

Save Our Classroom!!

The historic home of Agape is in jeopardy!
Call extended to all exiled Agapeites - RETURN!

Come out of the woodwork now, or you may find that you are in the wrong woodwork.

Agape has been shrinking and rattles around in a room that could hold many more. Sojourners has been growing and regularly packs out the old fireside room. Short term solutions for them are to remove the couch and overstuffed chairs, which will allow them to put chairs in rows. If that is not enough, of all the places to move, the Chapel, which we have presumptuously labeled the Agape room, is the most logical.

They are not pushing for this and are very willing for now to live with crowded conditions, but we need to notice the handwriting on the wall. Possible strategies might be to discourage people of Sojourners age (they call themselves 30's and 40's — my how time flies) from coming to ABF. Most of us would have ethical and spiritual problems with that! Another would be to grow Agape so much that we pack out our room on a regular basis. Is that possible? Do we have friends to invite? Can all the truants come back? Full amnesty has been granted and no questions will be asked. We DO have something worth promoting in Agape!

But if too many stay in the woodwork, we may find that the old fireside room has a lot more woodwork.

Excellent Bible Teaching Continues

November 30:

Dave Boeltl

December and on: Rev. John Easterwood (subject to occasional unavailability)

Will continue (we sincerely hope and pray) in Ephesians and other Biblical studies — these are in-depth studies with everything up to but not including college or seminary credit.

Where Your Treasure Is... Agape Giving Projects

After a long hiatus, Agape giving to special mission projects will restart with a project every three months beginning in January through March 2004.

The first project will collect for the building fund of John Gerhart's New Orleans Castle Rock Community Church and Urban Impact Ministries. All offerings above and beyond expenses (missionary Christmas and birthday gifts) will go to New Orleans. They need lots so don't hold back.

If you have suggestions for further projects, talk to Mary Anderson or Barb Hugo.

News and Notes

Grace Vandervort will retire in February and move into the house across the street at least temporarily.

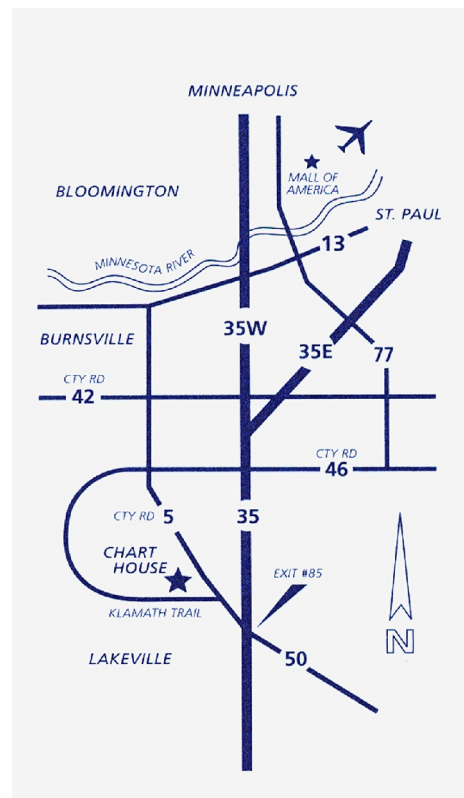
Doug Beckett has landed an auditor job

Bob Goodman was given a long lead time to find new employment after notice of termination.

Jon Prins is getting settled in stateside student ministry.

Back from the Dead

Barb Hugo, miraculously recovering from a nearly fatal auto accident, is going on a mission trip to Jamaica February 22—29. It includes tent meetings called "All Faiths Crusade" and will also involve ministry in schools, orphanages and nursing homes.



Christmas Banquet To Be Nautical

Sunday, December 14, 6:30 pm at CHART HOUSE

The 2003 Agape Christmas Banquet will be held at the beautiful Lakeville Chart House Restaurant and Banquet Facility. There will be live (and tasteful) music, very good food and great fellowship. Choice of entrees will be:

Grilled Salmon or Chicken Kiev or Pork Marsala

To get there, pretend you are going to Goodman's house, exit at the County Road 5/50 Exit (Exit #85) and instead of turning left, turn right on 5. After going about 0.3 mile on 5, turn left on Klamath Trail and go another 0.6 mile until you will see Chart House prominently on your right.

Cost \$30.00 per person, includes beverage and dessert:

Apple Crisp or Chocolate Turtle Ice Cream Pie

Ambience Is Important: Coat and Tie Required

Reservation For Agape Banquet, Sunday Evening December 14, 6:30 pm
Tear Off and Return to Mary Anderson 4258 Elliot Ave. So. Minneapolis 55407
\$10.00 deposit required, may also pay in full, remainder due am of 14th

Name(s) _____

Entrée Choice (s) _____

Dessert Choice (s) _____

Amount Paid _____

