



Agape' MCC Newsletter

July 7 2010

Upcoming Events

Thu July 8:

7pm Spirit Road: Media Night

Fri July 9:

6pm Samaritan House Supper Club

Sat July 10:

7pm Brenner & Beckstead / Shawn Thomas Concert

7pm Men's Fellowship- Dive-In Movie at Ken & Steve's

Sun July 11:

10:30am Worship Service

11:45am Agape' Pride Week Committee Meeting

Mon July 12:

7pm Board of Directors Mtg

Thu July 15:

Spirit Road- R.A.P. Night

July Statistics

07/04:

Attendance: 93
Offering: \$1,270

07/11:

Attendance:
Offering: \$

07/18:

Attendance:
Offering: \$

07/25:

Attendance:
Offering: \$

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Summer Concert at Agape' July 10

Brenner & Beckstead and Shawn Thomas



Meditation July 7

by Rev. Teri

Lubbers

Don't Go Back to Sleep

The breeze at dawn has secrets to tell you. Don't go back to sleep. You must ask for what you really want. Don't go back to sleep. People are going back and forth across the doorsill where the two worlds touch. The door is round and open. Don't go back to sleep. ~ Rumi



I like this image of doorsill, a threshold, a crossing over place where two worlds touch. Last week it was my privilege to be at General Conference and I am grateful to Rev. David and Agape' to have gone as our clergy representative. While in Acapulco, most mornings I began my day with a swim in the Pacific. Ocean is my favorite metaphor of the Divine. Waves are for me are a "doorsill" reality. They start out as the ocean but then end up on the sand. Then they slide back into

our church.

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being the ocean again. Over and over again. Ultimately the waves always find their way back to their Source.

We can find our way back as well. You and I are "doorsill" creatures - fully human and fully divine - a point of contact between two worlds, seeking every day to be more awake. Sometimes we are asleep, unaware, unconscious of what we really are. Sometimes we are standing right on the doorsill, momentarily suspended in the in-between, neither inside nor out. But every day, every moment, we can ask for what we want, ask to be more fully awake and a little less sleepy, ask for help to be intentional about creating time and space in which spiritual awake-ness can happen. We can be still...we can just be...Spirit takes care of the rest.

Prayer: God, thank you for being my Source. Thank you for creating me and giving me this day. My desire is to be awake to your presence, power and love within me today. May it be so. Amen.

Spirit Road

Summer Fun 2010

This Thursday, July 8: Media Night - spiritual documentary to be named.

The rest of the summer's schedule goes something like this:

1st Thursday

(Aug 5) - **Meditation and Reflection Night** led by Special Guests

2nd Thursday (July 8, Aug 12) - **Media Night**...we will show a movie, documentary or TV show with spiritual meaning and discussion to follow (some of these nights may begin earlier or go a little later! We'll let you know)

3rd Thursday (July 15, Aug 19) - **R.A.P. Night = Rhythm. Art. Poetry.** Share your fave song, play your guitar, work on your art project, read a poem.

4th Thursday (July 22, Aug 26) - **R.A.K. Night Out - Random Acts of Kindness** ~ meets ~ Sundance Square, Museum exhibit, Starbucks game night ...details to come!



Pride Week Committee

Sun July 11

First Meeting This Sunday- July 11

Meet Sunday after church service to prepare for Pride Week 2010 activities. It is going to be a fun time. We will be building a float for the Parade this year, as well as getting ready for the Picnic and Parade activities. We are also taking the gift shop to the Pride Festival in Dallas in September this year and will be announcing a gift shop committee meeting soon.



If you are interested in joining this committee, please join us after church service this Sunday or contact Stacy Jones at stacy_j9@yahoo.com.

Update from Conference!

by Kathy Munn

Join Our Mailing List!

Check out our pics on website

We made it back, safe and sound! I hope you followed us on our home page "tweets".



We had a great time and made some MCC history with denominational structure changes. I think we had the youngest church delegate ever with the addition of Zac Edwards to our team! MCC Founder Rev. Elder Troy Perry (seen here with Zac and Troy's partner Phillip) told me personally that he was "thrilled" with our decision to send Zac as a Lay Delegate this year.

The worship services were powerful and moving. And workshops were informational and timely. Check out some of the pictures we took during conference on our website by clicking [here](#).

Thank you for your prayers and support during this important denominational event and celebration.

Shaman Class To Be Offered

A Spirit Moon Workshop

Explore personal healing, transformation and empowerment from a shamanic perspective in a small community setting. Learn about the three worlds of the shaman, the healing attributes of the directions on the medicine wheel and the elements of nature, and learn how to integrate shamanic techniques into your spiritual practice and day-to-day life.



Basic Shamanic Techniques

for Personal Healing and Transformation

Saturday and Sunday, August 7 and 8

from 10am-5pm both days

Meeting Saturday at Agape' MCC, Sunday meeting TBA

\$75 workshop fee

This workshop series will be held in Fort Worth at Agape' MCC. Register by contacting Lynn

(workshops@turtlemedicine.net or 214-868-2049)

or by sending workshop fee via PayPal

(workshops@turtlemedicine.net) by Monday, July 26

Cash and checks are acceptable as well.

Register by Monday, July 26 to reserve your place in the workshop.

Workshop is limited to 12 participants.

We Need Pictures!

Updating Home Page Logo Banner

Our web manager, Kathy, wants to update our home page with new family, friends and community pictures. Please attach one (or more) of your recent favs and send to Kathy at:

katmunn_1@hotmail.com



To look at the current slide show, go to www.agapemcc.com and look at the flash banner. Your help is appreciated!

P.S. - your voluntary sending of these pictures acknowledges your permission to publish your images on the website banner.

Free Self Help Recovery Group

Self-Management & Recovery Training

Almost everyone knows someone who is affected directly or indirectly by a harmful addiction.

SMART Recovery is an alternative recovery group for people seeking independence from addictive behaviors including alcohol and other drugs.

SMART Recovery helps you learn tools to stop abusing alcohol and other drugs.



**Tuesdays from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
beginning Tuesday, July 6, 2010
in the First Floor Conference Room
at the AIDS Outreach Center**

**AIDS Outreach Center
400 N. Beach St.
Fort Worth, TX 76111
817-335-1994**

Facilitator: Leslie Guditis, 817-916-5235

LeslieG@aoc.org

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Prayers

- Josh P. (Denise & Evelyn's son)- head injury.
- Troy - recovering from reconstructive skin cancer surgery.
- For Deacons in training as they go deeper.
- Those with financial needs and job needs.
- Upcoming custody battle with new better lawyer.
- For those who are so dependent on others.
- Kathy's loss of her pup, Quincy.
- Travel mercies for all those travelling this summer vacation season.

Praises

- Brenda's awesome Sunday School lessons.
- The safe return of our delegates from General Conference in Acapulco.
- Brad D.'s showing at art gallery.
- Return of prodigal sons & daughters.
- Leigh's hard-earned healthiness.
- New job where you can bring your kid with you.
- For people willing to take others into their home.
- For those who hold our hand when most needed.
- For all my Agape' friends.

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.