



Agape' MCC Weekly News

May 26 2010

Upcoming Events

Wed May 26:

7pm Choir Rehearsal

Thu May 27:

7pm Spirit Road: Finding God in Pop Culture

Fri May 28:

6pm Samaritan House Supper Club

Sun May 30:

10:30am Worship Service

Wed June 2:

7pm Choir Rehearsal

May Stats:

05/02:

Attendance: 127
Offering: \$1,143

05/09:

Attendance: 115
Offering: \$2,312

05/16:

Attendance: 106
Offering: \$2,914

05/23:

Attendance: **
Offering: \$**
** Not available at time of publication.

On Our Website...Pray For It



More people are starting to add their prayer requests on the Agape' MCC website. If you are interested in listing prayer requests online, simply go to our website and click on the Prayer Center tab. Here you have many options, including "Submit a Prayer Request".

Once a prayer request is submitted, the web manager gets an email to publish the request. Additionally, the deacons and the pastor receive a copy of your request in their personal email accounts. This is not the only way for your prayers to be shared at Agape' - it is another option for staying in touch with your Agape' family.

Please know that your prayer requests are important to us and they are prayed for by our staff and volunteers.

Visit our Prayer Center by [clicking here](#).

Let your hope make you glad. Be patient in time of trouble and never stop praying. - Romans 12:12

Weekly Meditation, May 26, 2010

By Kathy Munn

Hotline to Heaven

Prayer may not change things for you, but it for sure changes you for things. ~Samuel M. Shoemaker



I've told some of you that many years ago, I found a little paperback book at a college sidewalk sale with a catchy title, "Hotline to Heaven." It didn't cost much, so I bought it.

I don't remember all of the book's content, but one theme did strike me. The author discussed the need to practice being in constant prayer. To lift thoughts of joy and needs to God in a state of active, constant prayer.

Sounded impossible to me. How could you be always praying, always talking to and with God? But I love a challenge (especially back then), so I thought o.k., I'll give it a try.

That truck is headed straight at me on a 2 lane farm to market road in dense fog- o.k. God I'm praying now that the driver will be alert and see me and other drivers.

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I'm talking to a friend who is very upset about a situation in her life - God please touch my friend today, right now, as we speak. Help her feel that she is not alone.

My teacher stops me in the hall to tell me that she was impressed with the report I turned in for a classroom assignment. Thank you God - somebody noticed me; and liked what I did! Thanks, too, God for helping me focus on that assignment and producing good work.

This person is really annoying me right now. I don't like what he's saying; I don't think I even like him! Dear God - help me through the rush of negative emotions I am feeling now. Let me listen and not feel that I have to fix this person. Help me respect him, in this moment, and maybe even learn something from him.

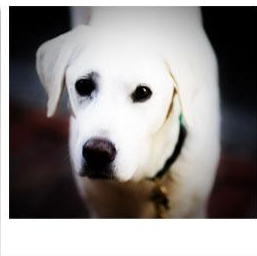
As I continued this "praying thing," I found that I had to be in the moment. I paid more attention to the world around me and the people in it. Sometimes when I didn't have a specific need to pray for, I started to think what I was thankful for and started prayers of thanksgiving!

Guess what? My 'tude started changing. I began to think and say more positive thoughts. I enjoyed myself more. I was more connected to people.

Have you noticed how I've been speaking in the past tense? Sometimes (many times) I don't stay in the present moment. I worry and fret over things that have happened... or even things that haven't happened!

I want to stay more in the moment. I want to enjoy the present. I even want to deal with the challenges in my life (wow). O.K. - here it comes: an exercise in active prayer:

Prayer: God, thank you for the puppies who were more than willing to snuggle in bed with me this morning (rather than get up early and start a work day). Thank you for the grace to lighten up when it took 35 minutes to get to the office today (usually a 10 minute drive). God thank you for this beautiful day- I really enjoyed eating my salad in the sunshine at Central Market. I look forward to what else I will have to pray or be thankful about for the rest of this day. Help me stay in the moment. Amen.



**Everman Animal Shelter Needs
YOU!**

Thanks to those who have brought food for the pets at the Everman Animal Shelter! And we can do more - they still need the following supplies: bleach, Dawn dishwashing liquid, concentrated Lysol, and bags of puppy food

and adult dog food.

Just bring these items to the church (leave in the Fellowship Hall) and volunteers will get these items to the shelter.

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for your inquiry.

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Prayers:

- Continued healing for Stephanie L's mother's hip.
- Dr. Ross G.- who is going through very difficult times.
- For Valarie M.'s father who has an inoperable liver tumor, and for their family and friends - continued strength.
- Amy K. - Deanie's friend badly injured in a motorcycle accident this week.
- Mark & Billy- who lost their puppy Marley this week due to illness.

Praises!

- Thanks, Men's Fellowship, for the get hamburgers, hot dogs (and fixins!), and desserts at last Sunday's Meet, Eat and Greet. Some of the volunteers: Rusty, David, Bob, Carlos, Thomas, Ray, Wayne, Billy, Baily and Miguel. We had a great time!
- Dawn- the new banners are beautiful!

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.