



Welcome New Members!

The fall Banquet weekends were a success and we are blessed to welcome 6 men and 20 women as new members to our community! Thank you to everyone who helped before, during, and after the weekends!

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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.

Reflections from the Fall Lay Directors



Banquet #88

By Willie Downen

Great Banquet community!!! What a humbling experience it was being Lay Director for team #88. Sitting in the back of the conference room watching God work through Christ center men was a blessing. Although we only ended up with 5 men going through, there was restoration going on. I can't thank every team member and community enough for what you did on the weekend. I remember a couple of testimonies of guest saying that they couldn't believe we would do all of this for 5 men. But this is what it is all about, listening to God and loving on the people God sends us.

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Willie Downen

Banquet #89

By Lisa Murdock

Being Lay Director for Mid-South Great Banquet #89 was such a humbling and awarding experience.

The thought of putting together a team for God was quite intimidating at first. Trying to listen to who God was telling me to call was a very heart searching time for me. I prayed about it a lot. It was a struggle at first, but the end result was well worth the struggle. This team was very powerful. I believe that we all felt it. We knew from the beginning that hearts were going to be changed and recharged because the devil was trying his best to stop this weekend from happening. But once we made it out to For The Kingdom he knew that he had lost the battle and finally gave up. God had won.

The time that we spent together was one of the most awesome experiences that I've had. We laughed a lot, cried a lot, sang a lot and danced a lot. We ate a lot, talked a lot and prayed a lot. I was so overwhelmed with the agape love that was flowing through everyone. It makes my heart swell with pride that I can call this group of women, as well as the entire community, my friends and my family.

Thank you so much for this amazing opportunity.

De Colores!
Lisa Murdock



Are you a licensed security guard/officer? If so, please contact Joy Karel at 901-270-5686.

From the Community Spiritual Director

By Michael Qualls

“How can I help you?” Those are my favorite words when I’m wandering around Home Depot or Kohls looking lost because...well, I am. It should also be the ready response of Christ-followers to the people God places in our path. Of course there are many ways we hope you will be putting your grace gifts into action. Accepting Jesus is a very personal decision. Following Jesus must be a very public response. A changed and ever changing life reflects that we have encountered Christ. The way we treat others reflects directly on how we have received grace upon grace. In Luke’s gospel Jesus encounters an unnamed woman (many think Mary of Magdala) who anoints his feet with expensive perfume and tears. Some bystanders scoff that he is seemingly unaware that this woman is a sinner. How could he permit her in his presence? Then he tells a story. “Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?” (Luke 7: 41,42) What a gospel! What a Savior! I don’t know about you but I am extremely grateful that God values me enough to come to earth; to live and die and rise again to cleanse my uncleanness and give the gift of life. He has deemed me worthy. I pray to reflect that grace as I encounter others.

Will you help the homeless? I know the compassionate community of the Mid-South Great Banquet will use all sorts of opportunities to minister. But I have something different than you imagined in mind. As you know the MSGB focuses effort on providing a 72 hour experience in listening for God that is life-changing. Everything we use to host a discipleship weekend (5 times each year) is stored inside a storage trailer. It has to be packed, unpacked, and transported each time. That is part of the sacrifice some community members make to show the agape love of God for our guests. But our trailer needs a home. It has been parked at Faith Cumberland Presbyterian Church, but the civic authorities are requiring that it be inside an enclosed building. So the board has been researching and has commissioned the purchase of a metal building. The total cost is approximately \$5000. It will be large enough to accommodate our trailer and space (for a small monthly fee) for the Boy Scouts who find themselves in similar need. As we near the end of another blessed year many people evaluate their giving to the Lord’s work and may make a one-time contribution to a special cause. So, what about you? Will you help the “homeless trailer” have a home? We will receive special gifts for the “homeless trailer” at the upcoming Gathering Saturday November 10th. Additionally, you may donate through PayPal from the MSGB web page by clicking on the Donate button (please include “building fund” in the memo) or you may mail your contribution. If we could garner donations it would take pressure off the limited resources we use exclusively to host the weekends and promote the community. Perhaps some of you will be led to help.

De Colores!



Carrie's Corner

Greetings, Family!

This will be my final board update as I will rolling off the board next month. So I thought this would be a good opportunity to let you know about the new folks who will be joining the board next year. Because of two this year that could not complete their terms and Joy Karel and I both rolling off, for the first time there will be 7 new members coming aboard in January.

But first, I want to give a HUGE shout out to those who are completing their terms this year. Sylvia Henry, Paula Denbow, and Chris Cave will be rolling off along with Joy and I. These folks have all served tirelessly for 3 or more years to accomplish an amazing number of things to benefit this community. Please find an opportunity to say thank you to them for a job well done!

Joining the remaining board members in January will be Sharon Stone joining Kellie Evins as Community Lay Director, David Freeman as the new board chair, along with Lisa Murdock, Cindy Bauder, Janice Lamer, Larry Potter, and Dale Irby. What an outstanding group of folks this is to continue the board's work in the years to come! Be praying for them as they make decisions on your behalf and for the good of our beloved community.

And as a final word, I want you to know how grateful I am for the opportunity to have served alongside all the dedicated board members, past and present, for the past 3 years. It's been an honor and a privilege that I will never regret or forget. I look forward to seeing you at community events in the years ahead. May God continue to bless our community as we seek to faithfully serve Him through the Midsouth Great Banquet. And to God be the glory!

Faithfully, Carrie

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.



2019 AWAKENING WEEKEND

Awakenings #39 & 40

Saturday, January 19 – Monday, January 21, 2019
For the Kingdom, 4100 Raleigh Millington Rd, Memphis, TN 38128
Lay Directors: Katie Kirkpatrick & Joseph Henry

Awakening 4th Day Event

Saturday, January 26, 6:00-8:00 PM
Advent Presbyterian Church, 1879 N. Germantown Parkway, Cordova, TN 38016

2019 Spring Weekends

Men's Spring Great Banquet Weekend #90

Thursday, April 25 - Sunday, April 28

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

Lay Director: Tommy Ammons

Women's Spring Great Banquet Weekend #91

Thursday, May 2 - Sunday, May 5

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

Lay Director: Stephanie Russell

4th Day Event

Saturday, May 11, 6-8 PM

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



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6:00 PM – Potluck Dinner followed by fellowship & worship.
Childcare will be provided.

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.*



Please be in prayer for the spring lay directors as they prayerfully consider their teams as well as for potential guests. Ask God to lay friends and family in your life upon your heart that you could sponsor for the spring banquets.

Pray for our sleepers and team! The 72 hour Prayer Chart will soon be available on the website. Click on the link under "Click to Pray" on the top, right of the page or click the **Prayer Charts** button below - scroll down until you find the Awakening weekend and find the time that works best for you.

Prayer Charts and Current Teams lists, as well as Sponsor and Registration Forms, can be found on the website,, www.midsouthgb.com.

Prayer Charts

Special Note from the Board

If you or someone you know who is a member of the Mid-South Great Banquet or Awakening community 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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