



# Agape' MCC Newsletter

November 24 2010

## Upcoming Events

### Fri November 26:

5:30pm Samaritan House Supper Club

### Sun December 5:

10:30am Worship Service

**11:45am Holiday Potluck Dinner**

### Sat December 11:

**6-8:30pm Annual Christmas Talent Show**

**Christmas Photos available also!**

### Fri December 24:

**7pm Christmas Eve Service**

## November Statistics

### 11/07:

Attendance: 121  
Offering: \$4,342

### 11/14:

Attendance: 103  
Offering: \$1,057

### 11/21:

Attendance: 116  
Offering: \$1,135

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

Shop Online at Your Agape' MCC Bookstore. Save 20% on most items & get 5% back for our church.

Link on our

[Virtual Store Link](#)

## Our Sponsors:

## National Adoption Day Update

### It's Official!

Check out three of our own on Channel 5 News last week. [Click here](#) to go to the link.

Congratulations to Deb, Tina and Ryan on the finalization of Ryan's adoption!



## Christmas Poinsettias

### Order Now!

You can still order Christmas Poinsettias for \$10.00 at Agape' in memory of a loved one, in honor of an anniversary, or to mark a milestone or significant event in your life.



Amy Ashton will be in the narthex (lobby) to receive **orders and payment on Nov. 28, and Dec. 5**. Poinsettias will be delivered by December 12, and will be in the sanctuary until December 26 when you will be invited to take them home with you.

## Advent 2010 - by Rev. David Wynn

### Come Join Us for Advent!

It's hard to believe that it is the first Sunday in Advent. It's odd to me how quickly time seems to pass. It is also odd to me how every year the pace of the holiday season seems to increase...well, this year at Agape', we are slowing down and making more room for Awe...that response that recognizes God's palpable presence in our everyday lives. So, why not get "awed & odd" this season?



You are invited to join us on Sundays as we seek to recapture the awe of this life and recover acts of cultivating "odd" practices such as: Peace in the Midst of Conflict, Love in the Midst of Hate, Joy in the Midst of Despair, Hope in the Midst of Hopelessness, Presence in the Midst of Loneliness, and Praise in the Midst of Suffering?! Let's keep Agape' "Awed and Odd!"

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## Will You Donate?

### Gifts for the Holidays

Agape' MCC is again partnering with **Community Partners of Tarrant County and the CPS Rainbow Room** to make sure **foster children** in Tarrant County **receive gifts** this holiday season.



**We are collecting donations through December 12** and will use the funds collected to purchase toys at deeply discounted prices through the Mattel Toy Store Charity Sales program.

**Toys will be delivered** to CPS/the Rainbow Room **the week of December 13**. Donations can be made during worship (please note CPS Christmas on your check and make checks payable to Agape MCC), in the donation box in the lobby, or to the church office. More information is available in the church lobby.

***Thank you for making a difference in the life of a child!***

## Bubb Fundraising - Update!

### You Still Have Time to Recycle!

We will accept donations **till the end of November. WE REALLY MEAN IT :)**. We will be contacting Bubb regarding a pick-up date at the end of this month.



**Bubb now take toys and clothing! All toys and clothes 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](mailto:simonntig@gmail.com) or call her at: 817-680-4083.

## Holiday Potluck - Sunday December 5

### Sign Up Soon!

We will have an **Agape' Family Holiday Potluck on Sunday, December 5**, after morning worship service.



Please sign up for bringing your favorite foods to share on the sign-up sheets in the Fellowship Hall, on the Kitchen door!

## Christmas Talent Show - December 11

### Come Join Us!

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Agape' Christmas Talent Show will be held on Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 6pm until 8:30pm.



This will consist of a talent show in the sanctuary with treats and fun to follow in the Fellowship Hall. There may even be a visit from Santa!

ALL are welcome to attend this free event and if you have a talent you'd like to share in the show that evening, please sign up on the forms posted in the church lobby.

Bring your friends and family and join your Agape' MCC family for some holiday FUN!

## Photo Sessions with Santa on Dec 11

### Santa Claus is Coming Back!

Bring your pets, kids, family, plants, etc. for a photo session with Santa and friends!



Our first Holiday Picture Sessions last weekend were such a success, that we have scheduled a second opportunity for you to get your holiday pictures taken!

**Prices: 4 x 6 \$5 or 5x7 \$8 or 8.5x11 \$10**  
**Multiple photo packages available upon request**

**Holiday Photos**  
**Agape' Fellowship Hall**  
**Saturday, Dec 11**

**(night of the Christmas Talent Show)**

## Prayers

- Terri N.- relief of symptoms and also prayer for family finances.
- Billy & Mark- mourning the loss of their favorite pet, Lil' Bit.
- Stacy K.- sprained her left foot and broke a bone in her right foot.
- Kim M.- pneumonia.
- Continued energy for Rayne.
- Mark H.'s sister-in-law, Betty- very sick with pneumonia.
- From Robin- For all closeted GLBT people as they visit family this week, and especially for those coming out to their families.
- Peace for strained family functions this week.

- For all those traveling this holiday season.
- For our new Advent Morning Prayer service beginning next week.

*God, hear our prayers.*

## Praises

- Congratulations to Deb, Tina and Ryan- adoption finalized and celebrated with friends last Saturday!
- Congrats to those elected to positions: Board- Billy S. and Shelly S.; Personnel Committee- Candy D.; Lay Delegate- Kathy M.
- All who participated in the Congregational Meeting.
- Kathy M. and her gift of service around the congregational meeting.
- Leigh & Jimmy- wielding hammers and saws.
- For Nick and his gifts.
- David & Rusty's new home.
- Tinker- for becoming a new toddler class teacher & bringing some relief to Sarah & Patti!
- For our Agape' ensemble.

*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.