

Indiana Dunes Great Banquet & Awakening Community Newsletter

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

Since being elected Community Lay Director last January, I've had an extremely educational six months. I had no idea of the amount of year-round, behind-the-scenes work that this position requires! When you have the opportunity, please thank our past CLD, Neal Mortenson, for his work for this community during his term in office.

The board of directors of IDGB has also been working hard. Last February, we held a workshop with former weekend Lay Directors. The purpose was to examine IDGB's strengths and weaknesses. We gathered a lot of valuable information. Much of the input was immediately incorporated into team training.

A very important suggestion that came out of this meeting was to ask table leaders, speakers and sponsors to be intentional in helping our new members feel part of the community. This was stressed during team training for #51 and #52, which resulted in a huge crowd at the 4th Day Gathering May 12th at First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso.

Please check out our website at www.idgb.net. Our webmaster, John Kastak, has been working on some great changes. The site now provides

the weekend meal schedule, including the times servers should arrive at the camp. We've also made it easier to volunteer to work on a team through a volunteer form on the website. And within the coming months, we'll be posting the 72 Hour Prayer Charts and Kitchen Server sign up sheets online! We also plan to offer an E-newsletter on the website, to supplement the newsletters like this one, that are mailed out twice a year.

I look forward to meeting more of you and working with all of you over the balance of my term, as well as seeing you at the various gatherings of the community. See the invitation below!

De Colores!

Mark Robison

**PLAN TO ATTEND THE 4TH DAY
GATHERING ON AUGUST 18
AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF CROWN POINT.**

**WE'LL SHARE A LIGHT DINNER
PROVIDED BY THE CHURCH AT
6:00 PM. WORSHIP IS AT 7:00,
FOLLOWED BY MORE FELLOW-
SHIP AND GOOD FOOD!**

**CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR
DIRECTIONS. SEE YOU THERE!**

A NOTE FROM OUR COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

It is with very mixed emotions that I announce to the community my resignation as Executive Director of the Samaritan Counseling Center, after seventeen years of service. It was a difficult decision, because this ministry has been my life's work. After 25 years in administration, however, I hope to concentrate on the things that I love most: counseling, teaching, preaching, training, writing and developing new programs. And, the Samaritan Center needs someone with fresh energy and vision.

I wish I could tell you about my new call but it looks like I won't know for a while. I think that it is likely that the call will lead me to a new part of the country. But, you never know!

Mark Robison has asked me to continue as Community Spiritual Director through this period of turmoil. I anticipate that the next eight weeks will be really crazy for me, but I will do my best to serve the community during this time.

Wherever God leads me, I want you to know how much the Great Banquet has meant to me. It has strengthened my faith, energized my ministry and nurtured my family in the faith. I am grateful for the opportunities it has given me to serve Jesus Christ. I never cease to be amazed at how the Holy Spirit works through each weekend. And I've met so many wonderful people along the way. It has been a privilege to serve with you. God bless you all, and when you have a moment, please pray for the Killmers!

De Colores!

Mark Killmer

Remember how you felt when you realized that someone who didn't even know you took the time to give you that special little Agape gift?

Why not start your Agape now? Even the simplest gift can carry a powerful message of God's unconditional love.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

IDGB #51

Richard Allenbaugh, Robert Bernal, Bill Cangiano, Roger Dore Jr., Jim Dye, Kenneth Easton Jr., Kenneth Eddleman, Shawn Frick, Ronald Gill, Vic Guthrie, Jarrel Hartle, Justin Lun, Chris Morfas, Kelly O'Brien, Steve Patrick, Michael Pennanen, Craig Phillips, Shawn Provolt, David Radovich, Joe Reynolds, Brett Shelton, John Simerlein, Ryan Smith, Judson Strain, Randy Taylor, Scott Wagenblast, Ware Wimberly

IDGB #52

Mary Jane Allenbaugh, Sherri Ashby, Connie Bailey, Lynn Butler, Mary Lou Carney, Dawn Chavez, Anita Childress, Rachael Clark, Lisa Cortazar, Nicole Crump, Diane Czaplá, Donna Hannah, Kimberly Hannah, Terri Hasse, Lory Hlavka, Sandy Hartlerode, Vikki Hensley, Ruth Kelly, Marilyn Kirkendall, Pat Lanfear, Toni Leek, Peggy Lowry, Kathy Lute, Maryrose Lynch, Barbara McVicker, Sharon Merrifield, Joan Miller, Nancy Norris, Christina Orange, Chris Plummer, Elizabeth Pluta, Amanda Provolt, Dodie Rifenberg, Karen Simerlein, Linda Smith, Corie Snyder, Lisa Stanford, Bonnie Walling

Let's Keep Our Ministry Alive

Every Great Banquet begins with a talk on priorities that asks the guests to consider how they spend their time, what they think about, and how they use their money. It may be helpful for each of us to take a moment to review those questions from time to time, as they relate both to our churches and to the Banquet community.

As you know, guests at the Great Banquet pay only \$20 for their weekend experiences. Guests at the Awakening pay nothing, to insure that any teen who wants to attend is able to do so. However, the costs for food, electricity, camp rental, agape needs and other incidentals generally total around **\$5500 per weekend**. This means that we rely upon the community to make the donations that keep this precious ministry alive.

There are so many creative ways to give: You could commemorate a birthday or an anniversary, hold a fund-raising activity at your church, or simply make a monthly donation, just as you might to any other mission group.

Take a moment to thank God for what has already been accomplished on the holy ground of Camp Lawrence...and for what will be accomplished in the days to come...and prayerfully consider making a donation to further the work. Send your donation to the community treasurer, Tom Grant, at 634 Gatewood Drive, Lowell, IN 46356. Thank you!

**STAY UPDATED
ON COMMUNITY NEWS!
CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AT
WWW.IDGB.NET.**

FALL WEEKENDS

Please be in prayer for the fall weekends, including the following:

MEN'S TEAM #53

Lay Director: Ken Koch. **Assistant Lay Directors:** Kelly Goodpaster & Mike Falk. **Speakers:** Joe Garcia, Bryan Bennett, Bob Marrs, Tony Watkins, Mike Williams, Chris Bird & Tom Wold. **Table Leaders:** Craig Phillips, Mark Smith, Dan Fabbri, John Simmerliein, Mike Zimmer & Jim McAgy. **Music:** Head, Harry Karabel & Jonathon Parker. **Kitchen:** Head, Rob Adlard, Norm Bird, Robert Bernal, David Radovich & Lenny Corso. **Agape:** Head, Rick Oliver, Shawn Provolt, David Gnaden, Bill Cangiario & Don Yowell. **Table Decs:** Doug Riddell. **Spiritual Team:** Wayne Rhodes, David Kovalow-St. John & Bob Shoemaker.

WOMEN'S TEAM #54

Lay Director: Sue Bird. **Assistant Lay Directors:** Ginger Boys & Leisa Greene. **Speakers:** Bev Lakomek, Lynn Skafish, Mary Lou Carney, Linda Fortin, Linda Comingore, Diane Czaplak & Lita Jones. **Table Leader:** Sue McQuiston, Dorothy Merrell, Mary Pawlicki, Lisa Stanford, Joellyn Tar, Nancy Hehemann & Nancy Patchett. **Music:** Head, Nancy Scaggs. **Kitchen:** Head, Chris Kern, Marion Gill, Donna Parker, Ceene Markve, Lolly Dogan, & Marsha Gordon. **Agape:** Head, Jean Stewart, Lynni Bainbridge, Corie Snyder, Beth Bailey, Bonnie Walling & Lori Hanaway. **Table Decs:** Judy Elwood & Barb Matheson. **Spiritual Team:** Head, Debbie Coe, Carol Nordstrom & Lou Ann Karabel

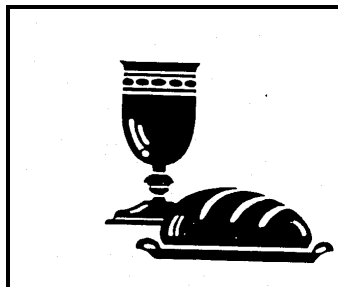
AWAKENING #15

Girls' Lay Director: Sue Goodpaster
Boys' Lay Director: Pete Goodpaster
(Team still forming)

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**Come, for all is now ready.
Luke 14:17**

Mailing Address Line 1

Mailing Address Line 2

Mailing Address Line 3

Mailing Address Line 4

SAVE THESE DATES!

August 18 6 PM Dinner, 7 PM Worship

4th Day Gathering

Crown Point First Presbyterian

September 6-8

Kairos Outside #3

Camp Lawrence

Wednesday

September 19 7:00 PM

IDGB Team Dedication

Westminster Presbyterian, Munster

September 27-30

Men's Banquet #53

Camp Lawrence

October 4-7

Women's Banquet #54

Camp Lawrence

October 13

4th Day Gathering

Check the website for location soon!

Wednesday

October 25 7:00 PM

Awakening Team Dedication

Westminster Presbyterian, Munster

November 2-4

Awakening #15

Camp Lawrence

November 10

4th Day Gathering *Awakening Style*

Check the website for location soon!

