



## Upcoming Events

**Thu Dec 24:**

**7pm Christmas Eve Service**

**Sun Dec 27:**

10:30am Worship Svc

## December Stats:

**12/06:**

Attendance: 96  
Offering: \$2,013

**12/13:**

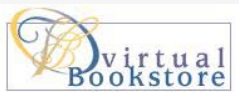
Attendance: 92  
Offering: \$2,615

**12/20:**

Attendance: 86  
Offering: \$1,744

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## Christmas Eve Service Thu, Dec 24

It's time for our annual **Christmas Eve Service on Thursday, Dec 24 at 7 p.m.** There will be carols, readings, and special music.

Please join us for the Christmas Eve Service this year!



## Weekly Meditation - Dec 23 2009

by Rev. Teri Lubbers

### Surrender

***Surrender means saying, "Okay, God. I'll do whatever You want." Faith in the God of our recovery means we trust that, eventually, we'll like doing that. ~ Melody Beattie "The Language of Letting Go"***

"God, I'll do whatever You want." Short, sweet, simple. An amazing source of freedom.

For you maybe. Not so much for me. I have a tendency to tack on addendums that begin with words like: if, but, when. *I'll do whatever You want if... I'll do whatever You want but... I'll do whatever you want when...* Sometimes I surrender with a heavy sigh, with reluctance and downcast heart that are really saying, *"ok I'll do it if I have to."* God's love for me may be boundless but my trust sometimes limps along.

Funny how we often talk about the unconditional love of God but not the unconditional surrender of our hearts to that Love. We are living contradictions. It's who we are. If we were to really taste and accept the true nature of God's love and Spirit's guidance - which are available to us every moment - we would be lining up to see what's coming next, eager to embark on the journey where Spirit leads, chomping at the bit to get started.

So even if some days we can't jump into the boat enthusiastically, we can still get into the boat. God carries us even when we are uncertain, hesitant or afraid. Even if we can't see the possibilities of the path

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ahead we can at least surrender to the possibility that such possibilities await us.

**Prayer: Heart of my Heart, I surrender to the amazing love with which you surround me. I surrender to your guidance today. I believe you desire my good, even when it doesn't look like what I had hoped for or expected. I trust you with all the outcomes of my life. Amen.**



### Ways to Help Agape'

Looking for ways to help our church or members and friends of Agape' MCC this Christmas season?

We have a small Christmas tree in the church lobby with a variety of **needed building and office supplies** we can always use around the church - and gift cards to Office Depot are always welcomed!

Additionally, our church **Benevolence Fund** is depleted and needs to be refilled. Our Benevolence Fund is used to provide members and friends with funds for food and other supplies when times are tough. As you can imagine, the fund has been highly used in 2009. Won't you consider providing a special gift for those in need? It will be greatly appreciated!



### Bring a Bear to Church!!

Agape MCC is once again collecting teddy bears for the Warm Place in Fort Worth.

We will collect bears in the sanctuary **until Christmas Eve** when we will bless the bears and send them on to do their own special ministry for children who have experienced the death of a parent or guardian.

Please bring only new or very gently used teddy bears. For more information contact the church office 817-535-5002 or Rev. Gina at 940-367-6124.



### Agape' MCC Angel Tree is Here!

Agape' is once again partnering with Child Protective Services to bring holiday cheer to Tarrant County foster children this Christmas season. We have adopted 25 children who's wish lists are now located on the ornaments on the angel tree in the lobby.

If you choose to buy for a child this year, please pick up an information sheet located by the tree; this has information on it about the program and instructions for "packaging" gifts. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Patti Stephens at 817-501-2514 or via e-mail at [pattieleigh@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pattieleigh@sbcglobal.net).



## Music Director Job Posting

Agape' MCC is looking for a part-time Music Director (20 hours per week) to coordinate the music ministry of the church. The Music Director will report directly to the Senior Pastor. This is a salaried position.

For a copy of the full job posting and description please go to:

<http://agapemcc.com/pdfdocs/musicdirector.pdf>

**To apply, please submit a resume to:**

**Rev. S. David Wynn**

**Agape MCC**

**4615 E California Pkwy**

**Fort Worth TX 76119**

**email: [revwynn@yahoo.com](mailto:revwynn@yahoo.com) phone #: 817-535-5002**

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## Spirit Road at Agape' MCC

Earlier this year, we began a Thursday night gathering called "Spirit Road". Since then we have explored several ways of worship, different beliefs, religions and many other interesting topics.

At that time we explained our goal with a quote by writer Henry Miller; "Our destination is never a place, but a new way of seeing things."

There are many misconceptions and stereotypes about other religions, beliefs, races or backgrounds. We all know how harmful and polarizing it can be when one is judged without the benefit of all of the facts being known.

Spirit Road is a "safe place" to learn, discuss and become educated about others. Our goal is for the members of Agape' MCC to have an outlet to see how alike we are in Spirit rather than how different we may be.

Spirit Road will bring you songs, tastes, smells, experiences and stories. Through this journey we will continue to learn that although we may hear Spirit called many names, shown in many colors and worshiped in many ways, ALL who come to Spirit Road believe that we are indeed ONE.

One of our regular attendees expressed it best by saying that "Perfect love casts out all fear." She further explained by asking the group, "How much does it mean that I would love you so much and so deeply that I want to find out everything I can about your life and your beliefs so that I can love you even more?"

What more can we say? We will break for the holidays. Spirit Road will resume in 2010 on Thursdays, beginning January 7<sup>th</sup>.

Spirit Road is always open to anyone who would like to come and join us! We hope that you might make us part of your New Year!

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## Community Policing Forum

Lee Zollinger, President of Fairness Fort Worth, is passing along the invitation to everyone for the upcoming Community Policing Forum to be held at Lan Gran Plaza on Tue, Jan. 26 at 7pm.

This forum will be conducted to:

- Build a better verbal dialogue between the community and the police department
- Maintain a continuous working relationship and address the various concerns of the community

In this meeting, community groups and residents will have the opportunity to hear about the latest projects and programs, ask questions and give feedback to numerous police officials. For more information about the forum, [click here](#).

You are also invited to the next Fairness Fort Worth Meeting in January. Mark your calendars now. Thursday, January 14. 7:30pm Celebration Church. You can get on the Fairness Fort Worth email list by contacting Lee at: [lzollinger@casham.com](mailto:lzollinger@casham.com)

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### Prayers:

- All who need improved health or healing.
- Those who need a new job.
- Relationships in transition.
- Travel mercies for all during this busy holiday season.
- For those who are navigating major life changes.
- For those who are lonely.
- For Mickey and Jeff as they mourn the passing of their dog Lucy.
- Continued healing for Kris and Linda's dog Jordan.
- For all who are dealing with financial concerns.
- For our search for a permanent Music Director.
- For rest and rejuvenation.

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### Praises!

- The Sanctuary has heat again! Thanks to Charlie's Plumbing (owned by Leon!) for the good work.
- The Board of Directors thanked the congregation with delicious treats after last week's Sunday Service to celebrate such a good year in 2009.
- For the life of Christ.
- For all that God is doing at Agape and beyond.
- For those who teach by example how to love and forgive.
- For time with family and friends in this season of new life.
- For our spiritual home and the gathering of the Saints.

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.