

# Indiana Dunes Great Banquet and Awakening Community Newsletter

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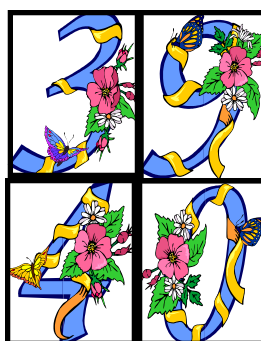
## HERE WE GO.....

The excitement in the halls of Westminster Presbyterian Church (meeting place of IDGB teams) is almost palpable these days and teams busily ready themselves for IDGB #39 and #40. The Daughters of God involved in this are: Lay Director, Priscilla Stephan; Assistant Lay Directors, Susan Anderson and Gail Larson; Speakers, Lynn Bainbridge, Lelila Buford, Cathy Johnson, Bev Kussy, Rebecca Lazar, Karen Robison and Sally VanBokkelen; Table Leaders, Barb Gravenoged, Clea McLeod, Lita Jones, Donna Pleasant, Dian Reyome, Danielle Smith, June Urycki and Pam Yttri; Music Team, Pam Hay and Kathy

Wahlman; Kitchen Team, \*Patrice Martin, Elaine Devine, Lori Hanaway, Nora Reyna and Bonnie Vinovich; Dining Room, \*Sara Monroe and Nancy Maynard; Agape, \*Leisa Greene, Diane Leonard, Jill Schrage, Ceene Marve and Carol Puskar; Spiritual Team, \* Susan Zencka, Debbie Coe and Cherie Isakson.

The Sons of God involved in this are: Lay Director, Jeff Coe; Assistant Lay Directors, Brian Leonard and Mark Robison; Speakers, Gary Germann, Tim Pell, Bill Vinovich, Tim Reyna, Rick Comingore, Rick Oliver and Gary Powell; Table Leaders, Art Chesna, Joe Garcia, Dan Swift, Guy Wahlman, Tom Lazar,

Steve Scarborough and



Don Stork; Music, Ron Riddell; Kitchen, \*Carl Froedge, Jim Biancotti, Gary Faith, Kelly Goodpastor; Dining Room, Tom Wold; Agape, \*Bill Markve, Hansel Steuer, Brian Smith, Craig O'Brien; Spiritual Team, \*Dick Rogers and Mike Becker.

## .....Prayers Needed

Women attending IDGB #40 are Jeanne Alexander, Carolyn Blake, Edie Brooks, Zina Conner, Patricia Doner, Sylvia Eddy, Jeannie Haapalainen, Marilyn Hanson, Theresa Hart, Janice Highland, Jacqueline Hudson, Karol Johns, Ashlee Johnson, Kim Klancer, Beverly Lakomek, Rachel Leininger, Shari LeMonnier, Aggie Lilly, Linda Long, Judy Lynch, Susanne Lynch, Kristin Mahle,

Cece McAgy, Shirley Moore, Roberta Neel, Carol Nordstrom, Ginger Ovens, Darlene Parkerson, Debra Perzodunn, Dawn Poole, Tracy Richmond, Susan Rosenwinkel, Sandi Roth, Holly Sakal, Kelly Sizemore, Brenda Theodore, Deborah Thiel, Sharon Webster, Jami Wildeman, Pam Young and Khraila Yowell. Men attending IDGB #39 are George Baker, Creag

Banta, Glen Buford, David Fagan, David Hehemann, Jim Hinkle, William Hudson, Matthew Johnson, Stephen Kolderup, Dave Kovalow-St.John, James Lynch, Dan LeMonnier, Trevor Mahle, Jim McAgy, John Neel, Keith Poole, Todd Rosenwinkel, Rich Sapper, Tim Sweeney, John Theodore, Ed Wilmoth and Rich Wold

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### Upcoming Events

- *April 14, 2004 Dedication-Westminster Presbyterian Church*
- *April 22-25, 2004 IDGB #39-Camp Lawrence*
- *April 29-May 2, 2004 IDGB #40-Camp Lawrence*
- *May 8, 2004 4th Day Gathering, Lowell United Methodist Church*
- *May 19, 2004 Dedication-Westminster Presbyterian Church*
- *May 28-30, 2004 Awakening #9, Camp Lawrence*
- *July 10, 2004 Community Picnic-Dyer Church*
- *August 21, 2004 Gathering-Crown Point Church*

### Dates for Fall:

**Sept. 30-Oct. 3 Men's #41  
Oct. 7-10 Women's #42  
Nov. 5-7, 2004 Awakening  
#10**

**Edited by Betsy  
Shryock**

## News from Paige Stephan in Kenya

*Paige Stephan, a Dyer resident who attended Indiana Dunes Awakening #1, is serving as a young adult mission volunteer this year in Kenya. This letter was written just before Christmas*

Exciting news on the Nairobi front: This week I became an official resident of Kenya. I went out to the market and was **shocked** to discover that no one seemed to notice my new status as a Kenyan resident. Maybe it's my Chicago dialect of Kiswahili that confuses them. ☺

I started working for Church World Service at the beginning of October. October was a month mostly set aside for research, getting acclimated to my job, and familiarizing myself with the organization. Church World Service is based in New York and I work here at their East African Regional office. CWS works through partners and supports projects on water sanitation, food security, HIV/AIDS, and others. We work on projects not only to solve the immediate problem at hand, but also to empower those who are affected. To quote my site supervisor "We are in the business of getting out of business." The point of the organization is to help those who are in need, and then empower those people so they no longer need us. My job, in a nutshell, is to go out to our project sites to evaluate the projects effectiveness and interview people so that their stories can be heard.

Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, the day we Americans celebrated Thanksgiving, I set out to do my first solo business trip. People all over the States have made kits to be distributed throughout the world. I had about 500 school kits to give out to two primary schools in Narok, Kenya. The kits were small sacks with simple things like notebook paper, pencils, crayons, and maybe a ruler in them. I don't think that I can accurately describe what this day was like for me.

On Thanksgiving Day I was standing

in the midst of a whole bunch of people who had no idea I was even celebrating the holiday. As I handed out these kits one by one to 500 Massai children--- they greeted me in the traditional Massai respectful way of bowing and having me pat them on the head. It was heart warming, but the absolute joy filled smiles on their faces after they raised their heads from receiving the kits -that is a sight that I will never forget. I looked at them as they clutched their kits like it was all they had. And then I realized -that might *be* all they have. Humbling.

The school then gave a presentation for me with traditional dancing and singing in appreciation for the kits they had received. They were thanking me with abundant and genuine enthusiasm.

All I could think about was that it wasn't *me* who deserved this credit. I wished at that moment there was some way I could send all the thanks that I was receiving to the hundreds of anonymous people back in the states who actually made these kits. I wanted to tell them that their work was not done in vain, that what they do is worth while, and that that there *is* hope out here. Right there, in the middle of the Great Rift Valley, I stopped and I prayed for them.

God called hundreds of people to make these kits. Anonymous servants that were willing to sacrifice their time, money, and effort just to send them out to Africa hoping that someone would deliver them. Anyone who knows my craft abilities is well aware that this is not something God called me to (A men)--- but instead, He called me to be the one to get on a plane and come out to Africa. I thanked God for their willingness to serve because without them, I would have had nothing to deliver. I didn't do anything "good" or "special," but God did, and I got to watch.

On that day God gave me a glimpse into His amazing and intricate plans. I had the opportunity to see the global Body of Christ in action. I just happened to be the last person on the assembly line that day. We all have a role to play in it--- whether it is seemingly glamorous (like flying out to Africa), or just sitting at home putting rulers and pencils into a bag. It is all of utmost and equal value in the eyes of the great Conductor of our lives.

I thank God for giving me the opportunity to come to Kenya and stand in front of those small school children and gain a perspective that I will take with me for the rest of my days. I pray for the hands and feet of Christ around the world, because they are the tangible expression of Gods love to others.

Thank you for believing in the God in me. Without your love and support I would not be here. It is hard to believe that I am already a third of the way through my time here. The longer I am here, the harder it is to explain my experiences. I hope that through my ramblings I can convey at least some of the amazing things that God is doing over here.

Love you all, Paige.

*Community members wishing to support Paige's mission work may make checks payable to:*

**The Presbyterian Church USA and write Paige's name (Paige Stephan) and ECO# 074549 on the check.**

*Mail all checks to:  
The Presbyterian Church USA  
SECTION 300,  
Louisville KY 40289*



## “Passionate” About Christ

Well, I'm fairly sure that this may be the first...and last movie review published in the IDGB newsletter. I saw *THE MOVIE* the day after it was released. Amy Gardine (IDGB #17) and I actually saw a 9:30 showing on a Thursday night much to our consternation. The 7:30 show was sold out. Amy has a 2 year old and I have a lot of work responsibility...neither of which lends itself to sleepiness...enough of that.

Not since my childhood and the opening of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang in 1968 have I **known** the date of a movie's release. Can you believe all the hype?

Though I saw the movie weeks ago it's taken me a long time to actually collect and summarize my thoughts. And perhaps writing about it is a form of therapy so wait a sec...and I'll stretch out on the Community couch and tell you my story.....ahh, that's better.

I loved the movie for many reasons. I loved the fact that it brought people to the theatre who might not have ever known how Christ died for us. I loved the fact that the 7:30 showing on a Thursday night in February was sold out. I loved that the “water cooler

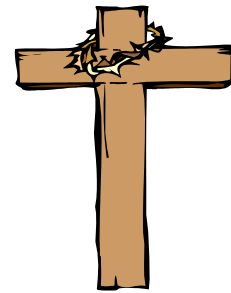
topic” of the month was Jesus. I loved the fact that my co workers, many of whom are “Chreasters” (slang for people who attend church twice a year whether they need it or not) wanted to talk about Jesus' crucifixion. I love the fact that Carlotta Marsh (IDGB #28) told me that her church bought out a movie theatre for an entire Saturday and used it as a tool to evangelize. I love that I found out my hairdresser is a mature Christian. We'd never even mentioned it in the year she's been cutting my hair.. Yeah, that's what I loved about it.

What didn't I like? I didn't like...maybe I actually hated the fact that I spent two hours of my life watching a reenactment of the torture of my Savior. I hate the fact that NOW, I actually know what the word “scourge” means. I hate the fact that the Jewish people in this country feared retribution for an act done thousands of years ago. Haven't Jewish people feared enough? I hate the fact that I actually **felt** Mary's pain. I didn't need to know that.

For some this was an amazing experience....the likes of which they've never experienced before. **My** experience was

in 1998 on a hill in Valparaiso, Indiana. If this movie, for those people meant as much....I'm happy for them. I am sad that their experience was about the torture and violation and agony of Christ rather than his love for us.. It hurts to see the body of someone we love violated....no matter how much I listen to the praises, I don't feel like I needed to see that.

More important than the crucifixion was the resurrection.... where was that? I could have stayed in my seat for another 20 minutes. Why didn't the movie chronicle at least the beginning of that miracle to the audience.? Christ's life is important, the degree of violence at the time of his death.. Yes, I am passionate about Christ, the Risen Christ. DeColores, Betsy



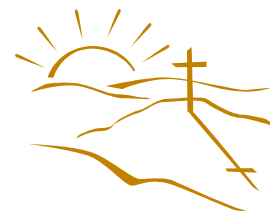
### HELP WANTED!

**Wanted:** Associate Pastor of Children and Youth Ministries Three Lakes Evangelical Free Church Three Lakes, WI. The associate Pastor would be responsible for the overall direction and supervision of the Christian Education ministries for pre-K through 12th grade, with a specific interest and passion for junior and senior high school students. Contact the church for an application at [tlevfree@newnorth.net](mailto:tlevfree@newnorth.net) or (715)546-2000.

## Awakening Team #9

Indiana Dunes Awakening #9 began team meetings on April 7th. Please keep the following people in your prayers as they prepare for the Memorial Day weekend event: Bill Bailey, Rob Bailey, Ross Bailey, Ben Bennett, Bryan Bennett, Nick Brait, Jeff Clapper, Dru Cochran, Jeff Cochran, Greg DeVries, Terry Doubek, Zach Doubek, Scott Engle, Alec Humphries, Scott Humphries, Harry Karabel, Kelly Kern, Nick Kiriazis, Steve Lehman, Ron Moen, Neal Mortensan, Tristan Mortensan, Michael Payne, Mike Puskar, Keith Reboletti, David Shinabarger, Steve Smith and Tyler Zencka

The girls' team includes Tammy Boggs, Emily Clark, Molly Clark, Teri Cummins, Chris Cushings, Allison Edgar, Kelli Ellis, Kelsey Engle, Sarah Engle, Susan Greenwell, Marlo Harding, Nancy Kahaian, Maggie Karabel, Cami Kern, Stephanie Kilmer, Melissa Klancer, Amy Kris, Natalie Liess, Carlotta Marsh, Christine McAlloon, Donna McCall, Jessica Nowak, Ann Patterson, Kayla Reedy, Betsy Shryock, Cory Smith, Kelli-Sue Sparks, Ali Stewart, Elaine Watkins, Amy White-Hanas, Susan Williams and Amanda Young



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IDGB.net**

*Come, for all is now ready....*

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## Tidbits about the upcoming weekends...

It's probably worthwhile to review the ins and outs of a typical weekend before it happens....so if you're new to the community or you're a veteran and need a quick reminder, here goes.....

Guests should arrive at camp with their sponsor on Thursday night by 7PM. If you're bringing a guest to the Awakening, remember it's Memorial Day weekend and traffic is unbelievably bad. We don't want to start without anyone, so leave early.

Spouses of guests and parents of Sleepers are invited to support the team in prayer and on Saturday. Please do not come to serve. You know, we all just need a little "me" time occasionally. It's about the guest and his or her relationship with God.

Those who are serving meals should plan to arrive just before the meal.

**Great Banquet** 6:45PM- Talk 10  
**Friday** Chapel -8:00PM  
Breakfast 6:50AM **Sunday**  
9AM-Talk 1 Breakfast - 7:10AM  
11AM -Talk 2 8:45AM- Talk 11  
Lunch-11:30AM 9:45AM- Talk 12  
1:30PM- Talk 3 10:45AM- Talk 13  
2:45PM- Talk 4 Lunch- 11:00 AM  
Dinner- 4:15PM 1:15- Talk 14  
6:05PM- Talk 5 2:15- Talk 15  
**Saturday** Closing- 4:30PM  
Breakfast-6:45AM  
8:15AM- Talk 6  
9:45AM- Talk 7  
Lunch- 11:30AM  
2:45PM- Talk 8  
4:15PM- Talk 9  
When you arrive,

**Saturday**  
Breakfast- 7:10AM  
8:30AM- Sin & Love  
9:20AM- Salvation  
10:55AM- Following Jesus  
Lunch- 11:30AM  
1:00PM- Study  
2:10PM- Prayer  
3:15PM- Worship  
Dinner- 4:45PM  
6:15PM- Friends  
8:00PM- Chapel  
8:45PM- Loving Jesus  
**Sunday**  
Breakfast- 8:00AM  
9:20AM- Distractions  
10:40AM- Environment  
11:40AM- Church  
Lunch- 12:00PM  
1:55PM- Power  
Closing- 4:30PM  
Friday AM and PM  
and Sunday AM remain high need days if you're thinking of volunteering.

do not wander and resist peeking behind the curtain. This is not time for you to visit with your friends who are guests. This information is both crucial and appreciated.

Personal agape is reserved for Sunday afternoon. When we distribute mail. When this GB rule is broken some guests enjoy special treatment awhile others are hurt. Furthermore, the Sunday mail means a great deal less to the recipient of early agape