

Indiana Dunes Great Banquet and Awakening Community Newsletter

WELCOME, Brothers and Sisters
in Christ...

IDGB

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IDGB #43: Curtis Bielski, Vernon Childress, Jack Cummings, Phillip Loos, Michael Rinchak, Donny Rossetti, Glenn Angel, David Bruns, Lewis Coppel, Morris Livengood, Bill Whitacre, Mark Christ, Steve Enochs, Mike Heinold, Wayne Rhodes, Thomas Stewart, Stephen Green, Bob Marrs, Bill Severance, Norman Steider, Kevin Street, Rob Bodza, David Gnaden, John Kastak, Tom McKee, Jeff Vale, Jack Carroll, Bob Gertsmeier, Bill Hanna, Richard Lute Sr., Glenn Rhodes, Andrew Casper, Bill Cody, Michael Croarkin, Darold Gieser and Mike Zimmer

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Coming up

September 21
Dedication for IDGB 45 & 46-Westminster Presbyterian, Munster

September 29-October 3
IDGB #45

October 6-9
IDGB #46

October 15
Gathering-1st Pres. Crown Point

November 4-6
Awakening #12

November 10-13
Kairos #3

November 19
Gathering 1st Methodist, Lowell

December 10
Gathering St. John's United Methodist, Chesterton

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Recently, it has come to my attention that many people are not getting their newsletters because I have your wrong address. If you move PLEASE LET ME KNOW!!! bshryockrn@comcast.net. If you know of anyone who has moved,

ask them if they have received their newsletter, if not, tell them to email me.

Keeping in touch is the heart of our community. You are important to us....and you are loved.....

Final edition that will be edited
by

Betsy Shryock

IDGB # 15

Table of Hannah

(DeColores!)

The Spirit in the Snow

One of the highlights of any Great Banquet has to be Saturday night, but to experience it in the snow ...oh what a blessing. I attended IDGB #43 and we found out this truth first hand.

My Great Banquet up to this point had been average at best. Normally a very private person I was way out of my comfort zone, and having a difficult time dealing with things; then came Saturday night. Walking up the hill in that late April snowstorm and seeing all those people....I can't describe the peace and love I felt inside. I was told I had on the biggest smile they had ever seen me have.

After spending I-don't-know-how-long praying in the chapel, (time had become a non issue at this point) I wandered out

into the Spirit storm. That's right a Spirit storm. The Holy Spirit filled the air along with the snowflakes and nothing was going to come between Him and me. I walked around for quite awhile just talking to God, sharing my thoughts and listening for His. I sang the Doxology a few times and was having a wonderful time just God and me.

This whole experience brought to mind the first time I met the Spirit in the snow. A few years ago I had the chance to walk to a Christmas Eve candlelight service in a snowstorm. I had the same sense of total peace, love, and joy I felt that night at the Great Banquet.

Upon further reflection, the joy and peace I felt was the

cleansing power of God's forgiveness represented by the snow. All my fears, self-doubts, and shame of my sin were washed away. King David spoke of this forgiveness in Psalm 51:7 "wash me and I will be whiter than snow". The Prophet Isaiah echoed this sentiment when calling the nation of Israel to repentance in Isaiah 1:18 "Though your sins are like scarlet they shall be as white as snow".

My prayer for all of you is as you go through life and things aren't going quite as planned, that you look for a snowstorm and get out in it. Now your storm might be a special friend or maybe a favorite passage of scripture, or a number of other things. What ever it is... get in the middle of it, the Holy Spirit is waiting.

De Colores
Kevin Street
IDGB#43

This-N-That

If you are a new member of the community, there are probably a lot of things you find a bit confusing. Recently, an important person in my life went through Banquet and I realized how many things we take for granted that people just know...

- Your FOURTH DAY is every day beginning with the Monday after your Banquet. You heard it in talk 15, but it's worth repeating.
- Fourth day gatherings are for worship and socializing. You're supposed to bring a snack to the Gathering. A-I=salty or healthy; J-R=Sweet or fruit; S-Z=drinks.
- When you come to the Saturday night event, you are there for the guests, please *leave quickly* once the event is over.
- If your spouse, child or significant other is on the weekend, plan on NOT serving with the exception of coming Saturday night and closing. You will be a distraction to your loved one if you don't abide by this rule as tempting as

is.

This is particularly problematic with Awakening kids. Kids, by virtue of their age, are different when they're around their parents.

Along that same vein, if you're coming in to serve and you know a guest, of course speak to them but please leave the outside world outside. Don't tell them the current events or how their son did in the soccer game last night, it takes the person away from their walk with God...they may not be able to return.

When the weekend is going on, noise is a huge problem because of the way the conference room is set. If you've never served on the "other side" of the curtain (kitchen, table decs), it's difficult to know how hard it is to be quiet and do work that is simply **noisy**. If you come in to volunteer, please, please, please try to keep quiet. Enter through the kitchen door or the door near the Agape room. The door directly into the dining room slams loudly. Thanks!

Help Wanted

Newsletter Editor

Must know Microsoft Publisher and, be in touch with the community events. Must be able to attend most Board meetings. Tutor available :-)
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Help Wanted

Book Table Coordinator

This is the person who sets up the book table for each Banquet weekend after talk 6 on Saturday morning. Training will begin in the fall with Cathy Van Vliet who has done this job for the past 8 years!
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The Teams (45 & 46)

The teams have assembled and are working hard to make IDGB #'s 45 and 46 the best ever.

IDGB Men's team #45 consists of Mark Killmer, Jeff Tar, Wayne Rhodes, Bruce Roth, Tim Pell, Matt Soliday, Kelly Kern, Paul Knauff, Craig Johnson, Mark Robison, Dan Swift, Al Martin, Bill Severence, Ed Wilmoth, Tom Wold, Bob Marrs, Steve Enochs, Dave Patterson, Mike Heinold, Ken McA-

loon, Mike Croarkin, Mike Falk, Bob Cannon, Jim Biancotti, Rick Oliver, Mark Roscoe, Dean Stolpe, Tom Stewart, Mike Zimmer, Curt Bielski, Rick Oliver, Jr., and Gary Germann
 Women's team #46 consists of Jean Oliver, Suzanne Killmer, Marlo Harding, Lou Ann Karel, Carlotta Marsh, Kelly Braden, Tammy Krakowiak, Natalie Liess, Joan Hepler, Laura Shields, Beverly Lako-

mek, Judy Elwood, Beth Germann, Michele Stolpe, Dian Reyome, Kellie Petrovich, Kathryn Midkiff, Betsy Zimmer, Linda Long, Linda Comingore, Jean Stewart, Jeanne Alexander, Lori Hanaway, Lynni Bainbridge, Rachel Leininger, Jan Swift, Connie Lander, Olga Koch, Ceene Markve, Leigh Pell, April Larson, Beth Bailey, Carol Puskar, Susan Zencka, Mary VanWijk and Laurel Neal

In Our Memory, In God's Arms...Ann Bird

Ann was a guest at IDGB # 42 last fall. Ann had been diagnosed with cancer and was in treatment at the time of the Banquet. We did all we could to make her comfortable during the weekend and invited her to go back to the cabin to rest whenever she was too tired. Ann, however, wanted to participate in all the experiences of the weekend. She gave herself

fully to whatever God had in mind for her during those three days at Camp Lawrence. She was a blessing to each of us. Her courage to face her fears, her laughter, her strong spirit, and her faith in the Living God inspired us. It was Ann's hope to attend a Gathering or Great Banquet weekend and tell her story. She wasn't able to do that, but she submitted an arti-

cle to the spring newsletter, testifying to God's presence in her life and her Great Banquet experience. In one of her email updates, she wrote, "I know that prayer has sustained us and that God is working miracles in our lives daily." Ann is survived by her husband, Chris, her three children, Gretchen (16), Natalee (11), and Nick (9), her parents and lots of family and friends. Chris and the children would appreciate your love and support during this difficult time.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to: Chris Bird

3849 Harper Drive
 Lafayette, IN 47905

Ann now knows fully what we only know in part. Her spirit lives on....

By Tom and Charlene Grant

Kairos Cookie Recipe

Kairos – Basic Cookie Dough
 (Makes 5 dozen)

1 cup shortening (not butter)
 1 cup brown sugar
 1 cup granulated sugar
 2 eggs
 2 teaspoon vanilla
 2 – 2 ¾ cup flour
 2 teaspoon salt
 1 teaspoon soda
 1 teaspoon baking powder
 2 cups chocolate chips.
 Cream shortening and sugar until fluffy. Add eggs one at a time. Sift dry ingredients and add to the creamed mixture. Beat in vanilla.

Add chocolate chips. Drop onto cookie sheets by spoonfuls. (Use Pampered Chef medium scoop and press dough into scoop with side of bowl.) Bake at 350 degrees until medium to dark brown (from 11-12 minutes, but may be 13-20 minutes). Cookies should be 3" in diameter (size of Pringles lid). Freeze flat, put into large plastic bag laying flat. (Do not stack cookies in bag.) (6 cookies per bag)

Your worst days are never so bad that you are beyond the reach of God's grace...and your best days are never so good that you are beyond the need of God's grace.

Announcing: Lay Director's for Fall

IDGB #45 Gary Germann
 IDGB #46 Jean Oliver
 IDA #12 Christine McAloon & Chris Charters

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website
IDGB.net**

Come, for all is now ready....

Volunteer Form



Please cut along the line above and mail this form in to the address listed below....

Name

Address

Phone

I have been on team before

Return via mail to:

What I'd like to do:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Table Leader | <input type="checkbox"/> Agape |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Speaker | <input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Setup/Clean up |

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