

NEW

MEMBER'S ORIENTATION



AGAPE FAMILY
WORSHIP CENTER

DR. LAWRENCE POWELL,
SENIOR PASTOR

MEMBERSHIP
MINISTRIES

ABOUT

US





Lawrence Powell was born on March 5, 1964, in Newark, New Jersey, and grew up in Rahway with his sister Annette in a home purchased by their parents, Hark and Rebecca Powell. Educated in Rahway Public Schools, he graduated from high school in 1982 and later earned degrees from Rutgers University and Oral Roberts University. After experiencing a transformative time at ORU and meeting influential figures like Dr. Oral Roberts, Lawrence felt a divine calling to return

to New Jersey and start Agape Family Worship Center in his parents' garage in 1990. The church has since grown into one of New Jersey's largest congregations. Known for his outreach and evangelism, Lawrence has impacted communities worldwide and authored five books. He holds a Doctor of Strategic Leadership from Regent University and continues to lead and inspire through his ministry. Lawrence is also a father of three and a grandfather.



Dr. Odessa McNeill is an Evangelist, Coach, Christian Educator, Ministerial Trainer, and a highly sought after Preacher. She is currently serving as Dean of Pneuma Life School of Ministry, Academic Dean at Eastern Bible Institute, and proud board member of Sisters Network - a breast cancer survivor organization. In her spare time, "Dr. O" enjoys spending time with her granddaughter, family and friends.

YOUR COVENANT

PSALM 130
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nor do I involve myself in great matters,
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PSALM 133
Beauty of the Unity of Brethren
A Song of Ascents, of David.
BEHOLD, how good and how pleasant
it is for brothers to dwell together,<
as when oil is poured out,
and the oil runs down,
as when the dew of Hermon
comes down upon the mountain of Zion;
for there the LORD has commanded
his blessing—life forever.
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17 "There I will cause the horn
to spring forth; [Ezek. 29:10]
I have prepared a lamp
for him; [1 Kin. 11:36]
18 "His enemies I will clothe
with shame,
but upon himself his
glory will shine."

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PSALM 135
God Has Done Great Things
A Song of Ascents, of David.

PRAISE THE LORD!
Praise the name of the LORD,
O servants of the LORD,
in the courts of the house of the LORD,
in the heavens, on earth,
in the deeps,
and in all His habitation.
For the LORD has chosen Zion;
He has desired it for His habitation.
This is My resting place forever;
here I will dwell, for I have desired it.
I will abundantly bless her provision;
I will satisfy her needy with bread.
Her priests also I will clothe with salvation;
and her godly ones will sing aloud for joy.

Welcome HOME! Thank you for joining Agape Family Worship Center. By completing the membership application, you agreed to the following:

- You understand that membership in a church is meaningless, unless the individual has decided to accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.
- You certify that you have made that decision regarding your responsibility as a member of Agape Family Worship Center.
- You pledge that you are willing to be instructed regarding the doctrines of Jesus Christ.
- You further hereby pledge that you, to the best of your ability will seek to live in accordance with those doctrines and responsibilities.

New Member Orientation Course Agreement

Once an individual makes the decision to join and complete a membership application, membership is established. To actively serve within a ministry, all members complete the New Member's Orientation and all required courses.

The purpose of New Member's Orientation is to provide members with key biblical principles pertaining to Agape Family Worship Center, as well as our core beliefs of Christianity.

Membership Candidate: _____ DOB: _____

Address/City/State/Zip: _____

Phone/Cell: _____

E-mail address: _____

Area(s) of Ministry interest: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

HISTORY

& TIMELINE

1990

May 27th Agape Family Worship Center, formerly called The Love Church, met for the first time in the garage of Pastor Larry's parents on in Rahway. Agape started with 7 adults and 4 children.



1993

Agape moved services to Columbia School in Rahway, NJ



1991

Agape held services at The Sheraton Hotel in Iselin, NJ



2001

Agape Pointe becomes
the home of Agape
Family Worship Center

VISION

To be a gateway
where people
of every nation
connect, grow, and
develop into faithful
followers of Jesus
Christ.

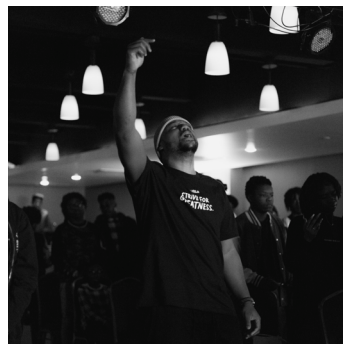
MISSION

To show and
share God's LOVE
with everyone,
everywhere



MEMBERSHIP

ADVANTAGES



JOIN THE AGAPE FAMILY TODAY



THE SHEPARD'S ROLE

Cast the Vision for the Ministry

- Where there is no revelation (vision), the people cast off restraint; but blessed is he who keeps the law. Proverbs 29:18 (NIV)

Provide Oversight

- Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. Acts 20:28 (NIV)

Preach the Word

- Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine. 2 Tim 4:2 (NIV)

THE MEMBER'S ROLE

Pray for Our Pastor and Leaders

- I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior. 1Timothy 2:1-3

Support by Providing Your Time, Talent, and Treasure

- TIME ...not forsaking our own assembling together, as the custom of some is, but exhorting one another, and so much the more, as ye see the day drawing nigh. Hebrews 10:25
- TALENT To prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up. Ephesians 4:12
- TREASURE Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Cor. 9:7



WEEKLY SERVICES

Sundays at 9am

Wednesdays at 7:30 pm

Online at [agapecenter.org](https://www.agapecenter.org)

FAQ

Baby Dedications

We dedicate children of members quarterly.

Baptism

New converts and members are eligible for Baptism.

Benevolence

Agape reserves the right to provide short-term, financial assistance to members “in good standing”. Each request is reviewed by the Benevolence Committee.

Bereavement

The church and facilities are available for members of Agape.

Counseling

Agape provides the following counseling: Pre-Marital, Post-Marital, Grief. Agape reserves the right to refer individuals to licensed counselors as deemed necessary.

Emergency

In case of an emergency, please contact the church office 732.680.9800.

Funerals

The church and facilities are available for members of Agape who become deceased.

Hospital Visitation

If you become hospitalized, please contact the church or have someone to contact us on your behalf.

Tithing

Tithing dollars go to Disaster Relief, Evangelistic Outreach, Feed the Children, Fashion Share, Summer Word Explosion.

Weddings

Member discounts are available after 6 months of membership.



You Must Be Born Again

The New Birth is the removal of the old, contaminated nature and its replacement with a new, pure nature.

What Happens When You are Born Again

You pass from death to life, you receive forgiveness, you become a part of the family of God.

How to Experience the New Birth

Repent (Matthew 3:7-10; Acts 3:19) and Believe (Acts 16; Romans 10)

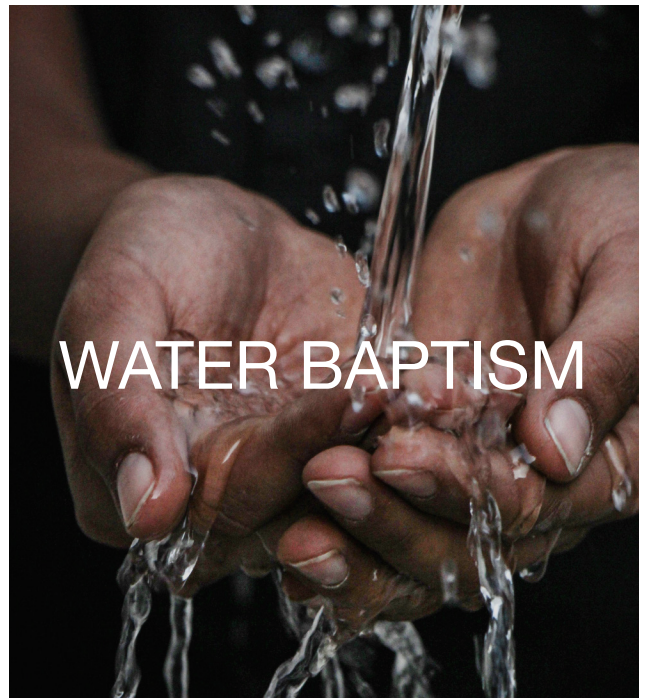
The word “baptize” means to dip, immerse, overwhelm, plunge or submerge.

Why Baptism?

- It is the command of Jesus that believers be baptized. (Matt. 28:19; Mark 16:16) Note: John 14:15

What Happens in Baptism?

- Identification with Jesus Christ in His death, burial and resurrection.
- Baptism publicly declares outwardly an inward change that has already taken place through faith in Jesus Christ.



STEWARDSHIP



Stewardship is the utilizing and managing of all the resources that God provides for His glory. Example of Stewardship in the Bible:

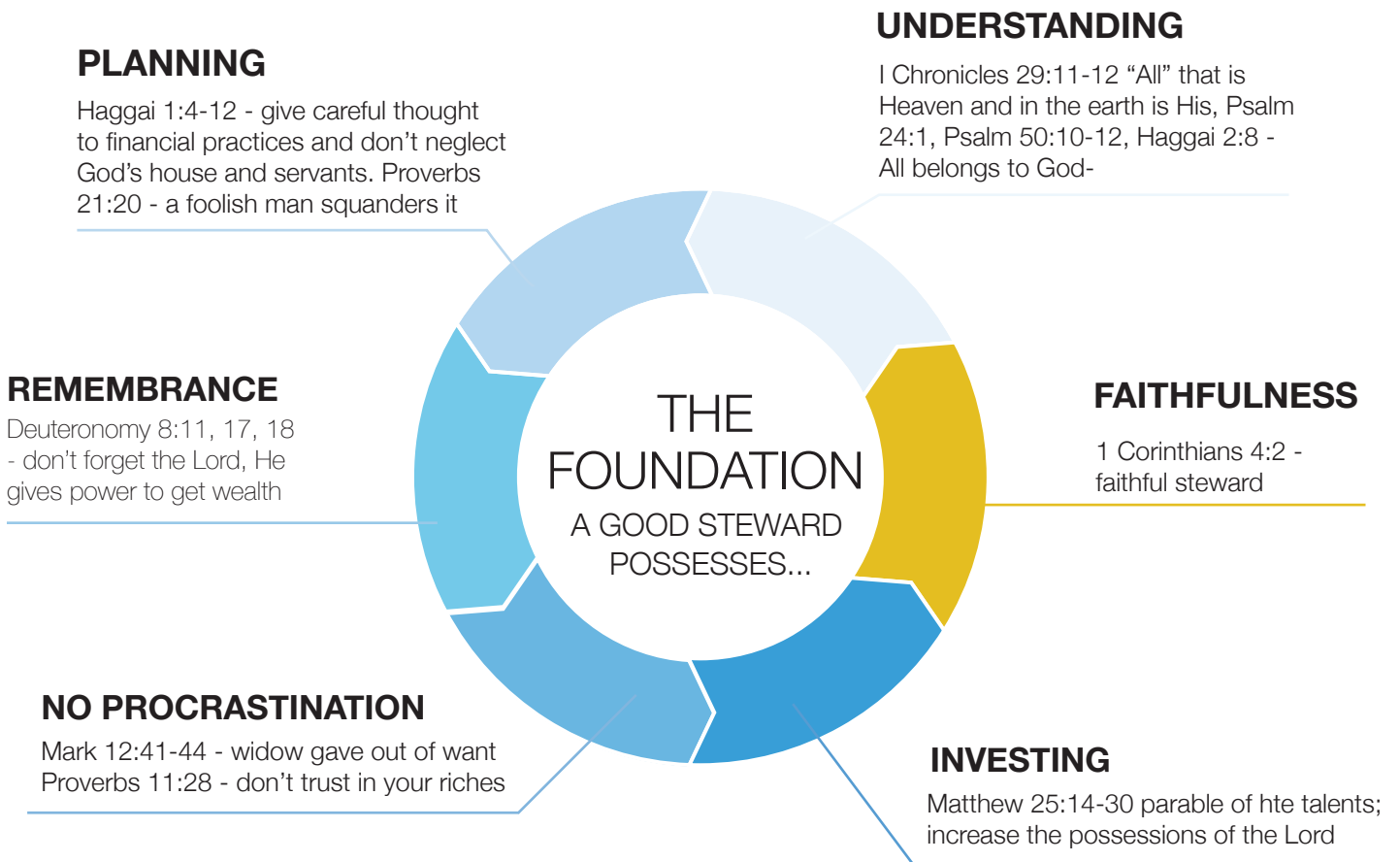
JOSEPH – GENESIS 39:1-6

“Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt. Potiphar, an Egyptian who was one of Pharaoh’s officials, the captain of the guard, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had taken him there. ² The Lord was with Joseph so that he prospered, and he lived in the house of his Egyptian master. ³ When his master saw that the Lord was with him and that the Lord gave him success in everything he did,”

⁴ Joseph found favor in his eyes and became his attendant. Potiphar put him in charge of his household, and he entrusted to his care everything he owned. ⁵ From the time he put him in charge of his household and of all that he owned; the Lord blessed the household of the Egyptian because of Joseph. The blessing of the Lord was on everything Potiphar had, both in the house and in the field. ⁶ So Potiphar left everything he had in Joseph’s care; with Joseph in charge, he did not concern himself with anything except the food he ate. Now Joseph was well-built and handsome,

FIVE ATTRIBUTES OF A GOOD STEWARD

DISCIPLINE	You are a disciple of God's order of managing money. Isaiah 55:8-9
SELF CONTROL	One of the fruits of the Spirit. Galatians 5:22-23
BOUNDRIES	Set God inspired limits; seek Him first. Matthew 6:33
EDUCATION	Being informed. Hosea 4:6
ACCOUNTABILITY	"No man is an island" John Donne Proverbs 15:22



TITHING



Tithing refers to the consistent and systematic practice of giving ten percent of one's income or increase back to the Lord for the work of His Kingdom on earth.

- **Leviticus 27:30-32** the tithe is Holy; 10% of all income, increase
- **Deuteronomy 14:22 – 23** purpose is to learn to honor the Lord
- **Genesis 14:18-20** before the Law, Abraham tithed to Melchizedek, King of Salem
- **Leviticus 27** use of the tithe under the law
- **Deuteronomy 26** first fruit offering under the law
- **Matthew 23:23, Luke 11:42** tithing rebuke of the Pharisees; tithing after the law
- **Hebrews 7:1-8** tithing listed in the New Testament; reiteration of the tithe to Melchizedek, after the law
- **Acts 5:1-11** Ananias and Sapphira deceitful tithe and consequence, after the law

KEY TITHING TRUTHS

- Malachi 3:8-12
 - Not tithing = robbing God and being cursed with a curse
- Should be given to the storehouse; financing the local church
- Only place where God challenges the believer to “put me to the test”
- Major rewards:
 - Release the windows of heaven so that financial blessings come upon you
 - Activate God's rebuke against the devourer (Satan)
 - Vine will not fail to bear fruit before its season
 - Nations will call you blessed
- 2 Chronicles 31:5, 21
 - Gross vs. Net?
- Luke 16:10-12
 - Faithful vs. Dishonest

GIVING

Let each one [give] as he has made up his own mind and purposed in his heart, not reluctantly or sorrowfully or under compulsion, for God loves (He takes pleasure in, prizes above other things, and is unwilling to abandon or to do without) a cheerful (joyous, “prompt to do it”) giver [whose heart is in his giving]. 2 Corinthians 9:7 Amp

FAITH PRINCIPALS



OFFERING

An unspecified amount above the tithe.

- 1 Corinthians 16:1-2 – set aside your offering
- 2 Corinthians 9:6 – reap what you sow
- Ezra 2:69 – give according to your ability
- Deuteronomy 16:10 – proportionate in size to His blessing to you
- Mark 12:41-44 – widow gave out of want
- 2 Corinthians 8:11 – willing desire leads to actual performance
- 2 Corinthians 8:12 – willing mind makes the gift acceptable
- Matthew 2:11 – giving other material possessions



WAYS TO GIVE

- **In Person** – Electronically or using the offering envelope.
- **PUSHPAY LETS YOU Text to give**
- No cash? No check? No problem. With our new giving platform PushPay you now have a kiosk in your pocket. You can make your financial contributions from your mobile device and online quickly, easily and securely. Give your tithes, as well as other gifts, simply by using your ACH, debit or credit card.
- **Text afwc to 77977**
- The simple URL leads to an online giving experience. <https://pushpay.com/g/agapecenter?src=hpp>
- After users give, they will receive an invitation via text to download the Pushpay app, so they can give in 10 seconds next time.

“JUST DO IT”

- Watch and be on guard against greed... Luke 12:15
- ...From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded... Luke 12: 48b
- Covenant to not neglect the house of God Nehemiah 10:28-39
- Promise of Blessing Leviticus 26:3-13
- “The Lord said to Moses, Why do you cry to Me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward!” Exodus 14:15 AMPC



STEWARDSHIP

BLESSING

Leviticus 26:3-13 “If you walk in My statutes and keep my commandments and perform them... v13”...I have broken the bars of your yoke and made you walk erect (as free men)...”Amp.

“Neighbor, I release your Quantum leap in managing God’s money and resources. As you “excel” in your giving, your tithing and your offering”, I command EPIC blessings upon you to demonstrate God’s promise fulfilled before the world. May you reap the reward commanded by God’s covenant to “give and I’ll give it back to you pressed down, shaken together, running over and with good measure shall men give unto your bosom.” (Luke 6:38) I pray 3 John 2 “that you may prosper and be in health, just as

your soul prospers.” Lord, release showers of continuous blessings to INFINITY PLUS ONE. And let my neighbor remember.

Deuteronomy 33:26-28 “There is no one like the God of Jeshurun, Who rides the heavens to help you..”, including SIGNS, WONDERS AND MIRACLES IN YOUR FINANCES! Lord, do a new thing in our stewardship (Isaiah 43:19): lead us to refresh, reimagine, and reignite our finances. We believe you have greater still in store for us that will MANIFEST in, through, and before us. We are stronger and better together as we SYNERGIZE, build and conquer.

FORWARD, In Jesus’ name – It is so!”

Shalom!

SERVITUDE

The objectives:

- Define servitude as it pertains to The Bible
- Discover how we should serve The Lord and others
- Recognize barriers to servitude
- Identify ways to overcome barriers for serving

There are a lot of Christians doing nothing. But there are
NO christians who have nothing to do.

Anonymous

- (1) Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. (2) And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. (3) And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing. 1 Corinthians 13:1-3 (NKJV)

WAYS TO SHOW LOVE

- (4) Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; (5) does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; 6 does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; (7) bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. (8) Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away. (9) For we know in part and we prophesy in part. (10) But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away. 1 Corinthians 13:4-10 (NKJV)

How does this connect to servitude?

- 11) “When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. (12) For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.”
- (13) “And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.” 1 Corinthians 13:11-13 (NKJV)

(48) So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously."

Luke 2:48-52 (NKJV)

(49) And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" (50) But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them. John 5:30 (NKJV)



A LOOK AT OBEDIENCE



30) I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.

Luke 22:42 (NKJV)

(42) saying, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done."



WHAT IS JESUS DOING HERE?

(5) “After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded. (6) Then He came to Simon Peter. And Peter said to Him, “Lord, are You washing my feet?” (7) ”Jesus answered and said to him, “What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will know after this.” John 13:5-7 (NKJV)



Do we have to serve?

(21) "Not everyone who says to Me, Lord, Lord, will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father Who is in heaven." Matthew 7:21

(50) "For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother."
Matthew 12:50

Heart of Service

(42) But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. (43) Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. (44) And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. (45) For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." Mark 10:42-45 (NKJV)

Evaluate Your Motives

Matthew 6:1 (NKJV) (6) "Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven. Matthew 6:2-4 (NKJV) (2) Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. (3) But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, (4) that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly.

Serve to Please God

(6) Colossians 3:23 – 25 (NKJV) (23) And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, (24) knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ. (25) But he who does wrong will be repaid for what he has done, and there is no partiality.

1 Corinthians 10:31 (NKJV) (31) Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

GROUP ACTIVITY

Divide the members into groups. They should have 3-5 minutes to discuss the respected questions and share their response.

<p>GROUP 1</p> <p>What are some common and uncommon ways to serve others?</p>	
<p>GROUP 2</p> <p>What types of activities do people mistakenly identify as serving?</p>	
<p>GROUP 3</p> <p>What are some briers one can face as it pertains to serving?</p>	
<p>GROUP 4</p> <p>How do you overcome barriers to serving?</p>	
<p>GROUP 5</p> <p>How do you go about getting others to serve?</p>	
<p>GROUP 6</p> <p>What advice would you provide others that haven't been able to decide how they want to serve in the kingdom?</p>	

SPIRITUAL GIFTS & ASSESSMENT



MISSION OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS CLASS

To connect Agape Members to a ministry that will utilize their spiritual gifts, edify the body of Christ and provide opportunity for spiritual growth. To assess the spiritual gifts of Agape members.

THE GOALS OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS ASSESSMENT

Understanding
the spiritual
gifts.

Instruction
on how to
complete the
Spiritual Gifts
Assessment.

Make
connections
between your
spiritual gifts
and talent with
ministry.

Get
Connected!

WHAT ARE SPIRITUAL GIFTS?

The Spirit manifests Himself through these gifts to edify the church.

Gifts from the Holy Spirit

But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: ⁽⁸⁾ for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, ⁽⁹⁾ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, ⁽¹⁰⁾ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 1 Corinthians 12:7-10

Jesus calls us to ministry for the edification of the Body of Christ.

Ephesians 4:11-12

And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, ⁽¹²⁾ for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.

Gifts from the Father

In His grace God has given us each a gift that will motivate us to service in the church.

Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; ⁽⁷⁾ or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; ⁽⁸⁾ he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness. Romans 12:6-8

HOW TO USE THE SPIRITUAL GIFTS ASSESSMENT

SCORING YOUR ASSESSMENT

For Sure, that's definitely me = 9

Frequently, a lot of the time = 6

Not Very Often = 3

No Way, that's definitely not me = 0

GIFTS ASSESSMENT

The gifts and calling of God are without repentance. As everyone has received the gift, even so minister the same to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and everyone members of one another, having gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us. Now God has set every one of the members in the body, as it has pleased Him.

[Romans 11:29; 1 Peter 4:10; Romans 12:5, 6a; 1 Corinthians 12:18]

ASSESSMENT RESPONSE GRID

IMPORTANT: There are no "right" or "wrong" responses. In order to receive the most benefit from this assessment, you must respond to the statements according to who you are now, not who you would like to be or think you ought to be. Keep these questions in mind as you respond to the statements; "How true are these statements of you?", "What has been your experience?" and "To what degree do these statements reflect your usual tendencies?"



1:

Respond to each of the statements on the following page according to this scale:
 9 = For sure, that's definitely me
 6 = Frequently, a lot of the time
 3 = Not very often
 0 = No way, that's definitely not me



2:

Using the grid below, write your response to each statement in its appropriately matching numbered block.



3:

Once all responses have been entered, total up each column and write that total in the bottom square below the letters. The letters correspond to the gifts listed on the back of this sheet.

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GIFT DEFINITIONS AND THEIR DISTINCTIVE QUALITIES

A = Administration (Efficiency)

Anointing for organizing, planning, bringing order out of chaos; coordinating and developing strategies to reach identified goals; bringing efficiency and effectiveness

Exodus 18:14-24 And when Moses' father-in-law saw all that he did to the people, he said, What is this thing that thou doest to the people? why sittest thou thyself alone, and all the people stand by thee from morning unto even? ... The thing that thou doest is not good ... I will give thee counsel, and God shall be with thee: be thou for the people to Godward, that thou mayest bring the causes unto God: and thou shalt teach them ordinances and laws, ... Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them, ... and let them judge the people at all seasons: and it shall be, that every great matter they shall bring unto thee, but every small matter they shall judge: ... So Moses hearkened to the voice of his father-in-law, and did all that he had said.

AA = Apostleship (New Ministries)

Anointing for pioneering new ministries/churches, ministering to the unreached in other cultures or communities, having authority and vision; entrepreneurial and adventurous

Acts 13:2-3 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

C = Craftsmanship (Skill)

Anointing for creatively designing/constructing items for use in ministry; skillful use of tools and materials (wood, cloth, paint, metal, etc.); practical, resourceful, and creative

Exodus 31:1-6 And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying, ... and I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship, to devise cunning works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, and in cutting of stones, to set them, and in carving of timber, to work in all manner of workmanship.

CC = Creative Communication (Artistic Expression)

Anointing for using art forms to communicate the gospel: drama, writing, art, music, etc.; expressive, imaginative, artistic, unconventional, uses variety and creativity

2 Samuel 6:14-15 And David danced before the LORD with all his might; and David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

D = Discernment (Clarity)

Anointing for distinguishing truth from error; identifying deception and motives in others accurately, perceptive, insightful, intuitive, challenging, decisive, and truthful

Acts 5:1-4 But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession, and kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet. But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? ... Thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.

E = Encouragement (Exhortation)

Anointing for presenting the truth to comfort, strengthen, reassure, urge others to action, motivate, affirm, support, and encourage confidence in God's will

Acts 11:22-24 Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem: and they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch. Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord. For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord.

EE = Evangelism (The Good News)

Anointing for sharing the gospel with unbelievers so they respond; seeking out the lost, challenging unbelievers to faith in Christ, candid, sincere, persuasive, and confident

Acts 8:26-38 And the angel of the Lord spoke unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert. And he arose and went; and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, ... sitting in his chariot read Isaiah the prophet. Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot. And Philip ran thither to him ... and said, Understandest thou what thou readest? And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? ... Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same Scripture, and preached unto him Jesus. ... and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. ... and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.

F = Faith (Confidence)

Anointing for acting on God's promises with confidence; believe and inspire others to believe, move forward when others won't; inspiring, optimistic, trusting, and hopeful

Hebrews 11:1-3 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good report. Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

G = Giving (Resources)

Anointing for giving money and resources for the work of the Lord cheerfully and liberally; may have ability to make money, stewardship focus, disciplined, charitable, and resourceful

Luke 21:1-4 And he looked up, and saw the rich men casting their gifts into the treasury. And he saw also a certain poor widow casting in thither two mites. And he said, Of a truth I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast in more than they all: for all these have of their abundance cast in unto the offerings of God: but she of her penury hath cast in all the living that she had.

H = Helps (Support)

Anointing for doing practical and necessary tasks which support and meet other's needs, serving behind the scenes, available, willing, loyal, and dependable

Colossians 4:7-8 All my state shall Tychicus declare unto you, who is a beloved brother, and a faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord: whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose, that he might know your estate, and comfort your hearts;

HH = Hospitality (Acceptance)

Anointing for caring for people via fellowship, food, shelter; creating a safe, comfortable environment where others feel welcomed; friendly, gracious, inviting, and warm

Acts 16:14-15 And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul. And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there. And she constrained us.

I = Intercession (Protection)

Anointing for praying consistently for others, and seeing frequent and specific results; feeling compelled to pray; awareness of spiritual leading and battles; an advocate, caring, sincere, and a peacemaker

1 Timothy 2:1-2 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

K = Knowledge (Awareness)

Anointing for operating with revelation of truth, unusual biblical insight, searching the scriptures, inquisitive, responsive, observant, insightful, reflective, studious, and truthful

Mark 2:6-8 But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts, Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God only? And immediately when Jesus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts?

L = Leadership (Direction)

Anointing for casting vision, motivating and directing people to fulfill God's purposes, presenting "big picture," establish goals, visionary, diligent, influential, and trustworthy

Luke 22:25-26 And he said unto them, The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and they that exercise authority upon them are called benefactors. But ye shall not be so: but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve.

M = Mercy (Care)

Anointing for helping the suffering, needy or oppressed; expressing love, grace and dignity to those in hardship; empathetic, compassionate, sensitive, kind, and caring

Matthew 5:7 Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy.

P = Prophecy (Conviction)

Anointing for revealing and proclaiming truth for understanding, correction, repentance, or edification; exposing sin or deception; seeing and warning; discerning, outspoken, confronting, authoritative, convicting, and uncompromising

2 Peter 1:19-21 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; ... that no prophecy of the Scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

S = Shepherding (Nurture)

Anointing for nurturing, caring for and guiding people toward on-going spiritual maturity; discipling, protective, supportive, long-term relationships, and role modeling

1 Peter 5:2, 3 ... feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being examples to the flock.

T = Teaching (Application)

Anointing for understanding, clearly explaining, applying God's Word and inspiring obedience; practical truths, disciplined, perceptive, teachable, authoritative, analytical, and articulate

Acts 18:24-28 And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the Scriptures, came to Ephesus. This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John. And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly. And when he was disposed to pass into Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him: who, when he was come, helped them much which had believed through grace: For he mightily convinced the Jews, and that publicly, showing by the Scriptures that Jesus was Christ.

W = Wisdom (Guidance)

Anointing for applying spiritual truth effectively to meet a need in a specific situation; seeing solutions and consequences; sensible, insightful, wise, experienced, and practical

James 3:17-18 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

ASSESSMENT STATEMENTS

1. I enjoy organizing ideas, tasks, and people.
2. I have a sense that Christ has called me to build up His Church.
3. I like to build structures with wood, metal, plastic, glass or other materials.
4. I can see how my artistic skills could be used to benefit the body of Christ.
5. I am quick at accurately identifying good and bad motives in others.
6. I have a desire to help suffering, troubled or discouraged people.
7. I like to talk about Jesus to those who do not know Him.
8. I know God's will with certainty, in specific situations.
9. I feel moved to give when presented with financial needs in God's kingdom.
10. I enjoy doing tasks that help others minister effectively.
11. I enjoy providing a welcoming environment for guests and am not bothered by unexpected visitors.
12. I am sensitive to the prayer needs of others and desire to give them needed prayer support.
13. I have been able to help others distinguish key and important facts of scripture.
14. I enjoy inspiring and directing others for the sake of Christ's work.
15. I enjoy spending time with those who are lonely or shut-in, whether in hospitals, nursing homes or prisons.
16. I desire to expose sin and I challenge people to repentance.
17. I desire to see Believers' spiritual needs met and to be personally involved in nurturing or discipling ministries.
18. I see changes in knowledge, attitudes, values or conduct when I communicate biblical truth to others.
19. I have successfully applied spiritual truth to situations in my own life.
20. I am good at researching and using information to accomplish goals.
21. I have an urgency to take the Gospel to settings where it is rarely heard.
22. I am able to identify and know how to use most tools.
23. I have been told that people have been blessed through my artistic ability.
24. I can see through fake or manipulative behavior before it is evident to other people.
25. I am bothered by seeing people deeply troubled or in a crisis situation.
26. I am able to share the Gospel in a way that makes it clear and meaningful.
27. I have assurance and know that God will do what He said he would do.
28. I am willing to make necessary sacrifices in order to benefit God's Kingdom with my finances.
29. I can sense when others need a helping hand and am always ready to assist.
30. I have a way of making others feel at ease in my home and at church.
31. I am conscious of ministering to others as I pray for them.
32. I enjoy studying and reading material that expands my understanding of the Bible.
33. I am quick to sense when a group I'm in is getting nowhere and I want to do something about it.
34. I desire to reach out to people who are ignored by the majority of those around them.
35. I like honest people who speak the truth.
36. I sense in myself a discipling instinct when I know of Christians who need spiritual counsel.
37. I am understood by others as I explain the Bible or the Christian life to them.
38. I am able to guide a person with a problem to the best biblical solution.
39. I am good at delegating important tasks to the right people.
40. I am compelled to find new ways of communicating God's love to people that have not been reached.
41. I can build something just by looking at its construction.
42. I am characterized by people as an artistic person.
43. I can sense whether a person's teaching is biblical truths or not.
44. I encourage people to live a moral Christian lifestyle.
45. I want to relate to unbelievers so I can share my faith.
46. I have a sense when certain times require prayer with deep faith.

47. I believe that all I have belongs to God and I want to be a good steward for the sake of His kingdom.
48. I am content to take orders rather than to give them.
49. I am sensitive to the acts of kindness which make people feel comfortable.
50. I can pray for extended periods, in regular intervals, all the time.
51. I discover new insights in Scripture during my personal study time.
52. I am often expected to provide direction when I join a group.
53. I sense when people are experiencing some type of hurt and feel moved to somehow ease their pain.
54. I can speak God's Word into a person's life which results in confidence and change.
55. I assume responsibility when I see a Christian being led astray.
56. I am able to communicate truth clearly and concisely and hold the interest of those I instruct.
57. I am asked by others for workable ideas or alternatives.
58. I like to help others become organized.
59. I feel that God is sending me out on a mission to reach people in need of hearing the Gospel.
60. I desire to build structures which glorify God.
61. I can envision specific projects that I could undertake to use my artistic ability for the kingdom of God.
62. I can judge between the inadequate and the acceptable, or between good and evil.
63. I urge others to seek a biblical solution to their problems.
64. I am at ease in sharing how Christ has changed my life.
65. I always believe God will act in a situation despite what I see in the natural.
66. I cheerfully and freely give of my resources because I love God.
67. I prefer to work behind the scenes in a supportive role.
68. I open my home to people passing through who need a place to stay.
69. I am confident that when I pray for others, I will have tangible results.
70. I feel compelled to share with others the biblical insights that I discover.
71. I have accepted leadership responsibilities and succeeded in helping a group work toward a goal.

72. I find it fulfilling to work with people who suffer physical, mental, or emotional problems.
73. I can boldly speak God's truth anytime and anywhere.
74. I have helped individual believers by guiding them to relevant portions of the Bible and praying with them.
75. I am concerned about helping others learn what the Bible teaches about life.
76. I can instinctively arrive at solutions to fairly complicated problems.
77. I am careful and thorough at managing details.
78. I am very adaptable in terms of relating to people of different cultures and in different places.
79. I am good at working with my hands.
80. I enjoy thinking about designs, colors and shapes.
81. I can distinguish when people are being untruthful.
82. I enjoy counseling and mentoring people.
83. I get frustrated when others don't seem to share their faith with unbelievers as much as I do.
84. I confidently depend upon the Word for guidance.
85. I give more than 10% of my income to the Lord's work.
86. I find it satisfying to find practical ways to help others do their work.
87. I enjoy participating in church dinners or other events that welcome people to the church.
88. I have some testimonies about answered prayers.
89. I have biblical passages come to mind when I'm seeking to know God's will in a particular situation.
90. I find it easy to motivate others to follow through on a ministry project.
91. I am stirred in my heart at the sight of misery and want to express God's love to the hurting person.
92. I boldly expose false teachings which contradict biblical principles.
93. I desire to care for the spiritual welfare of a group of young Christians, shut-ins, or people in pain.
94. I have helped people learn biblical truths in a meaningful way and they have responded.
95. I am comfortable weighing out a variety of possibilities and determining which appears best.

Thank you for taking this Gifts Assessment. We hope that this assessment has been helpful for you. Please remember no assessment of this kind could ever be completely absolute, they are intended to provide a general sense of direction and purpose. Be sure to tally up your responses on the front sheet according to the instructions. Your strongest gifts will have the largest numbers.

AGAPE FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER

MINISTRY DIRECTORY

AGAPE MEDIA GROUP

MINISTRY LEADER: **VANESSA JOHNSON**

Agape Media Group captures the powerful messages through streaming media, recorded teachings and sermons and make them available to people all over the world. We are looking for those who are interested in media technology. We will provide hands-on training to operate advanced media equipment. Members interested in finding out more can contact: Vanessa Johnson at 908-494-5573 or amg@agapecenter.org

AGENTS OF CHANGE (AOC)

MINISTRY LEADER: **YOUTH PASTOR BRANDON JOHNSON**

This ministry provides teaching the Word of God to children ages 13 and older. Members interested in finding out more can contact: Brandon Johnson at 732-680-9800 x 104 or bjohnson@agapecenter.org

BODY BUILDERS BOOKSTORE

MINISTRY LEADER: **DEBORAH COTTON**

Body Builders is your one-stop-shop for books, music, recorded sermons and more. Body Builders is committed to providing exceptional materials to build the faith of Agape attendees. Members interested in finding out more can contact: Deborah Cotton at 732-680-9800 x 213 or bodybuilders@agapecenter.org

AGAPELAND

MINISTRY LEADER: **TENNILLE STERLING**

Ages 1 – 4

Help children to grow in their understanding of Jesus Christ in a warm loving environment. *If interested, individuals must apply and pass a background check. Members interested in finding out more can contact: Tennille Sterling at 201-306-3622 or tennillemil@gmail.com

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

MINISTRY LEADER: **TENNILLE STERLING**

Ages 5-12

Help children to grow in their understanding of Jesus Christ in a warm loving environment. *If interested, individuals must apply and pass a background check. Members interested in finding out more can contact: Tennille Sterling at 201-306-3622 or tennillemil@gmail.com

HIGHERED MINISTRY

MINISTRY LEADER: **TBD**

Help others achieve their post-secondary educational goals by providing assistance with college preparation, training and advise including financial aid and admissions processes. Members interested in finding out more can contact: Dr. Odessa McNeil at 732-680-9800 x 105 or highered@agapecenter.org

PNEUMA LIFE SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

MINISTRY LEADER: **DR. ODESSA MCNEILL**

In partnership with Oral Roberts University, Pneuma Life School of Ministry is dedicated to equipping laity and ministers for the work of the Kingdom of God. There are many exciting sources to choose from. Members interested in finding out more can contact: Dr. Odessa McNeill at 732-680-9800 x 105 or omcneill@agapecenter.org

PRACTICAL REAL-LIFE EDUCATION FOR CHRISTIAN EMPOWERMENT, PREPARATION, TRAINING AND STUDY (PRECEPTS) MINISTRY

MINISTRY LEADERS: **DR. ODESSA MCNEILL/GLENN & KIM DAVIS**

Precept classes are instructor led, curriculum and biblically based courses designed to help you along your journey as a believer. They are growing, strength building, knowledge enhancing, serving tools you can apply to your everyday life. * *Individuals interested in joining the ministry staff must be qualified to teach and may require an application and interview.* Members interested in finding out more can contact:

Dr. Odessa McNeill at 732-680-9800 x 105 or omcneill@agapecenter.org

ACTING UP DRAMA MINISTRY

MINISTRY LEADER: **NIKIYA MATHIS**

The theater ministry delivers the message of hope through modern-day theatrical performances. Members interested in finding out more can contact: Kendra Phelps at 917-856-2017 or kendraphlps@netscape.net

DANCE MINISTRY

MINISTRY LEADER: **KANDICE POINT-DU-JOUR**

Movement as worship, praise and warfare. ministering through dance to save souls deliver and glorify God. dance ministry divisions: Children 6 and up, Teens and Adults.

Members interested in finding out more can contact: Kandice Point-Du-Jour at 732-680-9800 or dance@agapecenter.org

YADAH PRAISE SIGN LANGUAGE MINISTRY

MINISTRY LEADER: **GWENDOLYN SHERMAN**

Geared specifically towards sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with the deaf community. Members interested in finding out more can contact: Gwendolyn Sherman at 908-248-3813 or gshermie43@yahoo.com

GREETERS

MINISTRY LEADER: **CORE TEAM**

Provide warm greetings and information to Agape members and guests. Maintain an atmosphere that reflects Agape's name and mission: "To show and share God's love with everyone everywhere."

Members interested in finding out more can contact: Evelyn Kirkland at 732-680-9800 x 327 or greeters@agapecenter.org

DISCIPLE CARE

MINISTRY LEADER: **ELDER VAUGHN ST. HILLARIE**

Participate in training sessions for HDM participants. Strengthen their understanding of God's word and help support their spiritual growth by providing Biblical education and foundational courses and assist new believers get rooted and grounded in foundational truths and new creation realities in a love relationship with Jesus, as they start their journey into eternity with Him.

Members interested in finding out more can contact: Eld. Vaughn St. Hillarie at 732-680-9800 or harvest@agapecenter.org

EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

MINISTRY LEADER: **ALLISON LOUIS**

Provide emergency health services to stabilize any person on Agape premises. Members interested in finding out more can contact: Alison Louis at 908-723-2524 or ayoun820@hotmail.com

HIGHER STANDARD SINGLES FELLOWSHIP (HSSF)

MINISTRY LEADER: **CYNTHIA TOOTS**

Equip the Singles of Agape Family Worship Center to proclaim and demonstrate the love of God to each other and the World. Providing dynamic fellowship, strategic outreach and thorough study and application of God's word, we will minister to today's Christian Singles. Fostering teamwork, group interaction and spiritual accountability that will prepare the Singles for current and future ministries. Members interested in finding out more can contact: Cynthia Toots at 973-953-9174 or agapesingles@agapecenter.org

MAINTENANCE MINISTRY

MINISTRY LEADER: **IZHON HILL**

Maintenance assists in keeping the facilities at Agape Pointe in exceptional condition. Cultivate a comfortable environment, conducive to spiritual growth and development. Members interested in finding out more can contact: Izhon Hill at 732-680-9800 x 108 or Izhon@agapecenter.org

INTENSIVE PRAYER UNIT (IPU)

MINISTRY LEADER: **MINISTER DONELLA WALLER**

Seek God on behalf of Agape and intercede for our communities, our cities, nation and world. IPU meets weekly on Friday evenings at 8:00pm. Conference Call Info: 717-908-1726 / Code:605053#
Members interested in finding out more can contact: Min. Donella Waller at 908-251-3262 or dowaller.888rcncom.

PREMARITAL COUNSELING

MINISTRY LEADERS: **DONALD GREEN/DEBORAH GREEN**

A seven-week course offered to couples engaged to be married. This course helps to prepare couples for a kingdom-minded marriage.

Members interested in finding out more can contact: Donald Green at 732-306-4887 or dg8726@att.com / Deborah Green at 732-533-3432 or deborahgreen360@gmail.com

MASTERS COMMISSION

MINISTRY LEADER: **ELDER DORCAS CUNNINGHAM**

Masters Commission is the outreach ministry of Agape committed to fulfilling the Great Commission. Reaching non-Christians with the Gospel and love of Jesus Christ by feeding, clothing, visiting and offering ministry resources to those in need. In addition, engaging in various domestic outreach efforts.

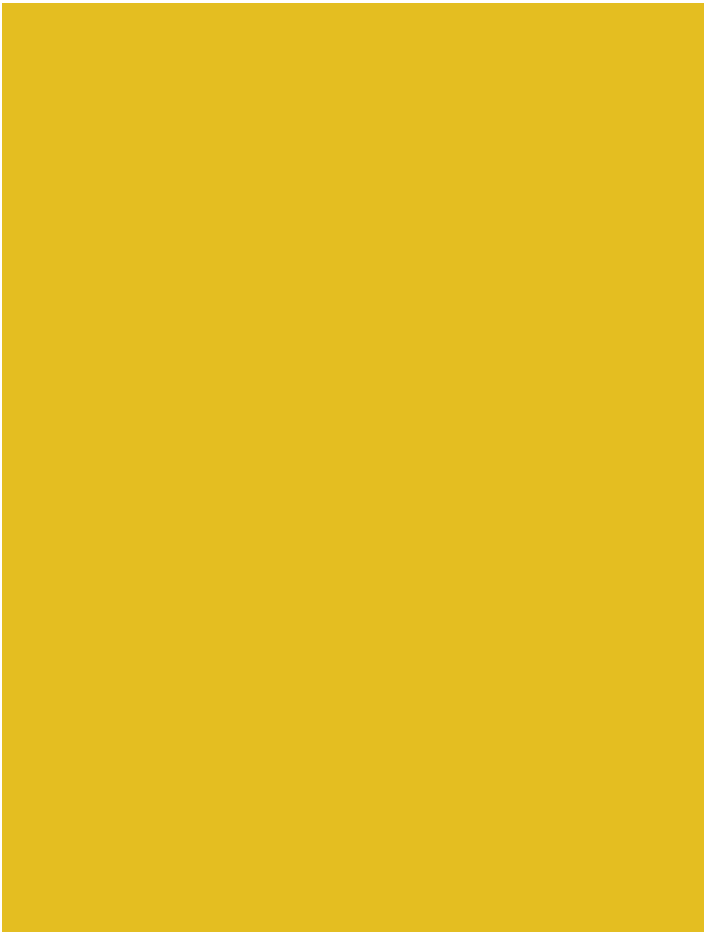
Members interested in finding out more can contact: Elder Dorcas Cunningham at 732-680-9800 or masterscommission2021@gmail.com

MIGHTY MEN OF VALOR

MINISTRY LEADER: **KENNETH CALHOUN**

This ministry exists to encourage, build up, and strengthen men. Provide assistance in develop personal relationships with Jesus Christ. Provide support and encouragement needed for spiritual growth and development to all men who connect with the men's ministry.

Members interested in finding out more can. contact: Kenneth Calhoun at 732-322-4786 or Kenneth.g.calhoun@gmail.com



R.E.A.C.H MINISTRY (READY, EFFECTIVE, AVAILABLE, CARING, HOSPITAL)

MINISTRY LEADER: **ELDER ERNESTINE JOYNER**

Call and visit those who are confined to hospitals, homes, and adult care facilities. Help give strength and support to those who are weak and in need of prayer.

Members interested in finding out more can contact: Eld. Ernestine Joyner at 732-382-8456 or ejoyner2@verizon.net

SECURITY MINISTRY

MINISTRY LEADER: **KARIM HILL**

Be responsible for assisting with Agape's security needs. *Must be at least 18 years of age and undergo a background check. Members interested in finding out more can contact: Karim Hill at 732-277-7970 or

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USHER MINISTRY

MINISTRY LEADER: **DEBORAH WILKINS**

Enhance the worship of every member and guest by providing a kind word, assistance with seating or simple directions. Members interested in finding out more can contact: Deborah Wilkins at 908-812-9934 or debwilkins9@gmail.com

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

MINISTRY: **ELDER REBECCA TURNER**

Develop women of virtue, dignity, purpose, prayer and excellence. Help women grow in their faith through teaching, hands-on training, personal mentoring and loving fellowship. Host events to minister to the total woman. interested in finding out more can contact: Eld. Rebecca Turner at 732-680-9800 or womens@agapecenter.org



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