



Upcoming Events

Wed Feb 17:

7pm Ash Wed Service

Sat Feb 20:

7pm Men's Fellowship @
Rusty & David's home

Sun Feb 21:

10:30am Worship Sve

**Noon-2:30pm New
Members Class**

Fri Feb 26:

6pm Samaritan House
Supper Club

Sat Feb 27:

6:30-9pm Game Night

Sun Feb 28:

**Chili Cook-Off (after
service)!**

Sun Mar 7:

**12:00pm H1N1
Presentation**

Sat May 1:

**8am-3pm Church
Garage Sale @ Jennifer
N.'s house-Arlington**

February Stats:



Lent 2010: Making Sense of the Journey - The Risk of Real Community

Join us as we begin the Festival of Lent this year at Agape' MCC. Together we will explore the forty day spiritual journey that leads us through the Festival of Easter.

We start with a candlelight service in the Taize' Tradition, on **Ash Wednesday, February 17 at 7:00**. Rediscover being in real community that brings individual and communal wholeness.

Come and hear what God is saying to you and us. For more information about Taize', click here: <http://www.taize.fr/en> .



Weekly Meditation - Feb 17 2010

by Rev. Teri Lubbers

Ash Wednesday

So now it is in the depths of me you search to find the truth, for at the core of being itself it must be found. Teach me inwardly, I pray... Then create within my depths a heart that's clean and a spirit renewed, restored, set right again in you. ~ Psalm 51:6-8, 10 "Ancient Songs Sung Anew" translated by Lynn C. Bauman

I always thought that it was my job to search for the truth, the truth about God, the truth about the world, the truth about myself. And ever since I was a teenager I have really looked hard into every nook and cranny, every book I could get my hands on, every spiritual tradition I came across and learn about. I guess I thought maybe God was playing hard to get. (Or maybe I didn't want God so much as I just wanted the reassurance and affirmation that I was on the right track and that what I believed was true...)

I think it is good to have a seeker's heart. Jesus taught that if we seek we will find. But you know, God isn't hiding. In fact God is right here, searching for the truth in us. God is digging down to the depths of us, seeking out the very core of our being, where God truly resides.

Today is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. It's a time to let go of stuff that doesn't help anymore. It's an opportunity to be self-reflective, to get out of our own way, and to get out of God's way. It's kind of like a do-over, one of many renewals and restorations back to our true selves, back to the One who loves us, back to the center.

02/07:

Attendance: 112

Offering: \$3,409

02/14:

Attendance: 90

Offering: \$1,828

02/21:

Attendance:

Offering: \$

02/28:

Attendance:

Offering: \$

Prayer: God, search me and know me, and help me to know you, and not just the security and assurance you give to my life. Free me up at the very depths of my being so that I may always be aware of your presence, that all I do might come from my connection to you as the Source of all things. Amen.



Board of Directors Web Page

Check out the new BOD web page. It's the place to find Monthly Reports etc. It is still under construction, but take a peek by [clicking here](#). You'll also find the Board of Directors web page by going to our website under "About Us" then "Board of Directors"

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Concert for Haiti Recovery this Fri, Feb 19

This Friday night, February 19, Resounding Harmony will be performing in a benefit to assist the people of Haiti recover from their devastating earthquake. The entire 6 hours will be outstanding - some of the best musical talent in Dallas is performing!

We will be on at approximately 8:30 pm for a half-hour performance. Come and stay for the whole night, or spend a portion of your Friday night with us. All the profits go to the Clinton Bush Haiti Fund.

For more information about Resounding Harmony, go to their website at:

<http://www.resoundingharmony.org>



New Member Class

New Member Class, Feb 21

If you are interested in seeing what being a member of Agape' is all about and interested in joining the church, plan to attend our New Member Class on **Sunday, February 21st, from noon until 2:30pm** in the Social Hall. Rev. David will lead the class.



We Want Your Stories & Ideas!

During the Season of Lent, we will be focusing on "Making Sense of the Journey...the Risk of Real Community". **We are gathering people's stories** about a time or event in your life that was transformational, epiphinal, greatly successful, a huge failure, or just a great teacher, to share with the community. These can be named or anonymous. We will be using these in a number of ways...in Updates, in special Services, etc... **Please keep your story to one page, approximately 150 words, 12 point font, and submit them to revwynn@yahoo.com or agapemcc@aol.com by February 21st.**

We also want to extend our experience of community and are asking for folks to **suggest places or events where we might be of service** like:

a work day in a local animal shelter or with an animal rescue group, a service project or worship service in an area nursing home or retirement center, a project with a local daycare or school, a project

[the GLBT Community-classes too](#)

www.resolveconflictionline.com
or call 877-9-2agree

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!

with Habitat for Humanity or other housing and homeless organizations, work with the food pantry, etc... You might consider joining our group that provides meals at the Samaritan House on the second and fourth Fridays of each month.

So, tap into your connections and email suggestions or options to revwynn@yahoo.com or agapemcc@aol.com. It is our hope that as you make suggestions you will be available to also facilitate and lead the project, we will make sure the volunteers are ready!



Game Night Is Back!

The Agape' MCC Deacons are sponsoring an all-church Game Night on Sat, Feb 27. Everyone is encouraged to bring a snack to share. Coffee and tea will be provided. There will be some games provided, but please feel free to bring some games of your own!

Agape' Game Night

Sat, Feb 27

6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Everyone Invited!



It's Time for the Agape' Chili Cook-off!

Yee-haw! It's that time of year... the annual Agape' MCC Chili Cook-Off and Brownie Bake-off: great competition, great food and great fun!

Registration: Forms in church lobby; **must enter by Feb 14**

Fee: \$10 per entry - **Fees are due by Feb 21**

The contest will take place on Sunday, Feb 28 after service. Please return contest entry forms and fees to Rusty Cuniff.

Prom Dresses for CPS Teens



Agape' has been approached by an organization called P.A.L.(Preparation for Adult Living) to collect new or gently used Prom dresses that can be used by youth who are in alternative care (foster care, residential treatment, group homes, etc.).

The PAL program was implemented in 1986 to ensure that older youth in substitute care (foster home, group home, Residential Treatment Center) are prepared for their inevitable departure from the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services' care and support. At any given time, there are about 3,500 youth 16 years of age and older in substitute care. PAL program staff strive to provide each of these youth with skills and resources they will need to be healthy, productive adults. Preparing youth for adulthood is much more than teaching them how to balance a checkbook and sign a lease. PAL services include involvement in programs aimed at

improving youths' self-esteem and improving their ability to make responsible decisions. PAL helps youth face the challenges of adulthood and independence.

We will be **collecting dresses through March 7**; all sizes and styles are welcome and needed. If you have any questions, please contact Patti Stephens at 817-501-2514 or via e-mail at pattiandleigh@sbcglobal.net



Can you Donate Some Frequent Flyer Miles?

As an act of stewardship as we prepare to purchase flights and housing for our Pastor and Lay Delegates to attend General Conference, we are asking if there are some who can donate frequent flyer miles for the trip to Acapulco. The Conference is from June 28 to July 2. If you can donate, please contact Rev. David at revwynn@yahoo.com or 817-535-5002.



Church Janitorial Contract

The Agape' Janitorial contract is up for renewal. We will be obtaining 3 quotes before deciding in March who will be awarded the new contract for our Church Janitorial service. We are looking for referrals from you if you know someone who might be interested in bidding the job. Does your company use someone you think we should talk to, let us know? Email Rev. David at revwynn@yahoo.com or call 817-535-5002.



Protected From H1N1 This Spring?

Ben Curry, H1N1 Education Specialist with Tarrant County Public Health, will give a brief educational presentation addressing:

- * the differences between H1N1 and Seasonal Flu,
- * strategies for protecting your church and family,
- * and details about H1N1 vaccine, including where to get it for free.

When: March 7, 2010 @ 12:00 PM

Where: Agape' MCC

Prayers:

- For all those deal with loss of loved ones.
- For those looking for employment.
- For those with important decisions to make.
- For our church family.

Praises!

- Our new visitors.
- Our dedicated staff and volunteers.
- For OpenDoor Productions and another great show last weekend.
- For the sunshine and warmer temperatures this week!

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.