



Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

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Our Community Gathers

Rev. Dwayne Johnson & Rev. Janice Ladd

+ Exchange of Peace

+ Call to Worship

ANTHEM

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Lift every voice and sing, Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling seas.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, Bitter the chast'ning rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat, Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our people sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered;
Out from the gloomy past, Till now we stand at last
Where the bright gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who hast by thy might, Led us into the light,
Keep us for ever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;
Shadowed beneath thy hand, May we for ever stand,
True to our God, true to our native land.

Instrumental Invocation

HeavenSound Handbells

Mmoloki Warona

Music by Sibusiso Ntsals
Arranged by Jim Winslett

+ Please rise in body or spirit.

We Worship

This hymn is known as the African American National Anthem. It places emphasis on the history of people of African descent, inclusive of their many triumphs and struggles. This great song is known across the world, but the history behind the song's creation and first performance is often unknown.

Publicly performed first as a poem as part of a celebration of Lincoln's Birthday on February 12, 1900 by 500 schoolchildren at the segregated Stanton School in Jacksonville, Florida. Principal James Weldon Johnson wrote the words to introduce its honored guest, Booker T. Washington. The poem was later set to music by Mr. Johnson's brother, John, in 1905. Singing this song quickly became a way for African Americans to demonstrate their patriotism and hope for the future.

We Hear the Word

In 2 Kings 5, we learn about Naaman's suffering from leprosy. Naaman is afflicted with the eruptive skin disease to such a point that he solicits the ruler of Syria to help him travel abroad for healing. Naaman would like to control when and in what ways relief comes, yet he discovers that true healing is beyond his control and lies in God's providence.

~ David Forney,
Feasting on the Word,
338, adapted.

Congregational Singing

Halleluya! Pelo Tsa Rona

Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona, di thabile kaofela. Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona, di thabile kaofela.
Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona, di thabile kaofela. Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona, di thabile kaofela.

Hallelujah, we sing Your praises, All our hearts are filled with gladness.
Hallelujah, we sing Your praises, All our hearts are filled with gladness.

Ke Morena Jeso, ya re dumeletseng, ya re dumeletseng, Ho tsamaisa evangedi.
O na na le bo mang? Le barutuwa ba hae, O na na le bo mang? Le barutuwa ba hae.

Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,
I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hunger.

Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona, di thabile kaofela. Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona, di thabile kaofela.

Text: South African Spiritual

Tune: South African Spiritual

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+ Scripture Readings

Marty Williams

2 Kings 5:1-7

Now Naaman was commander of the Syrian army. He was a great officer and highly esteemed. It was at Naaman's hand that God gave a victory to Syria. He was a mighty warrior. And he had leprosy.

On one of their raids the Syrians captured a young woman who was an Israelite. She became a servant to Naaman's wife. One day she said to Naaman's wife, "If only Naaman would go to the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure Naaman's leprosy."

Naaman went to the ruler and told him what the Israelite woman said. "By all means go," the ruler replied. "I will send a letter to the ruler of Israel." So Naaman left, taking ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold and ten sets of clothing. The letter that he took to the ruler of Israel read, "With this letter I am sending my attendant Naaman to you so that you may cure him of leprosy."

As soon as the ruler of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes in fear, and shouted, "Am I God? Do I have power over death and life? Why does this Syrian ruler send one to me to be cured of leprosy? See how he is trying to pick a fight with me!"

Rev. Janice Ladd

2 Kings 5:8-14

When Elisha the prophet of God learned that the ruler of Israel tore his robes in fear, he sent a message to the ruler, "Why did you tear your robes? Have Naaman come to me and he will learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman went with his horses and chariots and stopped at the door of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger outside to say to Naaman, "Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored and you will be cured."

Yet Naaman went away angry, and said, "I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand there before me, calling on the name of God, and wave his hand over my skin and cure me of my leprosy. Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than any of the waters of Israel? Couldn't I wash in them and be cured?" So he turned away and went away in a rage. Naaman's attendants went to him saying, "If the prophet had told you to do some difficult thing, would you have not done it? How much more, then, when all he said to you was, 'Wash and be cured'?"

So Naaman went down and immersed himself in the Jordan seven times, as the prophet of God told him, and his flesh was restored and became unblemished like that of a youth.

God is Good

Words & Music by Chester T. Baldwin

Spiritual Encouragement

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

***Each One Everyone:
A Community of Providence***

Making Ministry Happen

Creating a Life That Matters Facilitators

Graduation of *Creating a Life That Matters* class

One: We gather to celebrate the accomplishments of members of our community.

All: **We give blessing to you for all that you have achieved and your achievements yet to come.**

One: We celebrate your rediscovery of the Sacred.

Disciples: *We have exchanged empty religious practices for an encounter with the Sacred; rediscovering the loving God with our heart, soul & mind.*

All: **We give praise to God.**

One: We celebrate your rediscovery of the Self.

Disciples: *We have explored our influences and worked to create a Self that we want to live with, others will want to relate to, and God will be able to use in service of that which is Sacred.*

All: **We give praise to God.**

One: We celebrate your rediscovery of your Passion.

Disciples: *We have worked to manage internal and external factors that influence our success. We have found the gift of power, energy and joy as we serve the Sacred through the church.*

All: **We give praise to God.**

One: Let us pray.

Presentation of the Graduates

Response

I Will Change Your Name

I will change your name, you shall no longer be called
 I will change your name, your new name shall be called
 wound-ed, out-cast, lone-ly or a-fraid.
 con-fi-dence, joy-ful-ness, o-ver-com-ing one.
 faith-ful-ness, friend of God, one who seeks my face.

We Learn

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 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.

Creating a Life That Matters was facilitated by Rev. Dr. Sharon Bezner, Kecia Bullock & Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini.

Our next *Creating a Life That Matters* course will be offered beginning in late spring 2009!

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, 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, we praise you for your presence at this table.

With these gifts you receive the grace of God's presence.

Communion

Introduction to Communion

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Invitation to the Feast

Communion Songs

God Has Done Great Things for Me

God has done great things for me. Great things, great things.

God has done great things for me.

God has made a way for me. Made a way, made a way.

God has made a way for me.

God will give you victory. Victory, victory.

God will give you victory.

Words & Music by Kirk Dearman

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In the Beauty of Holiness

Come let us worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

Come let us worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

Give God the honor. Give God the praise.

Come let us worship the Lord; Let's give God the praise.

Worship God. Worship God.

Give my God the glory. Give my God the praise.

Worship God. Worship God.

Come let us worship the Lord; Let's give God the praise.

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Holy Ground

We are standing on holy ground,

And I know that there are angels all around;

Let us praise Jesus now.

We are standing in God's presence on holy ground.

We are standing on holy ground,

And I know that there are angels all around;

Let us praise Jesus now.

We are standing in God's presence on holy ground.

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+ Prayer of Thanksgiving

Vickey Gibbs

+ Benediction

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

Postlude

Joel Hammett

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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

The Chalice: Spiritual Deepening

Wednesday, 6:30 pm

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Welcome!

If you are attending 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 in our Welcome Area, 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.

A Special Welcome to our First-Time Families!

Our nursery staff would love to meet you and your infants & children aged 1-3 years! The nursery is located to the right of the Sanctuary entrance and is open during both the 9 am & 11 am services.

Children and youth aged 4-12 years are invited to join our Youth Ministries Program during the 11 am service in the Activities Building (located across the breezeway from our main parking lot). Sign-in begins at 10:45 am. All children must be registered and signed-in to attend. Parents are welcome to join the children for Communion at 12 noon in the Activities Building. Snack & sign-outs begin at 12:15 pm.

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!



**Connections First Impressions
Life Development Youth Ministries Programs
Worship & Altar Ministries**

Spring "Season of Service"
(March, April, May)

Volunteer TRAINING DAY

Saturday, February 21

Various Training Opportunities
Offered 9 am - 5 pm

Training: 9 am - Noon

Youth Ministries Programs Volunteers

Teachers & Assistants for a 3-Person Teaching Team

- Serve 1 Sunday a Month for 3 Months
- All Age Groups Available (Infants-Tweens)
- Training & Teaching Materials Provided

Training: 1 pm - 3 pm

First Impressions Volunteers

Welcome Team, Usher Team, Concierge Desk Hosts, Inspirations Gift Store

Training: 3 pm - 5 pm

Worship & Altar Ministries Volunteers

Altar Preparation, Communion Servers, Scripture Readers. All training provided.

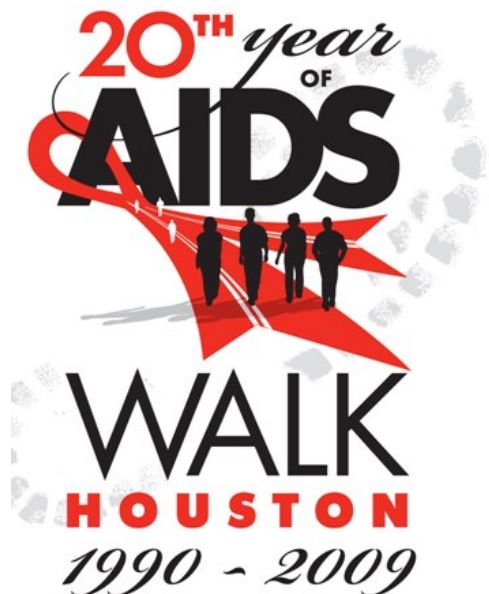
0 - 100 years of experience welcome!

**RSVP to Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org
713-861-9149 x105**

GOSPEL THROUGH THE AGES: *From Then to Now* **TODAY 4 pm**



Join the Gospel Ensemble as we journey in song from the shores of Africa in ages past to the recent election of the first African American President of the United States. With songs of power, passion, and perseverance, we will experience the inspiration of a people who chose to survive.



Join Team Resurrection MCC!

Sunday, March 15, 9 am

Go online today. Sign up to walk and raise funds for our HIV / AIDS Benevolence Fund.

For questions, or to volunteer, email
AIDSWalk@ResurrectionMCC.org

The Chalice

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

FEBRUARY 18

Community Meal – 6:00-6:30 pm – Open to All

Spiritual Deepening – 6:30-7:00 pm

Life Development Offerings – 7:00-8:45 pm

NOTE: No Chalice on Ash Wednesday, Feb 25

The Chalice: Offering One

OPEN TO ALL

Jesus lived with the awareness that God is doing something, right here, right now, and anybody can be a part of it. Wherever he went, whatever he did, Jesus started discussions about what matters most, because for Jesus, God is always inviting us to open our eyes and join in...

The Open Door Discussion Series

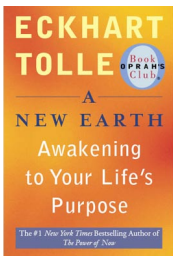
A facilitated open discussion using the short NOOMA films as a jumping-off place for personal reflection and shared engagement with our journeys of faith.

The Open Door - Open

Many of us have experienced situations where we've prayed and it felt like God wasn't listening. And yet other times we've prayed or known someone that prayed and the situation changed. Does God answer prayer? Sometimes, but not all the time? Or does God always answer prayer and it's just that sometimes God says no? Some of us are angry with God for not answering the prayers we've prayed for years. Why did God answer their prayer but not ours? What if there's more to prayer than just God listening and answering? Maybe if we understood how Jesus prayed, our concepts and expectations of prayer would change.

The Chalice: Offering Two

OPEN TO ALL



A New Earth: Awakening to Your Life's Purpose

Join us for the LAST session of this book study discussions offered over seven weeks. Explore together what awakening *your* life's purpose looks like in 2009.

Everyone welcome! Get your book at bookstores everywhere.

The Chalice: Offering Three

Session Full

CREATING A LIFE



THAT MATTERS

"Weave Together" Fellowship:
Potluck celebration for classes I, II, and III. For more information, email RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org

Spring Dates Coming Soon!

A Sip from The Chalice

Spiritual Deepening Practice: Reflecting on Sacred Stories

Then those who revered God talked with each other, telling stories of their spiritual journeys and God listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in God's presence concerning these who spoke of their walk with God and how they honor God's life with their own. "They will be mine," says the Holy One, "in the day when I make up my treasured possession. I will uplift them, just as in compassion a parent holds fast to beloved children. And you will again see the distinction between the lives of those who turn to God and the lives of those who turn away, between those who serve God and those who do not.

-- Malachi 3:16-18, adapted

Reflecting upon the witness of Malachi in the Hebrew Scriptures, devout practitioners of the Jewish faith say that when pious people sit and tell holy stories, God comes and listens. Generations of people of African descent have marked the "way out of no way," from despair into faith and from bondage into freedom, with words lifted in song and story. LGBTQIA peoples have for years braved violences of all kinds to bring story from silence, to speak our truth into life. Faith ... freedom ... life ... God-with-us is proclaimed in the Sacred Stories we share and in the death-defying, life-affirming, community/ies we form, rooted in stories of faith. Bill Moyers writes: "Once in East Africa, on the shores of an ancient lake, I sat alone and suddenly it struck me what community is. It is gathering around a fire and listening to someone tell us a story." The meditative practice of Sacred Storytelling involves receiving a faith-story in such a way that when listening, even if others are present, a person should assume that on a spiritual level the story is being told "just for me," and should ask, "Why would God intend for me to hear this particular story at this particular time?" Listen - what is God intending for you to hear through it's telling at this time? Read the story aloud. Listen to the words.

During the season of journeying, following the wintering sun, a tired bird came to rest on a branch. The clouds danced above him as the grasses in the field below made music with the breeze. In the distance an old barn gently shadowed the earth; a gray cat padded gracefully in its shade, a shadow within a shadow. The bird relaxed. He enjoyed the view from the branch and the safety it offered him from dangerous animals. "Life is good," he thought contentedly, "life is good!" Just then a strong wind pressed its way over the field; the young tree the bird was resting in started swaying back and forth. The bird held tight to the branch as the gusts began to come with such great intensity that it seemed that the bough would break. Watching the wild leaves as they whirled all around him, the bird thought contentedly, "Life is good, life is good!" For he knew two important truths: One, he was a bird, made by God with wings to fly, and fly he could, anytime he needed to - this he could rely on; and Two, God made more trees than he would ever see in his lifetime, with branches upon which he could rest, anytime he needed to - on this he could rely. He spread his wings then, and flew refreshed into the storm.

Relax. Listen inside yourself for God's word within you. After 3-5 minutes of spiritually receptive listening note anything you may have received for your journey ...

Get Connected to a First Impressions Ministry

Stop by the Gathering Place after services and find out more about exciting volunteer opportunities!

Concierge Desk

Eliot Perez

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 helps welcome new friends, provide them with a free gift, and help them get connected.

Inspirations Coffee Cafe & Gift Shop

Dawn Ashbrook

Inspirations@ResurrectionMCC.org

Looking for new friendly faces and volunteers for this ministry! Provide outstanding customer service in an atmosphere of fellowship for people to make connections.

Second Family Care Partners

Kristia Ammerman

SecondFamily@ResurrectionMCC.org

This care team acts as extended family and friends, offering emotional, practical, and spiritual support. Meets for lunch 1st Sun. at 12:30 pm.

Ushers

Dave Mathis

Ushers@ResurrectionMCC.org

We need ushers for 9 & 11 am Sunday Worship Services. Teams serve one service (either 9 or 11 am) each month. Remember, "No one is *JUST* an usher."

Welcome Team

Jason Sowders

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

If you have questions or would like to join any of these teams, email the team lead (listed above) or contact Jason Wood at Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org or 832-971-0354.

MUSIC MINISTRY

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

Tuesdays • 7 pm

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

RESURRECTION SINGERS

Mondays • 7 pm

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

ANGELS IN MOTION

Second & Fourth Saturdays • 1 pm

This group is a dance troupe that ministers through dance and movement. This group has its own choreographers. Experience in dance is not necessary, if one has the willingness to learn.

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 Worship@ResurrectionMCC.org

Dialogue: Racism

WINTER TWO-DAY 2009 SESSION

Saturdays, February 28 & March 7

9:00 am to 4:30 pm (2929 Unity Dr, Houston)

"[People] hate each other because they fear each other, and they fear each other because they don't know each other, and they don't know each other because they are often separated from each other."

-Dr. Martin Luther King

Dialogue: Racism provides a safe, respectful and loving atmosphere for individuals to learn new information, share their experiences, and ask questions to dispel the fears, to get to know one another, and to stop the separation.

TOPICS FEATURED OVER THE TWO DAYS:

Defining Various Types of Racism
How Racism is Perpetuated
Unaware Racism and White Privilege
Stereotypes and how they affect us
Cultural Racism
Internalized Racism
Institutionalized Racism
Race is a Human Invention
My Next Steps, Finding Allies



The sessions are free and open to the public; registration is required by calling the Center's office at 713-520-8226 and leaving the name(s) and phone numbers of person(s) attending.

www.centerhealingracism.org

Friday Night OUT February 20, 7 pm



Join us for dinner at
Hollywood Vietnamese!

Hollywood Vietnamese Restaurant
2409 Montrose Blvd, 713-523-8808

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

Parents Lunch Social

Sunday, February 22

12:30 pm, Activities Building



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

If you aren't able to join us today, but would like to
 receive announcements about future events, email
Parents@ResurrectionMCC.org

Equality Ministry Meeting

TODAY, 12:30 pm

Juanita's Mexican Restaurant & Cantina

2728 West TC Jester Blvd (at 610 Loop)

713-680-8011

*Join us for lunch as we discuss
 our upcoming projects.*

*Questions or to Sign up:
Equality@ResurrectionMCC.org*

Care for our environment by recycling newspapers,
 magazines, catalogs and junk mail in the containers in our
 parking lot.



**In 2008, we recycled
 30 tons of paper,
 a 12% increase
 over 2007.**

We now have two
 collection bins
 as this program
 grows. We receive
 cash based on the
 weight of the paper
 collected.

FINDING OUR WAY

Giving Up Control to Receive Direction

Giving Up Illusions to Receive Greater Clarity

Giving Up Agendas to Receive Surprises

Giving Up Compulsion to Receive Unlimited Love

Worship Services
Sundays, 9 & 11 am. Wednesdays, 6:30 pm.

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Handicap Accessible
Sundays • Nursery Available 9 & 11 am
Signed for the Deaf 11 am
Children & Youth Program 11 am

Second Family Care Team Ministry

Is looking for caring, loving, helping people just like you!

The Care Team is ministry developed in partnership with Interfaith Care Partners and other congregations. Team members serve on this in-home support program as extended family and friends with Care Partners from congregation and community.

Care Partners are those members of the congregation or community with special needs. Needs include respite care for caregiver, emotional support during personal family crisis, assistance after hospitalization, or any other time of need in the Care Partner's life.

Our vision is to communicate God's unconditional love to all people through simple acts of kindness to members or our church family and community who have a need and seek our help. We believe the Christian community should reach out with loving hearts and helping hands to serve our community and church family members. We believe that by providing emotional, practical and spiritual support with an attitude of love and grace, we can create a positive change in the lives of individuals and their families. Through this form of Christian action, we envision a renewed hope in Christ and in the Christian community.

If you would like to be a ministry team member, we meet on the first Sunday of each month, following the 11 am service in the Activities Building for lunch, training, and fellowship care and planning.

If you would like to be a Care Partner and have a special need please fill out a request sheet that is available at all the entrance to the sanctuary and place it in the box labeled, Care Team. For more information on giving or receiving care, contact Jason Wood, Director of Connections by email at Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org or call 713-861-9149 x105.

NURSERY HELP NEEDED

We are seeking tender, competent childcare providers with formal or informal experience. Shifts are Sunday mornings and may include Wednesday evenings. Approximately 4 hours each week, \$15 per hour.

Contact Rev. Kristen:
713-861-9149 x107
RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org



Food Pantry Ministry

Open Mondays & Wednesdays
by appointment
Team Lead: Marty Williams

*Food Pantry fund is very low.
Please make a donation today.
Write "Food Pantry" on your check
or giving envelope.*

Most in Need of Canned Meat.



Resurrection MCC Angels Need New Women's Softball Coach

Coach Laura Recorder has moved to Austin. In order for our team to continue, we need to find a replacement for next year. If you are interested, or have any questions, please contact Jason Wood.



Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org
713-861-9149 x105.

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



**THIS Tuesday
February 17, Noon
Gathering Place**

Join us for a special presentation by Dignity Funeral Homes on preparing final arrangements.

RSVP & Questions to Pat Walker, Team Lead, at
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What are Your Gifts?

Board of Directors Positions Available

Application Deadline: NEXT Sunday, February 22

Calling all members who have the gifts of Administration, Creative Communication, Leadership, Discernment and/or Vision to prayerfully consider applying to serve on Resurrection's Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors is responsible for the financial health of the church and for administering our resources in support of Resurrection's Vision 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.

If you have a passion for financial administration, fundraising, community building outside our walls, and strategic planning for our future, you may be a blessing to our community of faith. Please consider applying for one of several open positions. Position descriptions available through the Nominating Committee; application packets available at all Sanctuary entrances.

For more information, contact the Nominating Committee at Nominating@ResurrectionMCC.org or speak to one of the committee members: Chair - Rose Wall, Win Boyd, Dr. Jacqueline Chambers, Dr. Gary Chamness, and Ron Drumm.

Stewardship Thought for the Week

Giving is a privilege that fills the heart with joy.

~ Henry A. Rosso

Board Members on Duty

Vicki Hopper & Len Shelton

Board Minutes Available Upon Request.

Attention all EXCEL Weekend Graduates!

The Excel in Faithfulness Abunchovum team would like to cordially invite any graduate from the original EXCEL weekend retreat exercise to prayerfully consider attending the next step on our journey in EXCEL by registering to attend our next retreat March 6-8, 2009 at the Christian Renewal Center. To register and to find out more please visit our booth in the Gathering Place.

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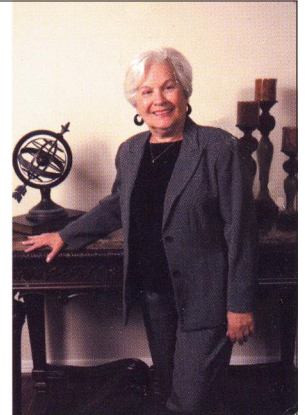
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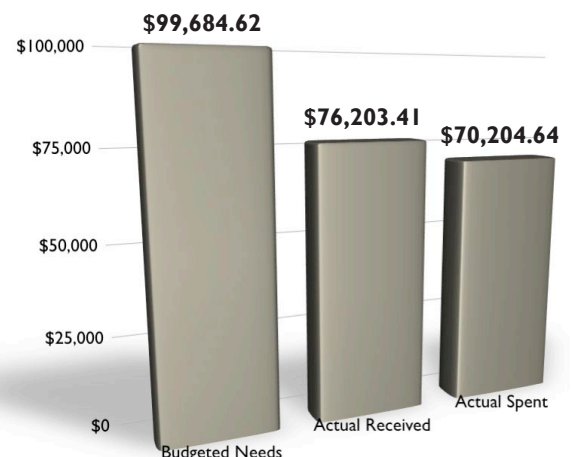
In recognition of our steadfast love for one another and our fondness for our Resurrection family.

~ Gemma Burns & Elisa Vega-Burns

General Fund Financial Report

Week Ending February 8, 2009

Tithes & Offerings			Week	Year
2/8/09	9:00 am	124	\$4,087.00	\$21,475.95
2/8/09	11:00 am	363	\$5,853.43	\$37,573.70
2/4/09	6:30 pm	31	\$181.00	\$631.00
Special Services			\$0.00	\$354.00
Online Giving			\$1,260.00	\$5,122.14
Other Contributions			\$1,411.00	\$7,532.93
Total		518	\$12,792.43	\$72,689.72
Other General Fund Income				
Fundraising			\$0.00	\$1,139.13
Miscellaneous			\$400.10	\$2,374.56
Total Received			\$13,192.53	\$76,203.41
Budgeted Need			\$17,653.85	\$99,684.62
Total Surplus / (Deficit)			(\$4,461.32)	(\$23,481.21)
Total Imagine Capital Campaign			\$1,405.00	\$14,295.00



This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 15

9:00 am	Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson	
10:15 am	Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry	Chapel
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	Activities Building
11:00 am	Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson	
12:30 pm	Equality Ministry Meeting (see ad, p. 9)	Juanita's Rest.
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	Music Room
4:00 pm	Gospel Through the Ages Concert	Sanctuary

MONDAY OFFICE CLOSED FEBRUARY 16

	<i>President's Day</i>	
6:30 pm	Resurrection Singers Rehearsal	Music Room
6:45 pm	Pride Band - Small Group Rehearsal	Chapel

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 17

12:00 pm	OWLS Luncheon	Gathering Place
7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous	Gathering Place
7:00 pm	Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal	Music Room
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Chapel

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 18

6:00 pm	The Chalice: Community Meal	Activities Building
6:30 pm	The Chalice: Spiritual Deepening	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	The Chalice: CLM (Full)	Gathering Place
7:00 pm	The Chalice: New Earth Book Study (Open)	Music Room
7:00 pm	The Chalice: Open Door (Open)	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Pride Band Rehearsal	Activities Building

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 19

No Events Scheduled.

FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED FEBRUARY 20

7:00 pm	Friday Night OUT (see ad, p. 9)	Hollywood Vietnamese
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SATURDAY FEBRUARY 21

9:00 pm	Volunteer Training Day - Youth Ministry	Gathering Place
12:00 pm	Volunteer Training Day - Lunch	Gathering Place
1:00 pm	Volunteer Training Day - 1 st Impressions	Sanctuary
3:00 pm	Volunteer Training Day - Worship & Altar	Sanctuary

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 22

9:00 am	Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson	
10:15 am	Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry	Chapel
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	Activities Building
11:00 am	Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson	
12:30 pm	Board of Directors Application Deadline (see ad, p. 11)	
12:30 pm	Parents Lunch Social	Activities Building
12:30 pm	Unbinding Prayer	Chapel
12:45 pm	Pastoral Care Ministers Lunch	Act. Bldg. # 104
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	Music Room