Spring Banquet
Information & Guidelines

May 11, 2026 • The Queen Mary

Philosophy & Purpose:

From time to time teens need to experience formal settings to learn how to respect each other, treat each other kindly, and honor the Lord in a uniquely memorable way.

Spring Banquet is a formal activity to which an escort (date) is permitted but not required. This function serves the primary purpose of honoring, rewarding, and challenging the faithful members of the graduating senior class as they prepare to leave the youth ministry and go forward in life.

This activity is a Christ-honoring time of cherished memories and a formal setting of spiritual and personal growth.

Cost & Registration Deadline:

Tickets are $140/person and available to purchase at lancasterbaptist.org/springbanquet until Sunday, April 26.

Basic Schedule:

12:00 p.m.	Check-in at Revels Lobby & Orientation in Revels 102
12:30 p.m.	Load Buses & Travel to Long Beach
2:30 p.m.	The Pike Outlets
3:45 p.m.	Load Buses & Travel to Queen Mary
4:00 p.m.	Tour Queen Mary
5:00 p.m.	Meet at the Royal Salon
5:30 p.m.	Dinner
6:30 p.m.	Explore Ship / Photo Opportunities
7:45 p.m.	Senior Recognition & Challenge from Pastor Chappell
9:30 p.m.	Load Buses
11:45 p.m.	Arrive at Church

General Guidelines:

- Spring Banquet is a privilege extended to the faithfully attending 9th-12th grade teen members of Lancaster Baptist Church. Only *faithful* twelfth grade members of the Lancaster Baptist youth group will be honored at the Spring Banquet.
- Teens in the ninth through twelfth grades may invite a date to this function, but this is not required and is subject to the parents' approval for their individual family preferences.
- Formal dresses or tuxedos are not required but are permitted.
- Single dating to and from the church or banquet is not permitted. All teens must arrive at the church in groups of four or more, or with parental chaperones.
- Guys and girls are not permitted to touch or be alone in an isolated area.
- Utmost respect for the Lord should be exemplified in all appearance, conversation, and behavior.

Guidelines for Seniors:

- Requests to be escorted to the banquet by a "postgraduate" date should be submitted to Brother Chappell. (Parental approval, age, Christian testimony, and faithfulness to God will be the primary considerations of these requests.)
- Only graduating seniors who faithfully attend LBC will be permitted to stay overnight after the banquet has concluded.

Guidelines for Young Men:

- All teen young men should seek permission from a girl's parent prior to asking her to go to the banquet. (Be sure to respectfully communicate whether or not you plan to cover or help with the cost of her ticket.)
- Young men may help cover the cost of the girl's banquet ticket, if desired, and should plan to cover "extras" for the girl they are escorting throughout the course of the evening.
- Young men should generally accompany their date throughout the banquet.
- Every consideration should be given to the girl you escort—opening doors, pulling out chairs, allowing her to "go first" in a line, etc.
- A thankful spirit should be expressed toward the parents of the girl who accompanies you.

Guidelines for Young Ladies:

- Before accepting an offer from a boy to take you to the banquet, he should receive permission from your parents.
- It is appropriate for girls to accompany their escorts throughout the course of the banquet.
- It is appropriate for girls to express thankful spirits toward their escorts.

- All dresses must be approved by Herina Kim or Amanda Linder by **Friday, April 24** (see next page for information). If a dress is checked, but requires modification, you will be asked to have your dress re-checked after alterations are made.

Dress Guidelines:

Young Men

- A suit and tie are appropriate dress for this event.
- Hair should be clean, cut, and neatly styled.

Young Ladies

- The neckline of the front of the dress should be no more than three fingers width below the collar bone, and the back of the dress should be above the shoulder blade.
- The shortest part of the dress, including slits, should fall below the knee.
- If a sleeveless dress is desired, then the straps must be wide and come to the edge of the shoulder.
- Dresses should be loose fitting and not clingy. (Tip: Avoid mermaid-style dresses.)
- Sheer material on the shoulders, neckline or back should be lined with solid fabric.

Dress Checks:

Please email pictures of yourself in the dress from the front, side (with one hand on hip), and back angles to springbanquet@lancasterbaptist.org by April 24. (Only our female youth staff have access to this account and will be reviewing the photos.) You can expect a response within 24-48 hours of sending them in, but if you do not receive a response, please email again.

Questions:

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