

# Indiana Dunes Great Banquet and Awakening Community Newsletter

## Team and Guest for 43 & 44

Please join the following men for IDGB #43 on April 21-24: Ray Smith, Gary Germann, Rick Oliver, Chris Bird, Norm Bird, Kirk McQuiston, Jack Wisely, Matt Soliday, Bill Markve, Frank Kozik, Jack Walter, Dave Vignocchi, Dave Patterson, Ken McAloon, Ken Bier, Mark Killmer, Mike Becker, Tony Watkins, Tom Askren, Chuck Smotherman, Ken Koch, Mark Rosco, Don Altman, Mike Williams, George Baker, Craig O'Brien, Jim McAgy and Rick Commingore. Please join the following women for IDGB #44 April 28-May 1: Lolly Dogan, Leila Buford, Sally Van Bokken, Sue Anderson, Karol Johns, Kim Croarkin, Lynni Bainbridge, Christine McAloon, Sue Goodpastor, Jean Oliver, Sue

Lynch, Mary Phelan, Jamie Bainbridge, Marilyn Mussman, Debbie Bouche, Bev Collom, Nancy Hehemann, Nancy Kahain, Laura Altman, Nancy Becker, Joan Hepler, Sandy Cherry, Pam Hay, Judy Johnson, Dian Reyome, Donna Pleasant, Gina Faith, Jane Berdine, Leisa Greene, Bev Laszlo, Pam Yttri and Sherri Messenger. We as that you pray for the following men: Glenn Angel, Curtis Bielski, Steven Blackman, Rob Bodza, David Bruns, Jack Carroll, Mike Christ, Lewis Coppel, Michael Croarkin, David Fagan, Bob Gertsmeier, David Gnaden, Stephen Green, Bill Hanna, William Hudson, John Kastak, Richard Lute Sr., Tom McKee, Kelley O'Brien, Richard Piskoty, Wayne Rhode

Glen Rhodes, Donny Rosetti, Norman Steider, Thomas Stewart, Kevin Street, Jeff Vale, Bill Whitacre.

And the following women...Liz Adlard, Dawn Angel, Lisa Berke, Carolyn Blake, Deb Bodza, Marie Carter, Maysie Childress, Jayne Cockrell, Daborah Cody, Kate DeMik, Karen Enochs, Mary Fifield, Maxine French, Tammie Frey, Ginny Galanos, Tina Gurniewicz, Clarice Gourley, Jane Langendorff, Deborah Langley, Sharon Lippens, Joyce Livengood, Marlene McKee, Lois Miley, Linda Mooney, Shirley Moore, Angie Nemeth, Lori Pavell, Kelly Rhodes, Audrey Rossetti, Holly Sakal, Laura Schrage, Janet Serletic, Jan Shore, Jean Stewart, Colleen Street, Marcy Vale, Bethany Weekland, Joleen Wilson, Lynn Wilson, Alice Wisely, Marcy Wood,

## IDGB

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- Wed., April 13  
Team #43 & 44  
Dedication, Westminster
- Thurs., April 21-24  
Men's Banquet #43
- Thurs. April 28-  
May 1 Women's  
Banquet #44
- May 7 Fourth Day  
Gathering 7pm  
Ogden Dunes  
Church
- May 18 Awakening  
Team Dedication  
7pm  
Westminster Pres-  
byterian Church
- May 27-29  
Awakening #11  
Camp Lawrence

Edited by Betsy Shryock

## Testimony

I attended IDGB #42 in the fall of 2004. I had been diagnosed in May of that same year with Stage IIIB advanced lung cancer. I had received very aggressive radiation and chemo therapy since early June.

Attendance at the Banquet came at a time in my life that spiritual healing was much needed. I heard the invitation clearly... "Come, for all things are now ready".

Our household was in a shambles. My children were lost, my husband was full of fear, my parents concerned, and my friends scattered due to lack of knowledge. My 3 days at Camp Lawrence resolved all these issues. As I sat in the plush recliner supplied by the awesome community and rode in the golf cart driven by an Agape team member, who just happened to be my mother-in-law, the seed that had been planted as a young child began to bloom.

The R.N. to my right throughout the entire weekend watched my every breath. The unconditional love was like none I had ever experienced.

Upon arriving home did I feel a fresh and anew? Not quite, however I could no longer ignore the nudges. God spoke to me through many people that weekend. We planted our family in a Bible based Church and began to seek God like never before in our lives.

Romans 5:3-5 states, "And not only that, but we also glory in tribulation knowing that tribulation produces perseverance, and perseverance, character, and character, HOPE." My hope was shattered until I was able to put aside all worldly issues and reclaim victory in Jesus Christ my Lord and Savior.

My Great Banquet experience has continued to bring new meaning to my life that had

been lost in a physical trial. Today I stand firm in the Word of God. I know cancer cannot take away my faith, lessen my love, invade my soul, take away Eternal Life, or conquer my spirit.

My husband will be on Team #43 in a few weeks. He is a true Man of God. I prayed many nights for his salvation. My children are walking in truth, my parents prayer life is stronger than ever, my friends are full of knowledge. Was it a dying moment"? Was it the golf cart rides up to the Chapel? Was it my personal nurse, Marlo? Was it one of the speakers? Was it my husband's tears? Today I know it was about hearing loud and clear the invitation "Come, for all is now ready".

I am forever grateful to the IDGB community and look forward to witnessing the miracles God has in store for many others as I saw manifested in my life.

De Colores,  
Ann Bird  
IDGB #42  
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## Highlights from your Board of Directors

- Treasurer, Tom Grant, distributed reports. For the time period of January 1 through February 24, 2005 the income was \$984.00, expense was \$252.00 for the net income of \$731.00. The retained income from 2004 is \$15,775.16 giving total assets of \$15,736.62.
- For Camp Lawrence a permanent divider is being purchased and installed in the men's bathrooms at a cost of approximately \$1000.00. Chris Charters is coordinating that project
- .For Kairos a \$1000.00 donation was unanimously approved
- For Lampstand Ministries, the parent organization for Great Banquet, a \$500.00 accompanied by a letter stating our support for other communities
- Someone still needed to fill the positions of Webmaster and Applications coordinator.
- By-Laws - Neal reviewed the changed by-laws. Article VI, Section 2 was added and Section 2 moved to Section 3. An additional change was made in Article XI, Section 1 to change "membership" to "(21) members". Neal will make that change and email the by-laws to all Board members. The review and discussion of the by-laws will be carried forward until this Fall. After that discussion, the by-laws will go to the Annual Meeting in January 2006 for voting.
- Work Shirt Status – Jeri has plenty of shirts left, although limited is variety of sizes. Those shirts will be sold before others are ordered.
- IDGB Database - Access is limited to Board members and Lay Directors.
- Roles & Responsibilities – The manuals are kept by the Community lay directors of the Awakening and the Banquet.
- The Emergency Procedure will be added to the Manuals.
- The emergency phone list will be updated.
- Emergency procedures are still needed.
- Goals – Neal would like all Board members to think about what the goals of the IDGB Board should be for 2005. Further discussion will occur at the next Board meeting.
- Songbooks – Questions arose as to who is the "keeper" of the songbooks. .
- Checking Account – Neal Mortensen's name needs to replace Bill Bailey's on the Bank One checking account. Neal also requested that Vice-President, Dean Larson's name also be added to the account.

## Kairos

We started Thursday evening and continued all day Friday, Saturday and Sunday. It was an interesting experience to enter each day through metal detectors carrying only a drivers license, glasses and wedding ring. NOTHING else is allowed. If we wanted to use a pen, pencil, poster board [YES, they do posters HAPPILY] and EVERYTHING else needed for a weekend, all materials have to be inventoried and checked through the correctional officers. That may seem daunting to some but the prayer circle formed in the parking lot each morning reminding us that the Holy Spirit was with us and we were living the words of Matthew 25:36 "I was in prison and you came to visit me."

The official music was "Put Your Hand in the Hand of The Man," but the hands-down winner was "Pharaoh, Pharaoh!" The guests wanted to sing that one each time we sang.

An interesting experience was handing out bags of chocolate chip cookies to over 1100 residents in one of the dining facilities. We covered the three dining halls and handed out over 4,500 bags of cookies. We handed each man a bag of cookies with the words, "Jesus loves you. Here is a gift from Kairos." Because these men are not allowed to have home baked items, home baked cookies lit the eyes of many who didn't seem to have much be happy about.

The Agape (letters, place mats, posters, and "hands") made a real hit with men who might not receive mail regularly. When they looked at the Prayer Chart, the idea that people were praying

around the clock brought tears to the eyes of many....not very different from our experience.

The placemats and "hands" are way for us to involve more of our church families. Cookie baking is yet another way. It is suggested that the cookies be frozen to help in stability during handling.

My next time in Westville will be December 11th for a monthly reunion with our new Kairos brothers, good preparation for the Gathering that night.

The next Kairos weekend is planned for May and Dr. Phil Pate will be the Rector (Lay Director).

Kairos has an interesting set-up for the weekend. During a weekend the Rector is assisted by an Observing Rector (the Rector for the next Kairos weekend) and an Advising Rector (from a previous weekend). These two positions serve as "assistant lay directors." We stayed at the Westville Methodist Church who literally opened their doors to us. The women slept in sleeping bags in the sanctuary and the men in the basement. [My Team Agape was a box of ear-plugs!] All of our meals were prepared there and transported to prison. Showers were arranged at the Westville High School.

The majority of our team lived in either Illinois or Indianapolis southward. If the Kairos movement is going to be successful, the IDGB and Walk to Emmaus communities need to support it.

The plan is to recruit both inside and outside teams for Kairos from the northwestern part of the state. I agreed to recruit in IDGB and we have similar set-ups in the Walk to Emmaus communities. An inside team is composed of men

and the outside team composed of women and men. The outside team prepares the meals (six meals) that are brought into the prison to be served to guests, team and supporting correctional officers.

### Interesting side lights.

The head Westville chaplain has expressed an interest in attending an IDGB weekend. Participating in one of the "4th Day" weekends is a requirement for team membership. There is plan for a "Faith-based" dorm in Westville, as has been done successfully in other institutions. Kairos is considered as one of the foundation blocks for this plan.

The contribution made by IDGB made a deep impression on the team. When I told the leadership that you had already asked for a presentation at a Gathering, the positive impressions continued. It was a blessing to hear these men share their impressions of the weekend. It certainly made a deep, positive impression upon my wife, Gail.

I can only make some educated guesses on the effects we had on those men but I know that being a member of this team was a blessing "and a half" for me.

DeColores  
Dean Larson



The mission of the Kairos Prison Ministry is to bring Christ's love and forgiveness to all incarcerated individuals, their families and those who work with them, and to assist in the transition of becoming a productive citizen

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

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