

Indiana Dunes Great Banquet and Awakening Newsletter

IDGB

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WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!

Welcome to the Community guests from IDGB 37 and 38....Robert Hubbs, Roland Jahnke, Bruce Roth, Orrin Swanson, Bob Cannon, Jeff Krajewski, Steven Scarborough, Craig Wilson, John Demmond, David Joslyn, Ralph Lambka, Tim Liess, Kevin Bailey, Bobby Curtis, Curt Parry, Thomas Pleasant, Derek Dusenberry, Tony East-erlin, Kelly Goodpastor, Dan Lynch, Don Yowell, Anne Baker, Debbie Bouche', Betty Cannon, Suzanne Demmond, Sally Lambert, Rosie Carpru, Lynn Fuson, Susan Hales, Marj Lawson, Beth Ryser, Louise Baker, Michelle Hedrick, Deanna Jahnke, Shari Krajewski, Cathy Szymanski, Teri Cummins, Kitty O'Donnell, Rebecca Oliver,

Donna Parker, Julie Wilmoth, Jen Wilson, Amy Cox, Janice Hamning, Samantha Joslyn, Patty Leer, Kelli Ryser, Frankie Wickliffe, Renee Carns, Molly Clark, Jane Krohn, Lillian Robinson, Jenny Wallace, Shelley Bennett, Naomia Espravnik, Phil Hudec, Sandy Paloma, Jan Parry April Medley, Danielle Smith, Nancy Smith and Ellen Somers

Welcome also to the members of the Community from Awakening #8. They are: Shana Barhamand, Tricia Board, Kimberly Pavlicek, Susan Lowe, Karryn Swanson, Rachel Ton, Crystal Bermudez, Anne Burkelman, Kelsey Engle, Kimberly Price, Sagan Neham, Bridget Cameron, Melissa Crossley,

Brianna Elliott, Maggie Karabel, Emily Strudas, Lisa Ehn, Britney Partyka, Caryn Rybecki, Kayla Reedy, Brittney, Nondorf, Jenn Bush, Kathleen Pinter, Lindsey Stout, Allyce Carlson, Juli Doshan, Steph Smith, Kell-Sue Sparks, Alex Shotsberger, Martina Mauro, Kristen Bean, Jordan Ashton, Ian Bergland, Ross Bunchek, Scott Cherry, David Shina-barger, Adam Cody, Tim Fodor, Trevor Jones, Reece Mussman, Scott Izynski, Joey Cody, Jacob Havner, James Kennedy, Mike Payne, Sean Toomey, Ryan Fagen, Chris Lehmann, David McGonigle, Ross Bailey, Jim Nickerson, Ethan Newham, Tim Ryser, Mike Scott, John Werner and Jonathan Ziulkowski.

Upcoming Events:

- *December 13- Christmas Gathering, Lowell United Methodist Church*
- *January 10- Gathering, Westminster*
- *February 21-TBA*
- *March 13-TBA*
- *April 14-Team Dedication, Westminster*
- *April 22- IDGB #39*
- *April 29- IDGB #40*
- *May 8-4th Day Gathering*
- *May 19-Awakening Dedication*
- *May 28- IDA #9*

Board of Directors heard in November:

- Tom Grant, treasurer would like all receipts to be turned in as soon as possible.
- If you're interested in making a donation, send checks to Tom Grant.
- Trena and Neal Mortonsen will be the new applications coordinators
- Sue and Norm Bird will be the new property managers for the Community.
- The Board requests that all community members prayerfully considering inviting their pastor to the Banquet if he/she has not already attended.
- Jeri Kris purchased 12-1' tables to be used for those LARGE Awakening crowds. We continue to borrow chairs from Ogden Dunes and Lowell which is a tremendous amount of work. Donations anyone??

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Betsy Shryock with
help from the Holy
Spirit.



Five Finger Prayer

This is beautiful - and it is surely worth making the 5 finger prayer a part of our lives.

1. Your thumb is nearest to you. So begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is, as C. S. Lewis once said, a "sweet duty".

2. The next finger is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, nurses, doctors, and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.

3. The next finger is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the president, leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These

people shape our nation and guide public opinion. They need God's guidance.

4. The fourth finger is our ring finger. Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger; as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain. They need your prayers day and night. You cannot pray too much for them.

5. And lastly comes our little finger; the smallest finger of all. Which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the Bible says, "The least shall be the greatest among you." Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself.

By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will

be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively. Let us pray....



Five fingers of prayer

For Friends.....

"Friendship is unnecessary, like philosophy, like art... It has no survival value; rather is one of those things that give value to survival."

- C. S. Lewis

"Walking with a friend in the dark is better than walking alone in the light."

- Helen Keller

There have been many things said about friendship in the history of our existence, but one thing is clear. It is a gift that God has given us in one another as we travel through this journey of life. We find support and companionship - we find care and love.

"Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falls; for he hath not another to help him up."

- Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

IDGB and Awakening Communities Announce Lay Directors for Spring 2004

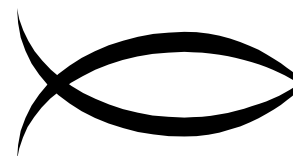
November 22 was an exciting night for our community as Bill Bailey and Jeri Kris announced the new Lay Directors for the Spring of 2004.

The men's banquet #39 which will be held at Camp Lawrence April 22-25 will be led by Jeff Coe. The women's banquet which will be held at Camp Lawrence April 29-May 2 will be led by Priscilla Stephan.

Awakening #9 which will be held on Memorial Day weekend May 28-30 will be led by Kelli Ellis and Scott Engle.

Let us all pray that the Holy Spirit will bless these courageous people as they lead their teams. Christ charges us to "feed My sheep"...leading Great Banquet and Awakening teams is follow-

ing that charge. We thank God for all of you. DeColores.



A Mission Trip —or God’s Love in Action

In Mark 16: 15 Jesus tells us to “Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation”.

How can you go into the world, meet new people and witness to your faith in Jesus? How about a mission project or a mission trip?

A mission project or trip could be working in your community, in another state or traveling to a different country. A mission trip may be for a day, a week or longer. It might be a church related youth work project, a Christmas in September community project, working in a soup kitchen or delivering Meals on Wheels, assisting in a special needs school or an after school program or it might be a Habit for Humanity home building project. A mission project will give you the opportunity to meet new people, make new friends and show others your love for Jesus while you help people in need.

Each year my daughter and I lead a work team to Mississippi for a week of home building for Habitat for Humanity. We begin the week worshipping with a local church on Sunday, start each day with short devotions and spend the week working on helping a local family build a home, often the first decent home the family may have had in their entire life.

On a trip this past month, 27 people spent a week meeting “family” they did not know they had. We are all brother and sisters in Christ, and meeting new people expands our “family”. There is always work for all ages and all skills. The team this year had people from ages 15 through 75. People worked on home building, assisted in an elementary school, served meals in a soup kitchen and a couple people were cooks for the group during the week. Our group this year included people from Indiana Dunes Great Banquet,

Greater Chicago Great Banquet and Lafayette Great Banquet communities. We even had the fun of telling people that had not attended a Great Banquet about the joys of a Banquet weekend. The week of building, fellowship and fun included working on 4 houses and starting a new home from scratch. In one week, the team was able to frame a house, set all interior walls, put on the roof and ready the home for siding.

People working together in the spirit of Jesus’ love can accomplish anything. A mission project is an opportunity to be yourself and let Jesus’ love shine through you.

Look for dates for a local Habitat for Humanity building project or let me know if you would like to be part of a Mississippi trip in November 2004.

DeColores
Tom Grant
IDGB #3

Upcoming Mission Opportunities

The following are Habitat for Humanity Work projects that Tom Grant is participating in:

- March 20-27, 2004 - Tyler, Texas
- Summer 2004 - Gary, Ind
- November 6-13, and 13-20 - 2004 - Mississippi

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Susan Zencka is leading a the following Senior High work camp:

- June 13-19-Lame Deer Cheyenne Reservation in Montana.

Cranberry Chutney Recipe



For those who attended the recent gathering at Crown Point...there was a serious outcry for a certain Cranberry Chutney Recipe artfully concocted by Jeanne Vale, IDGB #34.....so here it is:

- Juice from can pineapple chunks
- 12 oz. fresh cranberries
- 1/2 c. sugar
- 1 c. Equal
- 1 c. golden raisins
- 1/2 tsp. cinnamon

- 1/4 tsp. ginger
- 1/4 tsp. allspice
- Combine in sauce pan and bring to boil. Reduce heat, simmer 25-30 min. until cranberries are tender. If too dry, add a bit of water.

- 1 can pineapple chunks drained and cut in half
- 3/4 c. walnuts
- Stir into cranberry mixture. Refrigerate at least 4 hrs.
- MMMMMMMMmmmmmmmm.....



SAVE THE DATE

The Banquet Boys will be performing at a benefit for the Samaritan Center

January 24 or 31

(Save both dates just in case)

Watch the Website for further information..

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Come, for all is now ready....

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WEB
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Mailing Address Line 3
Mailing Address Line 4
Mailing Address Line 5

CARRY CHRIST THIS CHRISTMAS

“...and a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel.” which means God is with us.” Matt.1: 23

O Lord how shall we greet Thee?

In the days of Monarchs, if the king invited himself to our house we would prepare by cleaning, and decorating with trees adorned with fancy hand-blown ornaments and garland strewn around the house. The finest linens would be laid on tables grand and flowers would form the centerpiece flanked by lighted sconce and candle. Finest china and crystal would be placed and great banquets of food would be lavished upon our honored guest. Music and merriment would be planned to entertain. We would be lost in the sin of celebration. We

haven't changed much.

At the season when we celebrate the mystery of the incarnation of Christ, of shepherds, of angels, of Mary and Joseph - we get lost in the tinsel of life.

And ...at the coming of the “King of Heaven we entertain him always like a stranger and as in the first Christmas still lodge him in a manger”-over there in the far corner of the room.

Christ had no room that eventful night. Further, Christ is not looking for fanciness or lavish celebration in 2003 either.

He simply stands at the door of our hearts declaring “Peace and goodwill” - and that God is with us.

Our response is to welcome him into the darkened reaches of our hearts – for He is the Light of the World.

You see Christ knows that the best room is not highly decorated – is not found in Bethlehem or the Hyatt.

The best of rooms is in the heart – Come Lord Jesus for your room is ready! PEACE!

—Gary Powell, IDGB #17

