

GREAT BANQUET Newsletter!



February, 2016

Hello friends,

I've just begun my tenure as the new Board Chair for the Mid-South Great Banquet, so I thought I would share a little bit about myself and my relationship with the Great Banquet. One of the first groups Roy and I connected with when we moved back to Jackson was the Bartlett Great Banquet. Having been through a Cursillo in Maryland back in 1983 or so and relating off-and-on with the Cursillo community in Waco in the 90's, we were excited to find that there was a group we could connect with in the area. By spring of 1998, Roy was serving on his first team, and I was on the Music team in the fall of '98 when we had our infamous fall-from-the-roof experience. (You'll have to inquire to one of us if you haven't ever heard that tale....)

We've never not been involved with the Great Banquet since then. Whether on a team or in a supplementary role, we always try to make the weekends a priority to come out and support activities the most our schedules will allow. It's been one of the most rewarding endeavors we have ever been involved in, and the relationships we have made in the Great Banquet community will last a lifetime.

I'm so honored to be serving in this position and hope that through doing so, I can give back to the community some of what it has given me. If you ever have questions, concerns, or anything else you'd like to share with me, please never hesitate to do so. I would love to hear from you! May God shower His blessings on you all and our beloved community in the days ahead. I love you all!

☺ ***Carrie Whaley***

Board Chair – Mid-South Great Banquet

BLESSINGS OVER THIS YEAR'S AWAKENING

This year's Awakening, held January 16-18 was a big success. We had a total of 22 young ladies and 15 young men who went through as Sleepers and were Awakened through the course of the weekend. Thanks to all the Community who played a role from being on the team, attending send off, praying for the weekend, serving meals, donating agape, snack or drinks or attending candlelight or closing – each one of you were the hands and feet of Christ. We had several at the Closing who accepted the Lord into their hearts– that's a successful weekend! Praise God!

UPCOMING SPRING BANQUETS!

Men's Spring Great Banquet Weekend #78 – Thursday, April 21 - Sunday, April 24, Pinecrest Conference and Retreat Center, 21430 Hwy 57, Moscow, TN 38057. Lay Director – Boyd Williams

Women's Fall Great Banquet Weekend #79 – Thursday, April 28 - Sunday, May 1, Pinecrest Conference and Retreat Center, 21430 Hwy 57, Moscow, TN 38057. Lay Director – Sharon Stone

4th Day Event – Saturday, May 7, 6-8 PM, Faith Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 3427 Appling Road, Memphis, TN 38133

The teams have started meeting, please begin praying for this group of leaders. A list of team members will be posted at on the Mid-South Great Banquet website, www.midsouthgb.com.

THE TIME IS NOW TO INVITE SOMEONE TO BE YOUR GUEST FOR THESE UPCOMING WEEKENDS. SUBMIT YOUR GUEST REGISTRATION FORM ALONG WITH A \$50 DEPOSIT AND YOUR SPONSOR FORM TO RESERVE A PLACE FOR YOUR GUEST. THE REMAINING \$75 IS DUE AT THE WEEKEND'S REGISTRATION. ALL FORMS CAN BE DOWNLOADED OR FILLED OUT ONLINE. PAYMENTS CAN ALSO BE MADE THROUGH THE SITE THROUGH A PAYPAL.

Make sure you sign up now for the **72-hour prayer vigil**, the chart can be found at midsouthgb.com. *From the home page, click on Prayer Chart -found on the left hand side of the page and then scroll the page for Mid-South Great Banquet.*

Also, begin planning your pillow agape, snacks, serving a meal, or helping in general during the weekend. The weekends will be here before you know it so mark your calendars!!

Scholarships for the Weekends:

Remember that scholarships are always a need for the Banquets. There are many needs for the weekend and oftentimes we have guests or sponsors who are unable to pay the necessary fees. If you feel led, please email the board at boardofdirectors@midsouthgb.com to notify them of your desire to make a donation for a scholarship.

GATHERINGS DATES FOR 2016

May 21 – Restoration Church - Munford

60 East Main Street, Munford, TN

6:00 pm – Potluck Dinner followed by fellowship & worship.

Childcare will be provided.

August 13 – First Cumberland Pres. Church – Olive Branch

8161 Germantown Road, Olive Branch, MS

November 12, 2016 – Location to be announced at a later date.

Keep in mind that Gatherings aren't just for the community.

It's a great place to bring friends or family that might go through a future weekend. This gives them a great opportunity to meet members of the community prior to going through their weekend.

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