

# Elohim Great Banquet Community

## † Newsletter February, March & April 2018

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## Spring 2018 Weekends

### Men's Great Banquet #51

March 8-11, Camp New Hope

Lay Director- David Kurtz

### Women's Great Banquet #52

March 22-25, Camp New Hope

Lay Director- Annette Spires

Camp New Hope • Neoga, 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

February 17 - 8am to 4pm

Marshall First Christian Church

902 N. 6th Street • Marshall, IL

February 24 - 8am to 4pm

Martinsville First Baptist Church

5 Trotters Lane • Martinsville, IL

\* Make up date will be March 3rd if needed! \*

**We need sponsors and guests!**

**Website: [www.elohimgreatbanquet.org](http://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

*It is amazing to know of all the prophecies with great detail about Christ's death. God made sure that we would see the truth about who Jesus is and his redemption death through the many fulfilled prophecies. He was betrayed by a friend (Psalm 41:9). He was sold for thirty pieces of silver (Zechariah 11:12). He was forsaken by His Disciples (Zechariah 13:7). He was accused by false witnesses (Psalm 109:2). He was mocked and beaten (Micah 5:1). He was spit upon (Isaiah 50:6). He was pierced in hands and feet (Psalm 22:16).*

*He was crucified with two thieves (Isaiah 53:9, 12). He prayed for His persecutors (Psalm 109:4, Isaiah 53:12). He was the object of ridicule (Psalm 22:7). His garments were gambled for (Psalm 22:18). He was deserted by God (Psalm 22:1). He agonized with thirst (Psalm 22:15). He committed Himself to God (Psalm 31:5). His friends stood afar off (Psalm 38:11). His bones were not broken (Exodus 12:46). He was pierced (Psalm 22:16). He was buried with the rich.*

*Someone has said, "the heart of Christianity is the Bible, god's infallible Word; The heart of the Bible is cross of our Redeemer, as the lamb of God for the sins of the whole world. He was our perfect sacrifice to reconcile us to God. Thus, He is worthy of our obedience, praise, and worship.*

*Your Community Director,*

*Jeff Loper*

*Community Spiritual 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 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

*Greetings family, I'd like to introduce myself. I'm Shannon Burkybile, the new Community Lay Director for 2018. My husband David (or as I like to call him, Henry) and I live in Marshall and have two sons, Garrett who is 22 and Devon who is 16. I have currently served on the board of directors for the past two years. It truly has been a blessing to serve alongside a group of men and women who have a heart for God and this community. I'm humbled to serve you all. God has used the Great Banquet to change my life and I have been so blessed to see Him change many other lives while serving on the weekends. I am so excited to see what He has in store for us this year.*

*Preparation for the spring banquets are in full swing. They will be held March 8-11 for the men and March 22-25 for the women. I want to take this opportunity to thank Annette Spires and David Kurtz for the sacrifices they have made to make sure these weekends happen. Thank you also to all the volunteers that will be serving on #51 & #52. Please stay in prayer for the teams and guests.*

*We can not have a weekend without guests. I'm going to go out on a limb and say you all were blessed on your weekend. I know I was. Now go out and share that blessing with someone you know. He has prepared the table... "At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.'"*

*Decolores,*

*Shannon Burkybile*

*Community Lay Director*



## 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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**Come and Join Us for the Monthly Gatherings**

Great Food, Great Friends, Awesome Worship, Fellowship, Music & Communion

**Potluck Dinner 5:00 P.M. Gathering 6:00 P.M.**

*All Elohim Great Banquet events are held on "Illinois" time.*

***Child Care Will Be Provided***

**Stay Connected:** - *Volunteer for the Weekends - Sponsor a Guest - Join or start a Reunion Group - Read the Newsletter - Go to the Website [Elohimgreatbanquet.org](http://Elohimgreatbanquet.org) Join us on Facebook - Wabash Valley Elohim Great Banquet Community*

Third Saturday of the month unless otherwise noted.

**February 17 - Missionary Baptist Church**

IL 1 North of US 40 at Old Walmart location • Marshall, IL



**April 7- Gathering/Singspiration- First Christian Church**

902 N. 6th Street • Marshall, IL



**April 21- Robinson Free Methodist Church**

301 S. Robb Street • Robinson, IL