

Great Banquet, Great News!



Great Things are Happening...

The Gathering – Saturday, April 30, 5 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 403 S. Main St., Covington, TN. Come enjoy a fun time of fellowship, food and worship! A meal including barbecued chicken or pork with all the sides and beverages will be provided. All you need to bring is a dessert. Childcare will be available. For directions, go to: www.1pc-covington.org.

Men's Fall Great Banquet Weekend #60 – Thursday, September 15 - Sunday, September 18, The Grove at Red Oak Lake, 849 Rocky Point Road, Cordova. Lay Director – Wade Bunker

Women's Fall Great Banquet Weekend #61 – Thursday, September 22 – Sunday, September 25, The Grove at Red Oak Lake, 849 Rocky Point Road, Cordova. Lay Director – Diann White

The Awakening (*for teens who are in high school or their freshman year of college*) – Saturday, January 14 – Monday, January 16, 2012, Pinecrest.

Great Way for You to be Involved...

The Spring Banquets are over; now what? Reunion groups provide an opportunity for you to stay connected to new friends made during the Great Banquet weekends, as well as a great way for you to grow and stay focused in your Christian walk. Want to learn more? Check out the website at midsouthgb.com or contact Glory Hamilton at glorywhspr@bigriver.net; (901) 835-4667.

Great Ways to Show Unconditional Love....

Are you excited about how God worked during the Spring Banquets and now you're ready to serve on a team? Being on a team is a great way to serve God, but remember, it's not the only way. Serving on a team requires a good bit of sacrifice including nine weeks of team meetings, weekend expenses, and a weekend away from your family and loved ones. Other opportunities to serve include: serving and/or decorating for meals, being a part of the prayer vigil, assisting the agape team, writing letters, making gifts of agape, providing snacks, and attending community events. Prayerfully consider how God would have you be His hands and feet during the weekends, whether seen or unseen.

Great Way to Make a Difference in Someone's Life...

Know someone who might be ready for a three-day weekend of focusing on God? Sponsoring a guest is one of the greatest things you can do for someone. Through the Great Banquet, God speaks to individuals at all levels of spiritual growth, whether they've been a Christian for years or do not yet know Jesus personally. Although it works best if sponsors are not on the teams, they play an important role in the guest's weekend. They collect the guest's letters, attend Sponsor's Hour and pray over the crosses, provide transportation for the guests to and from the weekend, attend the closing ceremony, and assist the guest's family with any needs that may arise while the guest is away. Begin praying now on who God wants you to invite to attend His Great Banquet! Who knows? It could have a tremendous impact on their lives!

Reflections from Roy....

“He must increase and I must decrease.” (John 3:30).

This is one of John's one sentence sermons. However, it is so hard to live out in our daily lives. Humility is Jesus' favorite character qualities, but it is not one I hear prayed for among Christians. We talk about being Christ's "unseen hands and feet" but most of us want to be seen. We have a growing need that has to be addressed on our weekends. When you go out to serve on the weekends, do the task you are there to do and do not just hang around. There is too much of hanging around going on that is disrupting the weekends. It is not about us. The fellowship time is to take place at the Gatherings and not on the weekends while the guests are being served. Please hear this in the love that I mean it because I love this ministry and do not want us to miss the purpose we are trying to accomplish. Do not let this ministry become your church. We are here to support the church, but not to become the church.

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