



# Agape' MCC Newsletter

August 11 2010

## Upcoming Events

### Thu August 12:

7pm Spirit Road- Media Night

### Fri August 13:

6pm Samaritan House Supper Club

### Sat August 14:

7pm Men's Fellowship Group @ Chicago Corner Italian Restaurant- Arlington

### Sun August 15:

10:30am Worship Service

### Mon August 16:

7pm Deacons Meeting

### Thu August 19:

7pm Spirit Road

### Sat August 21:

7:30pm Battle of the Bands!

### Sun August 22:

10:30am Worship Service  
11:45am Meet, Greet & Eat!

### Thu August 26:

7pm Spirit Road

### Fri August 27:

6pm Samaritan House Supper Club

### Sun August 29:

12:15pm Town Hall Meeting

### Sun September 5:

Noon General Conference Update by Agape' Delegates

## August Statistics

### 08/01:

Attendance: 118

Offering: \$1,369

### 08/08:

## 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).

## Meditation Aug 11

by Rev. Teri Lubbers

### God Working in Us

*Be energetic in your life of salvation, reverent and sensitive before God. That energy is God's energy, an energy deep within you. God's own self willing and working at what will give God the most pleasure. ~ Philippians 2:12-13, The Message*



We try pretty hard to do the right thing, every day. Sometimes doing the right thing is exhilarating and sometimes it is exhausting. But we try to be energetic about what we do, bringing the best of what we have

Attendance: 123  
Offering: \$4,171

**08/15:**

Attendance:  
Offering: \$

**08/22:**

Attendance:  
Offering: \$

**08/29:**

Attendance:  
Offering: \$

## Need a Book? A Bible? A Music CD?

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on any given day. What I like about the passage above is that it reminds me that I'm not the only one working here! On the days I get what it's saying, I find that being sensitive to God is recognizing that Spirit will provide the energy for the work in front of me. I don't have to do it alone. In fact, it will go much better if I don't try to do it alone but learn how to tap into the energy deep within, where God resides in us.

I confess that there are times that I do what I learned in Alanon, I "take what I like and leave the rest." Which is to say, sometimes what is helpful to another may or may not be helpful to me, but it's okay to take and use the helpful parts and leave the rest behind. I may even find that down the road parts I didn't think were helpful turn out to be. But I get to decide in the end, what feels helpful. I know words like "salvation" and "reverent" can be loaded words for some, words that might not feel helpful but can make us feel less-than, like we aren't doing enough. But what if we substituted the words, "wholeness" and "experience awe" so that the verse reads: Be energetic in your life of wholeness, experience awe and be sensitive before God. Hmm, something shifts a little for me when I do that.

Today try to be as energetic about your own wholeness as you are about your work. Be present for those little moments of awe that cross your path unexpectedly and awaken your spirit to God's Spirit. God is working in you...

**Prayer: Creator, help me get out of the way today so that you can work in and through me. Thank you that my wholeness matters to you and help me to be sensitive and awake to your energy today. Amen.**

## Spirit Road

### Summer Fun 2010

**This Thursday, 7 p.m. Aug 12 - Media Night...**we will show a movie, documentary or TV show with spiritual meaning and discussion to follow.

**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!



## Mens Fellowship this Saturday

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](http://www.agapemcc.com)

817-535-5002

**Join Our List**

## Meet at Chicago Corner in Arlington

This month's Men's Fellowship will  
be held at an Italian restaurant,  
**Chicago Corner on Saturday  
Aug 14 -7 p.m.** The restaurant is  
located at: 6201 Matlock Rd #123, Arlington, Texas  
76002 (at the corner of Matlock Rd and Sublett).



## Coming Up at Agape' in Worship

**by Rev. David Wynn**

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 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

**Sat, Aug 21**



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

**Tickets: \$7.50 ea or 2 for \$15**

order online at:

<http://www.opendoorproductionstx.com/tickets.htm>

## Next Town Meeting!

**Join Us on Sunday August 29**

Please join us Sunday the 29th for an  
hour of sharing. We will discuss the  
upcoming events and projects going on  
here at Agape' and then we will spend  
20-30 minutes hearing your cares, concerns and  
questions about these topics: Picnic & Parade -



Concerts & Shows - New Education schedule - Music Dept - Gift Shop....JOIN US!

Until then, Your Board Of Directors wishes you peace.

## Town Hall Meeting

Sun, Aug 29

12:15-1:15 p.m.

### 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.

### General Conference Update - Sun, Sept 5

#### Updates From Our Delegates

Join us Sunday, September 5, after service to learn of the changes to our denomination, workshop updates and worship experiences from our conference delegates. We will also have a slide show of events, people and places we saw at conference in Acapulco Mexico! See you there!



### 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, M.Div  
(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

**Any Questions? contact Mary at**  
[mcantrell@urhcs.org](mailto:mcantrell@urhcs.org) or 940-781-0736 (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

## 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

- Mitzi's healing after surgery.
- Continued healing for Jimmy M.
- Mark H.'s niece- who has been having seizures.
- Terry B. - has learned that he is facing the loss of his vision.
- Jaci G. and Terri N.- as they endure illness and await diagnosis and treatment.
- Good test results for Wren W.
- Tinker - continued healing and stable blood pressure.
- Denise- car repairs and travel mercies.
- For all those who experience extra challenges in abilities and health in the hot weather and

- also for those who help and care for them.
- Those starting new job and those who are searching jobs.
  - Those who are navigating life changes.
  - For all who are living with grief and sorrow.
  - The children and teachers at Camp Rosales.

*God, hear our prayers.*

## Praises

- Jimmy M. - is home after knee surgery and is doing well.
- Lisa D. - who gives so much help and encouragement.
- Bob O. - his gifts of presence and assistance behind the scenes.
- Rayne R. and Nancy F. - who so often provide delicious homemade treats for us to enjoy during hospitality, fellowship and special events.
- Our cool place to worship and have fellowship.
- The children's growing excitement about Camp Rosales.
- Our Nursery & Sunday School Teachers and Helpers- for their caring and positive influence.
- For our new Sunday School curriculum.
- For Grace G., Rayne R., Nancy F., Kathy M., Candice H., Mitzi H., Lynne F., Larissa B., Denise L., Terri N., Gail G. and others who provide Hospitality set-up, snacks and desserts AND the clean-up after Hospitality on Sundays after worship.
- For Candice's new job offer.

*Blessed are those who put their trust in God -  
Psalms 40:4*

**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.