



# Agape' MCC Newsletter

August 4 2010

## Upcoming Events

### Thu August 05:

7pm Spirit Road- Meditation & Reflection- Led by Lynn Wolf-Energetics of Self Care

### Sun August 08:

10:30am Worship Service

### Mon August 09:

7pm Board of Directors

### Thu August 12:

7pm Spirit Road- Media Night

### Fri August 13:

6pm Samaritan House Supper Club

### Sat August 14:

7pm Men's Fellowship Group

### Sat August 21:

7:30pm Battle of the Bands!

## August Statistics

### 08/01:

Attendance: 118

Offering: \$1,369

### 08/08:

Attendance:

Offering: \$

### 08/15:

Attendance:

Offering: \$

### 08/22:

## New Bubb Fundraising Program

### Recycle for Agape'

Bubb Fundraising provides innovative fundraising solutions for non-profit organizations. Bubb's recycling program provides a simple, highly profitable, environmentally friendly on-going fundraiser. Their partners currently recycle over 100 different item types.

Agape' is starting to collect items for a Bubb Fundraising Drive. Click [here](#) to see the items you may donate for the church fundraiser. Any questions? Contact Stacy Jones at: [simonntig@gmail.com](mailto:simonntig@gmail.com) or Jimmy Marshall at 682-583-8374.

## Meditation Aug 4

by Rev. Teri Lubbers

### False Notions of Myself

***I have been crucified with Christ, my ego is no longer central. It is not longer important that I appear righteous before you, or have your good opinion, and I am no longer driven to impress God. Christ lives in me. The life you see me living is not "mine," but is lived by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I am not going to go back on that. ~ Galatians 2:19-21, The Message***



***Love is the funeral pyre where I have laid my living body. All the false notions of myself that once caused fear, pain, have turned to ash as I neared God. ~ Hafiz, The Gift***

Question of the day: who are you trying to impress? Whose positive opinion or favor are you trying to win? Whose negative opinion are you trying to avoid or disprove? Whose notions of who you are, are driving you? Yours? Your parents? Your ideas of God?

Both of the quotes above are talking about the same thing. We are driven to impress, to seek attention, to prove ourselves, to seek validation from some one, some thing, some action. We are always looking for approval and affirmation, even if only secretly. It is exhausting and seems to be never-ending. And the alternative doesn't look so attractive...crucifixion?...funeral pyre? What's that

Attendance:

Offering: \$

**08/29:**

Attendance:

Offering: \$

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about?

The spiritual quest to which we are daily called is to willingly surrender our "small self," to relinquish the tyranny of ego and obsession, in order for the life of God to flow through us freely, unobstructed, in order that the "Christ" - the anointing of God - might fill and fully possess us. Little do we realize that the things we cling to so tightly are actually the source of our fear and pain. But they can't take the heat of the love of God...just lay all those false notions on the fire...

**Prayer: Holy One, in small things and big things today help me surrender to your love. I trust you to clear away all the clutter and debris that too often surrounds me. Let me be free of concern for what others will think. Let me draw near you. Amen.**

## Spirit Road

### Summer Fun 2010

**This Thursday, Aug 5- Meditation and Reflection Night** led by Lynn Wolf, Shamanic Practitioner teaching on the energetics of Self Care

**Thursday, 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)

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

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



## Coming Up at Agape' in Worship

**by Rev. David Wynn**

As we are making the downhill slide out of Summer...albeit it is a gradual slope...we look forward to the rhythms that come as we go back to school, come home from vacations, and eagerly await the cooler breezes that eventually come to us here in Texas. So plan to be part of our communal worship as a way to stay connected in your larger spiritual journeys.

We will spend the month immersed in "The Prayer of Jesus". We will linger over how Jesus taught us to pray and how embodying this prayer and way of being in the world builds relationship to God, to each other and to ourselves.



**August 1 - "ABBA"**

**August 8 - "On Earth as it is in Heaven"**

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**August 15 - "Give Us this Day"**

**August 22 - "As We Forgive"**

**August 29 - "Deliver Us"**

Beginning in September "The Leading Causes of Life...it is possible to live a life that is ABOUT LIFE!"

**Battle of the Bands  
21**

**Sat, August**



**Heart and Soul Coffee House- Agape' MCC**

**Tickets: \$15 General / \$18 at the door**

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**The Journey at Agape'**

**A Spiritual Development Cycle**

Beginning in September, Agape' MCC will be offering a spiritual development cycle called **The Journey**. The purpose of this series of classes and experiences will be to help us each to discern where we are spiritually and understand where we would like to be and then to equip each person to create their own Rule of Life... a planned rhythm for living in which we are gradually transformed into Christlikeness. We understand as people who follow Christ that all parts of our lives teach us and mold us. While we come together on Sundays to celebrate the work of the people and to worship God, that is only one location on the spiritual map. To really grow spiritually, we must also be intentional about the rest of our lives and engage those things that lead us to centeredness, wholeness, authenticity, service and deep love of Spirit, neighbor, and self. So mark your calendars!



**Spiritual Gifts** led by Mary Cantrell

(who is completing her year of clergy internship at Agape') **Wednesday, September 1, 7 to 8:30 p.m.** Social Hall

**Wednesday, September 15, 7 to 8:30 p.m.** Social Hall

*(sign up in August- inventory to complete before time)*

**Spiritual Types** led by Jenny Cureton, LPC  
**Wednesday, October 6,** 7 to 8:30 p.m. Social Hall  
**Wednesday, October 20,** 7 to 8:30 p.m. Social Hall  
*(pre-assessment to be completed online in September)*

**Benedictine Spirituality** led by Rev. Teri Lubbers  
**Wednesday, November 3,** 7 to 8:30 p.m. Social Hall  
**Wednesday, November 17,** 7 to 8:30 p.m. Social Hall

## Notes from our Board and Pastor

### Open Positions for Election this November

**Board of Directors** - 2 three year terms

**Personnel Committee** - 2 two year terms

**Lay Delegates** - 2 three year terms

**Alternate Lay Delegates** - 2 three year terms

We need active members willing to serve our church in the positions listed above. Please consider prayerfully and contact Rev. David with any questions. Applications will be available soon.

### Stewardship Pledge Time is Coming

Please also be in prayer about our annual stewardship pledge drive and what you may contribute for budget year 2011 by way of tithing. More information coming soon.

### Sunday School Teachers are Needed!

We really need some new volunteers immediately for our children's Sunday School program. Won't you prayerfully consider participating in this valuable ministry? Contact Rev. David or Stephanie L. for more information.

### Happy 40th Birthday, Agape'

Next year, we celebrate our 40th birthday as a church! We want to start making plans now. If you would like to help, please contact Agape' Board member, Lisa D. on Sundays or email her at [ladave1961@aol.com](mailto:ladave1961@aol.com).

## Pride Week 2010

### Set for Oct 3 - Oct 10, 2010

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.



The Parade is on Sunday, Oct 3, and **the Picnic has been changed to Sunday, Oct 10.**

To find out more info about Tarrant Pride Week, go to <http://www.tcgpwa.org/> . If you are interested in working on one of our teams, contact Stacy Jones at

[simonntig@gmail.com](mailto:simonntig@gmail.com).

## Prayers

- Family of Charles McNabb, who passed away last week.
- Paul - mourning the loss of his partner.
- Jay - help in the journey.
- Jimmy M. - having surgery this week.
- Those living in the "in between" times.
- Those headed back to school.
- Teachers who will guide our children.
- For a son, Steve and also Eula and Robert R. Darin R., who was like a brother to Steve died suddenly, prayers for comfort .

## Praises

- Billy S. - jack of all trades and a sweet spirit in this place.
- Kathy M. - who goes above and beyond.
- Evelyn B. - her gifts of service and love.
- Sarah R. - and her ministry with our children.
- Zac - his powerful spirit.
- Mickey H. - his creative spirit.
- Those who bring hospitality.
- Cassy B. -her gentle spirit.
- Thomas - who helped change a tire recently.

**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.