



Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

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Prelude

Joel Hammett

Our Community Gathers

Rev. Dwayne Johnson & Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

+ Exchange of Peace

+ Processional Hymn

ACCEPTANCE

Help Us Accept Each Other



Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept - ed us;
 Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life
 Let your ac - cep - tance change us, so that we may be moved
 Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,

teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.
 we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.
 in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;
 who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for righ - teous - ness and bread,

Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us to be - lieve
 Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,
 to prac - tice your ac - cep - tance, un - til we know by heart
 we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on;

we are our - selves ac - cept - ed and meant to love and live.
 to love them as we find them or as they may be - come.
 the ta - ble of for - give - ness and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.
 re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us, make us one!

+ Invocation

+ Please rise in body or spirit.

Rev. Janice Ladd

We Prepare

The prelude is designed to set the tone for the worship service. It is also an offering from one of our gifted musicians. Many wish to listen and meditate during this time.

We Worship

Help Us Accept Each Other by Fred Kaan takes seriously what it means to be a Christian community; to search for hope and faith, to care not just for some but for all, to do the truth in love, to practiced acceptance, to minister to those hungering for acceptance, forgiveness, righteousness, and bread. This hymn on acceptance and reconciliation was inspired by a Bible study article by Mrs. Jackie Mattonsen, written for the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in the USA. John Ness Beck arranged this hymn setting from his anthem setting of this text. John Ness Beck died of cancer in 1987.

We Hear the Word

In a letter from Paul we do not have the word "day" defined. Maybe it refers to Jewish fast days, or to observance of Sabbath, or perhaps to moving the Lord's day from Saturday to Sunday. On matters not essential, faith allows believers to act on reason and conscience. The one essential truth of Christian existence is that in life and death believers belong to God.

We Worship

We believe that God encompasses all that is feminine and all that is masculine and all that is spirit. For this season we use a call to our God as Mother to begin our prayers ending it with the traditional "Our Father" spoken today in Spanish.

We Hear the Word

Jesus' direct teacher emphasizes repeated forgiveness. The parable established the basic point that God requires disciples to forgive.

Epistle Reading

Bill O'Rourke (9 am)

Georgette L. Monaghan (11 am)

Romans 14:5-12

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of God. Also, those who eat, eat in honor of God, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of God and give thanks as well.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are God's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgement on your sister or brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Call to Prayer



O ten-der Moth - er, hear our prayer, as we your child -
ren gath - er near. We of - fer you our wound-ed souls,
for your ca - ress can make us whole.

Community Prayers

Jason Wood

The Prayer that Jesus Taught (spoken in unison)

Padre nuestro que estás en los cielos. Santificado sea tu Nombre. Venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad. En la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy el pan de este día y perdona nuestras deudas como nosotros perdonamos nuestros deudores y no nos dejes caer en al tentación sino que líbranos del malo. Amen!

+ Gospel Reading

Rev. Janice Ladd

Matthew 18:21-35

Peter came to Jesus and said, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times? Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

For this reason the realm of heaven may be compared to a ruler who wished to settle accounts with her servants. When she began the reckoning, one who owed her ten thousand talents was brought to her; and, as he could not pay, his owner ordered him to be sold, together with his family and all possessions sold to make payment. So the servant fell on his knees before her, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' And out of pity for him, the owner released him and forgave the debt.

But that same servant, as he went out, came upon another servant who owed him; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then the servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When the other servants saw this, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to the owner all that had taken place. Then the owner summoned him and said, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all you owe because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger the ruler handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt.

Anthem

Gospel Ensemble

Blessing in the Storm
Words & Music by Kirk Franklin

Spiritual Encouragement

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

Integrity Is a Choice:
Choose To Rise Above Differences

Making Ministry Happen

Rev. Janice Ladd

Offertory

Karla Johnson & Karen Battiste

For Good
Words & Music by Stephen Schwartz

Communion

Cassandra White

One: On the night you were betrayed you took the bread;
After giving thanks you broke it and said,
"This is my body broken for you, and as you eat it remember me;

All: This is my body broken for you and as you eat it, remember me.

One: On the night you were betrayed you held the cup
After giving thanks you lifted it up.
This is my life poured out for you, and as you drink it remember me.

All: This is my life poured out for you, and as you drink it remember me.

One: So we thank you for the cup and for the bread,
For we see the life you gave and the blood you shed.

**All: And we remember your wondrous love;
You gave your body you shed your blood.
And we remember your wondrous love
You gave your Spirit to live in us.
And we remember your wondrous love;
You gave your body you shed your blood.
And we remember your wondrous love
You gave your Spirit to live in us.**

We Listen

Kirk Franklin (born January 26, 1970 in Fort Worth) is an American Gospel music singer and author. Franklin is most notably known as the leader of urban contemporary gospel choirs such as the Family, God's Property and 1NC (One Nation Crew). This selection, *Blessing in the Storm* was written by him. It was featured on his album *The Nu Nation Project*.

This setting of the communion liturgy is entirely sung. The music consecrates the bread and the cup, and proclaims our remembrance of Jesus as he asked.

Music During Communion

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. Simply come forward as the ushers direct. We use grape juice for the cup. After you are served you will receive a blessing from the server. If you are in need of further prayer, our Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry team is available following both services to pray with you.

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.

God, open us to your living presence through your life at this table.

Receive the living grace of this spiritual nourishment

Change My Heart, O God

Change my heart, O God, make it every true.
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.
You are the Potter; I am the clay.
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.

Words & Music by Eddie Espinosa
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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! (Chorus)

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Cares Chorus

I cast all my cares upon you,
I lay all of my burdens down at your feet.
And anytime that I don't know what to do,
I will cast all my cares upon you.

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It Is Well with My Soul

When peace like a river attendeth my way when sorrows like sea billows roll;
+ Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul!

Words by Horatio Spafford, Music by Philip Bliss
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+ Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Janice Ladd

+ Benediction

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

Postlude

Joel Hammett

**The Worship of
God Each Day**

Grow Up

Spiritual Maturity, Transformation & Application

Prayer of Opening

Dear God, fill us with You.
Amen.

~ Rev. Dwayne Johnson

Daily Scripture Readings

- Sun - 1 John 2:1-17
- Mon - John 8:1-11
- Tue - 2 Corin 2:1-10
- Wed - Acts 10:34-43
- Thu - Luke 6:37-42
- Fri - Psalm 25
- Sat - * Philippians 1:21-30

*Preparation for
Sunday, September 7

**Sacred Reading
(pages 5 & 6)**

See opening essay, quotes,
or other sources.

**Spiritual Maturity &
Application (page 6)**

See questions and
reflection journal
exercises.

Prayer of Sending

You have been in
communion with your
Creator. Go now in the
strength and assurance
that your leader, Jesus
Christ, goes with you.
Amen.

Opening Essay

Six Steps to Choose Dialogue Rather than Drama

My message on September 7 was "Integrity is a Choice: Choose Dialogue Over Drama." Every day of our life the conditions for upset and drama will be present. However, our approach will determine the pain and intensity of such drama. I concluded the message with six steps we can take each day to help create peaceful and loving relationships at home, at work, and at church.

Many requested these steps in written form. I offer them as my essay for this week.

1. **IDENTIFY.** Find a quiet place at the end of each day and review your various conversations, emails, and interactions. Ask God to make you aware of any situations where you feel conflict, separation or resistance to others-or where you feel others may have an issue with you.

2. **EMPATHIZE.** Try to be in touch with what others may be feeling. Imagine the factors in their lives that could be influencing their attitudes and behaviors.

3. **CONSIDER.** Do you have responsibility for what is going on? Were you insensitive? Did you devalue another in some way? Did you misspeak? Did your attempt at humor come off as cutting or hurtful? Were you sharp or irritable? Did you say something to harm another's self-esteem?

4. **HOLD.** Lift the situations, individuals and yourself to God. Imagine the healing presence of Christ at the center. Do not judge or seek to control. Simply be present to love and healing. Nurture a sense of awareness, patience, and receptivity.

5. **ASK.** Seek God's guidance for your best approach to the situation. Seek wisdom. Perhaps you are called to do or say something. Perhaps you are called to be silent so as to not further agitate the situation. God knows. Seek God's knowledge and then plan to follow the guidance you receive.

6. **RELEASE.** Invite God to give you peace. Invite God to give the others involved peace. Know that certain elements (including the response of others) are outside your control. Trust God to be at work in your heart and the hearts of others for all to be well.

I have worked these steps in my own life. I can attest to the difference they make when I work them faithfully. At times, when I move out of alignment with these steps, the drama in my own life begins to increase.

This is the prayer that Rev. Janice Ladd offered as the final words of the message. This prayer is offered in the voice of Christ.

My Beloved, I am with you in your relationships. I am the giver of peace. Come to Me with your heart. Come to Me with your hurts. Invite Me into your thoughts. Invite Me into your conversations. Trust that My presence is a healing presence.

I will help you to know when to speak and when to be silent. Seek My guidance. Trust and follow. Know that I am at work for your good and for the good of others.

Know that all will be well. Amen.

~ Rev. Dwayne Johnson

Message Notes

Sacred Reading

Two friends were walking through the desert. They had an argument. One friend slapped the other in the face. The one who got slapped was hurt, yet without saying anything, wrote in the sand: Today my best friend slapped me in the face.

They kept on walking. They found an oasis, where they decided to refresh themselves in a pond. The one who had been slapped got stuck in some mud at the bottom of the pond, and started drowning. The friend came to the rescue. The one who had been slapped was now saved and wrote on a stone: Today my best friend saved my life.

The friend who had slapped and then saved the other asked: "After I hurt you, you wrote in the sand, and now you write on a stone. Why?"

The other friend replied: "When someone hurts us, we should write it down in the sand, where the winds of forgiveness can erase it away. However, when someone does something good for us, we must engrave it in stone where no wind can ever erase it."

Learn to write your hurts in the sand and to carve your blessings in stone.

~ Carla Swafford Works

Forgive yourself for believing things about yourself that are not true. Forgive yourself for believing that you were anything other than a child of God.

Then, after forgiving yourself for believing the things you were told, forgive the people who told you. Forgive them not for what they said or did. Forgive them because they did not know any better.

Forgiveness is the only way to eradicate the inaccurate information given to you as a child that you remain loyal to long after you know that it is causing you harm.

~ Iyanla Vanzant, *Until Today*

Whatever God's dream about us may be, it seems certain that the dream cannot come true unless we cooperate.

~ Stella Terrill Mann

We cannot escape fear. We can only transform it into a companion that accompanies us on all our exciting adventures. . .

Take a risk a day-one small or bold stroke that will make you feel great once you have done it.

~ Susan Jeffers

Exercises for Maturity & Transformation

Re-read the above quote by Susan Jeffers. On each day of your calendar for this week write: "Today's Bold Move" Then, with the Holy Spirit's prompting, decide on a bold move each day. Write it down. At the end of the week, consider the results and your impressions. Where did you experience God in your bold moves?

Another note for your calendar: plan to attend the opening night of The Chalice on Wednesday, September 17. Dinner is served at 6:00 pm. Spiritual Deepening is at 6:30 pm. A variety of Life Development Offerings begin at 7:00 pm. Come for any portion or all of the evening. See page 8 for more details.

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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.

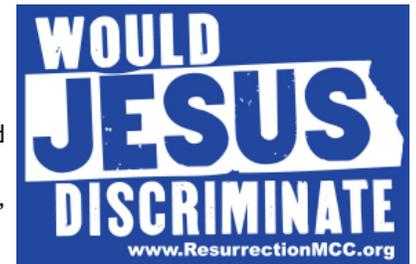
Make sure to visit the Concierge Desk, located next to Inspirations, our coffee café and gift shop, to receive a gift from us. You will find friendly volunteer hosts waiting to greet you.

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!



The Chalice: Creating a Life That Matters

MCC's Transformational Spiritual Development Curriculum

Creating a Life that Matters is a three-course curriculum which explores ways to rediscover relationship with the Sacred, with my Self, and with my Passion. These three courses correspond to the spiritual experiences of being changed, gifted and called. Graduates of Creating a Life that Matters will have been challenged to broaden their understanding of all that is Sacred; integrate their self-awareness into being authentic, aware leaders; and live their passion intentionally through the life and work of the church.

Creating a Life that Matters integrates art, scripture, music, film, journaling, and diverse spiritual resources to augment our exploration of the Christian path.

For more information or to register, please pick up a brochure from the Concierge Desk, or contact Rev. Kristen at 713-861-9149 x107 or by email at RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org

Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church
Life Development Ministries
presents

The Chalice

opening...receiving...offering
Life in Fullness

Wednesdays

Join Us.

6:00 - 6:30 pm Community Meal
6:30 - 7:00 pm Spiritual Deepening
7:00 - 8:30 pm Life Development Offerings

Begins Wednesday, September 17, 2008

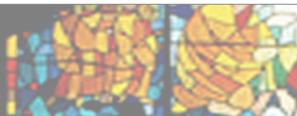
The Chalice: Open Door Discussion

7:00-8:30PM, Sanctuary

Join us any Wednesday evening for an Open Door Discussion at Resurrection!

Centering around the short NOOMA films which introduce current, relevant, spiritual topics with cutting edge music and visuals, these facilitated discussions open the door to share our spiritual heart with each other ... God ... ourselves!

No advance registration - just Open the Door and c'mon in! Join us!



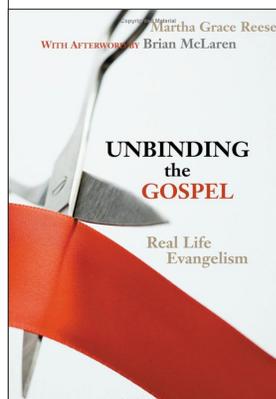
The Chalice: Unbinding the Gospel

You are invited to join Rev. Janice, Rev. Dwayne and Mark Eggleston in an exciting in-depth study of Unbinding the Gospel: Real Life Evangelism!

This incredible 7-week study provides church leaders, formal and informal, with an opportunity to share our love of God with one another, to build relationships upon passion for our faith, and to ignite our church and community anew with the fire of God's love!

This faith adventure runs Wednesday evenings, September 17 - October 29, from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. Please read Chapters 1 & 2 before we gather on September 17.

Books (\$15) available now in Inspirations Coffee Cafe & Gift Shop. RSVP to RevJanice@ResurrectionMCC.org.



The heart of evangelism emerges from the interaction of these three sets of relationships: our personal relationships with God, healthy congregational relationships, and caring about people who don't have a conscious connection with Christ. The heart of evangelism is being in love with God, being part of a church you love and caring about other people who do not know that faith.

-- Unbinding the Gospel: Real Life Evangelism by Martha Grace Reese

Parents Social

Saturday, September 20

8:30 am, Discovery Green

Join us for fun in the park.
Don't forget the swimsuits!



This kid friendly park has a one-acre lake, children's playground, interactive water features, dog runs for large and small breeds, public art works, green lawns, and restaurants. More at www.DiscoveryGreen.com

To receive announcements about future events, email Parents@ResurrectionMCC.org.

Friday Night OUT

September 26

7 pm



Join this newly formed social group for dinner and a night on the town!

Anita's Bar & Grill

2409 Grant (behind South Beach)

www.anitabump.com

For more information, or to join the email list for the group, email NightOUT@ResurrectionMCC.org



Holy Union Preparation Seminar Sunday, October 5, 1 - 3 pm Gathering Place / Lunch Served

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.

Register to Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org

Nursery Help Needed

We are seeking tender, competent childcare providers with formal or informal experience. Shifts include Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. Approximately 8 hours each week, \$15 per hour.

Contact Rev. Kristen:

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RESURRECTION MCC 6TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2008
BEAR CREEK GOLF WORLD

8:30 AM SHOTGUN START - SCRAMBLE FORMAT

\$80.00 PER PLAYER INCLUDES:

- FOUR FREE ROUNDS OF GOLF FOR EACH PARTICIPANT
- GREAT DOOR PRIZES
- AWARDS
- LUNCH SPONSORED BY SPAGHETTI WAREHOUSE



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Teachers & Volunteers Needed
for Children & Youth Ministry



Nursery (0 - 2 years) Sprouts (3 - 5 years)
Faith Beginnings (7 - 9 years) Faith Explorers (10-12)
Youth (13 - 18 years)

We are now training volunteers to care for
and teach our children and youth.

Rev. Kristen, Director of Life Development, will
provide training at your earliest convenience.

Contact Rev. Kristen at 713-861-9149 x107 or
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Q-Fest Screening

Save Me

Friday, September 26, 7:00 pm
Museum of Fine Arts

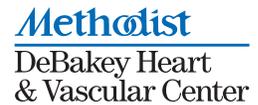


Join others from Resurrection in the lobby at 7:00 pm
for a screening of Save Me, an inspiring tale of love and
redemption featuring Chad Allen & Robert Gant.

Theater seats only 362, so purchase your tickets
in advance online at www.q-fest.org

Save a Life

COMMUNITY HEART TRAINING DAY



CPR and AED Training

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2008

The victim of a sudden cardiac arrest has a 50 to 75% chance of being resuscitated if a shock is administered to the heart within 5 minutes of collapsing. At this point, the lack of circulation begins causing irreversible damage to the most vital organs. The chance of a patient surviving a cardiac arrest decreases by about 10% per minute after collapse and chance of survival is minimal after 10 minutes. Therefore, immediate intervention is essential.

Since 2006, numerous sudden deaths in young athletes have occurred. Almost 400 automatic external defibrillators (AEDs) were distributed to every school in the Houston and Spring Branch districts and numerous other institutions by the Texas Arrhythmia Institute. However, the general population has not been trained in the use of an AED. On-site AEDs are used only 34% of the time in the setting of a witnessed cardiac arrest.

The Houston Texans, American Red Cross, Texas Arrhythmia Institute and Methodist DeBakey Heart & Vascular Center have joined forces to offer this training day to the Houston community.

Learn how to "SAVE A LIFE"

- When** Saturday, September 27, 2008
Choice of 2 sessions: 8 a.m.-12 Noon or 1 p.m.- 5 p.m.
- Where** **Methodist Training Center** (Houston Texans indoor practice facility near Reliant Stadium) at 8335 Lantern Point Drive, Houston, TX 77054 (right off Kirby near 610 South Loop)
- Cost** **\$10.00 per person – Participants must be 12 years of age or older**
Upon successful completion of the class, students will receive certification in Adult CPR and AED use.
- PARTICIPANTS MUST PRE-REGISTER** Pre-registration begins August 18 by mail, phone or online
- Mail** Save A Life, The Methodist Hospital Foundation, 8060 El Rio, Houston, TX 77054
- Telephone** 832-667-5857
- Online** www.methodisthealth.com/savealife

Only 500 spaces per session are available.

Please note that only registered individuals will be allowed access to the Methodist Training Center.

Save a Life

COMMUNITY HEART TRAINING DAY

DR. MR. MRS. MS.

NAME OF PARTICIPANT _____
PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY (FIRST, MIDDLE INITIAL, LAST)

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

CHOOSE ONE: 8 A.M.-12 NOON SESSION 1 P.M.-5 P.M. SESSION CHECK IF TMHS EMPLOYEE

\$10 REGISTRATION IS ENCLOSED MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO **THE METHODIST HOSPITAL FOUNDATION** OR CHARGE TO

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CARD NUMBER _____ EXP. DATE _____ SIGNATURE _____

(PARENT OR GUARDIAN IF PARTICIPANT IS UNDER 18)

By my registration for the Save a Life training event, I indicate that I have full knowledge and assume all responsibility for any risk or injury that may be incurred during the Save a Life training event. I unconditionally release and discharge all of the sponsors of this event from any and all claims, damages and expenses that may arise directly or indirectly from my participation in this event. By my registration for this training day, I certify that I am in good physical condition and that I am able to participate in this event without harm to myself or others. I agree to permit the use of my name and /or likeness in any record or communication relating to the Save a Life training event for any legitimate purpose without compensation or remuneration.

Experience the WOW factor!

Excel of the Armadillo Retreat

October 10 – 12, 2008

Friday evening - Sunday afternoon

God's Grace, Security, Commitment, Prayer, Study, Action
... And much more, all within a safe environment

Register today in the Gathering place and check out our website.
www.excelofthearmadillo.org

Blessings to you from the entire Excel Team
Kecia Bullock, Rodger Geisel, Jerry Reitz, Clair Vasiliyoy,
Michael Fernandez, Robert Sliepka, Kristia Ammerman,
Doug Hill, Ron Drumm and Ron Reeser

We have been in training and praying for you all year and looking forward to meeting you in person to share the Excel Experience.

THE REVIEW

with Darren Carlos Terry

A monthly topical film and/or book discussion
For more intel call 713-256-4202



Sunday, September 28

1:10 pm, Gathering Place / Hot Wings & Pizza Served

Different People Different Insights Different Points of View
Maybe a little too different - but that's OK!

Advertise with us.
As low as \$25 / week.

Board Members on Duty

Vicki Hopper & Debbie Skelly

Board Minutes Available Upon Request.

New Members Class

Saturday, October 11

9 - Noon

Gathering Place
Breakfast Served

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

To register, contact Jason Wood,
Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org
or 713-861-9149 x105.

Download & complete the Spiritual Gifts Assessment from www.ResurrectionMCC.org

Outreach, Wisdom, Laughter, Support:
A Ministry for Seniors & Friends



September 16

Noon - 2 pm
Gathering Place

Special presentation from MANNA
(Ministry Assistance of the Near Northwest Alliance)

RSVP & Questions to Pat Walker, Team Lead, at
OWLS@ResurrectionMCC.org
Potluck lunches held 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each Month

Flowers for the Sanctuary

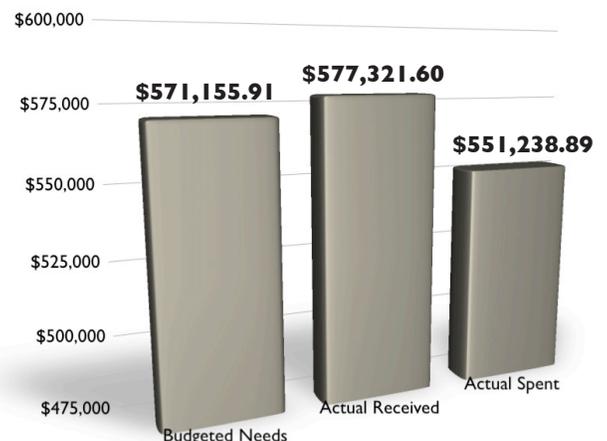
Donated in celebration of our fourth year of marriage and our love of this church family!

--Gemma Burns & Elisa Vega-Burns

General Fund Financial Report

Week Ending September 7, 2008

		Week	Year
<i>Tithes & Offerings</i>			
09/07/08 9:00 am	126	\$2,623.00	\$176,367.96
09/07/08 11:00 am	359	\$10,526.04	\$245,338.75
Special Services			\$5,833.44
Online Giving		\$1,980.00	\$50,073.64
Other Contributions		\$1,530.00	\$66,342.58
Total	485	\$16,659.04	\$543,956.37
<i>Other General Fund Income</i>			
Fundraising		\$347.00	\$13,545.64
Miscellaneous		\$360.00	\$19,819.59
Total Received		\$17,366.04	\$577,321.60
Budgeted Need		\$16,315.57	\$571,155.91
Total Surplus / (Deficit)		\$1,050.47	\$6,165.69
Total Imagine Capital Campaign		\$2,300.00	\$210,284.39



This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14

9:00 am	Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson	
10:15 am	Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry	Chapel
10:15 am	Lay Delegates Meeting	Activities Building #108
11:00 am	Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson	
11:00 am	Children & Youth Worship Service	Activities Building

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 15

6:30 pm	Imagine Campaign Meeting	Gathering Place
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TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 16

8:30 am	NCS Workshop	Gathering Place
12:00 pm	OWLS Luncheon	Activities Building #108
7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous	Wellness Center
7:00 pm	Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal	Music Room
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Chapel

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 17

8:30 am	NCS Workshop	Gathering Place
6:00 pm	The Chalice: Our Mid-Week Spiritual Deepening!	
6:00 pm	The Chalice: Community Meal	Activities Building
6:30 pm	The Chalice: Spiritual Deepening	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	The Chalice: CLM (closed)	Gathering Place
7:00 pm	The Chalice: The Open Door	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	The Chalice: Unbinding the Gospel	Music Room
7:00 pm	Houston Pride Band Rehearsal	Activities Building

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 18

8:30 am	NCS Workshop	Gathering Place
6:45 pm	Houston Pride Band Ensemble	Chapel
7:00 pm	Resurrection Singers Rehearsal	Music Room

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 19

Office Closed Fridays.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20

8:30 am	Parents Lunch Social	Discovery Green (see ad p. 9)
9:00 am	EXCEL of the Armadillo Meeting	Gathering Place
1:00 pm	Angels in Motion Rehearsal	Sanctuary

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21

9:00 am	Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson	
10:15 am	Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry	Chapel
11:00 am	Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson	
11:00 am	Children & Youth Worship Service	Activities Building
12:30 pm	Equality Ministry Meeting	Activities Building
12:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	Music Room
12:30 pm	Pride Team Debrief	Activities Building #108
2:00 pm	EXCEL in Faithfulness	Workroom