



## Agape MCC Weekly News

June 10 2009

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Thu Jun 11:**

7pm Spirit Road

**Jun 11-14:**

Camp Rosales for kids

**Fri Jun 12:**

6pm Samaritan House  
Supper Club

**Sat Jun 13:**

5:30pm Men's Fellowship

**Sun Jun 14:**

10:30am Worship

After Sve- Town Hall  
Meeting

**Mon Jun 15:**

5:30 Worship Team Mtg

### JUNE STATS-

**06/07**

Attendance- 102

Offering-\$2,362



### **MEN'S FELLOWSHIP DINNER- Sat June 13**

IHOP - 5920 Quebec St  
Fort Worth 817-237-2894  
Meet at 5:30 pm

Saturday, June 13

Hosted by Mike and Mark. Questions? call 817-652-5120 or 817-881-1613.

### **WEEKLY MEDITATION - June 10**

by Rev. Teri Lubbers

### **Keeping Searching**

*Yeshua says: If you are searching you must not stop until you find. When you find, however you will become troubled. Your confusion will give way to wonder. In wonder you will reign over all things. Your sovereignty will be your rest. - Gospel of Thomas, Logion 2*

We tend to be to-do list people. We plan the work and work the plan. We like agendas and being able to check off the items we have completed. It is both satisfying and gratifying to see what we accomplish.

The realm of Spirit doesn't yield to that method. We find that Spirit has its own purposes and intentions for and with us. I love the Yeshua (Jesus) quote above. We are to be always searching, spiritually speaking.

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**\$11,790**

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We are meant to be seekers always.

But instead of being able to check "I found it" off our list, the searching is continuous and actually leads us into unfamiliar terrain that can be troubling, disconcerting, maybe even scary. Because the way we thought it would or should be turns out to be peripheral and secondary to what God wants to do in and with us. This can be disorienting.

But that confusion ultimately gives way to wonder, to awe, as our willingness to surrender grows. We don't acquire Spirit...it acquires us. Only then do the clinging attachments and nagging conditioning of our lives begin to fall away and we become free to taste and experience those fruits of the Spirit that the Apostle Paul speaks of:

*God brings gifts into our lives much the same way the fruit appears in the orchard - things like affection for others, exuberance about life, serenity. We develop a willingness to stick with things, a sense of compassion in the heart, and a conviction that a basic holiness permeates things and people. We find ourselves involved in loyal commitments, not needing to force our way in life, able to marshal and direct our energies wisely. - Galatians 5:22-23, The Message*

Although our small discernment groups at Agape are done for now, our seeking for the guidance of Spirit is not. Thank you to all who participated. I hope to see everyone at Sunday's Open Forum. Today is just the beginning....

**Prayer:** *Holy Spirit, give me courage today to follow you, even when you take me out of my comfort zone, out of familiar territory. Clear the places of confusion in my life and awaken me to the wonder of your presence all around me. Amen.*

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**UPDATE ON BILLIE MOON**

Ms. Billie has returned home from the hospital and surprised many by being back at church last Sunday morning to worship with us! Thanks to all who prayed for her last week and those who kept a close check on her status.

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**Spirit Road -  
Thursday Nights  
Agape MCC Fellowship Hall**

**7:00 pm**

*donations are very welcome!*

**June 11-** "Bibliodrama" with Rev. Teresa Mallott

**June 18-** Overcoming Alcohol Addiction with Dallas musician Chris Noe (Chris will be playing for us too!)

**June 25-** Discover worshipping with art & creativity through "Tikva" with Mike Cauley

Join us on Thursday evenings as we explore different cultures, different beliefs, different ways of worship and healing, and sometimes perhaps just dip into a bit of the unexplained and extraordinary.

As Henry Miller said, "Our destination is never a place, but a new way of seeing things."

Let us look through the eyes of others and see not how different we are, but how alike we are. Come walk with us.

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**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!*

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**CALLING ALL YARD & GARDEN VOLUNTEERS!**



We are looking for people of the land who feel like they can help with watering and maintenance of our outdoor spaces. If you can spare an hour or two a week to help out please email Rev.

David at [revwynn@yahoo.com](mailto:revwynn@yahoo.com). Thank you!

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## **GREETERS NEEDED!**



A GREETER is a friendly smile, a helpful hand to hold the door, or a steady arm to help someone to the entrance of our worship space.

A GREETER sets the tone for what the community of Agape MCC is - a place where everyone feels the love of God.

We need at least 4-5 new greeters to be the first face and arms people meet at the doors of Agape MCC.

*Interested?* Contact Tommie Lee Phillips or Linda Schram for more information.

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## **PRAISES!**

- For Evelyn B. and Shawn M. holding down the fort last week as Rev. David was away.
  - For Tina H. who repaired our sprinkler system.
  - For Ms. Billie being back in church.
  - For an unexpected gift from a friend.
  - For a wonderful church family.
  - For Kathy M., Kris M., Linda S., Pat P. & Janna B. opening their homes and the great fellowship for those who participated in the progressive dinner.
  - For times when we know and times we don't know.
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## **PRAYERS**

- Healing for Mark H.
- For Shari B.'s brother and nephew Brad and Baker B as they hike for 75 days on the Appalachian Trail.
- For Shari B.'s dad as he hikes for 11 days on

the Appalachian Trail.

For employment for Thomas and Jade.

- For Mandy S. unknown illness.
- For Bill M. and the recent loss of his wife.
- For Pat D. diagnosed with breast cancer.
- For Sheri C. as she goes to Afganistan.
- Linda's mom, Loretta, went to the hospital this week for heart arrhythmia. She is back at home & doing fine- continued prayer for health.
- Claudia R.- for healing.

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**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.**

**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.