

MID-SOUTH GREAT BANQUET NEWS



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When I used to do a day-long seminar called Walk Thru the Old Testament, we used an analogy of trying to put the pieces of a jigsaw puzzle together without having seen the “big picture.” Seeing the “big picture” is important in more areas than just in understanding the story line of the Old Testament. We have seen corporations fold because they could not see the big picture and they ended up focusing upon trivialities. We have seen churches fail because they were so focused inward that they thought it was all about them and because of that they ended up closing their doors.

We have for several years in the Mid-South Great Banquet been trying to focus upon the “big picture.” We know that this ministry is God’s ministry and that it is all about Him and it is not to be all about us. Seeing the “big picture” requires that one be very intentional in the way things are done and decisions that are made that will affect the long term. We, the board of the Mid-South Great Banquet, are trying to be very intentional and look at the long term outcome of decisions regarding the future of the banquet. We are grateful for all of those who have brought us to this point in time, and we trust that the future of the banquet is only getting stronger. We need your prayers of support.

In Case You Didn't Know...

When the Bartlett Great Banquet began in 1995 it was basically lead by Pastor Michael Thomas, who brought the Great Banquet from Madisonville, KY to Bartlett, TN. Michael Thomas was the Pastor at Bartlett Presbyterian Church, and there the Bartlett Great Banquet was born.

The church played a huge role in getting the ministry started and part of that role was allowing the church secretary to do a very large part of organizing meetings, printing manuals, and registrations.

Fast forward to today: the name has been changed from Bartlett Great Banquet to Mid-South Great Banquet, due mainly to the far reach the Great Banquet has had in the entire Mid-South and the surrounding areas. The ministry is now lay-lead by the Board of Directors with two members of clergy serving as ***Community Spiritual Director*** and ***Assistant Community Spiritual Director***. The service of the Spiritual Directors is to keep the focus on the mission of the ministry and to give moral and spiritual guidance. Serving as 2010 Spiritual Directors are Roy Whaley, Community Spiritual Director, and Michael Qualls, Assistant Community Spiritual Director.

The Board of Directors is made up of three working committees with three members in each committee; in most cases each member serves a three year term, with one member rotating off each committee every year.

The ***Managing Facilities Committee*** works together scheduling all dates, times and facilities for all Board meetings, Leadership meetings, Team meetings, Dedications, 4th Day meetings, Gatherings, Great Banquet and Awakening weekends. They have oversight of bank accounts and work with the treasurer on reports and budgets for Banquets and Awakenings. They coordinate the use of the trailer, its upkeep, and transportation to and from Banquet and Awakening weekends. They also mentor teams on meal planning and cost control. Serving as the 2010 Managing Facilities Committee are Ron Nociti, Don Todd, and Wade Bunker.

The ***Managing Leadership Committee*** works together compiling lists for Lay Directors, updating and printing manuals for Team members, plans agendas for Team meetings, Team building, and Leadership meetings, and 4th Day meetings. They meet with Lay Directors and go over materials pertaining to Team selection, Team meetings and the weekends. They participate in the Leadership meeting with Lay Directors, Assistant Lay Directors, Head Kitchen, Agape, Prayer, and Music. They arrange for mentors to attend Team training meetings, and work to help new members get involved with Reunion Groups. Serving as the 2010 Managing Leadership Committee are Carrie Whaley, Robert Rooks, and Glory Hamilton.

The ***Board Secretary*** serves taking minutes of the Board meetings and submitting the minutes for approval at the following monthly meeting. Serving as the 2010 Board Secretary is Carrie Whaley.

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Mid-South Great Banquet-Awakening Calendar

Gathering: *Saturday, August 14th at Munford Presbyterian Church at 5:00 P.M.*

Dedication/Potluck: *Thursday, Sept. 9th at Grace Presbyterian Church at 6:30 P.M.*

MEN'S MID-SOUTH GREAT BANQUET #56

Lay Director: Jim McKissack

- Sept. 16th Send Off 7:00 PM Pinecrest
- Sept. 18th Serenade 7:05 PM (Arrive at 6:15)
- Sept. 18th Candlelight 7:30 PM Pinecrest
- Sept. 19th Closing 3:30 PM Pinecrest

WOMEN'S MID-SOUTH GREAT BANQUET #57

Lay Director: Carrie Whaley

- Sept. 23rd Send Off 7:00 PM Pinecrest
- Sept. 25th Serenade 7:05 PM (Arrive at 6:15 PM)
- Sept. 25th Candlelight 7:30 PM Pinecrest
- Sept. 26th Closing 3:30 PM Pinecrest

4th Day Meeting/Gathering

Saturday, October 2nd, 2010 Faith Cumberland Pres. 5:00 PM

Gathering: *Saturday, Nov. 13th at Holly Grove Cumberland Pres. Church at 5:00 P.M.*

AWAKENING / GREAT BANQUETS "2011" at Pinecrest

January, 15th -17th Awakenings #23 - #24

MEN'S MID-SOUTH GREAT BANQUET #58 at Pinecrest

March 24th -27th, 2011

WOMEN'S MID-SOUTH GREAT BANQUET #59 at Pinecrest

March 31st – April 3rd, 2011

Weekend Community Events

Who should attend the Community-Involved Services during the weekends?

We have a lot of new people in our community, and this is something that we often forget to emphasize. Here are a few simple guidelines to follow, but the main thing to remember is that everything we do is for our guests and their well-being.

- You must have attended a Great Banquet or comparable weekend (Walk to Emmaus, Awakening, Faith Walk, etc.).
- Children should not be brought to any of the events, including send-off, candlelight, and closing. This is for logistical reasons, as well as being sensitive to our guests. Imagine how hard it is for a mother missing her children to observe other people's children present during her weekend. Additionally, child care is not provided for any of the events during the weekend.
- The only people allowed in the conference room are team members and guests. For those that come to pray in a speaker, we try our best to have talks transmitted for you to listen outside of the conference room, however this is not a guarantee. The talks are given for our guests, and while we all want to hear the talks of our friends and family members, having an "outsider" enter the conference room is a distraction.

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendar, blackberry, blueberry or whatever fruit you use.

Saturday, August 14, 5:00 PM: A "summer picnic" Gathering at Munford Evangelical Presbyterian Church. They'll provide the meat and community will bring picnic food. ! Music provided by the Praise Band.

Saturday, October 2, 5:00 PM: 4th Day/Gathering to welcome guests of the fall weekends. Faith Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Pot-luck.

Saturday, November 13, 5:00 PM: Thanksgiving Gathering at Holly Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Turkey and dressing dinner with music provided by "Three for Thee".

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The **Managing Community Committee** works together to send out email communications concerning weekend events, Gatherings, 4th Day meetings, and any information about Teams, meetings, etc. They also gather articles, put together, print, and mail newsletters quarterly. They work with churches in planning music, devotionals, meals, child care, and promotions for Gatherings. They collect Agape letters from communities locally and around the world as well as send Agape letters from The Mid-South Great Banquet Community locally and around the world. Serving as the 2010 Managing Community Committee are Dale Tinner, Ken Carlton, and Becky McKissack.

The **Community Lay Director** serves by processing guest registration forms and sponsor forms and fees, picking up mail from the P.O. Box, and making bank deposits, as well as sending confirmation/waiting list letters to guests and sponsors. The Community Lay Director also assists Lay Directors by furnishing Team manuals, talk outlines, and talk preview schedules; attends Team and Leadership meetings, makes guest confirmation phone calls, works the registration table on weekends, attends the first Team meeting on the weekends to help with table assignment changes, puts together and prints weekend packet information, updates and prints guest/team lists, explains packet information when handed out on the weekends, and makes necessary announcements at Closing Service. Serving as the 2010 Community Lay Director is Tammy Daugherty.

The **Awakening Community Lay Director** serves in the same capacity as the Banquet Community Lay Director with the same tasks and responsibilities regarding the Awakening. Serving as the 2010 Awakening Community Lay Director is Shawn Weiser.

The **Chairman of the Board** serves as mediator, writes agendas for Board meetings, and communicates with all Board members to assist in accomplishing tasks and responsibilities of the ministry. The Chairman serves to keep "The Big Picture" before the Board at all times. Serving as the 2010 Chairman of the Board is Teresa Tate.

Persons serving the Mid-South Great Banquet outside the Board of Directors are:

The **Treasurer** serves by tracking monies coming in and going out, paying bills, and keeping all agreements with Lampstand Ministries up-to-date. Three reports are prepared and submitted to the Board of Directors monthly by the Treasurer: a giving summary, a balance sheet, and a profit and loss report. Serving as Mid-South Great Banquet Treasurer is Dan Schweizer

The **Web Master** serves by updating and maintaining the Great Banquet website. The Web Master also sends out prayer requests submitted online to the community, as well as all Awakening and Banquet news and information. Serving as Mid-South Great Banquet Web Master is Bobby Vawter.

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AGAPE LETTERS

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The **Data Base Manager** serves by maintaining data, updating information for Banquet and Awakening lists as new members are attained, updates and supplies history data to Lay Directors to assist in developing Teams, and updates and supplies mailing list data for newsletter mailing labels. Serving as Mid-South Great Banquet Data Manager is Bill Hamilton.

Though the Board of Directors are divided into committees, the entire Board works together as a team to accomplish the tasks and responsibilities set before them. They meet monthly and often spend much time working outside the meetings. When Lay Directors and Team members begin Team meetings, the Board of Directors are already looking at the schedule for the next year of Banquets and Awakenings. The Board begins the work of considering Lay Directors, facilities, dates for Team meetings, Gatherings, 4th Days, email communications and newsletter information far in advance of the weekends taking place.

Each meeting begins with a devotion and prayer for guidance. Should you have any questions or comments for the Board of Directors, please go to our website at www.midsouthgb.com and click on the Board of Directors email link under Contact Us.

Thank you all for your support with this wonderful ministry,

Your 2010 Board of Directors

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Chairman of the Board: Teresa Tate	Awakening Community Lay Director: Shawn Weiser	Members of the Board: Wade Bunker Ken Carlton
Community Lay Director: Tammy Daugherty	Secretary: Carrie Whaley	Glory Hamilton Becky McKissack
Community Spiritual Director: Roy Whaley	Treasurer: Dan Schweizer	Ron Nociti Robert Rooks
Assistant Community Spiritual Director: Michael Qualls		Dale Tinner Don Todd

Remember the wonderful Agape letters from all over the world that were presented and hung on the walls of the conference room on your weekend? Letters that were sent by other 3 day communities to express their hopes and prayers that your weekend would be filled with the grace of the Holy Spirit.

We, as a community, send Agape letters out every week to other communities celebrating their weekends, expressing our hopes and prayers for them. If interested, you can go to www.3dayol.org and check out the prayer vigils and palanca (agape) requests. Some weeks there are a few as 10 communities celebrating and other weeks may have as many as 50. All of these communities receive a letter from us expressing our hopes and prayers for them as they travel through their weekend and lifetime of 4th days. Below are some of the responses we have received back from ones we have sent out. Enjoy!

God's blessings to all,
Becky McKissack

Thank you for your wonderful palaca letter. The men and women of the Lamplighter community are truly blessed by those in other communities supporting us in prayer. In Him
Dene and Jerry Nichols Lamplighter Community Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Friends
Thank you very much for the beautiful Wall Agape " I am the Way".
May God bless you.
De Colores
Claire Meier, Swiss Emmaus Community - Switzerland--Europe

Thank you for your prayers and support!!!
May God richly bless you! :)
Marika Ivsiņa, Palanca Coordinator - Latvia's Via De Cristo - Latvia--Europe

Thank you so much for the wonderful Agape letter. I know the ladies at McPherson Unit will appreciate your prayers and the thoughts contained in the letter.
Eula Adams, Arkansas Kairos Agape Coordinator

Queridos Hermanos en Cristo:
Por medio del presente les solicitamos amablemente nos envíen su Palanca para nuestro Cursillo arriba mencionado.
Agradecemos sus oraciones y le pedimos a nuestro Padre Dios los bendiga siempre!
Gracias y De Colores!!
MCC ARQUIDIOCESIS DE LEON
Mesa de Intendencia
Margarita Olvera

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