

## Missionary Highlight



**Nate & Candace Oyloe** –  
Agape First Ministries

We are about declaring the transforming power of Jesus to all. We know from personal experience that we serve a God who can do the impossible in and through us. We are also passionate about standing for the truth in the public square when the need arises.

It is our conviction that everyone who desires to bring their sexuality into agreement with their faith should have this opportunity. And that Christian therapists should not be hindered by legislation outlawing talk therapy and other therapeutic mediation to aid someone in this process.

Once again harmful legislation was introduced this year in the Minnesota legislature that would have outlawed therapy for people not wanting to embrace the LGBTQ+ lifestyle. Once again we threw out hats in the ring along with others and once again the bill was defeated in Jesus name. The battle is not over, the bill will be back next year and we will be ready.

One more note: In honor of 'pride month', President Biden has signed an executive order dramatically furthering the LGBTQ+ agenda. The devil is crouching at the door and he is targeting our children.

### Prayer Requests:

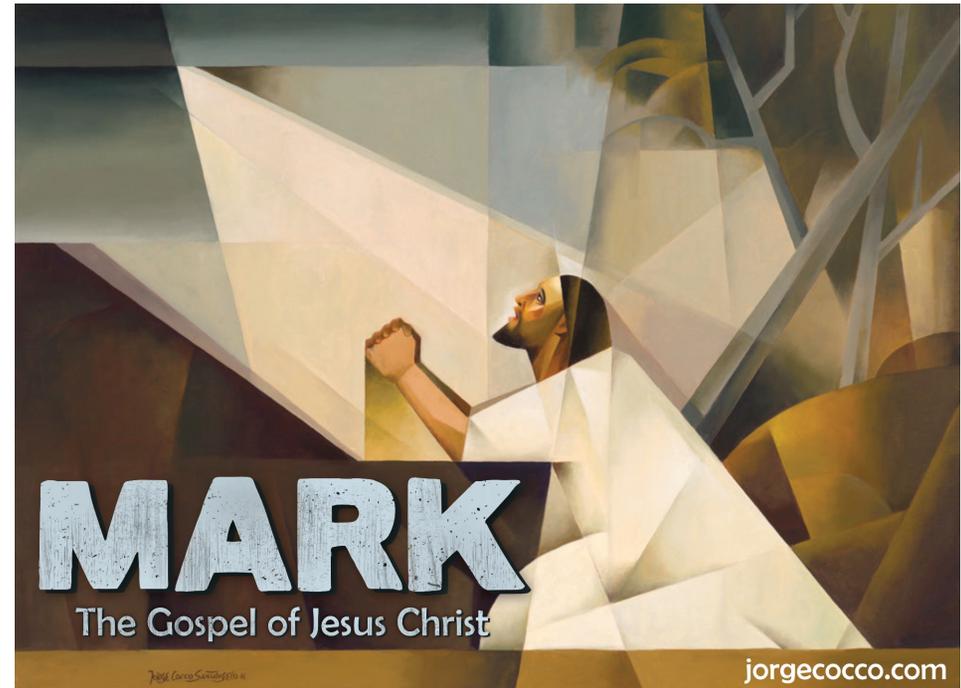
1. Agape First Ministries is in the crosshairs of this demonic agenda. We desperately need your prayers & support.
2. To call upon a move of God in this hour by the Holy Spirit.

July 2022	YTD Giving	YTD Expenses
General Fund (Calendar Year)	\$ 138,837	\$ 166,736
Missions Fund (Budget Year)	\$ 30,168	\$ 23,848



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## Weekly Events & Opportunities

- A Mother's Room (back of the sanctuary) and Nursery (downstairs) are available for **families with young children**.
- **Prayer Walk** – There will be a prayer walk on Monday, August 22, at 6:30pm, starting at the flag pole at Falls High School. Please join us as we pray for our communities, students & teachers as they return to school.
- **Safe Place for Children Volunteer Training** –
  - Wednesday, August 24; 6pm
  - Sunday, August 28; 11:45am
- **Kid's Club at South Falls Apartments** – Wednesdays from 2-3:30pm; If you would like to help please contact Lynn Peterson.
- **Save the Date** – Sunday, September 11 • Come try out a ministry 'team' at the Tailgate Party in the gym!! The different ministry teams include:

Christian Formation	Worship Arts
Kids & Family	Teens & Young Adults
Welcome/Fun/ Fellowship	Outreach
Media & Design	Maintenance

More detailed information of each team will be available soon!

## Valley Bottom Experience

Mark 9.14-29

<sup>14</sup>And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. <sup>15</sup>And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to him and greeted him. <sup>16</sup>And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" <sup>17</sup>And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. <sup>18</sup>And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." <sup>19</sup>And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." <sup>20</sup>And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. <sup>21</sup>And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. <sup>22</sup>And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." <sup>23</sup>And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible for one who believes." <sup>24</sup>Immediately the father of the child cried out<sup>[a]</sup> and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" <sup>25</sup>And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." <sup>26</sup>And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." <sup>27</sup>But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. <sup>28</sup>And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" <sup>29</sup>And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."