

Missionary Highlight

Nate & Candace Oyloe –
Agape First Ministries



When Agape First Ministries was founded just over four years ago, I had no idea what God was about to accomplish. Fresh off my time lobbying the Minnesota State legislature opposing the “conversion therapy” ban, my passion had been renewed for engaging the Church with the truth of Jesus’ transforming power.

I was amazed at how disengaged the Church at large was on issues that threatened our religious liberties and more, how uncertain the Church was when it came to appropriating the power of God in the lives of people with same-sex attractions wanting to bring their sexuality into agreement with their faith. There is still much work left to be done.

Ministry growth and incorporation costs, combined with rising inflation have stressed our general fund. The reality is, if there is no ministries like Agape First, our children will pay a price. The trans agenda and its focus on children is horrifying and broad in scope.

We at Agape First are standing in the gap for these kids. We are praying for them, counseling them and fighting legislation that seeks to empower them in their fantasy solutions to their gender confusion. Like Jesus, we are standing for the truth of gender wholeness. For Jesus Christ has life changing power!

Prayer Requests:

1. For Nate and staff for continual wisdom, insight and understanding into sexual orientation and gender identity issues.
2. For an increase in our monthly supporters. Also in our one-time gifts and our year-end gifts.

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Weekly Events & Opportunities

- A Parent's Room (back of the sanctuary) and Nursery (downstairs) are available for **families with young children**.
- **Communion Sunday** – Today is Communion Sunday and all who have accepted Christ as their Savior are welcome to participate. The bread that is being served is gluten-free for the convenience of all participants.
- **Name Tag Sunday** – Please grab a name tag, write your name on it, and tag yourself! We have gained new faces & the name tags will allow us to become better acquainted with one another.
- **Adult Sunday School** – *Reading Moses Seeing Jesus*, will resume next Sunday, Jan 8, in Room 200, at 9:30am. We will be reviewing the first three chapters. The authors, three Messianic Jewish scholars, contend that the Torah's main purpose isn't the Law, but the prophesying of the Messiah, Jesus Christ.
- **Online giving** – If you prefer to give online, you can give by going to the church website– ifallscovenant.org/give or by texting "give" to 763-762-9845.
- **Annual Congregational Meeting** – Sunday, Feb 5 at 11:45am.

Walking in the Light

1 John 1.5-7

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.