



Where Needs Meet AGAPE Love

MAY 2022

Starting the Day Right!

Many companies and organizations gather before opening their doors to energize and excite their employees about the day. Agape volunteers join together 15 minutes before the start of every day too. However, it's a spiritual gathering! We pray for each other, sharing praises and concerns, and thank our Lord for all He has done, is doing, and continues to do! We also pray that our clients:

- life challenges may improve,
- find food and sustenance for which they are searching,
- feel Agape love as they interface with every volunteer,
- and accept our Lord, Jesus Christ, as their Lord and Savior, as the Spirit nudges and moves in their lives!



18th Annual Agape Open
Saturday May 21st -
Copper Cove Golf Club

This tournament is right around the corner! This event is always a lot of fun and our largest fundraiser of the year. **All of the golfing spots are filled at this time, but you can get on our Waiting List. We also still need hole sponsors!**

- Registration is \$75 per person / \$300 per foursome.
- Lunch and prizes are included!
- Tournament sponsorships welcomed!

Additional details are available online @ <https://www.agapecentersml.org> or call Teresa McCain at 703-915-2976 for more information or if you have questions about volunteering that day.



“Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in the newness of life.” Romans 6:4

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHT: OUR FURNITURE STORE “Everything but the kitchen sink?”

One of the important service areas of Agape is the Furniture Store. Clients can choose two items every six months from the store. When clients meet with their mentor, they can identify furniture pieces they wish to obtain. When clients visit the store, requested items are available about half of the time. If they cannot take the furniture with them, Agape gives them a week for pick-up. Additional furniture items are also available that do not count against their semi-annual quota.



The store is filled with large household appliances, e.g., refrigerators, washers, dryers, microwaves, etc. The items most sought after in the summer are fans and air conditioners, and in the winter, heaters. Many outreach centers do not provide mattresses, box springs or upholstered items; Agape often has them available. We even have sofas and dinette sets!

There have been recent physical improvements to the furniture pickup area. There is a new cement pad that will allow for the installation of a canopy soon. This will help keep the clients, volunteers, and most importantly, the furniture dry when being moved!

When Tom Lavedas (a seven-year volunteer with Agape, married to Marilyn who works in Data) and Kurt Gaura (a two-year volunteer



Kurt Gaura



Tom Lavedas

with Agape, married to Sandy who is a Runner) were asked why they like to volunteer at Agape, they both said that they enjoy fixing donated items. When people drop off items, they enjoy assisting the donators and sharing how much support the donations provide for clients. They also shared how good it feels to help those in need and how rewarding it is when clients share their gratitude!

In closing, one volunteer said that we offer everything but the “kitchen sink.” An hour later, lo and behold, a kitchen sink appeared!



“When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Leave them for the poor.” Leviticus 19:9-10

Clean Up Day was a Big Success!



A big thank you goes out to those industrious volunteers who completed many tasks on the Agape Spring Clean Morning, 22 April. Your effort was brilliant!

Rose Goodnight
First Impressions

One Potato, Two Potato, Three Potato, “Four –ty” Two Thousand!

BETHLEHEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (BUMC) brought a truck load of potatoes from Society of St. Andrews which came from Gleaning for America. 42,000 lbs. were delivered to BUMC. The Agape pantry gave them out on the Saturday that they were delivered.



“Now who will volunteer to consecrate himself to the LORD today?” Chronicles 29:5

Shine, Shine, Shine!

Have you ever noticed how people that have a thriving, intimate relationship with God have this special glow about them? Yep, the closer we get to Jesus, the more and more we become like Him!



But most days I think we get too caught up in the DOING. The truth is we don't have to DO more to BE more. It's in the UNDOING that we find our BEING. You and I are not on this earth to perform, produce, be perfect, or please, but simply to BE with Him. And when we do that, we'll shine like we were meant to. Let's remember that today!

Tracy Dunn

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven” Matthew 5:16

Much Love and God's Blessings,
Tracy

P.S. The closer we get to being who we are meant to be ... the brighter we shine!

AGAPE MEMBER CHURCHES

- Bedrock Church – Franklin County
- Bedrock Community Church
- Covenant Fellowship
- Franklin Heights Church – Rocky Mount, CrossPointe and Union Hall
- Dwelling Place Christian Fellowship
- EastLake Community Church
- Flint Hill Baptist Church
- Goodview Baptist Church
- Halesford Baptist Church
- Inner-Faith Fellowship Ministries
- Morgans Baptist Church
- Palestine Baptist Church
- Radford Baptist Church
- Rocky Mount Baptist Church
- Staunton Baptist Church
- Vitalize Church
- Westlake Baptist Church

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." Ephesians 2:10

MEMBER CHURCH HIGHLIGHT

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CHURCH CONNECTION TO AGAPE

The vision of Eastlake Community Church is to multiply believers, multiple leaders, and multiply churches. Supporting The Agape Center, Eastlake is able to assist in being the hands and feet of Christ for those in need. The mission and vision of Eastlake and Agape are in alignment.

As other churches in the area, Eastlake receives many requests for assistance from members of the community. By partnering with the ministry of the Agape Center, Eastlake is able to supply help and encouragement to people in the community by assisting them with their physical needs and, through prayer and Christian mentoring, point them to Christ.

Many members of the Eastlake congregation serve as volunteers at the Agape Center. You may encounter them in various areas on any given day. Eastlake teens willingly serve and Eastlake groups pitch in to assist whenever needed at Agape.

Executive Pastor Bob Winters

Pastor Bob Winters and his wife, Lynn, have been at ECC since 2018. In addition to serving as Executive Pastor at ECC, Bob serves as the President of the Board of Directors of the Agape Center.

QUOTE

A favorite quote of Pastor Troy, Senior Pastor, is "It's not about how many that come, but how many that go!" Agape is thankful that Eastlake Community Church so generously supports Agape and encourages it's people to "go" and serve at Agape

SUNDAY SERVICES

In Person 9 am and 11 am
Live Stream 11 am

SUBMITTED BY BEDFORD COUNTY MEMBER CHURCH LIASON—Jan Johnston

For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore I command you, "You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land."
Deuteronomy 15:11

New Volunteers

Judy Plum—Clothing
Dick Grabowski—Pantry
Brenda Noris—USDA,
Clothing Store



Total Numbers Served

	<u>Individuals</u>	<u>Families</u>
March 2022:	1677	495

KEY DATES

Agape Open Golf Tournament: May 21st

Help Wanted!

We are still looking for volunteers willing to work on Saturdays from 9 AM—12:30 PM. If you are interested, please contact us @ 540-296-0609.

The Woodchuckers Have Been Busy!



Phil & Tom



Jeff T.

Keeping wood in inventory for clients that heat their homes with firewood is a year-long process.