



Upcoming Events

Thu Oct 29:

7pm Spirit Road:
Halloween-the real story

Sun Nov 1:

10:30 am **All Saints Day Service & Fellowship**
Sunday

Sun Nov 8:

Congregational Forum (after service)

Sun Nov 15:

Congregational Mtg
(after service)

Sun Nov 22:

Rev. Wynn's installation as Sr. Pastor

Oct. Statistics:

10/04:

Attendance: 104
Offering: \$3,787

10/11:

Attendance: 99
Offering: \$1,698

10/18:

Attendance: 104
Offering: \$1,335

10/25:

Attendance: 128
Offering: \$2,316



All Saints Day Service, Sunday Nov. 1

In preparation for All Saints Day on Nov. 1, we honor Agape friends and family who have passed on before us.

Please submit photos of family or friends to Leigh and Patti at: pattandleigh@sbcglobal.net so that we may celebrate their lives on this special day at Agape.

Photos are needed by this Friday, Oct. 23. Thank you!

Weekly Meditation - October 28, 2009

by Rev. Teri Lubbers

All The Saints

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us ... pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ~ Hebrews 12:1, Ephesians 6:18

Halloween (All Hallows Eve), All Saints Day, All Souls Day...

If you have an investigative mind and would like to embark on a scavenger hunt, any of these days will give you plenty to dig for. Their history reaches back, not only to early Christianity but to sacred days that existed prior to the church (which the organized church later claimed as its own). Today we tend to celebrate these days as a remembrance of loved ones who have died but whose love for us (and our love for them) continues.

None of us gets here alone. None of us makes it here alone. There is a long line of ancestors in our family tree who made it possible for us to sit here today. We also have a family tree of faith; we are here because of a long line of faithful ones who created space for us.

The verses above speak of perseverance, both in running the race before us, and also in holding one another up through Spirit. We are

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invited to shed all that weighs us down, to not give up on the race that is in front of us, to be alert to all that is around us, and to be an encourager of all the saints (that means you and me). Perseverance just means we never give up.

We are surrounded by a great community of witnesses - living and dead - who support us. We are connected to one another beyond time and space. We are called to create sacred space - for those here now as well as for those who are yet to come.

Prayer: God, thank you that I am not alone. Thank you for energy to walk the path. Thank you for all that nurtures me because of those who have gone this way before. Let love, courage and kindness flow through me to make space for another today. Amen.



Fellowship Sunday, Nov 1

November 1 is also Fellowship Sunday at Agape' MCC this year. It is a time for us to support our denomination with a special focus and a special offering during service. This year, Fellowship Sunday offerings will help strengthen the core programs MCC needs to sustain current leaders and raise up a new generation of leadership for MCC.

Our gifts will help in the following areas:

- Training for Interim Pastors
- Lay Leadership certificate program
- Spiritual formation and discipleship curriculum
- REVM's (Readiness to Enter Vocational Ministry retreats)
- Seminary partnerships and scholarships
- Leadership mentoring programs

"We can do anything if we provide our leaders with the best possible tools and teachers. Thank you for giving generously."- Rev. Nancy L. Wilson, Moderator of Metropolitan Community Churches.



James Michael Chadwick (1951-2009)

We take a moment now to remember former member of Agape', Michael Chadwick. Michael (and his mother) used to attend services at Agape'. We learned of Michael's passing this Monday. Here is a reprint of his newspaper obituary:

Mike Chadwick, 58, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2009. Celebration of life: 12:30 p.m. Saturday (Oct. 24) in Laurel Land Chapel of Chimes in Fort Worth. He will be greatly missed by all those who knew and loved him.

yourself as a member or friend of Agape' MCC and ask for an insurance quote: home, auto, renters, life, etc.

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www.agapemcc.com

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New Volunteer Coordinator

Rev. Wynn has announced that Agape' member, Tammy Stapleton, has accepted his invitation to be our church Volunteer Coordinator. Her role will be largely one of recruiting volunteers for the areas where we need more help and overseeing who the

leaders are for different ministries.

She will also be facilitating Volunteer Information Meetings which will involve some training as well as a place to coordinate calendars with one another. Stay tuned for more information to follow about the first meeting. Welcome, Tammy!



Nursery Helpers Needed!

Our Nursery Dept. Coordinator, Wayne Crutchfield, is asking for your help. We need some Nursery Worker Volunteers.

Please prayerfully consider volunteering in the Nursery (children's ages are birth to 5 years old) once a month or even once every two months. Your assistance will be so appreciated.

Interested? Contact Wayne at: wayray69@sbcglobal.net or come by and visit the Nursery on Sunday mornings.



Our Supper Clubs Want You!

Agape' has two Samaritan House Supper Clubs. Would you please consider joining our volunteers for either the 2nd Friday or 4th Friday of each month?

We plan and prepare a meal for the residents of Samaritan House. Then we serve and fellowship with the residents. Regular volunteers will tell you that they receive so much from this outreach to our larger community.

AND you get to add "Can cook for 60 people" to your list of talents! You say you can't cook - then volunteer to serve food or clean up. Can't be there on Friday nights? Be one of our sponsors and donate funds to defray the cost of the meal.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Kathy M. at 817-528-3210 or katmunn_1@hotmail.com . You will be blessed.



Agape' MCC Christmas Pageant

Dec 12, 2009

"Twas a few months before Christmas and out went a call
To Agape' church members, both big and small
We're going to have a big show, Santa said
Then he laughed out loud as he loaded his sled

Come divas and dyketones, beatniks and singers
Come dancers and poets, musicians, bell-ringers
Come comics, magicians, hear my call everyone!
It's a holiday bash and we're gonna have FUN!

December 12th-that's a Saturday night
Come and perform or just take in the sights
Bring friends and family - we're having a ball
With a potluck to follow in the Fellowship Hall!

Then he jumped on his sled as he gave me a wink
He waved to his reindeer and took off in a blink
And I heard him exclaim with his voice full of glee
No one has heart like Agape' MCC!"

Hey, Kids! Let's put on a show! The Agape' MCC Christmas Talent Show and Pageant that is! And there will be a Church Potluck to follow.

Want more information? *Well, you'll have to wait!* The time will be announced at a later date.

A sign up sheet is now available in the church lobby!

Praises!

- Tony P's new car
 - A great Trunk or Treat and all who made that happen
 - For Rev. Delores Berry and Judy and their wonderful ministry among us
 - Jade's new job
 - That Aunt Cheryl's cancer has not spread!
 - For the commitment folks have made to serve and support our church
 - For the food that was lovingly prepared for our potluck
 - For Ms. Anna being in church on Sunday
 - For our children
 - For the abundance in our lives
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Prayers:

- Healing for Alli's baby dog
- For employment
- Continued healing for Ms. Anna
- For Ms. Billie
- Good biopsy results for Evelyn B.
- Anthony L. - health
- For Aunt Cheryl as she begins treatment for breast cancer

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.