



AGAPE HOURS

Tuesdays 9a-2p

Fridays 9a-2p

3rd Saturday Monthly
10a-2p

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WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT AGAPE LOVE?!?!?

Agape love is *selfless, sacrificial,*
unconditional love. It is the highest of the four
types of love in the Bible. This Greek word, agápē, and variations of it are
frequently found throughout the New Testament. Agape perfectly describes
the kind of love Jesus Christ has for his Father and for his followers.

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Being HIS HANDS and Feet...



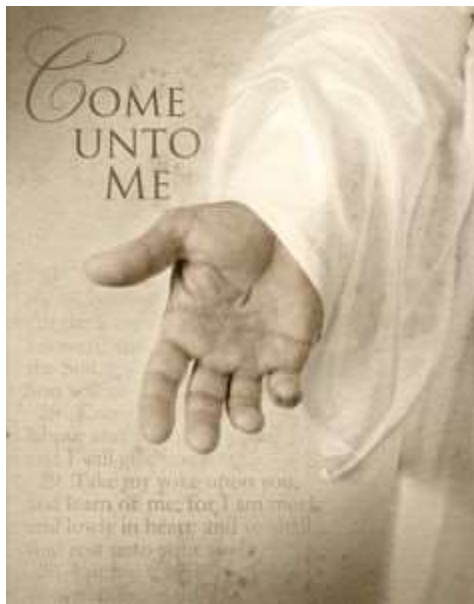
This past January, several guys from one of the dormitory halls of LU, came out to Agape to help with a couple big projects. One was to switch the USDA and Community Pantry rooms to better accommodate the amount of food for each, and the other was to restock and clear out cluttered clothing and make a larger space for Michelle to put together the birthday baskets. It was a full day, and, thanks to Jonathan, for his organizational skills, had all 16 guys divided up in the different areas and ready to get to work! This all started with an email from Micah last year, reaching out to see how they can serve as a hall, and so they helped with our Christmas set up. We are so thankful to these guys, taking time out of their Saturday to come in and serve, and be godly examples to little ones that wanted to help.





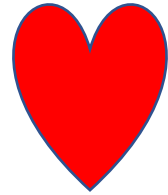
Meet **Mike**... he lives right up the road by Agape. We affectionately refer to Mike as our **Angel**. Often, he comes up when we are not there, picking up trash and debris to make our area look clean and welcoming. Any items of furniture we are unable to use, he either takes to the dump or fixes it and gives it away. He is a **beautiful example** of someone who serves totally **behind the scenes**. Debby was lucky enough to have actually seen him clearing the path in front of the warehouse, where he shyly allowed me to take his picture.

We are truly **thankful** for God sending us this Angel to help take care of the home ***He has provided for us.***



We do what we do, **SO THAT** those that come through our doors get a first hand experience of what **God's AGAPE love** feels like.....so much that it has the potential to affect their **eternity**. Just like it did for **Davina!** With the guidance from our mentor Kelly, Davina made a profession of faith....**YAY GOD!!!**

GOD'S AGAPE LOVE



Meet **Patricia**..... Patricia received a whole lot of yarn a while ago and when she returned for her appointment in February, she brought back several blankets that she had **crocheted**. These were hung up in our children's clothing room and almost all of the blankets found new homes. The thought of a child being **warmed by her kindness** as she "**paid it forward**" with the love shown to her family is another way God is impacting our community with **His love**.



God always fills in the blanks... **Mike and Mildred** have been a part of Agape and took ownership of our furniture warehouse since we opened last March. But this past February, we said **good-bye** as they were needed to help care for their newest grandchild. Just before they left, God brought **Jake**. He very quickly and seamlessly moved into the warehouse position, keeping it organized and updated. We are so excited to see how quickly God brought Jake at **just the right time**, and we are thankful Mike and Mildred are able to share in the joy of their granddaughter.



After showing **Lisa** around on a tour, she was disappointed that she worked during the hours we were open and was unable to come in to serve. However, as we talked and she learned about our **birthday baskets** and how we enjoy making a fun deal out of our client's special day, she lit up and said *"I love to bake! Do you think they would like a homemade cake?"* So, for the month of February, sweet Lisa, made several homemade birthday cakes.... these were so **well received** and just another way our clients were shown **God's love** and just how special they truly are!

A **women's discipleship study** started on Thursday mornings for female clients that want to go deeper in learning about the love of God. It's lead by two of our mentors **Cindy** and **Kelly**. Although hard things have been getting discussed, women are opening up, growing and learning to trust. As we continue to **grow**, we would love to have more leaders to guide these types of studies for **both** men and women.... *one step at a time* as God provides...



Meet **Abigail**! Abigail is a **former** AGAPE client. She recently got a job at Walmart and decided to **pay it forward** back to the AGAPE Center by buying **all** of the groceries you see setting in front of her.....**BIG thanks Abigail**, what a tremendous act you have done for the AGAPE Center. You are a **blessing!!!**



This **college senior** brought his whole hall to volunteer with us **several** times throughout the year. For his hall's last service project for us he went around to all the RA's during the **pandemic** and asked if they had leftover funds they wanted to donate to Agape. They raised near **\$2,000**. Thanks for having such a giving heart!!!

AMIDST THE PANDEMIC...

- ✚ Passion Community Church, one of our partner churches, donated two truck loads of toilet paper during COVID19

AND

- ✚ Blue Ridge Area Food Bank has not charged us since the pandemic struck for our food boxes



God's goodness and **provision** has been evident through the **Corona virus pandemic**. He has shown His **faithfulness** to our clients and the comfort of knowing He is in **control**. As His servants we have seen provision of food, toiletries, prayers, prepared lunches, cards of encouragement, birthday baskets, monetary gifts, and volunteers. We are **eager** to see Him reveal Himself through the months to come.....



#NEED2KNOW

- Starting 2020, based on the needs from 2019, there will be **specific items EACH MONTH** we will be looking for to meet the needs of our clients. If you are interested in doing a drive with your organization, business, or church, **PLEASE email me sooner than later**, so I can get the appropriate information to you to be able to do so! You can email me with **ANY** community outreach needs/concerns, and I'm happy to help. That being said, the specific donations needed during these summer months are **fans and AC units** for clients who don't have central air. If you can help by purchasing or donating gently used items, it would be greatly appreciated as the heat and humidity continue to rise.
- **Big events for 2020** will include the backpack drive, Thanksgiving basket drive, and a Christmas store for the kids of our clients. We will need ALL of you to make these happen, so **PLEASE** email me if you already know for sure you want to help support us in one of these BIG events. **IT IS NOT TOO SOON!!!** khieber1976@gmail.com

- **Newsletter** will disperse **QUARTERLY** for 2020. I apologize this first edition covers January to June, **COVID19's fault**. With that in place, they will be **LONG** 😊 but that's o.k. because you can't put a limit on so many **AMAZING** God-stories! **PLEASE** email me any "Yay God" stories and any pictures (jpeg format) by the LAST day of the month we are in. You can get them to me via email: khieber1976@gmail.com, and make sure to put "**Agape**" in the subject line of your email 😊 Outside of the quarterly newsletter, be sure to like us on Facebook to keep track of Agape Lynchburg on a daily basis.

■ Important Dates to remember include:

July 3-4th AGAPE closed in lieu of the holiday, **July 6th** is pantry re-set up, and **July 7th** we will begin receiving donations again. If you can give of your time, please contact **Debby ASAP**: agapecenterlyhvolunteers@gmail.com



