



Agape MCC Weekly News

Aug 19 2009

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thu Aug 20:
7pm Spirit Road-
Pentecostals: A Personal
Journey w Dawn Dujour

Sat Aug 22:
9-11am Members Class

**9:30am North TX State Fair
Parade in Denton- march
with WJD**

Sun Aug 23:
10:30am Worship Service
11:30am Meet, Greet & Eat
Q&A with Rev. David

Mon Aug 24:
7pm Vision Quest Meeting

Thu Aug 27:
7pm Spirit Road- A Time of
Spiritual Formation w Rev.
Teri Lubbers

Fri Aug 28:
6pm Samaritan House Supper
Club

Sat Aug 29:
2pm Rosales Baby Shower

Sun Aug 30:
10:30am Worship Service
**Special Congregation
Meeting (after a.m. service)**

From the Pastoral Search Committee

Last Sunday, the Pastoral Search Committee presented Reverend David Wynn as the candidate for the position of Senior Pastor to the congregation of Agape MCC.

Rev. Wynn will be available for individual meetings through August 30. You can contact Reverend Wynn to make an appointment at (817) 535-5002.

To vote at the congregational meeting, you must be an active member of Agape MCC. For information on becoming a member, please contact Shawn McCraw at the Agape MCC volunteer office - (817) 535-5002.

Dates to Remember:

- **Aug 23** - Question and Answer with Rev. Wynn during the Meet, Greet & Eat lunch
- **Aug 30** - Special Congregational Meeting - vote to call Rev. David Wynn as Senior Pastor of Agape MCC

Thank you for all of your prayers and patience during this time of change in our church!

If you have any questions for the Pastoral Search Committee, please email them to agapepsc@yahoo.com

Weekly Medation- August 19, 2009

By Rev. Teri Lubbers

Worship Comes in Many Forms

Make sure you don't take things for granted and go slack in working for the common good; share what you have with others. God takes particular pleasure in acts of worship - a different kind of "sacrifice" - that take place in kitchen and workplace and on the streets. - Hebrews 13:16 (The Message)

Worship is a daily occurrence and not just an hour on Sunday. I love the suggestions above for what worship might look like:

AUGUST STATS-

08/02

Attendance- 124

Offering-\$3,736

08/09

Attendance- 109

Offering-\$3,212

08/16

Attendance- 100

Offering-\$2,331

Monthly Giving Target:

\$11,790

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- 1) Don't take things for granted
- 2) Work for the common good without complacency
- 3) Share what you have with others

The antidote of taking things for granted is gratitude, and gratitude is at the heart of worship. When you start thinking of things you are grateful for, a shift in perspective happens. You shift from a model of lack and scarcity to one of fulfillment and peace.

Gratitude can be simple, for simple things. A good night's sleep and this bed I slept in. Hot water to shower in. Having a choice about what to eat for breakfast. Sunshine, for the singing bird outside, the scent of flowers. Gratitude for the people in my life - at home, at work, at church, for the stranger I pass on the street.

My personal well-being is not separate from the well-being of others. Ultimately the level of the common good impacts the level of each person's individual good. We are connected to one another and to everything around us. And we can work for the common good at every scale, from my neighbor next door to my neighbor on the other side of the globe. Every choice makes an impact.

Sharing what we have with others includes material things but it goes beyond that. It is also about sharing feelings, hopes, joys, creativity and inspiration. It is widening the circle of our lives to include others who may feel like outsiders, encouraging others, acknowledging their gifts and contributions.

Worship comes in many forms....

Prayer: God, thank you for my life. Thank you for the opportunities this day brings for you to manifest your light and love in the world in and through me. Guide and lead me today that I may add to the good of all. Amen.



Next Membership Class Sat August 22

Our next membership class is this **Saturday, Aug 22 at 9 a.m.** Please contact the church office at **817-535-5002** if you plan to attend.

**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.

Contact us at:

www.agapemcc.com

817-535-5002

Join Our Mailing List!

March in Denton Fair Parade Saturday Aug 22



Would Jesus Discriminate MCCs will march together in the Denton North Texas State Fair Parade on Sat, Aug 22. We will meet up at Denton High School. Harvest MCC will be there early to get a "spot" so everyone else needs to be there by 9:30 AM. Look for people wearing the WJD shirts to find the starting place. Deb B. will have a sign-up sheet at Agape MCC this Sunday so we will know who all will be there.

[Click here](#) for the parade route map and WJD meeting information.

[Click here](#) to get more rodeo, fair and parade information.

Rosales Baby Shower



**Location: Agape MCC Fellowship Hall
4615 E. California Parkway
Fort Worth, TX 76119 US
When: Sat, August 29, 2pm to 4pm
Phone: 817-501-2514**

Please join us for a "Come and Go" baby shower reception as we eagerly anticipate the arrival of Ana Elisabeth Rosales. Her family...big brother, Aiden, mom, Sarah and Dad, Robert look forward to celebrating with you!! They are registered at Target and Wal Mart...and diapers are ALWAYS appreciated. Kids are welcomed to attend:-).

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
Coffeeshouse**

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](#)

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:

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

Rev. Delores Berry at Agape Oct 25 A.M. Service



Our special guest speaker on Sunday October 25 will be Rev. Delores P. Berry. Rev. Berry is an Evangelist and vocalist in the Metropolitan Community Churches. A former Christian Methodist Episcopal minister, she was ordained by the MCC in 1983. If you haven't heard her preach before, you're in for a treat. To say that she's dynamic is an understatement!

Please join us for this special event. Learn more about Rev. Berry and her ministry at her website:

<http://www.revdeloresberry.com> .

Praises!

- For Denecia who passed the TAKS test.
- For Colette J. who graduated with her PhD.
- For David's candidacy process.
- For Janna B. who saw a need and met it.
- For Terri N. who stepped in and helped at Spirit Road.
- For all the children in our community who have gone back to school with the supplies they need thanks to the generosity of Agape.
- For everyone who donated to Juan's moving expenses.
- For the Pastoral Search Team.
- For everyone who helped with Shawn and Tony's move.
- Thanks to Robert and Sarah R., Stacy K., Cecilia K., Deanie S., Leigh W., Sheri C., Anthony L. who helped out a single mom whose kids needed school clothes, backpacks and supplies.

Prayers:

- For Travis D. journey with terminal cancer, his wife Leryn, and children Race and Haven.
- Healing for Patsy and Sam.
- For Alli and Sophia and their parents.
- For work.
- For transportation.
- For jobs for Jade and Thomas.
- Michelle D.
- Gary R.
- Pat D.
- Healing for Nick L. and Bret L.
- For Terri, Aaron, Jess. and family.
- For Rev. David's candidacy process.
- Healing for Tyson B.

From the Turtle Creek Chorale - Auditions

The Turtle Creek Chorale in Dallas will hold auditions for New Members for it's 30th Season. The attached flyer gives details of our 1st rehearsal of the season as well as a new member mixer which will be held for potential members to meet current members of the Chorale.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Action Alert

Tell the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) to Cease Actions Against an LGBT-Affirming Reverend

Rev. Eric Lee is the President of the Los Angeles chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, a civil rights organization founded by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He has become an outspoken advocate for Marriage Equality, and was

particularly visible during protests against California's Proposition 8. The SCLC is now seeking a hearing, demanding that Rev. Lee explain his positions, and the National Black Justice Coalition (NBJC) believes that he is in imminent danger of being fired for his actions in support of marriage equality.

The NBJC asserts that Rev. Lee should be praised and supported for his support of LGBT rights - yet instead, it would seem that he is in danger of disciplinary actions that may include losing his job.

We invite you to take a moment to send the SCLC a message in support of Rev. Lee, his work and his accomplishments by clicking the following link http://ga4.org/campaign/sclc_July09 .

It is the position of the NBJC that the SCLC should not create an employment environment that gives way to discrimination based on one's personal values and beliefs. The loss of income to Rev. Lee and his family, particularly in these economic times, reflects the daily risk that LGBT people and our straight allies face in demanding equal rights for all.

We ask that you send the Dr. Byron Clay, president of the SCLC a letter in support of Rev. Lee, and call on the SCLC to rise to the occasion of supporting LGBT rights as part of our civil right!

Contact Information for the SCLC

Write to them online at:
<http://sclcnational.org/net/write.aspx?s=2607.0.12.2607>

Thank you for your willingness to add your voice to this action alert.

NBJC

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.