

Elohim Great Banquet Community

✦ Newsletter August, September & October 2018

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Fall 2018 Weekends

Men's Great Banquet #53

Sept. 6-9, Palestine Baptist Camp
Lay Director- Jay Scamihorn

Women's Great Banquet #54

Sept. 13-16, Palestine Baptist Camp
Lay Director- Kathy Hayes

Palestine Baptist Camp • Robinson, IL

Guest and Team fees are

\$75

noted on each form.

Note: Only persons who have attended a required weekend may attend the events for any EGB weekend: Men's, Women's or Awakening. Please do not bring babies or children to any weekend event.

Team Meetings for 2018

August 4 - 8am to 4pm

**Marshall First Christian Church
902 6th Street • Marshall, IL**

August 18 - 8am to 4pm

**First Baptist Church
5 Trotter Lane • Martinsville, IL**

We need sponsors and guests!

Website: www.elohimgreatbanquet.org

Elohim Great Banquet Board News

Our Focus is to show Jesus' Agape Love for All, The Weekends, Guests, Sponsorship, Volunteering and The Community.

Sponsorship: Without Guests we have no Weekends. Please pray that all of our Spring and Fall EGB Banquets will be overflowing with guests. If you have someone that you would like to sponsor but cannot afford to do so, let a board member know. We have funds available for scholarships. Donations are always accepted.

Volunteer: Pray for volunteers to sign up and serve as the Lord leads them. We are encouraging everyone to volunteer to serve in some way on the weekends. The more volunteers, the lighter the load. Fill out a form. Let us know your interests, availability, email, phone number and address.

.....*serving Jesus Christ Our Lord in serving others*

A message from the Community Spiritual Director

The life of John the Baptist demonstrates humility. John 3:26-28, "And they came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, He who was with you beyond the Jordan, to whom you have testified--behold, He is baptizing, and all are coming to Him!" John answered and said, "A man can receive nothing unless it has been given to him from heaven. You yourselves bear me witness that I said, 'I am not the Christ,' but, 'I have been sent before Him.'" First, please notice that John had never expected anything else than to be the forerunner of Jesus. Multitudes came to him to be baptized in the Jordan River as they confessed their sins. This movement of sinners coming to him was convicting power of God.

One would think that this phenomenon would cause John to become proud of his ministry. When Jesus began His ministry many of John's followers left John to follow Jesus. Some followers complained about this. Instead of reacting with adversely, he acknowledged, "I am not the Christ," but, "I have been sent before Him." He knew his role was to be subservient to Jesus, the Lamb of God, his savior (John 1:29). Secondly, He told them, "A man can receive nothing unless it has been given to him from heaven." John realized that his ministry was done by the power of the Holy Spirit. He chose not brag about his success, because it was God who deserved the glory. Thirdly, John explains, John 3:29-30, "He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is fulfilled. He must increase, but I must decrease" (vs. 29-30). John was able to rejoice because he truly believed Jesus must increase and he must decrease. John then proclaimed, "He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him" (v.36). Let us follow John's example to walk in humility and be thankful that God uses us and not think to highly of ourselves.

Your Brother in Christ,
Jeff Loper

Elohim Persons who have attended Awakening or Chrysalis only!

The Elohim Board has been delinquent in the following requirement and apologizes for this oversight.

Elohim Great Banquet was started under the charter granted from the Decatur Great Banquet organization with the condition Elohim will follow the requirements of the charter.

If a person has attended an Awakening or Chrysalis and would like to work a Great Banquet weekend, they must have attended a Great Banquet weekend first. The Awakening and Great Banquet weekends are similar in the 3-day experience, but the talks are not the same subject matter and the content is designed for adults.

A person who has attended the Awakening or Chrysalis and not a Great Banquet weekend may still attend the Sponsor's Hour, Candlelight and Closing of the Great Banquet.

This requirement was effective on the Spring 2017 weekends and we encourage any person who has only attended an Awakening or Chrysalis to plan on attending a Great Banquet weekend.

A message from the Community Lay Director

As I sit here and write this letter we are in the midst of summer and the fall is swiftly approaching. I can't wait for the fall weekends to get here. Kathy and Jay's teams are really coming together. I want to take time and thank them both for the sacrifices they have made to make sure these weekends happen. Thanks to all of you who are working the weekends and those praying for the weekends. You know we pray "Come Holy Spirit" and that is exactly what happens. Every time we show up, He shows up when we invite Him.

"After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly." Acts 4:31 The upcoming weekends will be held at Palestine Baptist Association Campground near Robinson, Illinois and the dates are as follows: Men's - September 6-9 ; Women's - September 13-16. Be a blessing to those around you and talk to them about the Great Banquet. Sponsor early and sponsor often!! There are funds available to pay for guest fees if you are experiencing a hardship. Do not let the lack of funds stop you from sponsoring a guest. Ask any board member about scholarships for guest fees. We want to see the weekends full!! We are here to serve the Lord by serving others!

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Shannon Burkybile
Community Lay Director

Pray, Pray, Pray

Prayer is the backbone and strength of the Weekends. We praise the Lord and rejoice in His love. We lift up the prayer concerns for the weekends. We bathe our Guests, Teams, Volunteers, Families and Community in prayer. Join in and pray with us - Sign up for the 72hr. prayer vigil. Prayer charts are always available at the Monthly Gatherings, the team meeting, the send off. Also, sign up online. Go to the Elohim website and click on the "Prayer Vigil Info" page.

Weekend Events and Times

Come see how God changes lives thru Prayer, Singing, Communion, Fellowship

Men's & Women's Weekends

Day	IL Time	Events
Thursday	6pm	Setup
	6:30pm	Guests Arrive
	7pm	Send Off, Sponsor's Hour
Saturday	8pm	Apostolic Hour
	9pm	Candle Light
Sunday	4:30pm	Closing
	6pm	Cleanup

GREAT BANQUET - Luke 14

The Great Banquet concept is patterned around the parable from Luke 14:15-24. Jesus tells of a master who prepared a great banquet and invited many guests, saying "Come, for everything is now ready." After many excuses for not attending, the master becomes angry and orders his servants: "Go quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame."

After this has been done and room still remains, the master tells his servants: "Go out to the roads and country lanes and make them come in, so that my house will be full." Then, as additional invitations are given, the banquet is presented to his guests. The result of the master's invitation was to feast and fellowship at a banquet given by God.

Newsletter Information

The Newsletter comes out quarterly to keep you updated on events in the community- Gatherings and Weekends.

Update your contact information and find out about The Weekends, Gatherings, Guest lists, Download Sponsor, Volunteer and Board Election forms, The Newsletter, Sponsorship information and responsibilities, Maps, Driving directions and other items. You may also send donations, questions or contact information to:
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