

Elohim Great Banquet Community

✦ Newsletter November, December 2018 & January 2019

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Spring 2019 Weekends

Men's Great Banquet #55

TBA - Camp New Hope
Lay Director- Keith Pennington

Women's Great Banquet #56

TBA - Camp New Hope
Lay Director- Donna McAdam

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 2019

**January 13, 1:00 - 4:00 and January 19, 8:00 - 4:00
at Martinsville Baptist Church.**

February 9, 8:00 - 4:00 - Site to be determined.

**February 16, 8:00 - 4:00 and Snow Date February
23, 8:00 - 4:00 at Martinsville Baptist Church.**

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

John 7:37-39: “On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.” The word “Thirst” Jesus speaks of is a metaphor referring to the thirsting for the water of the soul, a spiritual meaning. The thirsting of the soul may be anxiety of the soul, conviction of sin, desire to be forgiven and cleansed.

The only remedy for this kind of thirsting is to come to Jesus. Jesus declares that He is the true fountain of life. He is the supplier of all spiritual needs and all spiritual wants. He offers the gift of salvation to all who will come to Him, acknowledging their sins and accepting Him as their personal Savior. There is nothing more important than being forgiven of all sins and receiving eternal life. Thus, John explains, “But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive.” The ministry of the Holy Spirit is very powerful in those who participate in the Great Banquet. He teaches us, energizes, transforms us, convicts us and cleanses us from all sin to renew us in fellowship with God.

It is significant that Jesus spoke about rivers of living water on the last day of the feast. This was the day the Jews celebrated and worshiped God for the fruit of the vine, olive, barley, and wheat. They thanked God for the rain from which none of these crops would have grown. Jesus, therefore, used the analogy of rivers of living water as an offer that He will give to those who come to Him. There was another significant rite done during the feast. For each day a golden pitcher of water was drawn by the priests from the pool of Siloam. The priests would take this water through the Water Gate into the Temple grounds. All the while the people recited Isaiah 12:3, “With joy you will draw water from the well of salvation.”

The water was carried up to the Temple altar and poured out as an offering to God. While this was being done, the Levite choir would sing The Hallel (that is, Psalms 113-118) accompanied by flutes. When the choir came to the words, “O give thanks to the Lord,” (Psalm 118:1) the worshippers shouted and waved their palms toward the altar. This was probably the time Jesus cried out and offered living water. Let us be thankful that we are experiencing the ever-flowing power of the Holy Spirit.

Your Community Director,

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

I want to start by welcoming all our new family members. What an awesome set of fall weekends we had. It was such a blessing to sit as a table leader and share in the experience of all the ladies of Banquet #54. I always enjoy the transformation of everyone from Thursday night to Sunday at closing.

I'm sure I speak for everyone who worked on the weekends that all the hard work and time put into these weekends is worth it by just hearing everyone answer the two questions at closing. Watching God work in the lives of the guests blesses me more and more each time. A big thank you to Kathy Hayes and Jay Scamihorn for saying yes to leading and sacrificing their time for all of us.

God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them. – Hebrews 6:10

The spring weekends are just around the corner and team selection has already begun. We still have spots to fill so please get your volunteer forms in. Our next team selection meeting is November 5th, let's fill it up. I know Keith Pennington and Donna McAdam would love to have a full team so they can get on with the planning side of the weekends and setting up team meetings. 1 Peter 4:10 says, "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."

Please continue to sponsor. We can't have Great Banquet weekends without guests. Share the blessing you received with someone else.

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Shannon Burkybille
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 at "elohimgreatbanquet.org". You may also send donations, questions or contact information to:

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Return Service Requested

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 Join us on Facebook - Wabash Valley Elohim Great Banquet Community*

Third Saturday of the month unless otherwise noted.

November 17, New Rivers Church, Board Election!

306 Archer Ave, Marshall, IL



No Gathering in December



January 19, Marshall Baptist Church

1608 IL Hwy 1, Marshall, IL