



# Resurrection

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**Prelude**

Joel Hammett

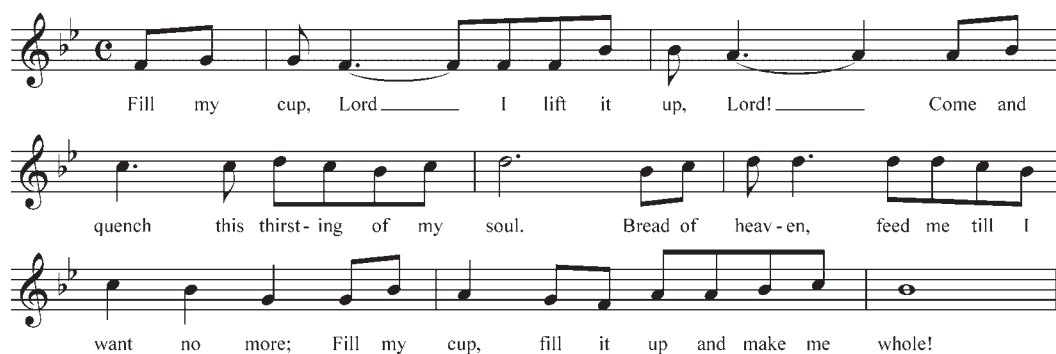
**Our Community Gathers**

Rev. Dwayne Johnson & Rev. Janice Ladd

**Time of Confession**

Rev. Janice Ladd

## *Fill My Cup, Lord*



## **Our Confession**

**You are, O Source and Well of Life, the One who can tell us everything we have ever done! And yet you call us to voice, to speak the confessions of our hearts to you. And so we confess...that in our desperate need, we have settled for wells that often run dry. We thirst and try to quench that thirst with that which does not satisfy. All the time forgetting that you've offered us living water. Our souls are thirsting; give us this water, so that we may never be thirsty or keep going to other wells to draw that which will not quench our thirst. Amen.**

**Time of Silence**

**Words of Assurance**

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

**Exchange of Peace**

## **We Prepare**

Lent is the penitential season of the church year. During this time we look inward at our spiritual lives and take inventory. What have we left undone? What can we do to go deeper in our relationship with the Divine?

We begin our worship services this season by confessing our sin and receiving our forgiveness before we even exchange the peace of God with our sisters and brothers.

This chorus comes from the hymn *Fill My Cup, Lord*. The

author, Richard Blanchard was born March 14, 1925 in Chungking, China to Methodist

missionaries. He studied at Mercer University and Candler School of Theology. Ordained in 1950 he served several major Methodist Churches in Florida. The hymn was

written when the author was in a moment of frustration about people being very late for counseling appointments.

Blanchard went to a Sunday School room in the church; sat at an old upright piano and began to pray. This hymn was born out of that experience.

+ Please rise in body or spirit.

## We Worship

This hymn was written by Russell Kelso Carter. He was an athlete, educator, rancher, preacher, and physician. He lived his full life in Christian service. Through difficulty with heart disease this author penned this text and tune. Through a 'prayer of faith' for healing, Carter was healed of his ailment and continued to live a long life

### + Opening Hymn

### PROMISES

#### *Standing on the Promises*

Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ, we sing!  
Stand - ing on the prom - is - es, I can - not thrist,  
Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ, the Lord,  
Stand - ing on the prom - is - es, can - not fall,

Thro' e - ter - nal a - ges let the prais - es ring;  
When the howl - ing storms of doubt and fear as - sert,  
Bound to God e - ter - nal - ly by love's strong cord,  
Lis - t'ning ev - ery mo - ment to the Spir - it's call,

"glo - ry in the high - est!" I will shout and sing, Standing on the prom - is - es of  
By the liv - ing Word of God I shall pre - vail, Standing on the prom - is - es of  
O - ver - com - ing dai - ly with the Spir - it's Sword, Standing on the prom - is - es of  
Rest - ing in my Sav - ior as my all in all, Standing on the prom - is - es of

God. Stand - ing, stand - ing, Standing on the prom - is - es of God, my Sav - ior,  
God. Stand on the promises, standing on the prom - is - es, Standing on the prom - is - es of God, my Sav - ior,  
God.

Stand - ing, stand - ing, I'm standing on the promises of God.  
Stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es, I'm stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.  
Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

### + Invocation

Rev. Janice Ladd

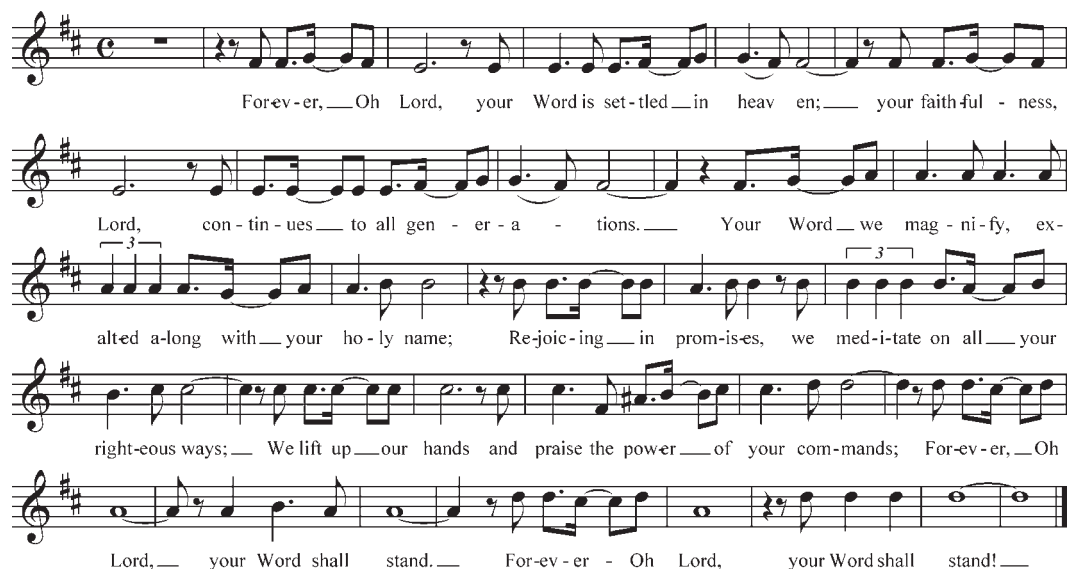
## Psalm Reading

John Smith (9 am)  
Vicki Hopper (11 am)

### Exodus 17: 1-7

The Israelites left the desert of Syn to travel by stages, as God had directed them. They camped at Rephidim, but found no drinking water. They turned on Moses, saying, "Give us drinking water." Moses replied, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test God?" Yet the people were thirsty, and complained even more to Moses. "Why did you bring us out of Egypt only to make us and our children and our livestock die of thirst?" Moses appealed to God. "What am I to do with these people? They are ready to stone me!" God answered Moses, "Take some of the elders and move to the front of the people. Take with you the staff with which you struck the Nile. Go! I will wait for you there by the rock of Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders. Moses named the place Massah, "Testing," and Meribah, "Quarreling," for the Israelites tested God when they said, "Is God with us or not?"

## + Response



Forev-er, — Oh Lord, your Word is set-tled in heav-en; — your faith-ful - ness,  
Lord, con-tin-ues — to all gen - er - a - tions. — Your Word — we mag - ni - fy, ex-  
alted a-long with — your ho - ly name; Re-joic-ing — in prom-is-es, we med-i-tate on all — your  
right-eous ways; — We lift up — our hands and praise the power — of your com-mands; For-ev-er, — Oh  
Lord, — your Word shall stand. — For-ev-er - Oh Lord, your Word shall stand! —

## Gospel Presentation

Yolanda Richardson

## Anthem

Men's Ensemble

### *Lord, Listen to Your Children*

Words & Music by Ken Medema

## Spiritual Encouragement

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

### *Unmeasurable Results: Eternal Water for the Soul*

## Making Ministry Happen

Bryan Long

## Offertory

HeavenSound Handbells

### *Within the Darkest Night*

## Holy Communion

Rev. Charli Merchant

## We Hear the Word

This scripture represents the Israelites' testing God. Their lack of water causes them to complain to Moses. He fears for his own safety and goes to God to plea for help. God in turn provides water for them through the rock at Horeb.

This dramatic presentation of the Samaritan woman will give us insight into Jesus' acts of inclusion. Most Jews would try to avoid contact with Samaritans because they considered them outsiders. Although Jews and Samaritans shared the Pentateuch as Scripture, Samaritans claimed Mt. Gerizim as the location of the cultic center, not Jerusalem. This route that Jesus took to Galilee was the quickest but the rarest used.

## We Listen

*Lord, Listen to Your Children* was written by blind composer/performer Ken Medema. Ken has awed many a congregation by composing songs "in the moment" to go with sermons or themes while the service is happening around him. Ken has sung for the MCC Denominational conferences in the past and is a friend to us all.

## We Receive

At Resurrection MCC  
and at all MCC  
churches around the  
world, communion is  
open to all who wish to  
partake. Simply come  
forward as the ushers  
direct you.

God, we praise you for  
this feast of eternal life.

Eat. Drink. Live  
beyond hunger and  
thirst with soul  
satisfaction.

## We Sing

We sing as a body  
during the distribution  
of the elements. If you  
do not wish to sing,  
please be in an attitude  
of prayer for those  
who wish to meditate  
during this time.

This chorus we are  
using as a closing was  
written in Houston for  
Lakewood Church. It is  
an updated version of a  
gospel hymn *Every  
Day with Jesus*.

## Communion Songs

### *In Remembrance*

In remembrance of me, eat this bread. In remembrance of me, drink this wine.  
In remembrance of me, pray for the time when God's own will is done.  
In remembrance of me, heal the sick. In remembrance of me, feed the poor.  
In remembrance of me, open the door and let all people in, let them in.  
Take, eat, and be comforted; Drink and remember, too,  
That this is my body and precious blood shed for you, shed for you.  
In remembrance of me, search for truth. In remembrance of me, always love.  
In remembrance of me, don't look above, but in your heart,  
Look in your heart for God. Do this in remembrance of me.

Words by Ragan Courtney & Music by Buryl Red  
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### *Open Our Eyes, Lord*

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,  
To reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.  
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen. Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

Words & Music by Robert Cull  
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### *My Lord, My God*

My Lord, my God, I sing this song to you.  
My Lord, Creator, there is no one else like you.  
My Lord, my Teacher, I will follow after you.  
My Lord, my Savior, I yield my heart and soul, and worship you.  
I yield my heart and soul, and worship you.

Words anonymous, Music by Ron Myers  
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### *God, Who Began a Good Work in You*

God who began a good work in you, God who began a good work in you  
Will be faithful to complete it, will be faithful to complete it;  
God who started the work will be faithful to complete it in you.

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## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Charli Merchant

## + Sending Forth

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

## + Response

Ev-ery day with you, Lord, sweet-er than the day be - fore. \_\_\_ Ev-ery day with  
you, Lord, sweet-er than the day be - fore. \_\_\_ Ev-ery morn -  
- ing I \_\_\_ will wor - ship; Ev-ery ev - ening I'll \_\_\_ a - dore. \_\_\_ Ev-ery day  
\_\_\_ with you is sweet - er, sweet - er than the day be - fore. \_\_\_

## Postlude

Joel Hammett

## Spiritual Maturity, Transformation & Application

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## ***Sacred Reading***

We cannot put ourselves directly in the presence of God if we do not practice internal and external silence.

In silence we will find new energy and true unity. Silence gives us a new outlook on everything. The essential thing is not what we say but what God says to us and through us. In that silence, God will listen to us; there God will speak to our soul, and there we will hear God's voice.

~ Mother Theresa, *In the Heart of the World*, 21.

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The great malady of our times, implicated in all our troubles and affecting us individually and socially, is "loss of soul." When the soul is neglected, it doesn't just go away; it appears symptomatically in obsessions, addictions, violence, and loss of meaning.

~ Thomas Moore quoted in *Iconoclature*, 64, adapted.

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If you touch a spider web anywhere, you set the whole thing trembling. . . As we move around this world and as we act with kindness, perhaps, or with indifference, or with hostility, toward the people we meet, we too are setting the great spider web a-tremble. The life that I touch for good or ill will touch another life, and that in turn another, until who knows where the trembling stops or in what far place and time my touch will be felt. Our lives are linked.

~ Frederick Buechner, *The Hungering Dark*, 45-46, adapted.

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Jesus is the one in whose presence you know who you really are--the good and bad of it, the all of it, the hope in it.

Jesus is the one who shows you who you are by showing you who he is--who crosses all boundaries, breaks all rules, drops all disguises--speaking to you like someone you have known all your life, bubbling up in your life like a well that needs no dipper, so that you go back to face people you thought you could never face again, speaking to them as boldly as he spoke to you.

~ Barbara Brown Taylor, "Reflections on the Lectionary,"  
(*Christian Century*, February 12, 2008, 19) adapted.

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## ***Spiritual Maturity & Application***

Read John 4:7-9. The Samaritans are considered "unclean." Jews don't associate with Samaritans, John reminds us. To do so is to cross over the line of propriety. And Jesus dares to talk to a Samaritan woman alone! The two discuss thirst (physical and spiritual), relationships and religion. As he speaks Jesus crosses the boundary of his culture's notion of what is acceptable and what is not. His disciples are surprised--even shocked (John 4:27).

Who is "over the line" in your way of thinking? How can you expand your ideas of what is acceptable so that you can meet the needs of "the unacceptable" as Jesus did? What is Jesus waiting to teach you and show you about yourself?

~ *Spiritual Formation Bible*, 1401

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Walk around the room as you read John 4:13 through John 4:15 aloud three times. Put the Bible down and walk around the room again, reciting the text three more times. Now, seated comfortably, with this text and a glass of water in front of you, name your thirsts.

Pray the same request that the Samaritan woman made of Jesus: "Sir, give me this water." Drink the water as you receive Jesus' gift, a spring of water that gushes up to eternal life. Rest in God's presence. As you go out into the world, let the water of eternal life flow through your heart and out to others through your words and actions.

~ *Spiritual Formation Bible*, 1402

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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

## Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church

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Phone 713-861-9149 / Fax 713-861-2520  
www.ResurrectionMCC.org

## 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!*

## Equality Ministry: Developing a Common Language, Part I



by Flo Perry  
Equality Ministry Team Lead

In order to develop a common language, the Equality Ministry will provide the definition-and in some cases the context-of terms that are commonly used when discussing equality, diversity and inclusiveness so that our community is able to engage in meaningful dialogue around these issues. This common language will be developed over the course of 2008 through regular excerpts in the Sunday bulletin. These definitions were developed by the Anti-Defamation League.

### *The Basics...*

**Social Equality** is a social state of affairs in which certain different people have the same status in a certain respect, at the very least in voting rights, freedom of speech and assembly, the extent of property rights as well as the access to education, health care and other social securities.

**Social Inequality** is the expression of lack of access to housing, health care, education, employment opportunities, and status. It is the exclusion of people from full and equal participation in what we, the members of society, perceive as being valuable, important personally worthwhile and socially desirable."

**Culture** is the pattern of daily life learned consciously and unconsciously by a group of people. These patterns can be seen in language, governing practices, arts, customs, holiday celebrations, food, religion, dating rituals and clothing to name a few examples.

**Diversity** means different or varied. The population of the United States is made up of people from diverse races, cultures and places.

**Multicultural** means many or multiple cultures. The United States is multicultural because its population consists of people from many different cultures.

3rd Sunday of each month

## Food Pantry Monthly Food Drive

Sunday, March 16

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



## Single? Singles Spiritual Gathering

THIS Thursday, February 28  
7:30 pm, Chapel

### Join Us!

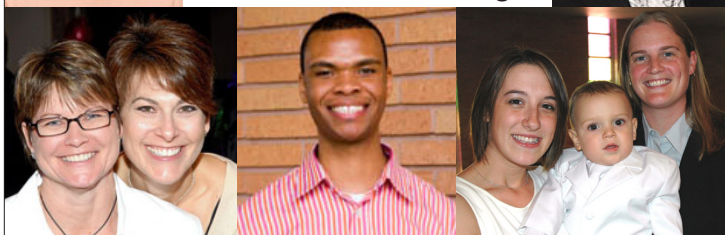
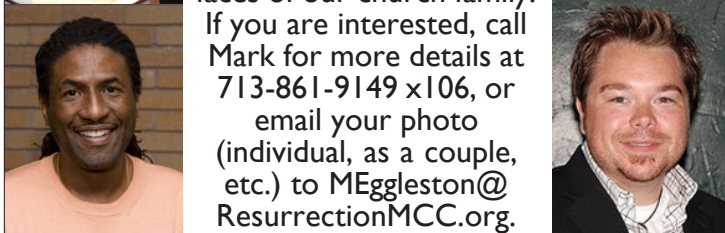
**Singles Afternoon Brunch**  
**TODAY! 12:30 pm**  
*Meet us in the Gathering Place,  
and we'll decide where to go for lunch!*

To join our new singles group,  
or learn about our upcoming gatherings,  
email Brandon at [Singles@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Singles@ResurrectionMCC.org)



### Faces of Resurrection

Lend your image to several exciting new marketing campaigns in 2008, which will showcase the many faces of our church family. If you are interested, call Mark for more details at 713-861-9149 x106, or email your photo (individual, as a couple, etc.) to [MEggleston@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:MEggleston@ResurrectionMCC.org).



### Resurrection Angels Softball Team

is looking for players for the spring season.

All games will be played at Memorial Park.  
Spring Season runs from Mid March - June.  
(No games on Mothers Day, Fathers Day, Memorial Weekend)

For more information, please email  
Ann Kruger at [Softball@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Softball@ResurrectionMCC.org)



## Equality Ministry

### NO PLACE FOR HATE

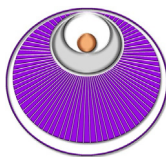
Stay tuned for an exciting and important activity that will be coming to Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church over the next several weeks. The Equality Ministry Team will work with all of you to create a "No Hate Zone" in our place of worship.



The NO PLACE FOR HATE CAMPAIGN was developed to organize communities to work together and develop community-wide projects that enhance the appreciation of diversity and foster harmony amongst diverse groups. This campaign empowers communities to promote respect for individual and group differences while challenging prejudice and bigotry.

Each of us can be part of the problem or part of the solution. The choice is ours. This ministry will work to raise our individual and collective awareness about the impact of prejudice, stereotypes and personal biases in gentle, no-shame activities, events and articles in the Sunday bulletin.

If you have any questions, please email us at [Equality@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Equality@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.

### Angels in Motion

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](mailto:SCouch@ResurrectionMCC.org) or call 713-861-9149 x109

## On Sunday March 2, come join the festivities, excitement, and fun at the **2nd Annual Playboy Bunny Reject Show**

at The Brazos River Bottom as the 1st Playboy Bunny Reject, Resurrection's own Carlos Lynch Bear, for his Stepping Down Performance. He'll be making way for the 2nd Playboy Bunny Reject 2008/2009.

Who will it be? Your guess is as good as mine.  
You'll just have to be there to see it,  
as the newest Reject Bunnies strut their stuff for  
their chance to be the Playboy Bunny Reject 2008/2009!

### **Benefiting Resurrection MCC Food Pantry and General Fund.**

Nonperishable Food Donations Accepted and Appreciated.

Dinner @ 6:00 pm. Show Time @ 7:30 pm

Dinner Tickets \$5.00 in advance, \$7.00 at Door

Advance dinner tickets can be ordered online by emailing your name to [tommied1949@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tommied1949@sbcglobal.net). Tickets will be paid for and picked up at the door on the day of the show.

Presented by:

The Colt 45's, Houston's Big Men's Club,  
& Southern Country Houston

# Get Connected!

[www.ResurrectionMCC.org](http://www.ResurrectionMCC.org)

## Second Family Care Partners

**Kristia Ammerman**

[SecondFamily@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto: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](mailto:JWood@ResurrectionMCC.org) or call 832-971-0354.

Meets for lunch 1st Sun. at 12:30 pm.

## Loaves & Fishes

**Robert Sliepka**

[LoavesAndFishes@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto: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](mailto: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, John "Bubbles" Dye,**

**Jerry Reitz, Carole Wiseman**

[Reception@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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

**John Garcia**

**Davis Raley**

**Marco Santoyo**

**Robert Sliepka**

To attend a HOME Group, please visit our Web site at [www.ResurrectionMCC.org](http://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](mailto:JWood@ResurrectionMCC.org) or 832-971-0354

## Welcome Team

**Flo Perry**

[Welcome@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto: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.

## On Sale TODAY!

Gathering Place

**\$10**

All proceeds benefit Resurrection's HIV / AIDS Benevolence Fund



Grand Opening Celebration: Sunday, February 24  
13030 Veterans Memorial Dr.

(at the corner of Veterans Memorial Dr. & Bammel N. Houston). Open 6 nights a week. Tues - Sat: doors open at 5pm, bingo starts at 7:30pm; Sun: doors open at 4pm, bingo begins at 6:30pm. Over \$5000 given away nightly (bingo prizes and pull tabs). Bring your friends and family to enjoy the fun! Friendly staff, 8-liners, bingo, pull-tabs, full service snack bar, beer, margaritas, and MORE! Beautiful, new hall - come out and see! Resurrection is one of four organizations who share in the profits!

## 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](mailto:JWood@ResurrectionMCC.org)



**yL<sup>®</sup>** youthLife

**TODAY!**

**12:30 pm**

**Activities Bldg.**

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

Now Training Volunteers! [JWood@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:JWood@ResurrectionMCC.org)



## Holy Week Help!

Holy Week is quickly upon us. Holy Week comprises the week from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. At Resurrection, we will have worship services on Palm Sunday, March 16, 9:00 & 11:00 am; Maundy Thursday, March 20, 7:00 pm; Good Friday, March 21, 7:00 pm and of course Easter Sunday, March 23, 9:00 & 11:00 am.

The worship ministry needs two teams of people to help with logistics and decorating for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. That week will be Spring Break for some. Therefore, I know there are some teachers out there with some extra time to help us in re-setting the sanctuary and putting it back into place before Easter Sunday.

Our Maundy Thursday service this year will be extremely interactive using the entire sanctuary. Our Good Friday service will include a major dramatic presentation entitled *The Wall*.

If you are available to help with logistics for these important services, please call the church office and speak to me, or feel free to e-mail me at [SCouch@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:SCouch@ResurrectionMCC.org)

Blessings to you all,

Steven Couch  
Director of Worship & Music

## O.W.L.S. Gathering

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

**Tuesday, March 4**

**12:00 pm, Gathering Place**

*Includes a Presentation on Nutrition*

RSVP to Pat Walker, Team Lead, at

[OWLS@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto: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.



## FREE GIFTS!!!

In I Corinthians 12, Paul shares with us that "There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God..."

Yes, you have many gifts, free gifts from God. The Church Body is currently searching for individuals to serve as Lay Delegates, and others for positions on the Board of Directors.

You may obtain an application in the Welcome Area, church office or online at [www.ResurrectionMCC.org](http://www.ResurrectionMCC.org).

"Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. And in the church God has appointed..." Has God appointed you to be on the Board?

For more information concerning this wonderful opportunity to serve, please contact anyone on the Nominating committee: Win Boyd, Georgia Chambers, Ron Drumm, and Yolanda Richardson, or email [Nominating@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Nominating@ResurrectionMCC.org).

## Flowers for the Sanctuary

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



**Save the Date!**  
**Sunday, March 9**

Register online with  
Team Resurrection MCC  
at [AIDSwalkhouston.org](http://AIDSwalkhouston.org)

To volunteer to help support our team, please  
email [AIDSwalk@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:AIDSwalk@ResurrectionMCC.org)

## Board Members on Duty

Michelle Freeman & Bryan Long

*Board Minutes Available Upon Request.*

## General Fund Financial Report

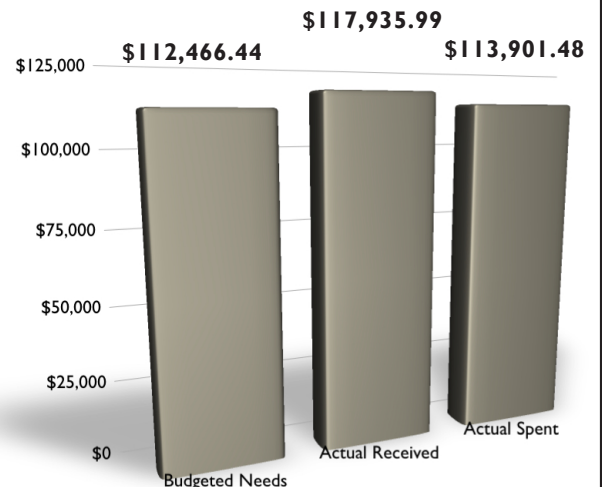
**Week Ending February 17, 2008**

### Tithes & Offerings

		Week	Year
02/10/08 9:00 am	120	\$2,662.12	\$44,252.90
02/10/08 11:00 am	398	\$6,531.39	\$45,766.36
Special Services	153	\$870.25	\$3,591.05
Online Giving		\$1,321.00	\$8,383.00
Other Contributions		\$1,078.07	\$14,875.21
<b>Total</b>	<b>671</b>	<b>\$12,462.83</b>	<b>\$116,868.52</b>

### Other General Fund Income

Fundraising			
Miscellaneous			\$1,067.47
<b>Total Received</b>		<b>\$12,462.83</b>	<b>\$117,935.99</b>
<b>Budgeted Need</b>		<b>\$16,066.63</b>	<b>\$112,466.44</b>
<b>Total Surplus / (Deficit)</b>		<b>(\$3,603.80)</b>	<b>\$5,469.55</b>





# This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

## SUNDAY FEBRUARY 24

**9:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson**  
 10:00 am Nominating Committee Meeting Activities Bldg #110  
 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  
 12:00 pm Nominating Committee Meeting Activities Bldg #110  
 12:30 pm YouthLife! Activities Building  
 1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal Music Room

## MONDAY FEBRUARY 25

6:00 pm Board of Directors Meeting Gathering Place  
 6:30 pm Anointing Rehearsal Sanctuary  
 6:30 pm JustUs Rehearsal Music Room

## TUESDAY FEBRUARY 26

7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (Open) Wellness Center  
 7:00 pm Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal Music Room

## WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 27

7:00 pm Houston Pride Band Rehearsal Activities Building  
 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Music Room

## THURSDAY FEBRUARY 28

7:00 pm Resurrection Singers Rehearsal Music Room  
 7:00 pm Singles Spiritual Gathering Chapel

## FRIDAY FEBRUARY 29

*No Events Scheduled.*

## SATURDAY MARCH 1

1:00 pm Angels in Motion Rehearsal Sanctuary

## SUNDAY MARCH 2

**9:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Dr. Doug Lawson**  
 10:00 am Nominating Committee Meeting Activities Bldg #110  
 10:15 am Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry Chapel  
 10:15 am Lay Delegates Meeting Activities Bldg #108  
**11:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Dr. Doug Lawson**  
 11:15 am Children & Youth Worship Service Activities Building  
 12:00 pm Nominating Committee Meeting Activities Bldg #110  
 12:30 pm Second Family Care Partners Lunch Act. Building #108  
 1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal Music Room