



## Agape MCC Weekly News

Sept 30 2009

### Upcoming Events

#### Thu Oct 1:

7pm Spirit Road- The Amish  
with Lisa O.

#### Sat Oct 3:

**7:30pm Zoe Lewis Concert**

#### Sun Oct 4:

10:30am Worship Sve -  
Fellowship Sunday!

**2pm Tarrant Pride Parade**

#### Mon Oct 5:

7pm Chaplains Mtg

#### Thu Oct 8:

7pm Spirit Road: Tough Love

#### Fri Oct 9:

6pm Samaritan House Supper  
Club

#### Sat Oct 10:

**12-6pm Pride Picnic @  
Trinity Park**

#### Sun Oct 11:

10:30am Worship Sve

**12pm Medicare Info Seminar**

#### Sun Oct 18:

Fellowship Sunday!

12pm Readers & Communion  
Servers Training

### Open Door Production

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## ZoE Lewis

**Saturday - Oct 3 - 7:30 pm**

**Tickets: \$18 at the door  
Heart & Soul Coffee House  
4615 E California Pkwy  
Fort Worth TX 76119**



Zoe storms the stage playing everything from swinging folk & Latin jazz to acoustic funk and sprightly Celtic flavored tunes. Now from Provincetown, her boundless energy is hard to ignore.

Check Her Out - [www.zoelewis.com](http://www.zoelewis.com) / Order tickets on-line at: <http://www.opendoorproductionstx.com/tickets.htm>

### Weekly Meditation - September 30, 2009

by Rev. Teri Lubbers

#### Survival

This week's meditation is just a short reading from Anthony deMello, who was a Jesuit priest in India. It comes from his book entitled, **One Minute Wisdom**:

*Each day the disciple would ask the same question:  
"How shall I find God?"*

*And each day he would get the same mysterious  
answer: "Through desire."*

*"But I desire God with all my heart, don't I? Then why  
have I not found him?"*

*One day the Master happened to be bathing in the river  
with the disciple. He pushed the man's head underwater  
and held it there while the poor fellow struggled  
desperately to break loose.*

*Next day it was the Master who began the conversation.  
"Why did you struggle so when I held your head under  
water?"*

**Sat Oct 24:**

**6pm Trunk or Treat!**

**Sun Oct 25:**

10:30 Worship with Rev.  
Delores Berry

12pm Meet, Greet & Eat!

**Sun Nov 8:**

Congregational Forum (after  
service)

**Sun Nov 15:**

Congregational Mtg (after  
service)

**Sun Nov 22:**

Rev. Wynn's installation as Sr.  
Pastor

### Sept Statistics:

**09/06:**

Attendance: 89  
Offering: \$1,511

**09/13:**

Attendance: 99  
Offering: \$1,782

**09/20:**

Attendance: 75  
Offering: \$1,653

**09/27:**

Attendance: 118  
Offering: \$1,650

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on most items & get 5% back  
for our church. Link on our  
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*Because I was gasping for air."*

*When you are given the grace to gasp for God the way  
you gasped for air, you will have found him."*

*I was thinking of the song we sometimes sing in church ...  
you are the air I breathe...*

**Prayer: Maker of All, I long for you today. Help me to stay  
awake and not let the events of this day lull me back to  
sleep. Help me to stop struggling and just breathe. Amen.**

### Tarrant County Pride Parade- Sunday Oct 4!



The **Tarrant County Pride Parade** will  
be **Sun., Oct. 4**. All 5 Metroplex MCCs  
will march as one group with the WJD  
banners and t-shirts (but please feel free  
to wear whatever you wish). Put on your  
walking shoes!

The Parade starts at 2pm, so come early to line up for the parade.  
We head south on Jennings from 305 West Broadway (near  
Broadway Baptist Church) towards Rosedale (Main Stage around  
651 South Jennings).

For more Parade information: [www.tcgpwa.org](http://www.tcgpwa.org)

### Spirit Road on Thu Oct 8 - 7pm



On October 8th, Spirit Road is very  
pleased to present Don Lee and  
friends from "Tough Love". Tough  
Love is a self-help organization  
providing ongoing education  
and support to families, empowering  
parents and young people to accept  
responsibility for their actions. This  
support network strives to make  
communities safe places to live.

Tough Love believes that drug and alcohol abuse, family  
violence, teen pregnancy, suicide, family dissolution, school drop-  
outs and runaways are problems created and maintained by the  
culture in which we live. It is the goal of the organization to  
change the conditions of culture by empowering people through  
Tough Love's community based self-help programs.

Tough Love does NOT:

Advocate or support "throwing kids out"

Advocate or support violence against kids or parents

Advocate or support verbal abuse

Offer an "instant fix" (The situation took a long time to develop; it  
will take a long time to reverse.)

Tough Love is not only for parents. The support and education  
offered by the group can also help in situations with parents, co-  
workers, spouses or any other areas where a relationship may  
not seem to be a 50/50 one with good communication.

Please join us for this special presentation whether you have

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Call the Kudlac Insurance  
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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](http://www.agapemcc.com)

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someone you need help with, or just want to learn how to develop better relationships in certain areas of your life. Also, if you know of anyone who may be interested in hearing about what Tough Love has to offer, please encourage them to join us. Spirit Road is open to everyone.

We would like to provide child care for those who would like to come but would not be able to without this offer. **PLEASE let Lisa O'Grady know if you will be coming and bringing any children along.**

### **Trunk or Treat, Saturday Oct 24!**



This annual event is fun for kids of all ages. Adults are invited to decorate their car trunks, vans or truck beds in their Halloween finest and compete for best in show (while "treating" the children with Halloween candies, etc).

Children come dressed in your Halloween best! Many games and activities and foods galore.

**Would you like to get involved? Speak to:**  
Patti Stephens, Trish Penland, or Stephanie Lotz

**Please join us:**  
**Saturday, Oct 24**  
**6:00 pm**  
**It will be boo-tiful!**

### **Applications for Church Positions**



Grace and Claudia will staff a table in the church lobby this Sunday to answer questions and distribute applications for the upcoming vacant positions:

**4 Board of Directors positions**

**2 Alternatate Lay Delegate positions**

Please talk with them and pick up an application this weekend if you interested in any of these important church positions.

Elections for these offices will be held at our **Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, Nov 15.**

**Deadline for applications: Friday, Oct 16.**

## Sunday School Teachers Needed



Agape MCC needs additional teachers for our Children's Sunday School. Teacher plans, materials, and activities are already in place. We ask that teachers lead once every 4 to 8 weeks. If you are interested feel free to observe a Sunday School Class on any Sunday Morning. Just speak with Deb or Tina.

Our Agape kids are awesome, and it can be a special blessing to be part of their spiritual growth experience. Please consider this opportunity prayerfully!

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## 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.revdeloresherry.com> .

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## Praises!

- For MCC dedicating October and beyond as a Season of Gratitude.
- Billy, Mark, and Michael- the chefs on Sunday and Board Members...for providing a wonderful lunch.
- Wren W.- who helped out a ton on Sunday.
- Tony P. and all of those who helped with the Labyrinth on Saturday's work day: Denise, Evelyn, Christian, Dee, Teri, Kathy; and Tina's donation of new mulch!
- For a clean bill of health for Almond the cat.
- For Maddy who was born premature and is gaining some weight and getting healthier.
- For Stephanie and her energy.
- Anna R.'s now at home and continues to heal.
- For Louise's son Wayne being out of ICU.
- Thomas R.- who reminded us on Sunday about what it means to be the Church.
- Mary G.- for her work on our lawn.
- Pennie & Connie- married in Provincetown last week. Congratulations!

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## Prayers:

- Cody, Terri and Aaron's son- who was in a motorcycle

accident, for healing of wounds.

- Marsha and the medical professionals as they continue to work towards healing.
- Gail- ...for centering, strength, and peace.
- Louise M.'s son Wayne, continued healing...and for Louise and Donna as they care for him.
- For our Pride Parade on Sunday and the Would Jesus Discriminate Campaign.
- Maddy and her parents- as she continues to get stronger.
- Shawn M.- who will be getting two hip replacements.
- Kris M.'s mom Fern.
- Sarah R.- outpatient surgery today; for fast recovery.

**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.