



UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed May 20:

6pm Back Pack Ministry-
Food Bank

7pm Discernment Class-
Part 2

Thu May 21:

7pm Spiritual Road
Training

Sat May 23:

9:30am Discernment
Class- Part 2

Sun May 24:

10:30am Worship

11:45am Meet, Greet &
Eat!

Mon May 25:

Church Office Closed

Sat Jun 6:

6-10pm Progressive
Dinner!

Jun 11-14:

Camp Rosales for kids

SPIRITUAL ROAD MEETING SCHEDULE



Upcoming Meeting Schedule

Spiritual Road Series

Thursday Nights

7:00 pm

May 21- Numerology with Letty Cruz

May 28- The Law of Attraction with Cassy Batts &
Shari Beers

June 4- The Mormon Faith with Candy Davidson

June 11- "Bibliodrama" with Rev. Teresa Mallott

June 18- Life Experience (overcoming alcohol
addiction) with Chris Noe

June 25- Tikva with Mike Cauley

WEEKLY MEDITATION - May 20

by Rev. Teri Lubbers

Longings of the Heart

Build a ship and there'll be water to float it. The tender-throated infant cries and milk drips from the mother's breast. Be thirsty for the ultimate water and then be ready for what will come pouring from the stream. - Rumi

Human beings are often more inclined to the wantings of the heart than to the longings of the heart. (Although I believe that ultimately the wantings are the ego's attempt to satisfy the longings.) Appetites, obsessions, addictions and compulsions are expressions of fearful egos.

Sun Jun 14:

10:30am Worship

After Sve- Town Hall Meeting

MAY STATS-

05/03

Attendance- 130

Offering-\$3,222

05/10

Attendance- 90

Offering- \$1,982

05/17

Attendance- 120

Offering- \$1,510

**Monthly Tithing Target:
\$11,790**

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You know the feeling. You may already have ten of something, but you just have to have one more. Some of us can't have just one drink; if we have one drink, we are compelled to drink ourselves into oblivion. Some of us are that way with books and learning - if I read one more book maybe then I will attain enlightenment! It is the wanting-to-have that drives us; the actual having doesn't really satisfy. Ego is not content with being at peace.

So when I talk about longings of the heart I mean something very different. Hunger for God, for ultimate purpose and meaning, for wholeness - this is a different kind of longing. It is longing at the very core of our being. And it can't be satisfied by anything outside of us. Even by ideas or beliefs of an Outside-of-Us God. It's an inside job. When Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is within you," he meant what he said.

So in our time of discernment, can we all pay attention to the longings? In Rumi's words, what is the ship we wish to build? What is the milk we are crying for? What is the ultimate water we have been thirsty for? What would it mean to be totally attached to Spirit's agenda rather than our own? What would we have to let go of? What would have to change or be created?

In this next week ask yourself some of these questions:

~For what am I longing? ~What themes keep recurring in my life? ~What excites me and gives me hope? ~What choices or changes has Spirit been nudging me to make in my life? ~What is the "boat" I want us to build at Agape (even if I don't know where the water will come from to float it)?

For at least the next three weeks we will meet at church in **small discernment groups** on: **Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.** and **Saturdays at 9:30 a.m.** Come and join us!

Prayer: *God, I long for your Presence in my life. Help me to hope, to have faith, and to be open to your moving within me today. I don't want to substitute my wants for what I most long for. Please guide my path. Amen.*

VISION QUEST MEETING FOR MAY CANCELLED

The May Vision Quest Meeting (formerly Leadership Meeting) for May 25 has been cancelled due to the holiday. Please note this on your calendars.

AGAPE MCC PROGRESSIVE DINNER- June 6



Progressive Dinner Rules

Start at Kathy M.'s home - appetizers

Then drive to Kris & Linda's home - grilled kabobs

End up at Pat & Janna's home - for ice cream, short cake, a dip in the pool & watching "Beach Blanket Bingo"!

Get in the mood, wear your "beach attire" and remember your swim suit if you want to dip in the pool.

\$20/person - A "fun" raiser for Agape MCC.

Reserve your spot by calling: 817-568-1432

NEXT TOWN HALL MEETING- June 14

Join the Agape Board of Directors for our next town hall meeting on **Sunday, June 14**, after the morning worship service. Get the latest updates to keep up with what's going on at Agape' and to ask any questions you may have. *See you there!*

PRAISES!

- For Thomas R. and all he did for a first time visitor to help him get to church and feel at home
- Great test results for Evelyn's daughter
- For Teresa M. her presence and wisdom
- For Robert M. and all of his gifts
- For Deb and all of her work on behalf of our children
- For an amazing concert and all the ministry of Open Door Productions
- For those who help with the Wedding Expo

- For Teri L. and her leadership in the discernment process
- For Billy S. and his gentle presence
- For our greeters and everyone on our community who welcomes and makes visitors feel at home
- For the sunshine and new beginnings

PRAYERS

- For Jennifer N. and healing following a medical procedure
- Barbara B. eye problems
- Don K. cancer
- Jason B. job
- Melinda B. husband
- Ray B. getting a new boss at work...prayers she/he will be a good one

PICK UP THE PHONE...& raise funds for Agape!



Call the Kudlac Insurance Agency at 817-656-0885. Identify yourself as a member or friend of Agape MCC and ask for an insurance quote: home, auto, renters, life, etc.

**Agape MCC will receive a \$25 check
for your inquiry.**

FREE WELLNESS GATHERING- MAY 26

Do you ever feel drained, worn-out, agitated, or restless after spending time with a certain person or in a certain situation? Do you have a tendency to go and go until you drop? Are you often dealing with small yet consistent aches or pains - including migraines and sinus issues? Come learn how caring for yourself energetically can benefit your overall wellness and quality of life.

May 26 - "Beyond Shielding: The Energetics of Self Care" Free Wellness Gathering at MoveStudio's MoveU on Tuesday, May 26 at 7pm, 17062 Preston Road Suite 108, Dallas, TX 75248. Their phone

number is 972.732.0206. Facilitator, Shaman Lynn Wolf.

BUSINESS CONNECTIONS MIXER- May 28

**Hosted by Q Cinema
Thursday, May 28, 2009 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Rose Marine Theater
1440 N. Main Street
Fort Worth, TX 76106
(817) 215-8600**

Tarrant County Business Connections is excited to be a part of the opening night of the Q Cinema International Gay and Lesbian Film Festival (May 28th - 31st)! The mixer will be held prior to the premiere movie, Fruit Fly, by director H.P. Mendoza. The movie starts at 7:30 p.m. Check out the trailer for the film on the Q Cinema website. If you would like stay for the film festival premiere, you may purchase individual tickets for the movie only (\$10), or a ticket/after-party combination (\$20).

Spend the evening mingling with other GLBT and Allied Professionals in the Tarrant County area. Promote your business, company, and organization. Bring plenty of business cards and please feel free to bring a guest! We will allocate some time during the evening so that those who wish can present a twenty to thirty second commercial about their business, organization, or community events. There will be a cash bar and light appetizers will be served.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, May 27th, to jana.c.white@ampf.com or RSVP at www.glbtchamber.org We look forward to seeing you. There is no cost or obligation to attend this event.

Our Mission- With open hearts, open minds, and open arms, Agape' MCC is a nurturing faith community seeking God's will by celebrating inclusive worship, redefining family, and providing a voice for justice.

Our Core Values- We believe that a sacred space: Welcomes and affirms all people; Does not "stand idly by" in the face of inequity and injustice; Communicates the unconditional love of God for all; Improves the spiritual connections between each person and God as she or he understands God.