



Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

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Prelude

Joel Hammett

Our Community Gathers

Rev. Dwayne Johnson & Jason Wood

+ Exchange of Peace

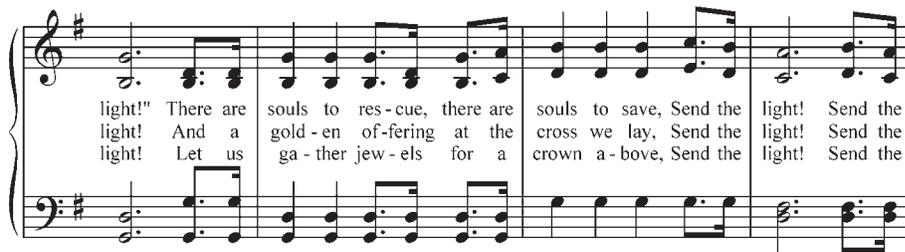
+ Processional Hymn

McCABE

Send the Light



There's a call comes ring - ing o'er the rest - less wave, "Send the light! Send the
 Let us pray that grace may ev - ery where a - bound, Send the light! Send the
 Let us not grow wea - ry in the work of love, Send the light! Send the



light!" There are souls to res - cue, there are souls to save, Send the light! Send the
 light! And a gold - en of - fer - ing at the cross we lay, Send the light! Send the
 light! Let us ga - ther jew - els for a crown a - bove, Send the light! Send the



light!
 light! Send the light, _____ the bless - ed gos - pel light; Let it
 light!



shine _____ from shore to shore! Send the shine _____ from shore to shore!

+ Invocation

Rev. Bernie Barbour

+ Please rise in body or spirit.

We Prepare

As the prelude begins, the congregation is invited to be in an attitude of expectation for the worship of God.

We Worship

Epiphany, derived from the Greek word epiphaneia, means "appearing" or "manifestation" and celebrates the showing, the "being seen" of Christ, the Son of God, at his birth, at his baptism, and at his transfiguration. All are events of disclosure!

In the fourth century Epiphany was characterized as the loftiest of the Christian festivals. On January 5 & 6, every Christian house was decorated with wreaths, perhaps the very beginning of Christmas decorations. On the night of January 5, Jesus' birth, the adoration of the shepherds and the appearance of the star were celebrated. The next day, January 6, was dedicated to the adoration of the magi and the baptism of Jesus.

~ Herman C Waetjen

We Hear the Word

This oracle from Isaiah is a promise of redemption to Jerusalem. Although Jerusalem/Zion is not mentioned by name until later, it is believed that is who is spoken of. It also calls Jerusalem to be a light to all nations. Giving mission to them even before the birth of Christ.

The leaders know the Scriptures, but they do not know how to read them in relation to Jesus or how to act on them by traveling to Bethlehem. Herod sends the magi to spy, falsely proclaiming his desire to pay homage. The magi offer Jesus valuable gifts as Gentiles do in visions of the final establishment of God's justice and reign. But a dream indicating God's intervention, warns them not to return to Herod. God thwarts Herod's plans.

Hebrew Lesson

Karen Cruse (9 am)
Charli Merchant (11 am)

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine, for your light has come! The glory of God is rising upon you! Though fog still covers the earth and dense clouds enshroud the nations, upon you God now dawns, and divine glory will be seen among you!

The nations will come to your light and the leaders to your bright dawn! Lift up your eyes, and look around: they're all gathering and coming to you - your daughters and your sons journey from afar, escorted in safety; you'll see them and beam with joy, your heart will swell with pride. The riches of the sea will flow to you, and the wealth of the nations will come to you - camel caravans will cover your roads, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of God.

Anthem

Sanctuary Choir

What Gift Can We Bring?

Words & Music by Jane Marshall

Epistle Reading

Rev. Bernie Barbour

Matthew 2:7-12

Herod called the magi aside and found out from them the exact time of the star's appearance. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, after having instructed them, "Go and get detailed information about the child. When you have found him, report back to me - so that I may go and offer homage, too."

After the audience with the ruler, they set out. The star which they had observed at its rising went ahead of them until it came to a standstill over the place where the child lay. They were overjoyed at seeing the star and, upon entering the house, found the child with Mary, his mother. They prostrated themselves and paid homage. Then they opened their coffers and presented the child with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

They were warned in a dream not to return to Herod, so they went back to their own country by another route.

Response



Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet — and a light un-to my path.

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Spiritual Encouragement

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

*Be Fabulous
Carry Gifts of Love and Light*

Making Ministry Happen

Rev. Bernie Barbour

Offertory

Communion

Rev. Janice Ladd

One: God be with you,

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift our hearts to God.

One: Let us give thanks and praise.

All: It is right to give thanks and praise to our God.

Sanctus

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te - a dor - a! Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My
cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: San - to er - es Se - nor!
heart knows how to say to you: Ho - ly - are you, Lord!

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

The Prayer that Jesus Taught

Invitation to the Feast

Communion Songs

We Are an Offering

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,

We lift our lives up to you, we are an offering.

Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands,

Lord, use our lives, they are yours, we are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be,

We give to you, we give to you.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you, we are an offering,

We are an offering.

Words & Music by Dwight Liles

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Come into the Holy of Holies

Come into the Holy of Holies, Enter by the blood of the Lamb;

Come into his presence with singing, worship at the throne of God. (repeat)

Lifting holy hands to the Lord of Lords;

Worship Jesus.

Words & Music by John Sellers

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We Receive

All Congregations in
MCC practice an
open communion.

We believe that
communion is a visible
sign of Christ's
presence and God's
grace, that each
one of us...
visitor, friend, or
member, may receive.

We Sing

This closing song for communion was written by Dennis Jernigan, a Christian artist part of the ex-gay movement. This song, written in 1990, is a wonderful expression to God. Both the chorus and the verse may be sung separately or simultaneously.

As we sing, let us also pray that this artist will be fully at peace, being beautifully and wonderfully created by a loving God.

Carry the Light was the Christian Artists' response to the pop artists' recording: *We Are the World*. Although it never had the air time of the latter, the song has been used extensively ever since. Here it is used as a benediction response for Epiphany calling us to be like the Wise Ones.

Communion Songs (continued)

In Your Time

In your time, in your time; You make all things beautiful in your time.
Lord, my life to you I bring: May each song I have to sing
Be to you a lovely thing in your time.

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You Are My All in All

+ You are my strength when I am weak,
You are the treasure that I seek, you are my all in all.
Seeking you as a precious jewel,
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool. You are my all in all.
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.
Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,
Rising again I bless your name. You are my all in all.
When I fall down, you pick me up
When I am dry, you fill my cup. You are my all in all!
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.

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+ Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Janice Ladd

+ Benediction

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

+ Benediction Response

Carry the Light

Car-ry ___ the light! (car-ry ___ the light!) Car-ry ___ the light.

Wise ones still will fol - low ___ that bright star in-to ___ the night. Car-ry ___ the

light! car-ry ___ the light!) Car-ry ___ the light Wise ones still will fol - low that

star in - to ___ the night, to find the child ___ of hope; we must car-ry ___ the light!

Postlude

Joel Hammett

Sacred Reading

People with a deep sense of spirituality follow a brighter light than the glimmer of their own candle; they are part of something beautiful. . .

Our funky little church is filled with people who are working for peace and freedom, who are out there on the streets and inside praying, and they are home writing letters, and they are at the shelters with giant platters of food.

~ Anne Lamott, *Traveling Mercies*, adapted, 100.

There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it.

~ Edith Wharton

I keep thinking it is an awesome thing to look into the face of the living God. I feel God is turning the screws so I will get into an ultimate position of transition, yet I also feel that the center of the circle is buoying me up, holding me in suspension as though I were in God's hands.

~ Mark Pelgrin, *And a Time to Die*.

~ There is within me a me which is both greater than me and at the same time authentically myself. One way of approaching this mysterious fact would be by what is called the paradox of grace. The more God gives me great grace (i.e., God's own self), the more I am myself. The more I discover within me the greater than me the more I discover that the greater than me is authentically me.

~ H.A. Williams, *Tensions*.

Spiritual Maturity & Application

What are the greatest decisions awaiting you in 2008? Your points of struggle? Anxieties? Prayer requests?

On one sheet of paper, free flow your thoughts until the page is full. Simply write the thoughts as they come as quickly as you can without stopping. If you get stuck, keep writing the last word over and over until a new thought or sentence comes. Do not worry about grammar, spelling, or style.

When the page is full, do not read it. Seal it in an envelope. Put it in a safe place to be opened on December 31, 2008.

When you re-visit what you wrote, you will see the grace and presence of God in your life throughout 2008.

~ Rev. Dwayne Johnson

Throughout the scriptures there are many references to keeping a candle or a lamp burning at all times. In Exodus 27:20-21 (see Thursday) the Israelites are commanded to follow such a spiritual practice "throughout their generations." Candlelight has always had a special place in both religious and civil festive celebrations. Lighting a candle before a meal or before saying a prayer can be an effective way to instill in those gathered (or yourself if you are alone) a sense of the sacred. Let candles light your meal table or the places where you pray. Consider lighting a candle now, letting the light remind you of your call to carry love into the world.

~ Adapted from *The Spiritual Formation Bible*, 105.

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Worship

Sunday, 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Children & Youth Worship

Sunday, 11:00 am

Nursery

Sunday, 9:00 am & 11:00 am

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Welcome!

If you are visiting Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church for the first time, we are glad to have you here! We invite you to join us each week as we worship God and learn more about Christian living in an inclusive way. All are welcome.



Creating a Life that Matters...Creates a Church that Matters!

Please stop by the **Concierge Desk**

located next to **Inspirations**, our coffee café and gift shop, to receive a welcome gift. You will find friendly volunteer hosts waiting to greet you.

Worship Services

Resurrection MCC is proud to offer a variety in our worship services. Our two Sunday services, at 9 & 11 am, are identical in form, however they contain different elements from diverse religious traditions each week.

About Us...

Resurrection MCC is a Christian church with a primary outreach to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer community. We are a part of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, founded by Rev. Troy D. Perry in Los Angeles, California on October 6, 1968. Metropolitan Community Churches are on a bold mission to transform hearts, lives, and history. We are a movement that faithfully proclaims God's inclusive love for all people, and proudly bears witness to the holy integration of spirituality and sexuality.



The **Mission** of Resurrection MCC is to demonstrate God's unconditional love to all people through Christian action.

The **Vision** of Resurrection MCC is to **ATTRACT** people into a relationship with God through radical **INCLUSION** into God's family, transform them to Christ-like **MATURITY**, and **MOBILIZE** them for their life purpose.

At Resurrection MCC, every member and friend is a minister of the church. We envision a Christian community that values diversity and is as diverse and all-encompassing as creation. Through salvation, service, study, and tithing, each member and friend will live and grow in faith and be spiritually fed. To that end, we embrace five core beliefs:

We believe in *God's unconditional love for everyone.*

We believe in *the saving grace of Jesus Christ and the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit.*

We believe in *including everyone and excluding no one.*

We believe in *joyfully providing access to Christ-centered spiritual nourishment and Biblical truths.*

We believe that *each of us will discover our spirituality through active participation in the work of God and in the pursuit of health, wholeness, and justice for everyone.*

Again, welcome!

Parents Lunch Social

NEXT Sunday!

January 13, 12:30 pm

**Activities Building
Lunch Will Be Provided**

Parents, Parents-To-Be, or those interested in becoming parents, are invited to join us for lunch!

Please RSVP so that plenty of food will be available, or if you'd like to receive information about future events for Parents, email Parents@ResurrectionMCC.org



Praise Dancers

In 2008, the Praise Dancers will be taking on some new challenges, with a great desire to increase in number. They'll also be ministering with live music as much as possible. This group meets on Saturdays at 1:00 pm. Experience in dance is helpful, but not a requirement. Choreography is done to suit each dancer's ability. If you are interested in joining, please email PraiseDancers@ResurrectionMCC.org.

The Praise Dancers team is led by Marcus Carter & Leslie Jackson.

New Members' Class

Saturday, January 19

9 am - 12 pm

**Gathering Place
Breakfast Served**

Rev. Janice Ladd guides the participant to learn the mission, vision, and values of Resurrection MCC, to discover our connection to the world through our affiliation with the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, and to join this family in purpose, service, and fellowship.

Please RSVP to Jason Wood, JWood@ResurrectionMCC.org or 713-861-9149 x105. Download Spiritual Gifts Assessment from www.ResurrectionMCC.org

Music Ministry Opportunities



Resurrection MCC is so blessed to have a number of music groups to minister at our worship services. Solo or professional quality voices are not necessary to be a part of these groups. Below is a list of the groups and when they meet. Please take some time to consider being a part of Resurrection MCC's music ministry.

Gospel Ensemble

Tuesdays, 7 pm

Directed by Cassandra White, this group sings music in the African-American Gospel tradition, traditional Spirituals and contemporary music of all types. Reading music is not required for this group, but the ability to match pitch and sing a part separate from the melody is.

Sanctuary Choir

Wednesdays, 7 pm

This group sings mostly traditional church choral music with some contemporary music added from time to time. The group is directed by Steven Couch. Reading music is not required for this group, but the ability to match pitch and sing a part separate from the melody is.

Praise Dancers

Saturdays, 1 pm

This group is a dance troupe that ministers through dance and movement. Led by Marcus Carter & Leslie Jackson, this group has its own choreographers. Experience in dance is not necessary, if one has the willingness to learn.

Resurrection Singers

Thursdays, 7 pm

This is our newest group. Reading music would be very helpful and being comfortable on a separate microphone. This group is directed by Steven Couch.

HeavenSound Handbells

Sundays, 1:30 pm

Currently there are several open spots in the handbell choir. Interested people need to have some music reading skills. Experience in ringing is not required. The director, Jim Winslett, will teach anyone the techniques of ringing.

Resurrection Orchestra

Weekly rehearsal day has not been determined. We currently have about 6 people interested in beginning this new group, however, we need a few more to have a balanced instrumentation. Reading music is essential, as is having your own instrument (other than percussion).

If you have interest in any of these groups, please email SCouch@ResurrectionMCC.org or call 713-861-9149 x109

HAVE YOU MADE YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS?

If you want to include a unique and inspiring resolution, consider attending a Biblical study of Faithfulness!

Excel in Faithfulness, Abunchovum, will be presenting the 27th Retreat, Friday through Sunday, February 22 - 24, 2008

Be faithful to God.
Be faithful to Yourself.
Be faithful to Others.

Attend this very special, introspective Biblical study of FAITHFULNESS!

*Applications available outside the Gathering Place.
(Must be a graduate of an EXCEL 101 retreat.)*

YARNWEH

For the experienced or the "yarn curious"...

Come create and be a part of this fellowship building ministry!!!

If you have a need, let Yarnweh warm you...



Meetings are the third Sunday of the month, at 12:30 pm in the Gathering Place.

Team Lead:
Charles Clark II
832-372-1280
Yarnweh@
ResurrectionMCC.org

Single?

Join Us!

To join our new singles group, or learn about our upcoming gatherings, email Brandon at Singles@ResurrectionMCC.org



Resurrection
Inspirations
Coffee Café & Gift Shop

**Come by for a FREE
Christmas Gift!**
(no purchase necessary, while supplies last!)

Volunteers are needed to assist this ministry.
Please contact Travis Ochoa at
Inspirations@ResurrectionMCC.org



A vigil of resolve for the New Year

TODAY at 4 pm

Covenant Church

4949 Caroline St, Houston 77004

When Kenneth Cummings Jr. was murdered last June, his murderer exclaimed that he was Elijah, called by God to carry out a code of retribution by killing a gay man.

And there was silence. Not a single clergy person spoke out in protest.

On January 6, 2008, they will speak out. At *A Raising of Voices*, members of the clergy, the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender community, and friends of human rights will speak out at a vigil of resolve. At *A Raising of Voices*, we will lament that earlier silence with music and stories and proclaim that the common thread of all religions is love, not hate. We will resolve to work for a more just society for all.

Rev. Dwayne is one of several clergy participating, and everyone is invited to join in *A Raising of Voices*, as we remember Kenneth Cummings Jr. and commit ourselves to speak out in compassion for all people.



Our Children Need You!
Teachers & Volunteers Needed
for our Children & Youth Ministry

Nursery (0 - 2 years) Sprouts (3 - 5 years)
Faith Beginnings (6 - 12 years) Youth (13 - 18 years)

We are now training volunteers to care for and teach our children and youth. Jason Wood, Director of Connections, will be providing one-on-one training at your earliest convenience.

Contact Jason at 832-971-0354 or by email, JWood@ResurrectionMCC.org

Get Connected!

www.ResurrectionMCC.org

Second Family Care Partners

Kristia Ammerman

SecondFamily@ResurrectionMCC.org

This care team acts as extended family and friends, offering emotional, practical, and spiritual support.

If you would like to receive a care visit, or are interested in becoming a care visitor, please contact Jason at JWood@ResurrectionMCC.org or call 832-971-0354.

Meets TODAY! 12:30 Act Bldg #108

Loaves & Fishes

Robert Sliepka

LoavesAndFishes@ResurrectionMCC.org

Do you like cooking, serving, and providing nourishment to others?

This group provides food for those in need due to a funeral, a special need, as well as for occasional church events.

Care Callers

Karen Cruse

Terry Talley

CareCallers@ResurrectionMCC.org

Do you have a friendly, loving attitude and enjoy speaking with people on the phone?

Our care callers make phone calls to our first time visitors and follow up on congregational care needs.

Volunteer Receptionist

Fabiola Cruz

Carole Wiseman

Jerry Reitz

Reception@ResurrectionMCC.org

Do you like answering the phone and helping out around an office?

We need people to help answer our phone each day from Sunday through Friday.

Training can be done immediately. Please contact Jason Wood for additional information, or to sign up.

Concierge Desk

Leslie Jackson

Concierge@ResurrectionMCC.org

Do you like to help people feel welcome and included?

We need loving, warm and friendly people to serve at the Concierge Desk, located in the Gathering place, before and after both Sunday Worship Services!

This desk will help welcome new visitors, provide them with a free gift, and help them get connected.

Ushers

Kecia Bullock

Dave Mathis

Ushers@ResurrectionMCC.org

We need ushers for 9 & 11 am Sunday Worship Services.

There are 10 exciting teams!

Each team ushers one service a month, at either the 9 am or 11 am Service.

Remember, "No one is JUST an usher."

H.O.M.E. Groups

These small groups meet regularly, throughout the Houston area, for prayer, study, fellowship, and outreach.

To attend a HOME Group, please visit our Web site at www.ResurrectionMCC.org for a list of locations.

If you are interested in starting a new group, please contact Jason Wood at JWood@ResurrectionMCC.org or 832-971-0354

Welcome Team

Flo Perry

Welcome@ResurrectionMCC.org

Do you like helping people feel special and welcome the moment they arrive to the church?

We want to welcome people to the church and help them get to where they need to go.

Team members will be positioned at every door and sidewalk, greeting people with a smile and kind word, offering directions or answering questions.

SOULFORCE

The American Family Outing

Mother's Day through Father's Day, 2008

Jay Bakker, son of Jim and Tammy Faye Bakker, will serve as a clergy leader for the American Family Outing.

Soulforce is seeking couples with or without children, single parent families, and single individuals who want to participate with a member of their extended family. Between Mother's Day and Father's Day, 2008, these diverse families will create meaningful dialogue with six of America's most influential evangelical leaders and their mega-churches. The six churches on our schedule have a combined membership of nearly 150,000 and their pastors reach millions every week through television, radio, and best-selling books. Our goal is to begin a process of changing hearts and minds and to educate the national public through the media about LGBT people and our families.

Lakewood Church will be the first stop, so we hope you'll consider joining us!

For more information, contact Mark Eggleston. MEggleston@ResurrectionMCC.org, 713-861-9149 x106



Holy Union Preparation Seminar

TODAY! 12:30 - 3:30 pm
Gathering Place / Lunch Served
No Pre-Registration Needed

Are you and your partner thinking about having a Holy Union? This seminar is the recommended first step to having a Holy Union performed by Resurrection clergy.

It is designed to help couples discuss relationship matters, while keeping Christ in the center of their relationship.



Monthly Meeting

TODAY at 2 pm

St. Paul's United Methodist Church
 5501 S. Main St. @ Binz

Guest speaker is City Controller, Annise Parker, who will be sharing her personal journey and future hopes. Annise and her life partner, Kathy Hubbard, live in Houston with their two daughters.

PFLAG isn't just for Parents, Families & Friends of LGBT individuals. In fact, about half the attendees at each meeting are lesbian, gay, bisexual, and/or transgender. After the keynote or panel each month, small support groups are held.

www.PFLAGHouston.org

What is a Sacristan?

Sacristans are the people that prepare the communion for us each Sunday morning at both services. Currently, we are seeking more people to service in this way.

If you are interested, please contact Steven Couch at SCouch@ResurrectionMCC.org or 713-861-9149 x109 at the church.

Communion Server

This is an important task. For many that visit our church, the only contact they have with another queer Christian is when they take communion on Sunday morning. If you have interest in serving in this capacity, please contact Steven Couch at SCouch@ResurrectionMCC.org or 713-861-9149 x109 at the church.

**Food Pantry
Monthly Food Drive**

Sunday, Jan. 20 3rd Sunday of each month

Welcome Area

**Forgot your donation?
Cash is always welcome.**



Needed: Canned Meats, Canned Vegetables, Canned Fruit, Canned Juice, Canned Soup, Pasta, Bagged Rice, Dry Beans

Baptism? Yes!

Baptism is a high moment in the Christian spiritual journey, shared in community.



At Resurrection MCC, we consider it a sacred honor to baptize infants, children, and adults.

For more information and to schedule a baptism during a Sunday worship service, contact Jason at JWood@ResurrectionMCC.org

Board Members on Duty

Goldie Brown & Michelle Freeman

Board Minutes Available Upon Request.

O.W.L.S. Gathering

Outreach, Wisdom, Laughter, Support: A Seniors' Ministry

**Tuesday, January 15
12:00 pm, Gathering Place**

RSVP to OWLS@ResurrectionMCC.org
Lunches held the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each Month

A.A. Recovery Group

**Every Tuesday, 7 pm - 8 pm
Wellness Center**

This is an open meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous.

For more information, please call Jason Wood, Director of Connections, at 832-971-0354.



yL[®] youthLife
NEXT Sunday!
12:30 pm
Activities Bldg.

youthLife meets 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month.

Now Training Volunteers! JWood@ResurrectionMCC.org

Christmas Card Mailbox



Don't forget to check the mailbox for your cards!

**TODAY is
the last Sunday it will be in
the Gathering Place!**

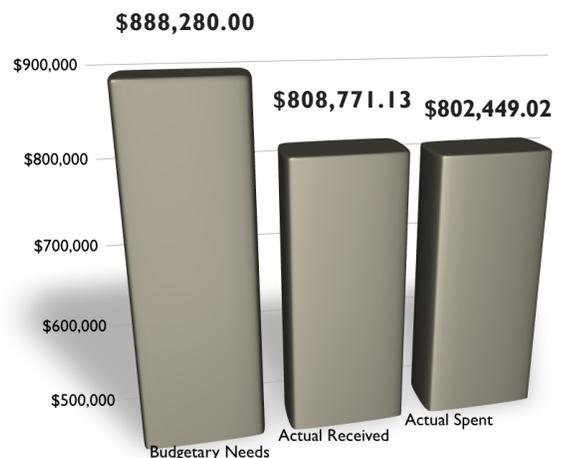
Flowers for the Sanctuary

Please consider donating flowers for the Sanctuary. Sign up on the flower chart in the Welcome Area.

General Fund Financial Report

Week Ending December 31, 2007

Tithes & Offerings		Week	Year to Date
12/30/07 9:00 am	99	\$2,760.00	\$216,125.05
12/30/07 11:00 am	325	\$6,560.53	\$301,676.45
Special Services	538	\$7,754.41	\$28,151.63
Online Giving		\$2,382.00	\$25,682.29
Meet Me at the Manger		\$13,644.00	\$28,379.30
Christmas Jars		\$3,890.62	\$3,890.62
Other Contributions		\$2,473.31	\$118,340.12
Total	962	\$39,464.87	\$722,245.46
Other General Fund Income			
Fundraising			\$25,323.15
Miscellaneous		\$60.00	\$61,202.52
Total Received		\$39,524.87	\$808,771.13
Budgetary Need		\$17,604.63	\$888,280.00
Total Surplus / (Deficit)		\$21,920.24	(\$79,508.87)



This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

SUNDAY JANUARY 6

- 9:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson**
- 10:15 am Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry *Chapel*
- 10:00 am Nominating Committee Meeting *Workroom*
- 11:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson**
- 11:15 am Children & Youth Worship Service *Activities Building*
- 12:30 pm Holy Union Preparation Seminar *Gathering Place*
- 12:30 pm Second Family Care Partners Luncheon *Act. Bldg. #108*
- 1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Sanctuary*
- 4:00 pm *A Raising of Voices Vigil* *Covenant Church (see p. 8)*

MONDAY JANUARY 7

- 7:00 pm JustUs Rehearsal *Sanctuary*

TUESDAY JANUARY 8

- 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (Open) *Wellness Center*
- 7:00 pm Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal *Chapel*
- 7:00 pm Krewe of Olympus Choir Rehearsal *Activities Building*

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 9

- 6:30 pm Creating a Life That Matters (Closed) *Gathering Place*
- 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal *Sanctuary*
- 7:00 pm Houston Pride Band *Activities Building*

THURSDAY JANUARY 10

- 7:00 pm Krewe of Olympus Choir Rehearsal *Activities Building*
- 7:00 pm Resurrection Singers Rehearsal *Chapel*

FRIDAY JANUARY 11

No Events Scheduled.

SATURDAY JANUARY 12

- 1:00 pm Praise Dancers Rehearsal *Sanctuary*

SUNDAY JANUARY 13

- 9:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson**
- 10:00 am Nominating Committee Meeting *Workroom*
- 10:15 am Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry *Chapel*
- 11:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson**
- 11:15 am Children & Youth Worship Service *Activities Building*
- 12:30 pm youthLife! *Activities Building*
- 12:30 pm Parents Group Lunch Social *Activities Building*
- 1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Sanctuary*