

# Madisonville Great Banquet

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Fall 2015

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



### **Fall Great Banquet Dates:**

September 4-5 -West Kentucky Correctional Complex GB #15- LD- Pat Lorton September 25-26- Men's Muhlenberg County Jail GB#9- LD- Robert Clemmons October 4-5- Kentucky State Penetiary GB #2- Mike Ladd October 29-November 1-Womens Hop Co Jail GB#22- LD-Becky Moore October 22-25- Men's GB #169 LD-Jeff Bell November 5-8- Women's GB #170 LD-Carla Embry November 19-22- Vienna GB#46 LD- Mike Eubanks November 27-29- Chrysalis #53 – LD- Tyler Bell and Sarah House

### 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!**

Monday October 12 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.



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.



## AROUND THE BANQUET TABLE

Greetings Madisonville Great Banquet Community!

The 2015 Fall Great Banquet season has arrived. The Men's #169 and Women's #170 teams are formed and ready to begin their nine week team meetings in preparation for their weekends. God has chosen these team members to share His love and minister to our guests during these weekends. We all pray that God lays on our hearts the names of the people He wants on these weekends. These are God's teams. He molds these teams. We are merely being His hands and feet as we share His love with our guests.

Recently, the Great Banquet received a grill donated by Johnny Speight. It's been used on our weekends two or three times. It worked great and should continue to work great for many weekends to come. Thanks again Johnny. The grill was so nice we got a building to store it in. Sureway made us an offer we couldn't refuse and the building ended up being donated. Two or three members of the Elijah Boys reunion group painted the building (had to throw that in). Thank you First Presbyterian Church for allowing us to sit it on your lot, and thank you for everything you do in allowing us to use your church each weekend.

Also, the Great Banquet had a hand crafted wooden canoe donated for us to sell and use the money for the Madisonville Great Banquet Ministry. WOW! The donor said it took him over a year to make it and it is beautiful. Thank you so much.

If you are not on a team this spring, you can still find many ways to serve our guests during these weekends. You can help setup or take down beds on Wednesday night (before the weekend) and Sunday mornings, hold a candle at the Candlelight on Saturday night, help clean up the church on Sunday afternoon, serve meals, make snacks and salads, write letters to the guests, help agape team members, attend the Closing, and most of all...PRAY! So, come on out and be a part of these weekends and make them special for our guests.

Don't forget the prison and jail Great Banquets. This ministry now has nine weekends per year. The Holy Spirit has no problem getting through the fences and razor wire at these places. These weekends are powerful. If you think you would like to be a part of one of these or any of the future weekends contact Jason Eastwood (270) 452-1313.

I want to thank each of you who faithfully support the Madisonville Great Banquet Ministry. We share a love for these weekends. They are truly special. They are without a doubt pleasing to God.

So, as we worship together, fellowship together, disciple together, minister together, and most importantly pray together for these weekends, may we never forget the Holy Spirit makes these weekends work.

So..... Come Holy Spirit.....let the fall season begin!

May God bless you all!

DeColores, Dave Hendrix, Community Lay Director

### Dear Great Banquet Community,

I have been asked to summarize my experience at GB 166. I must say, I've been struggling for some time to put this into words. But here is my best attempt.

I have been blessed to have been given the opportunity to serve on several weekends since I first arrived at GB 131. With priorities definitely out of whack, it took 4 invitations to arrive as a guest. Since then, I just can't get enough of these weekends. I arrived as a reluctant and somewhat resistant participant but now I look forward to serving every opportunity I'm given. Each time I have served, I have experienced God in a deeper way. No matter where I have been in my walk, He continues to reveal more to me.

There has been something so amazingly special to me about bringing the body of Christ together from different denominations, backgrounds and walks of life, all with the sole purpose to experience the Almighty in a more meaningful way. Without fail, the Holy Spirit shows up and shows off and we are all changed when we experience the risen Messiah.

Our team meetings began like many others I've been on. We began several weeks prior, bathing the team and guests in prayer. Once the team arrived we were a bit guarded. Over the course of the meetings, we became a well-oiled machine as God pieced us together and prepared our hearts to do His mighty work. By the time the weekend arrived, we were united and eager to see God's plan unfold in the lives of the guests as well as the team. And boy did He!

From the very beginning, the Holy Spirit poured His presence upon us. I wish I was able to tell you the most significant event of the weekend but it seems like the entire weekend was a mountain top experience. Our worship was over the top first thing on Friday morning. As I sat at the back table, I was given the gift of experiencing the weekend from a different perspective. I can't express how honored and humbled I was to witness the work of the Holy Spirit though the team, which God had laid on my heart. Through their testimonies and the work done at the tables, I saw the hands and feet of Jesus as they emptied themselves with the love of Christ. I saw obstacles and barriers being chipped away and lives being transformed. These men are truly great men of God.

Dying moments was like none I've ever seen. Almost every guest and team member gave a testimony of what they were laying at the altar, which united us quickly together as the body of Christ. Seeing the glowing faces of my brothers and sisters at Candlelight was like many have said, a taste of heaven. I don't know about the rest of you but one lap isn't enough. I want to go round a few more times just to soak up more of God's love through his faithful servants! Thank you for your obedience.

As I reflect back, I will always hold this weekend near to my heart. Like never before, I witnessed the body of Christ at work for His glory.... We all experienced the one true God and His name is Jesus. Lives were ever changed....Mine being one of them.

JW Durst, Lay Director Great Banquet #166

## Dear Great Banquet Community,

Being chosen as Lay Director for Women's Great Banquet #167 was definitely one of the highest honors I've received in my life. I am so grateful to God and the Great Banquet Board of Directors for trusting me with such an awesome service. To be honest I was so excited when I got the call but fear set in quickly because a part of me felt that I was inadequate to serve in this capacity. However, I was reminded by Daddy God that He doesn't call the equipped but He equips the called. I am also thankful for the Community Lay Director, Dave Hendrix, and the Community Spiritual Director, Dennis Coombs, for making the journey much easier for me by encouraging me when I needed

From beginning to end, God was in control. He put together a powerful, spirit-filled team of men and women who ministered freedom, deliverance, love, hope, and restoration to our guest throughout the weekend. No matter what they were called to do on the weekend, they did it with excellence. Our theme song was, 'Every Praise', and watching the guest experience freedom by lifting their hands and praising our God was the highlight of my weekend. I am convinced that lives were forever changed and seeds were planted that will be watered and blossom in the years to come.

Finally, a big shout out to the Great Banquet community for showing up throughout the weekend and showing us Agape Love. May God bless you all abundantly!

Tanya Bowman, Lay Director GB # 167

## Dear Banquet Community,

How blessed and humbled I felt to watch the transformation in the ladies as God's love and grace was poured out on them on Great Banquet #168.

From the talks to the candlelight and the closing, every part of the weekend was nothing short of amazing.

Thank you for allowing me the special honor of serving as Lay Director. What a blessing!

In Christ Alone, Brenda DeMoss, Lay Director GB #168

## Dear Banquet Community,

We just experienced Great Banquet #11 in Highgate, Jamaica. Highgate is many miles over rough roads from the resort areas, and is up in the mountains. Conditions are really worse than our Appalachia. It is poor in terms of material possessions, but fairly rich in terms of the people's faith in God. The people seem like they have joy and enthusiasm when they are singing praises to God. It was a blast singing Amazing Grace with the reggae beat and chords on the keyboard.

We had both Americans and Jamaicans on the team, with twelve guests. We worked through CSI Ministries. I served with Americans from Great Banquet communities from Illinois, Indiana, Tennessee and Kentucky.

The facilities that we stayed in and held the Banquet weekend are fantastic. It was originally a summer home for the Speaker of the House of Representatives. CSI Ministries bought it several years ago and converted to a mission center. Our bedrooms were about like ours here when we have a Great Banquet. Our meals were prepared by Jamaicans, including a woman with the nickname of Pinto. The food was very good, with some of the banana, mangos, and coconut from the farm on the property.

After the three day Great Banquet was over, we had a great opportunity to build and paint a new house for a young, Christian married couple with two small children, in one day! Pete Phelan could drive most of the nails without bending them.

## Highlights for me:

Cold showers, great Jamaican food, reggae praise music school children all in uniforms, taking taxis to school, rough roads, driving on the wrong side, big smiles, singing Daddy-o-a Jamaican praise song in broken English, enthusiastic greetings, great talks given by the Jamaicans, hanging out with the American team members, and the CSI team that organized so much. Please pray and praise God for the victories as the Kingdom of God is advanced.

Mike Ladd, Lay Director
Jamaica GB #11

## Dear Great Banquet Community,

Lampstand Ministries is requesting your help in sponsoring the Great Banquet taking place in Jamaica. This has become a mission field. The Community in Jamaica will not be able to become self-sufficient financially or supplying all Team Members. So, if you are able, we are asking that you make a one-time donation or a yearly financial commitment to sponsor Jamaica each season. We know that this is a sacrifice and we greatly appreciate any amount big or small!

Currently this is the cost per weekend and there are 2 weekends each spring and fall.

For One Weekend:

24 Guests x \$100 each = \$2400

12 Jamaican Team Members X \$100 each= \$1200

12 American Team Members Room & Board x \$675 each = \$8100

12 American Team x \$450 Airfare = \$5400

TOTAL = \$17,100 Women's Weekend TOTAL = \$17,100 Men's Weekend

TOTAL for 4 weekends a year = \$68,400

Is there an amount you feel that you could contribute? Could you sponsor 1 Jamaican? Could you sponsor 1 American Team Member? Are you able to sponsor more?

### **DONATE**

You can send your donations directly to Lampstand Ministries Marked as a contribution for Jamaica:

Lampstand Ministries P.O. Box 732 Madisonville, KY 42431

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 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 **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 **Barry Vaughn (270) 825-4089**.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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 Jeff Bell (270) 584-3097 for more information about Great Banquet agape.

### 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.greatbanguet.com

### 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.

## **2015 Great Banquet Board Members**

Dave Hendrix Community Lay Director

Diana AndersonJeff BellEric BrownKelly Crowley 
Secretary, Clergy
Agape Coordinator
Bed Setup/Takedown
Kitchen Coordinator

Dennis Coombs- Community Spiritual Director 2013-2015

Jenny Dennis-

4th Day Meetings

Marilyn Locke- Music

Lon Lorton- First Presbyterian Church Liaison/Community Spiritual Director 2016-2018

Sherry Harvey- Server coordinator

Teresa Lee- Agape party Barry Vaughn- Book table

Barry McGaw- Director of Jail and Prison Ministries

### **Volunteers**

Eric Anderson (Greenville) - Sponsors' Hour

Andy Bell- Bus
Matt Bell- Website
Betty Hendrix- Snacks
Penny Pleasant- Registration

Brianna Sutton- Clean-up/Facility Restoration

Amy Menser- Candlelight at First United Methodist Church

Patsy Sutton- Agape letters to the communities

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 Study9:15 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 Christ12:45 p.m. 1:00 p.m. Staying Power

1:45 p.m. 2:00 p.m. Establishing Priorities

# **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.

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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.

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<b>Great Banquet Weekends</b>	<b>Men's #169</b> October 22-25	<b>Women's #170</b> Nov 5-8
Lay Director	Jeff Bell	Carla Embry
Head Spiritual Director	Scott Heltsley	Ben Holloway
Assistant Lay Director	Andy Bell	Marilyn Locke
Assistant Lay Director	Tyler Bell	Becca Tiller
Talk #1 Discovering Priorities Talk #2 God's Gift of Grace Talk #3 Ministry of All Believers Talk #4 Our Response to Grace Talk #5 Way of Relationship Talk #6 Truth Through Study Talk #7 Sacramental Grace Talk #8 Life of Christian Action Talk #9 Obstacles to Grace Talk #10 Disciples Talk #11 A Life of Grace Talk #12 Changing Our Environ. Talk #13 Body of Christ	Andy Bell Steve Dame Eric Brown JW Durst Eric Taylor Bryan Allen Scott Heltsley Keith Myers Lon Lorton Jason Eastwood Dennis Coombs Kent Akin David Weir	Becca Tiller Dee Padgett Staci Nofsinger Chris Dennis Kristy Martin Karen Solise Ben Holloway Michele Hill Kristy Heltsley Cindy Johnson Tanya Bowman Jackie Clemmons Cindy Bell

Talk #14 Staying Power Jeff Bell Carla Embry
Talk #15 Establishing Priorities Greg Crowley Sherry Hobgood

Table Leader Kevin Cotton Mandy Lee Jordan Vinson Brad Porter Table Leader Table Leader Frank Wallace Jody Smith Table Leader Christy Carroll Randy Boyd Table Leader Chad Carroll Lindsey Vick Jason Richards Table Leader Christy Caudill

Music Matt Pratt Rachel Eastwood Tech/Rover Matt Bell **April Whitmer** Lesley Ronemous Head Kitchen Derek Bannister Kitchen Barry Lutz Mary Jean Rowley Kitchen Michael Sampson Dianna Haire Kitchen (Server Coordinator) Mike Eubanks Jo Bannister Jeff Embry Dana Phillips Agape Agape BJ Hawkins Beth Ellis

Jeff Travis

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# Agape Ideas

Music Shadow



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:

Yo-yos:

"When life gives you rain, God gives you rainbows!"

"God will be there though all your ups and downs."

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."

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:

Airhead candy:

White an airhead! Listen to Jesus!"

White 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): 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"

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." "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.

Snickers Tape or glue a "fun-size" Snickers bar to a note card and put the words,

"Hungry for God, Why Wait..."

Thumbodys 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!"

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 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