

Fern Creek Highview United Ministries “Pennies From Heaven” 2010 GALA

HEAVENLY DESSERT AUCTION

Dear Churches,

Last year we introduced the Heavenly Dessert challenge. The basic idea was the pastor whose dessert brought in the most money would receive the coveted “Golden Halo” award. We had a lively competition going, it looked like Pastor Laura Meyers from St. Stephens might run away with the prize. But FC/HUM Board President Steve Ulrich noted that I didn’t have a congregation to vote for mine and so he encouraged people to **pool** their funds and vote for mine. It worked; I think my dessert sold for over \$500.

After the event it struck me however, that we should tweak the concept a little bit to make the competition even livelier and bring in even more money on the event. That is what we are trying to do after all. This year, we will again ask all ministers to fix a dessert (remember they can be “heavenly coached” if needed). We will then showcase the desserts and have opportunity for members, friends, supporters to add their bids together to come up to a grand total.

For instance, last year, two St. Stephen members were bidding against each other, whereas this year they would be bidding together so instead of \$300 their pastor could total over \$600. Get the idea? So, for example: St. Gabriel might have five bidders each bidding/committing \$100 to Fr. John’s dessert. The St. Gabriel total would then be \$500. St. Stephen’s Pastor Laura might have two people each signing up for \$300 each for a total of \$600. Beulah might have 11 people teaming up to contribute \$50 each for Ken’s totaling \$550. The winner would be St. Stephen with the largest amount of \$600. Of course the real winner will be FCHUM that would collect a total of \$1,650.

Sounds like a lot of fun! Ministers start preheating the ovens, parishioners get our your bidder numbers and check books. Let’s see who wins the “Heavenly Halo” this year!

God’s Peace & Blessings,

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