedient men and women. Wow!

Another exciting piece of news is the Jamaica Great Banquet taking place in Highgate, Jamaica. Lampstand Ministries (Great Banquet) has partnered with CSI Ministries to start the Great Banquet in Jamaica. Great Banquet #5 and #6 Weekends just took place during the month of January. Our Community was represented by two couples, Jim and Ruth Hendrix and Lon and Pat Lorton, who humbly said "yes" to serving on those Weekends. The Jamaica summer Weekends are scheduled for August 7-10 for Men's #7 and August 14-17 for Women's #8. These Weekends would not be happening without great support from several of the Great Banquet Movements. They will always need our physical support in supplying team members plus our prayer and financial support. The teams will continue to be approximately half Jamaican and half American. It has been determined by the missionaries that it costs \$100 per person to participate in the Weekend and most Jamaicans can't afford to pay this. This cost includes food, snacks, transportation, utilities and staff to take care of the facility. Including both the Jamaican team members and guests, it costs about \$6,000 per set of Weekends or about \$12,000 per year. The American team members must pay for themselves. Two Great Banquet Movements have already budgeted each year to help offset the costs. Our Madisonville Great Banquet Board recently agreed to pay the costs of the 100 crosses and 100 reunion group cards that will be needed each year for the four banquets, which amounts to approximately \$375 per year. Lampstand Ministries and CSI Ministries are hopeful that individual Community members will choose to support the Jamaicans attending with donations. One can mail the designated donation to Lampstand Ministries, P. O. Box 732, Madisonville, KY 42431, or to CSI Ministries, P. O. Box 841, Muncie, IN 47308. Donations can also be made online at www.csiministries.org (click on the "Donate Now" button). There is a special category for the Jamaica Great Banquet.

God is definitely using this model we call the Great Banquet to minister and reach those not only in our communities but now overseas. Wow! And I pray that you continue to step out in faith and be the hands and feet of Jesus to those who need Him. The Bible says "Without faith, it is impossible to please God", so choose to believe and trust God to act as you become the person that God uses to accomplish His purposes through the Great Banquet. I pray God blesses you immensely for your choice. De Colores!

*Terry Cates
Community Lay Director*

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 sign up on the 72 hour prayer charts.

PROPERTY

If you can help with bed setup and takedown please contact **Eric Brown (270) 821-8799** 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 (270) 836-0475**.

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 (270) 821-6420 or (270) 821-6426**.

SNACKS AND SERVERS

If you can bring a snack or help serve a meal at the Banquet, please **contact Betty Hendrix (snacks) (270) 824-9749 or Sherry Harvey (servers) (270) 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 (270) 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 (270) 821-1709**.

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| <p>SERVERS Call Sherry Harvey (270) 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.</p> | <p>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.</p> | <p>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</p> |
| <p>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.</p> | | <p>CLOSINGS Closings will be held at the First Presbyterian Church at 5:00 PM on the Sunday of each Banquet.</p> |
| <p>SNACKS & SALADS Snacks and salads are needed for both weekends. Call Betty Hendrix (270) 824-9749 to sign up to bring them. If she is not home, please leave a message.</p> | <p>AGAPE LETTERS Individual and group agape letters are always needed. Please mark family letters with an "F" on the envelope. Be sure your guest's name appears on the outside of the envelope. (PLEASE NOTE: Gifts are better given before or after the Great Banquet. Please do not bring gifts to the Great Banquet for your guest.) Call Cindy Bell (270) 584-3097 for more information about Great Banquet agape.</p> | |
| <p>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</p> | | <p>AGAPE PARTY Help make agape for the weekends! Contact Teresa Lee (270) 977-2148 for the time and date of our next Agape Party at the First Presbyterian Church.</p> |

2014 Great Banquet Board Members

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

Volunteers

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| 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 at First United Methodist Church |
| Michele Hill- | Newsletter/Email Database |

Talks and Times

Friday:

| Pray in: | Talk time: | Title of Talk |
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| 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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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 (270) 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 #161
March 27-30, 2014****Women's #162
April 10-13, 2014****Women's #163
April 24-27, 2014**

Lay Director
Head Spiritual Director

Fred Locke
Philip McCoy

Shirley Hill
Sharon Dossett

Sherri Buchanan
Robert Clemmons

Assistant Lay Director
Assistant Lay Director

Eric Taylor
JW Durst

Betty Hendrix
Rebecca Tiller

Deborah Torian
Carla Embry

Talk #1 Discovering Priorities
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Talk #15 Establishing Priorities

Eric Taylor
Steve Dame
Dan Wallace
Tod Hill
Jeff Mayfield
TJ Teague
Philip McCoy
Mike Eubanks
Alan Menser
Steve Boggess
Bryan Martin
John Lovell
Daniel Selman
Fred Locke
Eric Anderson(Gr)

Betty Hendrix
Dennis Coombs
Cindie Jones
Mac Dossett
Corey Downey
Nellie Starkweather
Sharon Dossett
Sarah Almon
Allison Goodman
Karen Solise
Dee Padgett
Yvonne Stone
Penny Pleasant
Shirley Hill
Mary Jane Gamblin

Deborah Torian
John Galyen
Terina Gray
Mollie McGaw
Norma Hendrix
Amy Menser
Robert Clemmons
Brenda DeMoss
Denise Golightly
Jo Bannister
Diana Anderson
Sherry Harvey
Jackie Clemmons
Sherri Buchanan
Michele Hill

Table Leader
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David Dennis
Nicholas Foster
Michael Milam
Scott Qualls
Jedediah Killough
David Crim

Brianna Sutton
Treaasa Starr
Melissa Shemwell
Edna Dennis
Lora Lee
Regena Pollard

Lori Strader
Jenni Gilkey
Reta Mangum
Kristy Martin
Fancy Lambdin
Jo Smith

Music

Brian Higgs

Marilyn Locke

Ann Hofmann

Head Kitchen
Kitchen
Kitchen

Johnny Speight
Bryan Allen
Andrew Walker

Suzanne Weir
Megan Trader
Ashley Nelsey

Kim Franklin
Mandy Qualls
Willa Egbert

Agape
Agape

David Lewis
Dustin Trader

Mahra Myers
Tara Haslett

Tiffany Morrison
Julie Lewis

Agape Ideas



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"
- Seed packages: "Grow in Christ."
- 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: 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."

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| Penny: | Penny hot glued to a card. "Jesus just makes 'cents" |
| Runts: | Runts candies in a small bag. "The fruits of the spirit are." |
| Paper clip chain: | Paper clip chain made of brightly colored paper clips or several brightly colored paper clips hanging on an earring hoop: "Genesis 9:13" |
| Heart: | Foam heart glued to a card: "Give your heart to Jesus." Or any heart verse. |
| Candy conversation hearts: | "These go in your tummy. Put Jesus in your heart." |
| Bears: | Teddy bear stickers or very small (1/2 inch) teddy bears or gummy bears. "God's love bears all." |
| Erasers: | "Jesus erased all your sins." |
| Key chain: | "Let Jesus be the key to your life" or "Put God in the driver's seat." |
| Shoe horns: | "For a perfect fit every time, try Jesus." |
| Earplugs: | "For all those times when noise is not so joyful." |
| Atomic fireballs: | "Get fired up for Christ!" |
| Smiley face anything: | "Smile. God loves you." |
| Kites: | Small plastic or balsa wood planes or miniature kites: "Fly high with Christ." |
| Band aid on card: | "Christ heals all." |
| Pots: | Small jars or pots made from Play Dough and hardened. "Put yourself in the potter's hands." |
| Golf tees taped to a card: | "Jesus will always fit your needs to a tee!" |
| Airhead candy: | "Don't be an airhead! Listen to Jesus!" |
| Kool Aid packages: | "Let Jesus be the cool aid in your life." |
| Hershey kiss(es): | 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." |
| Mint: | A mint taped to a card: "Jesus is 'mint' for you." |
| Sponge: | Small piece of sponge attached to a card: "Soak up God's love." |
| Chewy Candy: | Gum, caramel, starburst candy, tootsie roll or other chewy candy: "Choose Jesus" or "Choose this day whom you will serve." Joshua 2:4-15 |
| Now and Later candy: | "Jesus Now and Later." |
| Q-tip: | Q-tip taped to a card: "Open our ears, Lord. We want to hear Jesus." |
| Small plastic frogs: | "FROG: Fully relying on God." |
| Gold Fish crackers: | "Come follow me and I will make you fishers of men." Matthew 4:19 |
| Small back scratchers: | "God always has a hand for you!" |
| Skittles candies: | "Taste the rainbow of God's love." |
| Equal package: | "Nothing equals Jesus!" |
| Picture of a cell phone: | Photocopy picture on paper and color with bright colors: "Call on God. Unlimited free anytime access." |
| Small packages of tissues: | "God will take your tears and make an ocean." |
| Gold wrapped chocolate coins: | "His love is more precious than gold." |
| Corks or fishing bobbers: | God's love is unsinkable. |
| Small match box-size cars: | "Put God in the driver's seat." |
| Honey: | Bit of Honey or fast food size honey package: Psalm 19:10 |
| Cream Savers: | You are the cream of the crop. Let Jesus be your Life Savior. |
| Small pocket size mirrors: | "Let Christ be reflected in you." |
| Letter openers: | "God opens up a whole new world of possibilities." |
| Toy watches: | "God has all the time in the world for you." Or "Ecclesiastes 3:1" |

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| Birds: | Small plastic or feather birds (floral section of craft store): "Matthew 10:31" |
| Toy paratroopers (party favors): | "Let Jesus be your parachute." |
| Individually wrapped hand wipes: | "Jesus makes all things clean." |
| Rubber Ducks: | "Life with Christ is just ducky!" |
| Mini-frisbees or spinning tops: | "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: | "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." |
| Milky Way candy bars: | "He had a universe to choose from, but God chose you." |
| Baseball trinkets: | "No outs. All safe with Christ" or "Hit a home run with Christ." |
| Mustard seed: | Mustard seed glued to a piece of cardstock: "A little faith goes a long way. Matthew 17:20." |
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| Snickers | Tape or glue a "fun-size" Snickers bar to a note card and put the words, "Hungry for God, Why Wait..." |
| Thumbdys | Place your thumb onto an inkpad and place on a note card. Draw each thumbprint as a person - be creative! Write "Thumbody Loves You!" |
| Stick with God | Tape or hot glue a small stick to a note card and write "Stick With God" |
| Dryer Sheets | Staple a dryer sheet to a note card and write "Cling To Jesus!" |
| Kleenex | 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 | On a bag of nuts, write: "Jesus is nuts about you!" |
| UNO | Write: "DO UNO JESUS?" |
| Sponge | 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!" |

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| 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!" "Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him." Psalms 98:1 |
| 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 sown 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 |