



Agape' MCC Weekly News

June 2 2010

Upcoming Events

Thu June 3:

7pm Spirit Road: A Time of Healing

Sat June 5:

8:30am Agape' Property Clean-up Day!

Sun June 6:

10:30am Worship Service

11:50am Delegates Pop and Popcorn Party!

Mon June 7:

7pm Deacons Meeting

Thu June 10:

7pm Spirit Road

Fri June 11:

6pm Samaritan House Supper Club

Sat June 12:

6:30pm Men's Fellowship @ Babe's in Burseson

Sun Jun 13:

10:30am Worship

1:00pm 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: 118



Spirit Road - A Time of Healing

Please join us at Spirit Road **Thursday, June 3 at 7:00** as we engage a series of healing rituals for ourselves, our community, and for the world led by Rev. David.

We will be meeting in the sanctuary. Please bring a pillow or blanket if you feel you might want to sit on the floor for contemplation.



Weekly Meditation, June 2 2010

By Rev. Teri Lubbers

Come Home to Your Heart

Yeshua reminded the Samaritan woman that prayer is not dependent on any sacred place, whether in Jerusalem or on Mt. Horeb (the sacred mountain of the Samaritans). Thus he led her back to her own heart, the dwelling-place of I AM. Christianity is ...a path, which not only leads outwardly with rituals and righteous actions, but also inwardly, "where the rivers of the living waters flow" - where the tides of life and breath both support us and carry us beyond. ~ Jean-Yves Leloup, "Compassion and Meditation: The Spiritual Dynamic between Buddhism and Christianity"

The story of the Samaritan woman to which this quote refers is found in John 4. It is the longest dialogue that Jesus has with anyone in the gospels. My favorite part of the passage is when Jesus says this radical thing: God is Spirit and God is looking for those who can worship in Spirit and Truth (literally in "breath" and "wakefulness").

We look for Spirit in lots of places but sometimes forget to look where Spirit most resides - in our own hearts. Ours is not a faith practice of "gathering" so much as it is of "emptying". We are already deeply connected with Spirit, where living waters flow, where breath supports and carries us. Spiritual practice is about letting go of all that would block that flow. About getting quiet enough to hear the voice of Spirit within. About coming home to your own heart.

What keeps you from listening? What distracts you from your deepest longings? What might change if you got still? If you are very, very brave...

Prayer: Creating God, Help me to quit hiding from you and just come home. I know you love me. I trust you to guide me through this day. Remind me to breathe and help me be awake today. Amen.

Offering: \$1,095
05/30:
Attendance: 83
Offering: \$1,523

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Landscaping & Clean-up Day on June 5

It's that time again! Calling all volunteers for sprucing up the church property. Volunteers are encouraged to bring gloves, shovels, and gardening tools. The church will provide cold bottles of water!

Cleaning Day at the Church!
Saturday, June 5 / 8:30am - 11am



Delegates' Pop and Popcorn Party!

and popcorn for everyone!

Got your attention? **Come to the Fellowship Hall after service this Sunday June 6.** We will review the Agape' survey results re: the proposed changes to our denominational structure and governance. And what a survey turn-out we had - 49 people responded to our survey! Talk to your delegates about the proposed upcoming changes... and yes there really will be soft drinks



**Men's Fellowship at:
Babe's Chicken in Burleson
120 South Main St
Burleson TX 76028
Saturday, June 12
6:30 p.m.**

[click here for map](#)

Please RSVP to Rusty at: rtcddd@swbell.net or
Wayne at: wayray69@sbcglobal.net



Fairness Fort Worth GLBT Survey

FAIRNESS FORT WORTH is conducting a survey of the GLBT Community in Tarrant County. They want to

gather basic data on the makeup of our community, our own census. This is essential information when reaching out to work with policy makers. Fairness Fort Worth also wants to hear your perspective on what the needs and goals of our community should be going forward.

Your participation is entirely anonymous. Please take three minutes to make Tarrant County a richer place for GLBT people who live, work and contribute to this corner we all call home. Pass along this link to your friends and extended families! The goal is to reach 1000 participants by mid-June. Results will be available shortly thereafter.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FFWSurvey>

Contact us at:

www.agapemcc.com

817-535-5002

Join Our Mailing List!

Prayers:

- Gail G. and family - her oldest brother, Howard passed away 5/26/2010 after a lengthy illness.
- For Alli, Grace, and Linda...travel mercies.
- For all of those traveling and enjoying some much needed Summer rest.
- For all of the kids finishing up this school year.
- For our upcoming Lay Delegates forum, MCC, and the upcoming General Conference.
- For Rev. David.
- For a sister who is struggling with unhealthy choices.
- For an unexpected pregnancy and no medical insurance.
- Prayers for medical procedures.
- Prayers for Peanut that he will continue to heal and get strong.
- Prayers for Eli and Lacy as they parent eight new puppies.
- Continued prayers for Tex, Mary and family.
- Continued prayers for Evelyn as she mourns the passing of her sister.
- Continued prayers for Valarie's father, for Valarie and her family.
- Prayers for those still waiting upon employment.
- Prayers for those navigating major life/relationship changes.
- Prayers for our kids who are also living into big change.
- For successful surgery and a speedy recovery.

Praises!

- For those who serve...military, police, firefighters, medical personnel, teachers of all kinds.
- For Bob, Carlos, Jimmy, and Jane who are helping Ms. Anna.
- For Sarah and her Spirit as she teaches the little ones.
- For Deb and Tina and their generosity.
- For Cade and his bright light.
- For hugs and hands that hold.
- For the spiritual journey in the way it ebbs and flows.
- Safe return of Teri's dog last 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.