



# Agape' MCC Newsletter

May 25 2011

## Upcoming Events

### Thu May 26:

9am Weekly Gardening Group

### Fri May 27:

5:30pm Samaritan House Supper Club

## May Statistics

### 05/01:

Attendance: 88  
Offering: \$1,511

### 05/08:

Attendance: 106  
Offering: \$1487

### 05/15:

Attendance: 97  
Offering: \$2,368

### 05/22:

Attendance: 88  
Offering: \$898

## Quick Links

[Agape' MCC](#)

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## BBO After Church This Sunday, May 29

### Join Us!

We are celebrating Memorial Day and a kick off to summer by offering a fun Community BBQ after service this week. Also in light that it might be low attendance this will be a nice intimate group. We have hot dogs, burgers, buns, cheese chips and soda.



Please bring yourselves and enjoy a community celebration and time with family. The kids will be watching a movie during kids church and this may also give them more time to watch the movie if they wish.

Hope to see you there!

## Joplin MCC Tornado Relief

### Worshipping When Tornado Hit

Spirit of Christ MCC in Joplin Missouri was destroyed in the devastating tornado event of last week. Members were worshipping and yet able to move to the church basement during the storm. All were safe but their building was destroyed. Pastor Steve Urie and his partner Heath also lost their home. We pray for our church family in Joplin. Please click on this link for more information and how you may help: [Disaster Relief](#).

## Ushers Needed

### Can You Help?

We need of at least 6 ushers to serve 1 Sunday a month.

If you are interested, please contact Billy at: [bstewa1@hotmail.com](mailto:bstewa1@hotmail.com) or call him at 817-319-0342.



## Easter Continues!

MCC Bookstore. Save 20% on most items & get 5% back for our church.

Link on our  
[Virtual Store Link](#)

## Web Bible Resources

**The Text This Week - Revised Common Lectionary, Scripture Study and Worship:**  
<http://www.textweek.com/>  
**Out In Scripture Archive:**  
<http://www.hrc.org/scripture/>

## Business Directory:

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## Contact Us At:

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817-535-5002

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## By Rev. David Wynn

The Great 50 Days of the Easter Season in the early church was an extended period of catechesis (teaching) for those who had been baptized at the Easter Vigil. In that tradition, we continue to address some "big deals" of Christian faith-theological concepts that we hear all the time but don't always "unpack." The lectionary this year offers us some deep topics in this post-resurrection season. The rising up of Jesus invites us to test our "wingspan" and our understanding and experience of the Holy Living One.



Come to worship, wrestle with, and learn some things that will increase your wingspan and enrich your spiritual quest!

**May 29 - "Judgment"**

**June 05 - "Kingdom"**

**June 12 - Pentecost Sunday, "Prophesy"**

## Ministers of Community Care Training

### New Training Group To Begin Soon

We are pleased to announce the start of a training group for those who are called or wish to explore a call to the ministry of pastoral care. Ministers of Community Care (MCCs) are individuals who have been called and gifted by God to journey with those who seek God's presence and guidance in their lives and who offer care, hope and encouragement for people who reach out for support with life's joys and challenges. The Ministers of Community Care team is an extension of the pastoral team and serves a vital role in our growing community.



The training program for our MCCs is approximately four months in length and those who participate in this program are asked to commit to full attendance throughout the training. The training program will cover much of the "how to's" of pastoral care ministry, assist participants in deepening their personal spiritual practices, and will include assistance in discerning God's call.

If you are interested in joining the next training group, or for more information about this ministry opportunity, please contact Rev. David ([revwynn@yahoo.com](mailto:revwynn@yahoo.com)) or Rev. Teresa ([revtmallott@yahoo.com](mailto:revtmallott@yahoo.com)) to express your interest or to ask questions.

## How Hospitable Are You?

## We Need Your Help!

We could use your Help on the Sunday HOSPITALITY TEAM.



The Sunday Hospitality Team Ministry extends welcoming space and serves refreshments after our worship service. We hope to have enough volunteers so that each small team will serve just once per quarter.

- You won't have to prepare at Agape' during the week.
- No meetings.
- You choose the Sunday that you can serve on a small Hospitality team.
- One of the experienced volunteers will walk through the prep. and setting up of Hospitality with you on your first Sunday.
- We honestly think this is a light-hearted and fun team.

We hope that you enjoy hospitality/fellowship and feel called to join in making it happen. If you can share in bringing the food for snacks this would be a big help as well. Please see or contact the Hospitality Coordinator, Denise Pruitt (817) 204-7943 or email her at: [ne.gilbert@att.net](mailto:ne.gilbert@att.net)

## Community Bulletin Board

### Your Ads or Items for Sale Here:

Dear Members, I have been unemployed for the past 7-8 months. If anyone knows of an employment opportunity, please, please, let me know. I live in Weatherford, on west side of Ft. Worth. I have been in property management for the past several years and have also recently been attempting to start a Farmers Agency, however I am not limited to these... please let me know if you hear of anything or have any suggestions. I can be reached at 214.952.8859 ... this is my cell or my email [frank.marino96@gmail.com](mailto:frank.marino96@gmail.com) Thank You, Thank You, Thank You ~ Frank Marino



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Dear Friends,  
I am moving on the weekend of May 28th and need the help of someone with a truck that can pull a trailer. I also am moving from furnished to unfurnished and if there is anyone who knows of someone with unwanted furniture, please send them my way. My phone number is (479) 285-9899 and my email is [fancifu1@yahoo.com](mailto:fancifu1@yahoo.com). Any assistance would be appreciated.

My sincere thanks, Denise LaRae

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## Prayers

- Nora's surgery on Thursday.
- Lisa's friend Bridgett who is having complications with her diabetes.
- Jordan and his fight with brain cancer.
- David H. and his health issues.
- Gary - may he allow God to direct his path.
- Dan - may he continue to heal and be the miracle he is.
- For those in transition.
- Charlie L. - Health/stress.
- For Barry L.
- Scott T. (friend of Cassy and Lisa) - who had a diagnosis this week of MS. Also prayers for his family.
- Friends and family of Jackie Carney, dear friend of Lisa O. who passed due to a motorcycle accident this week.
- Cheri and Dawn - prayers for financial needs.
- For Grace.
- Safe travel for all the campers out of town next weekend.
- Healing and recovery for the people of Joplin, MO.

*God, hear our prayers.*

## Praises

- Joy-Fest and the awesome music they provided.
- The generosity of our Church-Family.
- For the graduates.
- Those who fed our flock on Sunday and Friday.
- For Linda G. a wonderful partner and source support and understanding.
- Holly closing on her first home.
- David and Wren closing on their home.
- A wonderful church family.
- Those who work behind the scenes to provide care for our community and our church grounds - bless you!

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

## MCC News from Around the World

[MCC Issues Call to Prayer / Action - Joplin MO Tornado](#)

[MCC Leadership Through Stewardship April 2011](#)

## Community News and Events

[GLBT Chamber, Fairness Fort Worth To Host Forum](#)

[AIDS Outreach Center \(AOC\)](#)

[National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Update](#)

[Samaritan House](#)

[Transgender Education Network of Texas](#)

[QCinema](#)

**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.