



UPCOMING EVENTS

Thu Aug 6:

7pm Spirit Road- Spirituality on the Radio

Sat Aug 8:

6pm Murder Mystery Dinner & Dance!

Sun Aug 9:

10:30am Worship Sve

Thu Aug 13:

7pm Spirit Road- Pentecostals: A Personal Journey

Fri Aug 14:

6pm Samaritan House Supper Club

Mon Aug 17:

7pm Board of Directors
(changed from 8/10)

AUGUST STATS-

08/02

Attendance- 124

Offering-\$3,736

Monthly Giving Target:

\$11,790

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AGAPE MCC PRESENTS:

"The Return of Rock N. Roley" Murder Mystery Dinner

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August 8, 2009 - 6pm @ Shell's Diner

4615 E California Pkwy

Fort Worth TX 76119

Tickets: \$12

Call Stacy @ 817-680-4083 or email @ stacy_i9@yahoo.com for information or reservations.



Weekly Medation- August 5, 2009

By Rev. Teri Lubbers

Encouragement of Light

How did the rose ever open its heart and give to this world all of its beauty? It felt the encouragement of light against its being, otherwise we all remain too frightened. - Hafiz

Nature holds so many secrets. There are so many things I do not know; so much I do not understand. Flowers open their petals to light during the day and close them at night. My houseplants turn all of their leaves to the source of light in the room; if I turn the pot around they will just do it again. Simple plants know. They are drawn to light, hunger for it, seek it out. How do they do that? Light is life to them.

Light is life to us as well. So many scriptures talk about light: ~ God is light ~ May the light of God's countenance be upon you ~ I am the light of the world ~ In Thy light we see light ~ Even darkness is as light to Thee ~ If your eye is single your whole body is filled with light ~ the Life-Light blazed out of the darkness, and the darkness couldn't put it out.

How do you open your heart and give to the world all your beauty? Close your eyes and feel where Light is encouraging your being. Just for today, let go of being afraid, throw back the curtains and let Light stream in. If you open up and lean into the Light - even a little - you will flower in ways you have yet to imagine.

Prayer: *Creator, you provide all that I need - Light, Life, Love. Thanks for this human existence and for grace that allows me to be aware of you. Help me believe in Light more than I believe in fear today. You are the Light of my life.*

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Amen.

Spirit Road This Week: Spirituality on the Radio



A leisurely look at some of the ways that spirituality has been weaved into some of the secular music we listen to. Come, kick back and relax with us as we will be listening to several styles of music and then reflecting our thoughts on what we each hear. Please feel free to bring a few tunes that you might like to share!

Spirit Road - Thursday, Aug 6
Agape Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m.

Open Hearts Gift Shop Update



From Trish at the Gift Shop: Agape MCC's Open Hearts Gift Shop is moving in new and exciting directions. We are going on the road. We are selling our wares and sharing information about our church with the community. This effort to raise money is also a great outreach program. Casting our nets on the other side and fishing for the fish that no one sees. Below are the dates and places you can find us:

Aug 15 - Best Friends
Sep 12 - Open Door Production
Sep 26 - Best Friends
Oct 03 - Open Door Production
Oct 04 - Stampedes (Parade)
Oct 10 - Pride Picnic
Oct 24 - Best Friends
Nov 21 - Best Friends
Dec 12 - Best Friends

Join OpenDoor in a night of intrigue, risk taking, and going to a higher ground with

Erika Lockett & Lisa Ferraro



as "RUBY"

Sat. 9/12

7:30 PM

Heart & Soul
Coffeehouse

The Persian poet Jelaluddin Rumi uses the ruby as a symbol of transformation in describing the spiritual process, which transforms us into jewels. This show celebrates Ruby's CD, "On the Way of Love: Songs Inspired by Rumi". Sensual voices, rich and harmonic, blending with guitar sounds, draw the listener into the visuals created from the lyrics.

Proceeds from the event support the artists and the ministries of Agape MCC. *Please join us!*

Tickets: \$15 in advance / \$20 at the door

Praises!

- For Anna being back in service last Sunday.
- For Kathy M. who saw a need and met it.
- For Stephanie L. for her spirit and her generosity of hospitality.
- For all of the visitors and children at this past Sunday's service.
- For a new home for Shawn and Tony.
- For Pat P. who was such a help to two folks this past week.
- For Evelyn and Gail who saw a need and met it.
- For all of our Sunday School Teachers.
- For all of those who contributed monies for backpacks for foster kids. We met our goal!
- For the folks who got settled in homes due to contributions from Agape and others.
- For the amazing time we had at Spirit Road discussing Gender.

Prayers:

- Genni and Ken for health and finances.
- Cassy B. - illness.
- Karen N. - sister's family in bad auto accident; for their continued healing.
- Brenda J.

- Janet and Derrick for health and strength.
- Lori G.
- Sherri C. in Afghanistan.
- Leigh & Patti- Ashleigh's development.
- Healing within a relationship.
- Bill W. - healing.
- For our pastoral search process.

Helping The Homeless in Tarrant County

HRA (Helping Restore Ability) is asking for some help this summer:

The City of Fort Worth and its partner agencies are working to make homelessness a rare, short-term and non-recurring experience in Cowtown by 2018 through the Directions Home program.

If you would like to assist helping set up a new home for homeless individuals, please pick up household dry goods to help someone start a new life in their new home. Cash donations are also accepted. Bring your gifts to Agape MCC and we will gather these for pick-up by HRA staff.

For more information about HRA, go to <http://www.hratexas.org/index.htm> .

Towels For Arlington Life Shelter



Bring Us Clean New or Used Towels and Washclothes

New or used towels and washcloths are needed immediately at the Arlington Life Shelter. The shelter is operating at emergency capacity due to the triple digit temps. Can you help? Bring towels and washcloths to Agape MCC, and we will get them to the shelter for you. Thanks in advance for your help in this emerging need in one of our communities!

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.