



# Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

June 7, 2009

Our Community Gathers

Rev. Dwayne Johnson & Jason Wood

+ Exchange of Peace

+ Opening Worship

### *Trading My Sorrows*

I'm trading my sorrows, I'm trading my shame,  
I'm laying them down for the Joy of the Lord.  
I'm trading my sickness, I'm trading my pain,  
I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord.

Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes yes Lord.

Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes yes Lord.

Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes yes Lord.

Amen!

I am pressed but not crushed persecuted, not abandoned;  
struck down but not destroyed.

I am blessed beyond the curse, for His promise will endure  
that His joy's gonna be my strength.

Though the sorrow may last through the night, His joy comes with the morning!

### *My Hope is Built*

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' love and righteousness;  
I dare not trust this earthly frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*On Christ the solid Rock I stand,*

*All other ground is sinking sand;*

*All other ground is sinking sand.*

When shadows veil my Savior's face, I rest upon unchanging grace.  
In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil. (chorus)

Christ's oath and covenant and blood support me in the rising flood;  
When all around my soul gives way, Christ then is all my hope and stay. (chorus)

When he shall come with trumpet sound, Oh may I then in him be found.  
Dressed in his righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before the throne. (chorus)

+ Invocation

Rev. Janice Ladd

+ Please rise in body or spirit.

## We Gather

From many places  
we gather here. This  
is a high point of our  
week. We see our  
friends. We make new  
friends. And we spend  
time with The Friend  
-- the loving Christ  
who meets us where  
we are, as we are. In  
this Sanctuary we  
worship and through  
worship the courage  
within us is kindled  
to inspire courageous  
living beyond  
this place.

*Psalm 29*

Give glory to God, you heavenly sphere. Give God glory and strength! Give forth the glory that God's name deserves, and worship in holy splendor. The voice of God resounds over the waters; the God of glory thunders over the raging seas. God's voice is powerful. God's voice is full of majesty. The voice of God snaps the cedars, shatters the cedars of Lebanon. It makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of God flashes forth flames of fire. The voice of God shakes the wilderness, the wilderness of Kadesh. The voice of God twists the oaks, and strips the forests bare.

In God's temple, all cry, "Glory!"

God sits enthroned over the flood. God is its ruler forever. Give strength to your people, God! Bless your people with peace.

**Sung Response**

**All:** Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes yes Lord.  
 Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes yes Lord.  
 Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes yes Lord. Amen!

**+ Gospel Reading**

Aileen North (9 am)  
 Elizabeth Conyer (11 am)

*Romans 8:12-17*

My siblings, we are debtors -- yet not to the flesh or to live according to the flesh. If you live according the flesh, you will die, yet if you live by the Spirit, you will put to death the deeds of the body and you will live.

Those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.

For you did not receive a spirit of captivity to fall back into fear. Rather, you have received a spirit of adoption, and by that Spirit we cry out, "Abba!"

God's Spirit joins with our spirit to declare that we are God's children. And if we are children, we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing in Christ's suffering and sharing in Christ's glory.

**Anthem**

Gospel Ensemble

*A Move of God is on the Way*

Words & Music by Norman Hutchins

**Spiritual Encouragement**

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

*Live the Spirit-Promise: Courage*

**We Hear the Word**

In our reading from Romans, Paul identifies a more certain identity. It has nothing to do with what we wear or how we decorate our flesh. In fact, when we are in the Spirit, things of the flesh -- whether fashion or food, self-expression or sex -- are put into perspective. The basic things of life -- food, clothing, relationships -- are needed and enjoyed by all people. Yet they should not define or consume us. Christian identity is found in relationship to God. The intimate relationship of faith is richer than others because it is established by the Spirit of God and will not fail. And even if it leads us into threatening or challenging circumstances as we share in Christ's suffering, we have the assurance of God's parental love, the Spirit's power, and the presence of our sibling Christ.

~ C. J. Schmit,  
*Feasting on the Word,*  
*Year B, Volume 3, 43,*  
 adapted.

## Making Ministry Happen

Rev. Janice Ladd

Offertory

Anne Dittmar & Christopher Plata

### *The Prayer*

Words & Music by Charlotte Church & Josh Groban

## Communion

Rev. Mona Lopez

Introduction to Communion

One: God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to God.**

One: Let us give thanks to God.

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

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

### *Fill My Cup, Lord*

Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up, Lord.  
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul.  
Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;  
fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole.

Invitation to the Feast

## Communion Songs

### *Have Thine Own Way, Lord*

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!  
Thou art the potter, I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me after thy will,  
while I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!  
Wounded and weary, help me I pray!  
Power, all power, surely is thine!  
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!  
Hold o'er my being absolute sway.  
Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see  
Christ only, always, living in me!

## 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. If you desire intercessory prayer, our Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry team is available following both services to pray with you.

You are connected.  
You belong.  
Now, reach out in love.

## 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.

## We Go Forth

God's love cannot be contained within the walls of this Sanctuary. Take the love of Christ from this place into your homes, neighborhoods and communities.

## Communion Songs (continued)

### *Spirit of the Living God*

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

### *Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

There's a sweet sweet spirit in this place,  
and I know that it's the spirit of the Lord;  
There are sweet expressions on each face,  
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,  
stay right here with us, filling us with your love;  
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise,  
without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived  
when we shall leave this place.

### *In the Name of the Lord*

There is strength in the name of the Lord;  
There is power in the name of the Lord;  
There is hope in the name of the Lord!  
Blessed are they who go in the name of the Lord.

+ **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Rev. Mona Lopez

+ **Benediction**

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

**Postlude**

Joel Hammett

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### Rev. Mona Lopez

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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

## Resurrection MCC

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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.

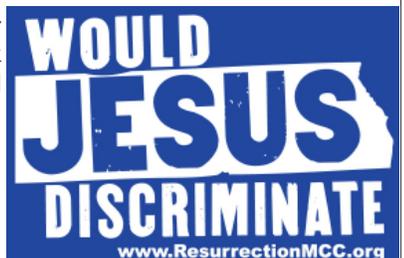
**We believe in** the saving grace of Jesus Christ and the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit.

**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!**



# Summer in the Spirit Worship Series

**WEDNESDAYS**

Each Wednesday evening in the summer months we are calling the Spirit to move among us in new and wonderful ways ...

During the months of June, July and August you are invited to our *Summer in the Spirit* Worship Series!

On Wednesday evenings from 6:30 - 7:30 join us in the Chapel for a creative worship experience imagined, fashioned and facilitated by Worship Teams led by members of our community in discernment for the ministry!

Each week a different theme, a different team, an exciting Summer evening in the Spirit!

Artists and musicians, dramatists and liturgists, contemplatives and evangelists, wise ones and witnesses – all are invited into collaboration with one another and the Spirit in the spiritual adventure of Worship!

If you are interested in joining a *Summer in the Spirit* Worship Team contact Rev. Kristen at RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org

## Beginning again in September and running through May

**The Chalice** midweek offering is a time to...

- Gather in community for a Simple Supper
- Experience spiritual Deepening with new and old practices of prayer, meditation and worship
- Stretch, learn and grow through one of several Life Development offerings

Thanks to ALL who brought us an amazing Fall and Spring *Chalice* at Resurrection:

35 Wednesdays filled with good food, deepening faith and incredible spiritual adventuring!

Looking forward to lifting *The Chalice* with you again in September – have a wonderful *Summer in the Spirit!*

– Rev. Kristen

# Pride Houston Parade



**Saturday, June 27**  
**8:45 pm - 11:00 pm**

Join your Resurrection friends and family for the most visible Outreach project of the year!

Our theme is *Would Jesus Discriminate?* Be part of the answer to that question, showing Houston the diverse faces of Resurrection MCC!

RSVP to Mark@ResurrectionMCC.org

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

## Pride Interfaith Service Sunday, June 21, 7pm



Join Rev. Dwayne, Rev. Kristen, and over a dozen welcoming and affirming faith traditions in celebration of Pride!

Bering Memorial Methodist Church  
1440 Harold St, Houston, 77006  
[www.beringumc.org](http://www.beringumc.org)



**Snuggle an adorable fussy infant...  
Pour a Sippee Cup of juice for a  
delightful thirsty toddler...  
Put together a puzzle with a  
bright little 3-year-old...**

Every once in awhile our wonderful Nursery staff has more love-bugs than usual and they can use a little assistance. Nursery Angels are “day-of” volunteers who are willing to offer an extra pair of eyes, hands and wings when our Nursery is brimming with little ones!

Any Sunday you would be willing to be “On Call” as a Nursery Angel, just drop by the Nursery about 10 minutes before the 9 or 11 am service, sign in as a Nursery Angel for that service, and pick up your wings!

With our bright Nursery Angel wings on your left or right shoulder, our ushers know they can ask you to fly in to the Nursery for a special offering of service that day if our Nursery staff needs you!

Any Sunday, any service – pick up some wings and let your blessings fly!

Below is an historic press release from the White House. I've included it not as an endorsement of the president, but so that we may take a moment to reflect on the successes achieved by the tireless efforts of those in our denomination, and throughout our entire queer community, over the last 40 years.



Happy Pride, Resurrection!  
Mark Eggleston, Director of Outreach

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
Office of the Press Secretary

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For Immediate Release

June 1, 2009

**LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, AND  
TRANSGENDER PRIDE MONTH, 2009**

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF  
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
A PROCLAMATION

Forty years ago, patrons and supporters of the Stonewall Inn in New York City resisted police harassment that had become all too common for members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community. Out of this resistance, the LGBT rights movement in America was born. During LGBT Pride Month, we commemorate the events of June 1969 and commit to achieving equal justice under law for LGBT Americans.

LGBT Americans have made, and continue to make, great and lasting contributions that continue to strengthen the fabric of American society. There are many well-respected LGBT leaders in all professional fields, including the arts and business communities. LGBT Americans also mobilized the Nation to respond to the domestic HIV/AIDS epidemic and have played a vital role in broadening this country's response to the HIV pandemic.

Due in no small part to the determination and dedication of the LGBT rights movement, more LGBT Americans are living their lives openly today than ever before. I am proud to be the first President to appoint openly LGBT candidates to Senate-confirmed positions in the first 100 days of an Administration.

These individuals embody the best qualities we seek in public servants, and across my Administration -- in both the White House and the Federal agencies -- openly LGBT employees are doing their jobs with distinction and professionalism.

The LGBT rights movement has achieved great progress, but there is more work to be done. LGBT youth should feel safe to learn without the fear of harassment, and LGBT families and seniors should be allowed to live their lives with dignity and respect.

My Administration has partnered with the LGBT community to advance a wide range of initiatives. At the international level, I have joined efforts at the United Nations to decriminalize homosexuality around the world. Here at home, I continue to support measures to bring the full spectrum of equal rights to LGBT Americans. These measures include enhancing hate crimes laws, supporting civil unions and Federal rights for LGBT couples, outlawing discrimination in the workplace, ensuring adoption rights, and ending the existing "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy in a way that strengthens our Armed Forces and our national security. We must also commit ourselves to fighting the HIV/AIDS epidemic by both reducing the number of HIV infections and providing care and support services to people living with HIV/AIDS across the United States.

These issues affect not only the LGBT community, but also our entire Nation. As long as the promise of equality for all remains unfulfilled, all Americans are affected. If we can work together to advance the principles upon which our Nation was founded, every American will benefit. During LGBT Pride Month, I call upon the LGBT community, the Congress, and the American people to work together to promote equal rights for all, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim June 2009 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month. I call upon the people of the United States to turn back discrimination and prejudice everywhere it exists.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this first day of June, in the year of our Lord two thousand nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-third.

BARACK OBAMA

## 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](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 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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 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](mailto: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 • 6:30 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](mailto:Worship@ResurrectionMCC.org)

***Do you Have a Need?***  
**Pastoral Care Ministers Available  
to Listen & Pray!**

In his excellent book, *Can the Pastor Do it Alone*, Melvin Steinbron asserts emphatically that “there is no way we can build a staff large enough to put love with skin on for every one of our members if we continue to proceed in the traditional way.”

One method by which God’s love can be given concretely, specifically and continually to all of our members is through recruiting, training, and commissioning a sizable team of Pastoral Care Ministers.

At Resurrection we believe that building up the body of Christ in love is central to the purpose of the church. In order to facilitate this goal, 37 people have been trained and commissioned to care for our congregation.

At the conclusion of their training these ministers began developing flock care lists. The Pastoral Care Ministers are committed to praying regularly for the people on their flock list, to being available to assist them in appropriate ways, and to contacting the members of their flock regularly to encourage them.

The Pastoral Care Ministers make contact with their flock list to make congregants aware of their availability. As our ministry grows the goal is to reach out to every person in our expanding community of faith. In the meantime, Pastoral Care Ministers are available to pray with and encourage anyone who would like to receive ministry. If you have not yet been contacted directly, but would like someone to talk or pray with you, please email or give us a call. Your prayers and support are greatly appreciated.

*From Jesus the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and build itself up in love, as each does its work (Eph. 4:16)*

If you have questions, ask! You will see the Pastoral Care Ministers wearing a button indicating they are Pastoral Care Ministers. If you need someone to talk or pray with you, please let them know. That is what they are available for. If you would like a minister to come and visit you in the hospital or at home please feel free to call our 24-hour prayer and care line at 713-861-9149 x105 or email [Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org)

In Christ Love and Care,  
Jason Wood, Director of Connections

**Budget Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday, June 11, 6:30pm**  
**Gathering Place**

Oversees the development of the annual budget that meets the short and long term financial goals of the congregation. This committee is empowered by the Board of Directors and meets regularly during June, July, & August.

For more information, email [Bryan@BryanMLong.com](mailto:Bryan@BryanMLong.com)

**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 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](mailto:Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org) or call 713-861-9149 x105.



**Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry**  
A dialogue with God

What is prayer? How does one pray? In asking these two simple questions, one may receive many different answers; which might turn into many more questions with perhaps fewer answers! Simply put, prayer is a dialogue with God our Creator. Prayer is a two-way form of communication, speaking and listening to answers and guidance in supplication. But what happens when we are unable to pray ourselves or need assistance with prayer? We can receive the prayer ministry of others in the form of Intercessory Prayer, and this is what the Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry is all about!

For over 15 years, dedicated Prayer Ministers have been praying individually and collectively for you and with you! If you have a prayer request, you can find prayer forms located in the Narthex or you may submit a prayer via email to Prayers@ResurrectionMCC.org.

Prayer keeps us connected to our Creator through meaningful dialogue, spiritual listening and speaking. Praying together as a church family keeps each of us connected.

Would you like to become connected? If you already receive the *Mobilizer*, simply open the most recent one and click on "Update Profile / Email Address" at the bottom of the *Mobilizer*. Then make sure the box next to "Prayers & Praises" is checked. Click Save Profile Changes and you'll be set.

If you don't receive the *Mobilizer*, we don't have your email address in our system. Simply enter your email address on the home page of our Web site ([www.ResurrectionMCC.org](http://www.ResurrectionMCC.org)) under "Sign Up for Our Email Newsletter." Make sure to check both boxes on the next page to sign up for the *Mobilizer*, as well as the Prayers & Praises email.

Once you do, you will soon begin receiving prayer requests and can join in the dialogue with God and with each other.

Growing stronger in Christ and realizing our prayers together,  
The Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry



**Adopt a Bed!**

The recent workday has beautified our campus! There are a few beds that need to be adopted so they'll stay maintained.

Email Craig@  
ResurrectionMCC.org  
if you would like to help!

**Friday Night OUT**  
June 19, 7 pm



Join us for dinner this month at  
Kim Son Restaurant!

**2001 Jefferson St, Houston 77003**  
**713-222-2461**  
[www.kimson.com](http://www.kimson.com)

Join our group on Facebook: RMCC Friday Night Out  
Questions? [NightOUT@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:NightOUT@ResurrectionMCC.org)

**Food Pantry**  
Mondays & Wednesdays  
by appointment

Team Lead: Marty Williams

**NONPERISHABLES  
NEEDED:**

**Canned Meats**  
**Vegetables, Fruit, Juice,**  
**Soup, Pasta, Rice, Beans**



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



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

## Why Become a Legacy Giver?



- To stimulate our worship experience through audio/visual enhancements.
- To forge new friendships through a revitalized, enlarged Welcome Center.
- To design a space that will transform lives by converting the Activities Building into the Life Development Center.
- To create committed leaders for tomorrow through expanded children and youth programs.
- To inspire adults to vitality and wholeness through increased education, wellness, community involvement, and spiritual growth opportunities.
- To reach millions with the *Would Jesus Discriminate?* billboard and marketing campaign.
- To impact the lives of those oppressed through further partnerships with organizations focused on social justice.
- To create financial health and long-term stability through increased payments on our debt.

**Commitment cards may be picked up at The Concierge Desk and Sanctuary entrances. Please return in offering basket or by mail.**

### Stewardship Thought for the Week

*Great opportunities to help others seldom come, yet small ones surround us every day.*

~ Sally Koch

#### Board Members on Duty

Wayne Wiggins & Flo Perry

Board Minutes Available Upon Request.

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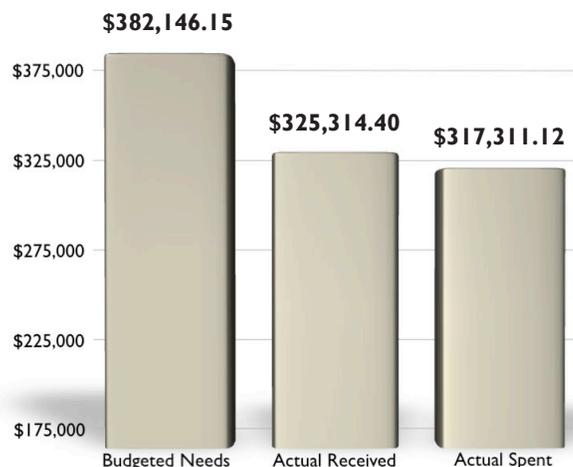
In honor of our 2 year Anniversary.

-- Flo & Kimberly

## General Fund Financial Report

Week Ending May 31, 2009

		Week	Year
<i>Tithes &amp; Offerings</i>			
5/31/09	9:00 am	102	\$1,655.00
5/31/09	11:00 am	317	\$5,090.34
5/27/09	6:30 pm	25	\$86.79
	Special Services		\$3,966.03
	Online Giving		\$365.00
	Other Contributions		\$2,185.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>\$9,382.13</b>
<i>Other General Fund Income</i>			
	Fundraising		\$1,321.43
	Miscellaneous		\$2,560.70
	<b>Total Received</b>		<b>\$11,942.83</b>
	<b>Budgeted Need</b>		<b>\$17,653.85</b>
	<b>Total Surplus / (Deficit)</b>		<b>(\$5,711.02)</b>
<b>Total Imagine Capital Campaign</b>		<b>\$3,379.50</b>	<b>\$59,220.86</b>



# This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

## SUNDAY JUNE 7

- 9:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson**  
 10:15 am Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry (Everyone Welcome) *Chapel*  
 10:45 am Youth Ministries Program *Activities Building*  
**11:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson**  
 12:30 pm Second Family Care Partners Luncheon *Activities Building*  
 1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Music Room*  
 2:30 pm Houston Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal *Sanctuary*

## MONDAY JUNE 8

- 8:00 am Nonprofit Consulting Services *Gathering Place*  
 6:30 pm Anointing Rehearsal *Sanctuary*  
 6:30 pm Resurrection Singers Rehearsal *Music Room*

## TUESDAY JUNE 9

- 8:00 am Nonprofit Consulting Services *Gathering Place*  
 6:30 pm Future Clergy Discussion Group *Workroom*  
 7:00 pm Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal *Music Room*  
 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal *Sanctuary*

## WEDNESDAY JUNE 10

- 8:00 am Nonprofit Consulting Services *Gathering Place*  
 6:30 pm *Summer in the Spirit* Worship *Chapel*  
 7:00 pm Houston Pride Band Rehearsal *Activities Building*

## THURSDAY JUNE 11

- 6:30 pm Budget Committee Meeting *Gathering Place*  
 7:00 pm AA Steps Study (Open) *Chapel*

## FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED JUNE 12

*No Events Scheduled.*

## SATURDAY JUNE 13

- 8:00 am Future Clergy Meeting *Gathering Place*  
 10:00 am Board of Directors Retreat *Gathering Place*  
 1:00 pm Angels in Motion Rehearsal *Sanctuary*

## SUNDAY JUNE 14

- 9:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson**  
 10:15 am Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry (Everyone Welcome) *Chapel*  
 10:45 am Youth Ministries Program *Activities Building*  
**11:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson**  
 1:00 pm Paul Spiller Memorial Service *Chapel*  
 1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Music Room*