

Elohim Great Banquet Community

+ Newsletter August, September & October 2017

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Fall 2017 Weekends

Men's Great Banquet #49

September 14-17, 2017
Lay Director- Kevin Trine

Women's Great Banquet #50

September 21-24, 2017
Lay Director- Lorre Wesley

Palestine Baptist Assoc. Campground

12593 N. 725th Street
Robinson, Illinois

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.

A message on Sponsoring

Hello, everyone. As I sit here and think back to the previous weekends, I get the distinct feeling that I should put a plug in for sponsoring. In the recent past we have, as a group, waited until the last minute to sponsor enough for the weekends to happen. I was talking to one of the community members this morning, and he commented that if we wait until the last minute to reach a certain minimum number of guests, we have a tendency to limit ourselves to that number. I find a lot of wisdom in that statement. There is also the stress of being unsure whether the weekend will happen until the last minute.

Please be praying that the Lord opens the door for you to share His weekend with those He puts in your path. Remember your weekend, how special it was to you? It was special because He met you there right where you needed Him. I will tell you that weekend for me changed my course and continues to change it. I believe the Great Banquet is one of the best tools I have seen to focus people on being better followers, better stewards, and better servants in the local church and community. If you need help with the how to's of sponsoring, call me and I will be more than happy to help or put you in contact with someone who can. If you need help with financing your guest's fee, ask for help. Call me, or any board member, and we can help with scholarships.

My number is in this newsletter as well as the other board members. Feel free to reach out. We want to see the weekends full!

God Bless you and your family! DeColores!

David Kurtz

2017 Gatherings

August	First Congregational Church • Marshall, IL
September	First Christian • Marshall, IL
October	Paris Otterbein UMC • Paris, IL
November	Kansas UMC • Kansas, IL
December	No Gatherings

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

A message from the Community Spiritual Director

The Spring Banquet weekends were amazing as always, because it reveals the heart of God. I consider each weekend to be a highlight of my life. The testimonies of God's grace and the transforming power from each guest at the closing makes the work, less sleep, and physical exhaustion more than worth it.

I praise God for the Elohim Great Banquet Community for trusting God and letting me be the Spiritual Director for the Men's weekend when I had bladder cancer surgery and six time consuming procedures to prevent more cancer from coming. My energy level was sapped, but each time I needed to speak God gave me the grace I needed. Praise His name!

Each time I take part in Dying Moments and stand at the cross, I place my burdens in the Hands of Jesus. This time the one sin that was uppermost was the sin of partiality. James' description of the wisdom of the world compared to the wisdom from heaven broke my heart.

James 3:13-18 says, "Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and self seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. This wisdom does not descend from above but is earthly, sensual, demonic. For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace."

Every time I show favoritism to some and look down on others, it becomes the sin of partiality. Whenever I have a judgmental attitude of someone in my mind or verbally expressed, I have sinned. The Holy Spirit made it plain I needed to leave it at the cross. Whenever I compare myself to someone else and feel superior, thinking I am more spiritual, more educated or more gifted, I am quenching the Spirit acting out of the wisdom of the world (which is earthly, sensual, demonic) pride is ruling my heart.

Notice that the wisdom from heaven "is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy." Perhaps these verses are a rebuke to you as it was to me. May the Holy Spirit make us all characterized as pure, then gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.

Jeff Loper

Community Spiritual Director

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. Kevin and Lorre'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 the Palestine Baptist Association Campground near Robinson, Illinois and the dates are as follows: Men's - September 14-17; Women's - September 21-24.

Be a blessing to those around you and talk to them about the Great Banquet weekends coming up. Sponsoring should be like voting was in that (one city). Vote early and vote often that's how we should sponsor. 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!

De Colores!

David Kurtz,

Community Lay Director

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 is 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.

Elohim Great Banquet Board News

Our Focus: 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.

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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