

AGAPE NEWS, NOTES & DEVOTIONAL 03/03/10

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AGAPE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO... Billy Reap (3-4), Brenda Jones (3-6), Charlotte Tompkins (3-8), Diane Ley (3-9), and Valetta Carter (3-9)!!!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO.... Grace & Pete Aldrich (3-9-49) WOW!!! 61 YEARS!!!!

***** SUNDAY PREVIEW *****

We welcome you to join us for our 8:30am early service and/or our 10am Contemporary Worship Service!!! Bring a loved one!

- We will take communion today – both services.
- Mission's Trip Dish to Pass Meeting, 1pm
- Youth Group will meet in "The Room", 2nd Service

*** Say “Cheese” ***

Brothers and Sisters who share…*****

JOIN US TONIGHT for fellowship!!!- Enfield Home Group @ Corriero's, 22 Black Oak Rd, 7pm - (277-6574)

- Northern Home Group @ Slusarczyk's, 7327 Co Rd 131, Ovid, 7pm (387-5546)

THANKS - To Missionary Barb Mirkit who ministered to the the Guatemala Mission's team & at the ECHOS' Woman's meeting on Saturday and in our Sunday morning service as well. May the Lord bless your work in preaching the gospel to the nation of Mexico!

Devotional: by: Melissa Taylor Don't be Enticed "For

they mouth empty, boastful words and, by appealing to the lustful desires of sinful human nature, they entice people who are just escaping from those who live in error." 2 Peter 2:18 (NIV) "I Kissed a Girl" is the title of a song that was recently number one on popular radio stations for many weeks. It's been performed live on the Fox Network TV show, "So You Think You Can Dance." It was also the number one iTunes download this past summer. "I Kissed a Girl - and I Liked It," as the lyrics go, has become a trendy saying, even printed on t-shirts for teen girls and women. However, it is not just a trendy saying - it's a deceptive enticement. As a mother of four children ages 7, 11, 13, and 15, I want to be aware of the things they are being told by the world. As much as I wish I could guard their eyes and ears so they are not exposed to the deceptive influences that can creep in, I know I can't be with them all the time. Therefore, I want to be informed so I can help them deal with what comes their way. I need to know what they are exposed to when they leave the walls of our home. The cries for acceptance and love are loud today. Can you hear them? Just look at what some women and young girls will do to feel noticed, loved and accepted. Maybe you know someone like this. Maybe you are someone like this.

The truth is -- we are loved, completed, noticed, and accepted. Maybe not by everyone in this world, but by Someone much greater and much more important than anyone we know -- our Creator. We were created in the image of God, but we are not God. We are human and have human feelings. Too often, we use this as an excuse to sin. If God created me to feel this way, then how could it be wrong? Ever since the fall of man we have struggled with sin. That is our human nature, but we have the ability to make choices. The Bible says, "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is -- his good, pleasing and perfect will" (Romans 12:2, NIV). I know what it is like to live the world's way. I've been there. The pleasures of this world are enticing but only temporary. We need to guard our hearts and the hearts of those we love by not being persuaded by or giving into the "in thing." We are worth far more than that. As daughters of the King, we are deserving of royal treatment. We do not need to "conform to the pattern of this world," or do inappropriate things for recognition. The song, "I Kissed a Girl" is written and sung by singer/songwriter Katy Perry, who is a wealthy woman today because of it. She's gaining a lot of attention, popularity, and fame. It may interest you to know that in 2001, she released a Christian album titled "Faith Won't Fail" under the name Katy Hudson. Not one of us is immune to the influences of the world, and neither are our children. We need to remain intentional, and strongly aware that each of us can be deceived. We can give in to enticing temptations if we are not careful. So let's prayerfully guard ourselves and our children from going along with worthless boasts and appeals to fleshly desires, often found in popular songs of today. Instead, let's look to God to fill our mouths with edifying words, and fill our hearts with a strong sense of acceptance that is grounded in Him. 1 John 2:16, "For everything in the world--the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does--comes not from the Father but from the world." (NIV) Colossians 3:5, "Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry." (NIV)*****

*** THIS WEEKS MEETINGS CALENDAR ***

Thur, Mar 4th - "Fanning the Flame" Meeting 7pm.*** Sat, Mar 6th – “Praise Alive Gathering” @ AOG ~ Bostwick Rd. Ithaca 7pm!!
Come on out and “warm up” with worship!!

Mon, Mar 8th – “Men’s Meeting” @ Lovelaces – 6:30pm!!*****
MEMBERSHIP.....
We encourage newcomers to consider taking a step toward Church membership at Agape. This is an expression of commitment and acknowledgement that this fellowship is where the Lord has led you to be.

Looking Ahead....
Fri, Mar 12th – Gym Night, T-Burg Middle School, 7pm!!!

Sat, March 13th - "Pong at the Pecks" - Youth Event, 6pm!

Sunday, March 14th – We will have ONE JOINT 10AM SERVICE!!
- Welcome Missionary Ron Devore!! “Don’t forget to turn the clocks ahead for daylight savings”!!*****

Saturday, March 13th – Mission’s Trip Bake Sale @ T-Burg Shur Save, 9am!!
- Please sign up to make a baked good for this event. Contact Gail Peck for details.

Agape Family News:
Hester's room at Lakeside is Room 130 - She would love a visit anytime from anyone!
Please keep in prayer for her recovery! Thanks

The Mission Team has grateful hearts for the prays and financial support we have received from our church family for the mission trip to Guatemala. The team is tithing 10% of all donationsreceived for the ongoing ministries in place in San Juan, Guatemala. We are excited for all the Lord is and will be doing. Thank you for being behind us. The Agape Guatemala Mission Team

Anyone interested in helping with Agape office work, please make yourself known to Pastor Chip.

Agape Needs Your Deposit Bottles !!!!Our Soda (& Water!) Deposit Bottle Collection Box is set up outside the church near the Youth Room Exit Door! Please bring your Deposit bottles to church if you can! All bottle Donations will go to support our Mission's Team!*****
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GOD BLESS YOU TODAY & ALWAYS ! SEEK HIM FIRST!!!