



Agape' MCC Newsletter

October 13 2010

Upcoming Events

Thu October 14:

7pm Spirit Road - at our neighborhood Starbucks's 1-20 @ Forest Hill Drive

Sun October 17:

10:30am Worship Service- Wear Pink

Mon October 18:

6:30pm Ministers of Community Care Meeting

Wed October 20:

7pm Spiritual Types led by Jenny Cureton, LPC- Part 2

Thu October 21:

7pm Spirit Road- **Homosexuality and the Bible with Rev. Robert Myers**

Fri October 22:

5:30pm Samaritan House Supper Club

Sat October 23:

6-8pm Annual Trunk-R-Treat

Thu October 28:

7pm Spirit Road- **Homosexuality and the Bible with Rev. Robert Myers**

Wed November 3:

7pm Benedictine Spirituality led by Rev. Teri Lubbers- Part 1

Spirit Road This Week - Thu Oct 14

Join Us at Starbucks

With the rash of teen suicides based in anti-gay bullying ... Spirit Road is a natural place from which to springboard a social action response. We will be holding a brainstorming session this Thursday, 7:00 at our neighborhood Starbucks's.

[Starbucks](#)

3300 SE Loop 820 Unit A
Forest Hill, TX 76140

Pink Sunday - Oct 17

Breast Cancer Awareness

October 17 is Pink Sunday (Wear Pink). The purpose is to promote Breast Cancer Awareness and to encourage self check breast exams. Informational packets will be available at church and, after service, stick around for a short video of Luci Blue's Breast Exam Project. See you there, and remember... **wear pink!**



Pride Parade Thank You

Imagine... A Float!

Pride Parade Sunday is always busy and now we would like to thank all who made our presence known at the parade.

Thank you, Stacy Jones, for all your hard work during this week. The parade float was great - "Imagine... One Spirit" and thanks to all the helpers: Grace & Linda, Tiff, Rayne & Nancy, Kathy and others - for getting it all put together. Thanks to all that rode on the float- kids and adults! Special thanks to our banner holders, Nick and Thomas, and to all the walkers (who also handed out Agape' lollipops to the crowd).



Guess what? We received a parade award this year: the TCGPWA 2010 Pride Prayer Best Religious Affiliated Award (see photo above).

Sat November 6:

8pm OpenDoor Production-Suede! with Julie Bonk
(Youth Orchestra Hall)

Sun November 14:

12pm Annual Congregational Forum

Wed November 17:

7pm Benedictine Spirituality
led by Rev. Teri Lubbers- Part 2

Sun November 21:

12pm Annual Congregational Meeting

October Statistics

10/03:

Attendance: 99
Offering: \$1,633

10/10:

Attendance: 89
Offering: \$1,409

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To see pictures from the Pride Parade, [click here](#).

P.S. - next year the Parade moves to Downtown Fort Worth for its 30th anniversary!

From Our Church Treasurer

Financial Update

Dear Congregation,

I was very moved by Rev David's passion during his sermon on Sunday. I stand with him on the importance of our Church being an open safe place for not only the youth in need but for all of us as well. With that said I want to encourage you to keep our Church, its members and friends of the church in your prayers.

Last month our income was well under our budget goal. Know that your Board of Directors is doing all we can to control our expenses, but to keep our doors open and maintain our services, we must be able to meet our budget.

I also wanted to let you know that our benevolence fund is currently empty due to the more than expected needs for help. We have and continue to be truly blessed, and I know that with prayers and focus we can bring our income back inline with our budget. Please prayerfully consider helping where you can.

Blessings,
Billy Stewart
Agape' MCC Treasurer

Spiritual Types Training Continues - Oct 20

Next Wednesday

Spiritual Types led by Jenny Cureton,
LPC



Wednesday, October 20, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Social Hall

(pre-assessment to be completed online in September - **please bring your 4 alpha-letter type to the sessions**)

Here is the link to the assessment:
<http://humanmetrics.com/cgi-win/JTypes2.asp>

Any questions? Contact Jenny at:
jennycureton@EvolutionsCounseling.com

Homosexuality & the Bible

817-657-9882

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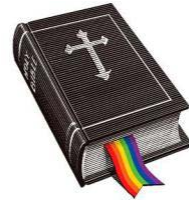
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Upcoming Spirit Roads in October

With the rash of teen youth suicides based in bullying and abuse that stems from anti gay rhetoric preached from too many pulpits...

Spirit Road will be holding a class led by **Rev. Robert Myers** on what the Bible really says about homosexuality **beginning on October 21st and finishing on October 28th** from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Social Hall at Agape' MCC. Please plan to attend!



Trunk-R-Treat - Sat Oct 23

It's Here!

It is that time once again - Fall is here - let the fun begin! Bring your trunk and get a treat. And don't forget the kids! Let them *bounce*...four legged "kids", too. Watch them *pounce*. Don't miss out. We'll all be there. Come one come all if you dare!!



Trunk-R-Treat
Saturday, October 23th
6pm-8pm

Trunk decorating contest

Trunk entry (suggested donation \$10.00)

Pumpkin carving contest

Pumpkin entry (suggested donation \$3.00)
please bring your pumpkin already carved

Bounce house, cake walk, food, fun and more fun!!

Sign up sheets and donation requests will be available in the foyer on this Sunday.

If you would like to help with this event, please contact: Trish Penland @ trishpenland@yahoo.com or call her at 817-724-8003.

Open Positions for Election in November!

We need Active Members Willing to Serve as:

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

Please consider prayerfully the positions listed above and contact Rev. David with any questions. Applications are available at the church.

[Click here](#) to read a special invitation from outgoing Board Treasurer Billy Stewart.

Bubb Fundraising - Update!

You Still Have Time to Recycle!

We will accept donations through October (maybe November)!

Bubb now take toys and clothing! **All toys and clothers MUST be in boxes (no bags).**



Click [here](#) to see list of items you may donate for the church fundraiser. Stacy will be glad to come pick up things, meet you at the church, or at the storage unit.

For answers to your questions or to schedule donation pick up - Contact Stacy Jones at: simonntig@gmail.com or call her at: 817-680-4083.

OpenDoor Production - Nov 6, 8 p.m.



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Prayers

- Tanner having knee surgery on Thursday.
- For those praying about running for a position here at Agape'.
- For our leaders.
- For our Board of Directors as they build the 2011 budget.
- Nora & Sherry - healing from illness.
- Billy's great nephew recovering from epileptic seizure.
- Cassy's Mom and Cassy.
- Lisa O. & her Mom travel mercies.
- Connie's Mom recovery from stroke and being able to be moved back to Texas soon.
- Employment for those in need of work.
- Rayne and continued health concerns regarding her

thyroid.

God, hear our prayers.

Praises

- For our Agape' Open Hearts Book Store and its ministry in the world!!
- For families of choice.
- Unexpected gifts.
- For our community!
- For all those who helped with Pride Week Activities!

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.