

Missionary Highlight



Nate & Candace Oyloe –
Agape First Ministries

During these past two weeks multiple bills have been introduced in the MN legislature that would be harmful to children and families. There are two bills in particular that we are watching closely: “a conversion therapy” and a

“gender-affirming care” for children.

If a child has been unable to obtain “gender-affirming health care”, the MN court can step in and have temporary jurisdiction over your child. Yes, folks, they can take away your child if you do not allow him or her to take puberty blockers or cross-sex hormones.

I had the opportunity to testify against the “conversion therapy” bill in the Health and Human Service Committee hearing at the State Capitol. Sadly, the bill passed out of the committee and will now go to the floor for a vote. Given that we have democrats controlling both MN House and Senate, the bill could very well pass.

But we press on. Why? Because the image of God is worth fighting for. Because the next generation is worth fighting for. Because this is what the Lord has called me to do. And, because “the only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.”

Prayer Requests:

1. For God’s protection over me, my family and Agape First.
2. For God’s provision for Agape First; need God to supernaturally meet our needs.
3. For the salvation and deliverance of Rep. Finke. The first transgender legislative elected to MN office. He is one of the authors of the “gender-affirming care.”

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	YTD Giving	YTD Expenses
General Fund (Calendar Year)	\$ 18,376	\$ 18,979
Missions Fund (Budget Year)	\$ 67,765	\$ 55,236

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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**.
- **Our Sincere Condolences** are extended to the family of Milo Larson, who passed away on Tuesday, Feb 7. There will be a celebration of life service for him on Monday, Feb 13, at 1pm.
- **Adult Sunday School** – Room 200 at 9:30am.
- **MN Teen Challenge Choir** – Sunday, Feb 19, at 10:30am. The choir will provide a time of music & testimonies. There will be a meal following that all are invited to. Please note- there will be no Kid's Church available.
- **Annual Congregational Election Results:**
Leadership Team:
Financial Officer – Austin Homkes
Administrative officer – Milt Layman
Vice Chair – Wayne Schrock
Nominating Committee:
Phyllis Holm Priscilla Schrock
- **Mark your Calendars** – for March 5-12! Mark & Tina Mast and Kirsten Wagenius will be our main speakers. More details to come.
- **NOFW Gala** – March 17 or 18; go to northernoptions.org for tickets or more information. The event has two options: Friday evening or for a Saturday luncheon.

Contend for the Faith: The Book of Jude

³ Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints. ⁴ For certain people have crept in unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

⁸ Yet in like manner these people also, relying on their dreams, defile the flesh, reject authority, and blaspheme the glorious ones.

¹⁰ But these people blaspheme all that they do not understand, and they are destroyed by all that they, like unreasoning animals, understand instinctively.

¹⁶ These are grumblers, malcontents, following their own sinful desires; they are loud-mouthed boasters, showing favoritism to gain advantage.

¹⁹ It is these who cause divisions, worldly people, devoid of the Spirit. ²⁰ But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, ²¹ keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. ²² And have mercy on those who doubt; ²³ save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.