

Indiana Dunes Great Banquet & Awakening Community Newsletter

A MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR



JESUS CALLING July 5

Draw near to me with a thankful heart aware that your cup is overflowing with blessings. Gratitude enables you to perceive Me more clearly and to rejoice in our Love relationship. Nothing can separate you from my loving Presence! That is the basis of your security. Whenever you start to feel anxious, remind your self that your security rests in Me alone and I am totally trustworthy.

You will never be in control of your life circumstances, but you can relax and trust in My control. Instead of striving for a predictable, safe lifestyle, seek to know Me in greater depth and breadth. I long to make your life a glorious adventure, but you must stop clinging to old ways. I am always doing something new within My beloved ones. Be on the lookout for all I have prepared for you.

Isaiah 9:6 Romans 8:15-16, Exodus 3:5

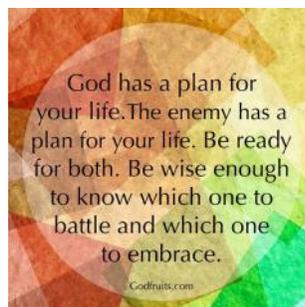
I just had to share that, and I pray that each of you are "on the lookout" for all He has prepared for you.

I hope that your summer is going well and that your families are overflowing with blessings. This year we've seen some amazing sunsets, all painted by our Lord as gifts to us. He is so awesome. I hope that you see Him in your everyday.

It's not too soon to begin to pray about who you might ask to come share the Great Banquet with you. The teams are forming and planning their meetings to have everything ready for your guests. Think about starting some agape to bring to men and women attending this fall's banquets, and when you can serve a meal. The dates are posted on our website IDGB.net, as well as all the information and registration forms too. Please think about one or maybe two people you haven't seen around the weekends in a while, and give them a call. Call them back to join the rest of us in serving our Lord.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you soon!

In His love, Lolly Dogan



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Upcoming Events:

- **9/22-25, 2016**
Men's Banquet #89
- **9/29-10/2, 2016**
Women's Banquet #90
- **11/4-6, 2016—**
Awakening #26

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

Keeping Focus in a Busy World



Bob Jennings, Community Spiritual Director

Next...

As I write this newsletter, I'm feeling like "where did the time go?" It seems the older I get, the shorter the days become. Like many of you, my appointment calendar chases me from sun up until sun down and my "things to do list" seems to grow while I'm sleeping at night. Do this..., next that..., you want it when? We live event driven lives.

And even in the IDGB community, we can be consumed by dates and commitments. We prepare for upcoming weekends by marching through our meeting schedule and "Snap!" they are over in a flash. The memories and memorabilia of two fantastic weekends are hardly put away before we begin recruiting for the upcoming weekends. (And, yes, framing the team pictures from previous banquet weekends *is* on my things to do list.)

Now don't get me wrong; I would not willingly give up any of these activities. It's been said that the secret to fulfillment is to remain purposeful, flexible, and work at something you love. A wise man once told me that "From the time we are born until we reach 40 years of age, we take and learn. From 40 years old on, we teach and give back." I am in the teaching and giving back stage of life and I love it. I love my vocation as a pastor and my job. I love my congregation and I love the Indiana Dunes Great Banquet community, and most of all, I love the people that make up each. As do most of you. But if we are not careful, we can become "human doings" instead of "human beings." We can too easily lose sight of what it's really all about.

Even Jesus took time away from the people to find rest, comfort, and refreshment in the quiet presence of His Heavenly Father. And if He, being the Son of God, needed to rest, how much more do we?

Augustine of Hippo wrote, "Work like everything depends on you. Pray like everything depends on God." I like that quote and take it to heart, but too often we can confuse being busy with being productive. Jesus didn't heal every sick person, though He could have. He was intentional in all that He did... and so must we. By intentionally being open about my faith, I was able to share my testimony with one of my business associates during a 4-hour drive from Denver, CO to Sinclair, Wyoming. We forged a deeper, more meaningful friendship with a commitment to pray for one another and intentionally call each other on a regular basis.

While sharing my faith traveling through Texas, I discovered that I have Cursillistas residing in our Houston office. You can imagine the experiences we shared. If we remain intentional and open to the leading of the Holy Spirit, we can find God's work and purpose even in the midst of our overwhelming schedules. God has a purpose for all that we do if we offer it to Him. He has a plan and a season for that plan. We cannot be overworked or overwhelmed if we remember that He holds all in the palm of His hands.

I believe the secret to balancing a busy life can be found in Ecclesiastes chapter 3 where we find that there is a time for everything. Verses 1- 8 state: "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace."

Think about that... It's not the number of things we do so much as it is to do each in its season, knowing that there is a time and place for all of life's activities.

It is in the midst of all our busyness that we can rely on the guidance of a loving, caring, Heavenly Father who will help us sort our priorities if we will bring them to Him in prayer. He will do His part as we strive to do our part. Augustine was right: "Work like everything depends on you. Pray like everything depends on God." We simply have to keep the main thing the main thing and not lose focus of our primary calling: to be committed followers of Jesus Christ and to make Him known to everyone we encounter.

My prayer is that each of us can pause, take a deep breath, commit all to God, and then press on... intentionally and purposefully, doing the work He has called us to do and witnessing to the person in front of you or beside you.

And please give prayerful consideration to serving on the upcoming weekends as I know Nancy & Ron are prayerfully looking for willing servants who will be the hands and feet of Jesus.

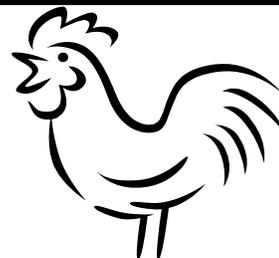
And have a blessed summer!

Decolores!

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Men's Spring Banquet #86

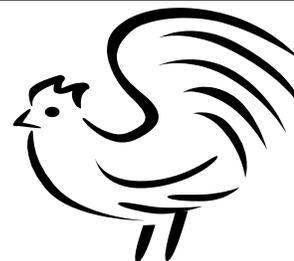
Lay Director – Trevor Mahle



Bryce Banic, Gary Barneko, Peter Boyles, Austin Caldwell, Michael Clemens, Alexander Criswell, Carl Eisner, Tim Goad, Doug Gore, Douglas Greider, Dexter Harris, Mark Hurson, James Ison, Darion Kidwell, Brian Kovach, Kevin Maxey, William McCarley, Doug Meece, Hugo Navarro, Michael Oneschak, Mark Schafer, Mark Smith, Robert Stanley, Herbert Stepherson III, Jesse Stewart, Gary Tucker, Tom Ubelhour, Leon Williams, Jeff Wineinger, Charles Wodetzki, Jonathan Wright

Women's Spring Banquet #88

Lay Director – Tammy Phillips



Ari Aiyemo, Heather Albright, Stephanie Balcerak, Vickie-Bingham Barneko, Nicole Barry, Cheri Baruch, Jennifer Bolton, Suzanne Clemens, Keila Crespo, Angela Deinema, Adrianna Delapaz, Heather Geiselman, Mary Gingrich, Nichole Granter, Patricia Greder, Sarah Greider, Chante Harden, Paige Harris, Shannon Hopper, Mary Huber, Deb Johnston, Candice Jones, Vanessa Lee, Joyce Martin, Tami Maxey, Samantha McCarley, Vicki Moreau, LuAnn Parrish, Teresa Passuello, Jennifer Perusse, Megan Pfeiffer, Sarah Radowski, Gabriela Ramos, April Rather, Christie Sluder, Sherry Smith, Tina Worden

Thank you to our TEAM MEMBERS!

Men's Spring Banquet #86

Lay Director: Trevor Mahle

Assistant Lay Directors: Brian Harding and Dean Stolpe

Table Leaders: Ron Phillips, Steve Miller, Mitch Baker, Scott Feeler, Tony Fisk, Terry Paalberg

Speakers: Mike Vannatta, Todd Orr, Dave Mangel, Rick Oliver Jr., Kelly Goodpaster, Kurt O'Conner, Brent Bowgren

Music Team: Bryan Bennett and Charles Canty

Kitchen Team: Justin Kissinger, Vic Barrett, Tim Schultz, Hank Cook, Ray Ison

Table Decs: Bob Jennings & Corlin Stein

Agape: Vinnie Nowarita, Tim Henry, Rick Oliver Sr., Jim Peyton, Pedro Torres

Spiritual Team: Terry Doubek, Ryan Phillips, Dan Ball, Mark Kilmer

Alpha & Omega: Kyle Treble, Aaron Treble, John-Paul Grdinich

Floater: Daniel Lang

Women's Spring Banquet #88:

Lay Director: Tammy Phillips

Assistant Lay Directors: Catherine Harvey and Ashlee Oliver

Table Leaders: Carolyn Hughes, Penni Constalunga, Christine McAloon, Karen Noble, Gina Peyton, Michelle Seegers, Denise Taylor, Jillian Terry

Speakers: Dian Reyome, Angie Croarkin, Carrie Loeffler, Lori Hanaway, Donna Martin, Michele Stolpe

Music Team: LaTonja Ellis, Mary Kneifel and Liz Crouch

Kitchen Team: Kristin Mahle, Lisa Pavlopoulos, Sue Degard, Charity Holinka, Barb Terpstra

Table Decs: Brenda Petersen and Khraila Yowell

Agape: Sandy Mangel (Co-head), Susan Williams (Co-head), Christy Pinney, Kathy Stein, Jodie Banschbach and Melissa Makowski

Spiritual Team: Judy Elwood, Jean Oliver, Laura Shields and Stephanie Anderson

Alpha & Omega: Jamie Tancos, Crystal Thompson, Debby Atsas and Nancy Pachin

Floater:

When I say ... "I am a Christian"

When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I'm not shouting, "I'm saved"
I'm whispering, "I get lost!"
"That is why I chose this way"

When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I don't speak of this with pride
I'm confessing that I stumble,
and need someone to be my guide

When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I'm not trying to be strong,
I'm professing that I'm weak,
and pray for strength to carry on

When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I'm not bragging of success,
I'm admitting that I've failed,
and cannot ever pay the debt

When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I'm not claiming to be perfect,
my flaws are way too visible
but God believes I'm worth it

When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I still feel the sting of pain
I have my share of heartaches
which is why I seek His Name

When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I do not wish to judge
I have no authority,
I only know I'm loved!

Indiana Dunes Great Banquet

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IDEAS?

SUGGESTIONS?

If you have a suggestion or an idea for the next IDGB newsletter, please contact the website administrator under IDEAS at www.idgb.net.

2016 IDGB Board of Directors

- Community Lay Director: Lolly Dogan
- Community Spiritual Director: Bob Jennings
- Community Awakening Lay Director: Kathy Stein
- Asst. Community Lay Director: Gary Germann
- Asst. Community Awakening Lay Director: Donny Rosetti
- Asst. Community Spiritual Director: Corlin Stein
- Secretary: LaTonya Ellis
- Treasurer: Susan Williams
- Weekend Coordinator: Tom Medley
- Reservations Coordinators: Bryan & Sheya Bennett
- Community Communications Coordinator: Dan Ball
- Newsletter Producer: Lisa Scheller
- Community Agape Communication: Dave Noble
- Community Agape Team Coordinator: Lisa Pavopoulos
- Fourth Day Coordinator: Dian Reyome
- Kitchen Team Coordinator: Dave Mangel

FALL 2016 BANQUET DIRECTORS



IDGB #89

***Ron
Iszynski***



IDGB #90

***Nancy
Pachin***



May the God of *hope*
fill you with all
joy & peace
as you trust in him,
so that you may overflow with
hope by the power of the
Holy Spirit
Romans 15:13

Indiana Dunes Great Banquet

Registration Form for 2016

"Come for all is now ready."

- Luke 14:17

Sponsor, please return this registration form with fee to:

Indiana Dunes Great Banquet
C/O Sheya and Bryan Bennett
179 S. 150 E
Valparaiso, IN 46383

*The Great Banquet is a three-day experience of renewal, learning, and sharing in the atmosphere of a Christian community. It is designed to help mature people work toward a Christian way of life with community support. It does not provide a climate for the solution of deep-seated problems. It consists of three days and three nights from Thursday evening until Sunday evening. **Married couples are requested to submit separate registrations and will attend separate weekends, but they are encouraged to turn in both registrations at the same time, if possible.***

TO BE FILLED OUT BY GUEST :

(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT ALL INFORMATION CLEARLY):

Male _____ Female _____

Name _____ Name to appear on name tag _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ Birth date _____

Your E-mail address _____

Marital Status _____ Spouse's Name _____ Is spouse submitting a registration also? _____

Your Occupation _____ Years of formal education _____

Name & phone number of close friend or relative (not spouse) _____

Church now attending _____ (None _____) Pastor's name _____

_____ In what religious or community organizations are you active _____

Any medical needs or health problems that may affect your participation _____

C-Pap machine? ___ Special diet needs? _____

_____ Special medication? _____

State briefly why you wish to be involved in the Great Banquet and what you expect from it:

Has the Great Banquet been explained to you? _____

This form does not *guarantee* acceptance to a specific banquet. You may be placed on a *waiting list* since we only have a certain number of spaces available. The Guest and Sponsor must complete their respective sections.

A **\$30.00 registration fee** (*preferably by check made payable to the Indiana Dunes Great Banquet*) should accompany the Registration Form in order to complete the processing of the registration. Early applicants will be notified of acceptance by letter several weeks before the Great Banquet. Late application will be handled as quickly as possible.

The Great Banquet you wish to attend:

Men's # 87 - April 21 - 24, 2016 _____

Women's #88 - April 28 - May 1, 2016 _____

Men's #89 - September 22 - 25, 2016 _____

Women's #90 - September 29 - October 2, 2016 _____

Please enclose a \$30 Registration Fee. Make checks payable to Indiana Dunes Great Banquet.

Signature _____ Date _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO YOUR SPONSOR TO COMPLETE.

TO BE FILLED OUT BY THE SPONSOR:

When/where did you attend the Great Banquet/Cursillo/Emmaus/TresDias/etc.? _____

How long have you known this candidate? _____

How would this person benefit from a Banquet?

Sponsor's Name _____ Date _____ Telephone _____

Signature _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Sponsor's E-mail address _____

(This form expires October 4, 2016)

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