

# Elohim Great Banquet – Newsletter

## February 2023

### DeColores Elohim Community

This is the Elohim Great Banquet Newsletter to provide continuing information to the EGB Community on upcoming Weekends, Gatherings, and Board news. The newsletter will be 4 times per year – February, May, August, and November. The next newsletter will be May 2023.

### Message from The Community Lay Director

Greetings Great Banquet Family. First, I'd like to introduce myself. My name is David Burkybile, your Community Lay Director for 2023. A little bit about me: My wife Shannon and I live in Marshall and have two sons, Garrett and Devon. I was a guest on Elohim Great Banquet #35, and sat at the Table of Mark (clap!). The Great Banquet has been a life changing experience for both me and my family, and I feel blessed that I have been able to see others' lives changes as they have strengthened their relationship with Jesus, during my time of serving on the teams and on the Board for the last two years. This applies not only to the guests I have seen pass through the Banquets, but the Team Members as they have grown through their own serving. I feel the Banquet is the best example I have seen of Christians sacrificially loving each other as we are called to do.

We are within a few weeks of our Spring Banquets. We faced our first obstacle of the year with the damage at Camp New Hope, but God has provided an alternate location and I am certain it is going to work well. The Spring Weekends will be help down at **Merom Retreat Center, in Merom Indiana**. This facility has housed Emmaus and Chrysalis weekends in the past. It is a large facility, and there many options to setup for the weekend in the best way we see fit. I am sure we will see some challenges as we always do when we setup at a new location, but I am certain that God has equipped this community to overcome these challenges.

We still have room for more guests. Sponsor, sponsor, sponsor! God always shows up in a big way, no matter if we have a large or small group. I do know I was blessed on my weekend, and I am sure you all were as well, and I am certain that we all know someone in our lives who would be blessed by attending this Spring Weekend as well. 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.’”*

De Colores  
David Burkybile  
Community Lay Director

### Upcoming Weekends:

#### **Men's Weekend March 9-12, 2023**

Men's Lay Director—Kyle Wilcoxon

#### **Women's Weekend — March 16-19, 2023**

Women's Lay Director— Penny Reinoehl

**Both weekends** to be held at **Merom Retreat Center, 8555 W Phillip Street, Merom, Indiana**

Only persons who have been on a Cursillo-type weekend may attend the events on the weekends, such as Send Off, Sponsors Hour, Candlelight or Closing.

No children are allowed to attend on any weekend activity or event.

**Want to Volunteer – contact any Board member, fill-out the Vol form, and send it in Sponsor forms and Volunteer forms - goto Elohim Great Banquet website and included in this newsletter.**

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### **Upcoming Gatherings:**      **All Times are on Illinois Time**

The third Saturday of the month except the ones following the Spring and Fall weekends.

All Gatherings begin with a **5:00 PM (IL time) potluck** and **6:00 PM Worship** service.

March 25 - Singspiration at First Christian Church in Marshall

April 15 – Gathering at Otterbein Methodist Church in Paris

May 20 – Gathering at Ashmore Baptist Church in Ashmore

Everyone is welcome to come to any of the Gatherings, including children, whether they have been to a weekend or not.

### **EGB Board Information:**

#### **Board Members:**

List of current EGB Board members is on the last page of this newsletter. You are encouraged to contact any member of the Board with questions, concerns, or ideas that pertain to the Elohim Great Banquet.

#### **Board News:**

The board has been diligently working to update the manuals used by each team working on the weekends. We are trying to make them more user friendly and complete.

#### **Regular Board meetings:**

The first Thursday of every month, 6:00 PM (IL time) at Marshall First Christian Church

The community is invited to attend and share any concerns they might have.

#### **Board Elections:**

Community members wishing to be on the Elohim Great Banquet Board are required to fill out a form and then elections will be held at the Gathering in November to fill the 4 open positions. They will then serve a 3-year term.

### **EGB Contact Information:**

**Website:** [www.ElohimGreatBanquet.org](http://www.ElohimGreatBanquet.org)

You can:

- Send email with questions, volunteer sheets, Guest forms
- Find Weekend information
- Locations and dates of Gathering & Singspirations
- Get updated EGB Board contact list
- Download Volunteer form and Guest form
- Update your contact information

**FaceBook:** Wabash Valley Elohim Great Banquet Community

Request admittance if not current member of group

**Email:** [ElohimGreatBanquet@yahoo.com](mailto:ElohimGreatBanquet@yahoo.com)

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