



# Lafayette Great Banquet and Awakening Community

Good afternoon,

We regret to inform you of the decision to cancel the Women's Great Banquet #136 and Boy's and Girl's Awakenings #'s 38 and 39.

Given the wide-spread and constantly changing news coverage of the coronavirus, it isn't hard to imagine that many around the country – and beyond – have grown uneasy about being in the presence of large groups. Even today, the World Health Organization announced that Europe has overtaken China as the epicenter of the coronavirus. The Lafayette Great Banquet Community is not immune from these concerns.

Many of you already know that the Board has asked that only healthy sponsors and immediate family attend the Candlelight and Closing services during men's #135 to minimize the potential for exposure to infectious diseases of any kind. Our decision to cancel the upcoming weekends further helps protect against that possibility.

This decision has several implications for us the us near- and longer-term.

- The most pressing near-term activity that the cancellation has is that the camp clean-up and activities associated with returning all our stuff to the Agape Cabin that normally happens after our last weekend must take place tomorrow. This is a big job. If you are a sponsor or immediate family member of a guest or team member, would you consider coming to camp no later than 3 p.m. to help with those tasks? You have our commitment that we will stop before the Closing Worship service begins at 4:30 so you will not miss any of the service.
- Another near-term implication involves the guests and sleepers who have accepted the invitation to attend one of the next three weekends. We will contact each of the sponsors and guests to let them know that their Banquet and Awakening weekends have been cancelled.

Beyond these pressing details, the board plans to meet next week to discuss next steps. We will stay in touch with you through push notifications on the LGB App, Google e-mail and Facebook to keep you informed. If you have any questions about this decision or any related matter, please feel free to contact Mike Winings at (317) 308-1834 or Pam at (574) 721-6904.

We do our best to control the things that are in our control, but this is beyond our control. It breaks our hearts to have to cancel our Great Banquet and Awakening weekends, but we must trust that God has us in the palm of His hands.

*The Board of Directors*