



Welcome New Members

The spring Banquet weekends were a huge success and we are blessed to welcome 8 men and 23 women as new members to our community! Thank you to everyone who helped before, during, and after the weekends. God was certainly present!

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Reflections from the Men's Lay Director

By Larry Bryant

Since attending Mid-South Great Banquet #64 in the Fall of 2012, I have felt called to support this ministry in many ways. My spiritual family has grown as my family and I have been welcomed into this special community of believers, and we are grateful for the love and support we have felt from every member. Every year, it is such a joy to watch as each “Banquet season” contributes to the growth of this community and I can’t express the feelings of humility and honor I felt when asked to serve as the lay director for MSGB #86.

This opportunity helped me to understand more fully how this community operates just like the body of Christ, serving as busy hands, running feet, comforting arms, listening ears, and caring hearts regularly meeting the needs of team and guests even before the need is realized.

To tell you that the MSGB #86 weekend was perfectly planned and executed would be an exaggeration, but as God regularly demonstrates we prepare as much as possible and He takes care of the rest. This weekend was no exception.

A special thanks to the team members that answered my desperate calls, thanks to the entire community for showing up and supporting this weekend in so many ways, and thanks to the guests that answered the call to attend.

I only wish the entire community could have witnessed the closing where the choreographed performance shared how we love Christ with our “Whole Heart” ...and our family grew even larger.

All glory, honor, and praise to God for another successful weekend.

Reflections from the Women's Lay Director

By Sylvia Henry

From the time I was asked to serve as Lay Director for Mid-South Great Banquet #87, I knew it was a gift from God. Growing up, my family moved quite often, as my father was with Firestone and typically transferred every 3-5 years. We moved to Collierville in the middle of my senior year of high school – I graduated in 1987. This felt like such an amazing gift to receive something so special as this incredible weekend with amazing sisters in Christ.

The team came together in awesome ways, which are only possible through the love and grace of our Savior. To the ladies and gentleman who poured their love into this weekend, heart, mind, and soul, words cannot even express how special you all are to me. Our guests were incredible as well, being open to share, experience, and realize just a piece of what God has to offer to us all. The Holy Spirit truly flowed through the grounds at Pinecrest. What an incredible joy and privilege to have been in community with you all that special weekend! To all who supported the team and guests with prayers, helping Agape and Kitchen teams, making agape, attending serenade and candlelight – thank you all! You made such a difference to us all.

In the words of our theme song, “Oh we’re free, free! Forever we’re free! Come join the song, of all the redeemed! Yes, we’re free, free! Forever Amen! When Death was Arrested and my life began!” My prayer for all of you is that you are that new creation that God claimed for us in 2 Corinthians 5:17.

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A Note from the Community Lay Directors

WOOOHOOOOOOOOOO.....Awakenings 37 & 38 are right around the corner and we are SO EXCITED!!!!!! Let's cover these kids and adults in prayer. God postponed this Awakening with a winter storm in January. So the reward for our patience and perseverance is a SUMMERTIME Awakening!!!!!! The excitement begins Saturday, July 21st and concludes Monday, July 23rd out at Pinecrest. The boys' Lay Director is John Bean and the girls' Lay Director is Kristy Scarbrough. There are spots available for sleepers, so go to our website (www.midsouthgb.com) to get them registered.

Fall is just around the corner and the fall banquets will be here before we know it! Please be in prayer for the teams and guests. The Men's Great Banquet is October 4th-7th, 2018 and the Lay Director is Willie Downen. The Women's Great Banquet is October 11th-14th, 2018 and the Lay Director is Lisa Murdock. Teams are being knit together by God right now. The really exciting news about the Fall 2018 weekends is that they will take place at a BEAUTIFUL, secluded facility in Memphis by the name of For The Kingdom (FTK). FTK is a Christ-centered organization which seeks to inspire and impact inner-city youth with the Gospel in a fun, camping experience. The Vision Statement of FTK is "Our vision is to see lives changed, identity found, and hope restored"... how fitting that our ministry shares that same vision!

Do you remember when you attended your Great Banquet? Think back to all the faces of those who just came out to help, to drop off snacks or agape, to pray, to sing, to hold a candle, to hug, or to just smile at you. Do you remember how loved that made you feel??? Lets commit to ministering to all future sleepers and guests so they can feel that kind of love like you did. Will you be there? Will you send letters, snacks, or agape? Will you commit to serving? Will you pray?

1 Peter 4:10

From YOUR Community Lay Directors- Joy and Kellie



Calling All Golf Carts

Or at least 2-3...

If you attended the last gathering at For The Kingdom, you might have noticed this lovely site has a few cabins that are a bit of a distance away from the main meeting space and dining hall. We are asking any community members that have a golf cart they can lend during the fall banquets, or know someone who does, to please let us know. It will not only be a huge help for Agape, but also for any guests and/or team members with mobility issues.

Scholarships for the Weekend

Remember that scholarships are always a need for the Banquets and Awakenings. 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.

Reunion Groups

One of the most important parts of the Great Banquet and Awakening is the follow-up. Although the weekend lasts only three days, you are invited to use its lessons for the rest of your life. After attending the Great Banquet and Awakening, you are challenged to:

- Strengthen your own spiritual life through study and active congregational participation; and
- Strive to become an active disciple of Jesus Christ in the world through your church.

Reunion groups of three to five people meet weekly to examine their goals of spiritual growth and to encourage one another to a life of discipleship.

Visit the Reunion Group page on the website and find a group that meets near where you live or work, or start a group of your own. Either way, this is the best way for you to remain close with your Great Banquet and Awakening friends to share and be accountable to other Christians.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2018 Awakening Weekend

Saturday, July 21 – Monday, July 23, 2018

Pinecrest Conference and Retreat Center, 21430 Hwy 57, Moscow, TN 38057

Lay Directors: Kristy Scarbrough & John Bean

Awakening 4th Day Event

Thursday, July 26, 6:30-8:30 PM

Advent Presbyterian Church, 1879 N. Germantown Parkway, Cordova, TN 38016

2018 Fall Weekends

Men's Spring Great Banquet Weekend #88

Thursday, October 4 - Sunday, October 7

For the Kingdom, 4100 Raleigh Millington Rd, Memphis, TN 38128

Lay Director: Willie Downen

Women's Spring Great Banquet Weekend #89

Thursday, October 11 - Sunday, October 14

For the Kingdom, 4100 Raleigh Millington Rd, Memphis, TN 38128

Lay Director: Lisa Murdock

4th Day Event

Saturday, October 20, 6-8 PM

Faith Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 3427 Appling Road, Memphis, TN 38133

Please be in prayer for the fall lay directors as they prayerfully consider their teams as well as for potentials guests.

Ask God to lay friends and family in your life upon your heart that you could sponsor for the fall banquets.

Sponsor and registration forms can be found on the website, www.midsouthgb.com.



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

Childcare will be provided.

August 11, 2018 – First Presbyterian Church – Jackson, TN

1573 N Highland Ave, Jackson, TN 38301

November 10, 2018 – First Cumberland Presbyterian Church – Olive Branch, MS
8161 Germantown Rd, Olive Branch, MS 38654

*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.*



Pray for our guests and team! The 72 hour Prayer Charts for both weekends will soon be available. Go to www.midsouthgb.com and click on "Pray for Current Teams" or **click the Prayer Charts button below.**

Once loaded, scroll down until you find Mid-South Great Banquet for both the men and women's weekends and find the time that works best for you.

[Prayer Charts](#)

Special Note from the Board

If you or someone you know who is a member of the Mid-South Great Banquet has recently changed email address, physical address, or phone numbers, please contact John Bean and let him know so that he can update the database. John's contact information is listed below with the board members.

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Please feel free to contact any of the board members with any questions or concerns you have concerning the Mid-South Great Banquet or the Awakening.

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