

Indiana Dunes Great Banquet and Awakening Community Newsletter

IDGB

41 & 42 Are Just Around the Corner

IDGB # 41 begins Thursday, September 23. Please begin NOW praying for the following guests:

Chris Bird, Steven Blackman, Mike Brickner, David Fagan, William Hudson, Paul Knauff, Mike Mance, John Pinkerton, Richard Piskoty, Mark Roscoe, Matthew Soliday, Jack Wisely And while you're praying. please pray for team 41: Mark Robison, Chris Charters, Doug Williams, Joe Van Bokkelen, Dave Patterson, Kevin Nevers Scott Spry, Al Mussman Tim Reyna, Tom Lazar, Bruce Roth, Mike Bianco Jim McAgy, Rich Sapper Dean Larson, Ed Wilmoth, John Shields, Dean Stolpe, Doug Whiteley, Tim Pell Kirk McQuiston, Don Robison, Bill Markve, Brian Harding, Joe Garcia, David

Hehemann, Tom Askren. Steve Smith and Jeff Newton

The women's weekend follows beginning on September 30. Attending this weekend will be: Liz Adlard, Michelle Bartels, Jane Bianco, Ann Bird, Marcella Boecker, Daborah Cody, Terrie Colosino, Elaine Coudriet Maria Craig, Mary Fifield Maxine French, Suzanne Fryer, Beverly Hubbs Jacqueline Hudson, Dawn Huffstutler, Charlotte Iaconetti, Connie Knauff April Larson, Linda Lopez Gloria Marion, Peggy McNally, Shirley Moore, Michelle Hunt-Newham, Jayne O'Gorman Jane Pinkerton, Susan Rosenwinkel, Holly Sakal Michelle Sheetz, Emily Streeter, Sharon Webster,

Joleen Wilson and Alice Yacullo, Alice Wisely Team #42 will consist of Charlene Grant, Amy Gardine, Sandy Whiteley Lou Ann Karabel, Becky Crabb, Nancy Walter Julie Wilmoth, Tami Boggs Jane Lang, Nancy Baxter, Betty Cannon, Kay Epperson, Marlo Harding Judy Hollar, Marilyn Mussman, Trena Mortensen, Judy Elwood, Nancy Smith, Debbie Cusic, Peggy Hendricks, Leisa Greene, Beth Germann, Khraila Yowell, Kathy Magiera, Lita Jones Ceene Markve, Chris Kern, Ginger Boys, Charlene Partyka, Sue Bird, Cheri Isakson, Kim Cobban and Joan Hepler

IDGB Calls on it's members to start drinking

Soda that is....last year the decision was made to "lose all those old bottles". Many had seen much better days...so they were all tossed. Which means, we need lots of two-liter pop bottles as well as candles.. If you drink soda,, rinse them out, cut the bottom off and bring them to Camp Lawrence or send them with someone who

you know is coming. If you don't drink soda...start....or you could ask anyone you know who does to give their empty bottles to you. Make sure these are all out at Camp by Saturday (earlier would make Agape sleep much better, you know) Thanks!!!



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Upcoming Events

- September 15
Team Dedication
Westminster Pres.
- September 23 – 26
Men's #41
- September 30 – Oct. 3
Women's #42
- October 16
4th Day Gathering
Valparaiso Pres
- October 27
Awakening Team
Dedication,
Westminster
- November 5-7
Awakening #10
- November 13
4th Day Gathering
Location TBA
- Dec. 11
4th Day Gathering
Location TBA

*Edited by Betsy
Shryock*

What is a "Lay Lead" Movement?

¹²You can easily enough see how this kind of thing works by looking no further than your own body.

Your body has many parts--limbs, organs, cells--but no matter how many parts you can name, you're still one body. It's exactly the same with Christ.

¹³By means of his one Spirit, we all said good-bye to our partial and piecemeal lives. We each used to independently call our own shots, but then we entered into a large and integrated life in which he has the final say in everything....¹⁴I want you to think about how all this makes you more significant, not less. A

body isn't just a single part blown up into something huge. It's all the different-but-similar parts arranged and functioning together. ¹⁵If Foot said, "I'm not elegant like Hand, embellished with rings; I guess I don't belong to this body," would that make it so? ¹⁶If Ear said, "I'm not beautiful like Eye, limpid and expressive; I don't deserve a place on the head," would you

want to remove it from the body? ¹⁷If the body was all eye, how could it hear? If all ear, how could it smell? ¹⁸As it is, we see that God has carefully placed each part of the body right where he wanted it.

¹⁹But I also want you to think about how this keeps your significance from getting blown up into self-importance. For no matter how significant you are, it is only because of what you are a part of. an enormous eye or a gigantic hand wouldn't be a body, but a monster.--the

"lower" the part, the more ba-

sic, and therefore necessary.....

²⁵The way God designed our bodies is a model for understanding our lives together as a (community): every part dependent on every other part, the parts we mention and the parts we don't, ²⁶the parts we see and the parts we don't. If one part hurts, every other part is involved in the hurt, and in the healing. If one part flourishes, every other part enters into the exuberance.

²⁷You are Christ's body--that's who you are! You must never forget this. Only as you accept your part of that body does your "part" mean anything. (excerpted from Paul's 1st letter to the Corinthians, chapter 12)

You are, we all are part of the Body of Christ. **This** "body" is called the Indiana Dunes Great Banquet Community and you are, **we all are** a vital part. The mission of this body is to strengthen and renew the faith of Christians. Through a combined effort of laity and clergy, the Great Banquet focuses on the renewal of the church. Additionally the members of the Community learn to know Jesus as Lord and Savior and to make Him known. The objective of the Great Banquet is to continue the 3-day weekend by serving Christ in local churches, homes and work places. To live a life of grace and to respond to higher levels of Christian discipleship

becomes the purpose of the Great Banquet.

This is an amazing call for all of us. I am so grateful to have heard that invitation 5 years ago and to have accepted it. I have served many roles in the community, team member, sponsor, board member,I am always amazed at the talent and willingness of others to serve. When people feel like they're not able to serve anymore, there's always someone waiting in the wings to take over. And when their call comes back, they hear it again (See *Back in the Chapel*, pg 3) And each of us is just as important as the next. We may not be serving on a team right now, you may have never served. You may have never sponsored anyone...but each sacrifice given for the body of Christ is a gift to God. This community's strength is in the laity. We are regular, every day, unordained Christians who bring other Christians to Christ. Church serves a different function in our lives, the Great Banquet is the lay person bringing another lay person to the Christ. If you have continued to be involved in the community, you know who you are...God's blessings. If you've fallen away, consider how you can make an impact on the lives of the men and women who are preparing for their journey to begin. Can you make Agape? Can you volunteer by serving a meal or helping set up or clean up? Will we see your face lit by the love of God? Can you pray for us? God is calling you to be a part of this body of Christ we call the Great Banquet Community. We love you....we miss you.....we can't wait to see you again.

Betsy

The Dragonfly

Once, in a little pond, in the muddy water under the lily pads, there lived a little water beetle in a community of water beetles. They lived a simple and comfortable life in the pond with few disturbances and interruptions.

Once in a while, sadness would come to the community when one of their fellow beetles would climb the stem of a lily pad and would never be seen again. They knew when this happened; their friend was dead, gone forever.

Then, one day, one little water beetle felt an irresistible urge to climb up that stem. However, he was determined that he would not leave forever. He would come back and tell his friends what he had found at the top.

When he reached the top and

climbed out of the water onto the surface of the lily pad, he was so tired, and the sun felt so warm, that he decided he must take a nap. As he slept, his body changed and when he woke up, he had turned into a beautiful blue-tailed dragonfly with broad wings and a slender body designed for flying.

So, fly he did! And, as he soared he saw the beauty of a whole new world and a far superior way of life to what he had never known existed.

Then he remembered his beetle friends and how they were thinking by now he was dead. He wanted to go back to tell them, and explain to them that he was now more alive than he had ever been before. His life had been fulfilled rather than ended. But, his new body would not go down into the water. He could

not get back to tell his friends the good news. Then he understood that their time would come, when they, too, would know what he now knew. So, he raised his wings and flew off into his joyous new life!

~Author Unknown~



Contributed by Amy White-Hanas

Stuff to Remember



DON'T FORGET TO:

- Make Agape
- Write letters
- Come for setup on September 22nd
- Stay for take down after Women's closing
- Serve meals
- Pray endlessly and sign the chart
- Check the IDGB website often
- Donate money to the community we are open to all and funds through contributions.
- Pray
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- Pray-that God's Will be done before, during and after the weekends, in the team and the guests lives'

Bill, Jeri, and Susan.

...Everyone knows who they are. They are the leaders of The Great Banquet and Awakening communities. And don't forget the others who volunteer for seemingly every assignment. Dave Patterson and Jack Walter sign-up for every clean-up, and the Mortensens tirelessly take on the applications for the entire community. And if anyone needs to know how to sing "The First Song of Isaiah", just ask Al Mussman and he will humbly lead an entire group in the proper rhythm wording for the men's favorite banquet song! All of these people seem to be constant beacons in the Great Banquet community. They are always welcomed with smiles admiration, and love.

Then, there is me. I have fallen in and out of the Banquet community several times throughout the years. I am not sure if you know my name or

my face, but I attended IDGB #17. I didn't jump into the community right away, but when my time came, I served meals and on various teams until I dropped off the face of the planet for about two years. I loved my time spent within the community, however, life became filled with "busyness" and when calls came for me to serve, I often said "no" without batting an eye.. But God has a funny persistence, and this summer I received a call from Charlene Grant. I had been thinking about the community and service within it filled my spirit. So when Charlene asked, "I don't suppose you would be interested in getting back into Great Banquet involvement, would you?" my answer was a resounding "Can I pray about it?" (You thought I was going to say "Yes," didn't you?) The truth is, my spiritual journey was much like exercise. (Please don't ask when I last went to the gym.)

I knew how much this community did for me. I loved the closeness I felt in our community prayer. I reveled in the joy of service. But when I stopped, I lost the power of it. I had carved out a path that seemed to lead further away from God's love than closer to it. But this summer, I was overjoyed to see that God's constant, unrelenting love was still shining in the faces of all who were on team – and even those who were "just visiting" the services. The walk we all take is not a one-time thing. It is a constant re-visiting. We may experience the night only once, but we always revisit it when we see the glowing warmth of the people surrounding us. It is a light and love that brings us back to God's chapel. It is a path of people that leads us home. Thank you, Great Banquet, for always being my light in the night.

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Back in the Chapel....

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website
IDGB.net**

Come, for all is now ready....

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Mailing Address Line 5

Tidbits worth repeating 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.

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

Friday

Breakfast 6:50AM

9AM-Talk 1

11AM -Talk 2

Lunch-11:30AM

1:30PM- Talk 3

2:45PM- Talk 4

Dinner- 4:15PM

6:05PM- Talk 5

Saturday

Breakfast-6:45AM

8:15AM- Talk 6

9:45AM- Talk 7

Lunch- 1130AM

2:45PM- Talk 8

4:15PM- Talk 9

6:45PM- Talk 10

Chapel -8:00PM

Sunday

Breakfast - 7:10AM

8:45AM- Talk 11

9:45AM- Talk 12

10:45AM- Talk 13

Lunch- 11:00 AM

1:15- Talk 14

2:15- Talk 15

Closing- 430PM

Awakening Friday

7:35PM- Identity

8:45PM- Love

9:50PM- Meaning
of Life

Saturday

7:10A Breakfast

8:30AM- Sin & Love

9:20A- 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

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