



# Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

February 23, 2014

+ Opening Hymn

*This Is The Day That The Lord Has Made*

This is the day, this is the day,  
That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.  
I will rejoice, I will rejoice  
And be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day that the Lord has made.  
I will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day  
That the Lord has made.

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Our Community Gathers

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

Announcements

Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz

+ Exchange of Peace

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

+ Gathering Song

*This Is A Day Of New Beginnings*

This is a day of new beginnings,  
Time to remember and move on,  
Time to believe what love is bringing,  
Laying to rest the pain that's gone.

Then let us, with the Spirit's daring,  
Step from the past and leave behind  
Our disappointment, guilt, and grieving,  
Seeking new paths, and sure to find.

by Brian Wren  
© 1983, 1987 Words: Hope Publishing Company, CCLI# 12949

+ You are invited to rise in body or spirit.

## Black History Month

### *Ella Jo Baker*

"This may only be a dream of mine, but I think it can be made real." Ella Jo Baker

Ella Baker heard the stories of slavery first hand at the feet of her grandmother and decided then that she would go the extra mile for justice. In 1940, Baker began her involvement with the NAACP. She worked as a field secretary and then served as director of branches from 1943 until 1946.

In 1957, Baker moved to Atlanta to organize Martin Luther King's new organization, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). She also ran a voter registration campaign called the Crusade for Citizenship. Baker stayed at SCLC for two years although she disagreed with its policy of strong central leadership over grass-roots organization, saying "strong people don't need strong leaders. She believed that ordinary people must be empowered to demand justice.

Baker left the SCLC after the Greensboro sit-ins. She wanted to help the new student activists and organized a meeting at Shaw University for the student leaders of the sit-ins in April 1960. From that meeting Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) was born.

**Rev. Elder  
Héctor  
Gutiérrez;  
Guadalajara,  
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(Mexico)**

has been a member of MCC since 2002. He has served as the Interim Pastor at ICM (MCC) Casa de Luz, Monterrey, Mexico; and as the Church Development Officer in Latin America.

Rev. Héctor has spent most of his career as a professor at universities and seminaries in Mexico. He provides pastoral support, wisdom, and advice for MCC groups, missions and churches in Iberoamerica. He also conducts workshops on a variety of topics for MCC's ministry in Iberoamerica and beyond.

Rev. Héctor's pastoral presence and open spirit help him not only to hear but empathize with marginalized sisters and brothers across Iberoamerica.

His ability to communicate complex theological concepts and God's unconditional love has allowed him to rapidly develop new groups in different countries.

**First Reading**

Rev. Dr. Edgard Danielson-Morales

Excerpts from, *Jesus' Third Way*  
by Walter Wink

Many otherwise devout Christians simply dismiss Jesus' teachings about nonviolence out of hand as impractical idealism. And with good reason. "Turn the other cheek" has come to imply a passive, doormat-like quality that has made the Christian way seem cowardly and complicit in the face of injustice.

Jesus never displayed that kind of passivity.

Jesus is not telling us to submit to evil, but to refuse to oppose it on its own terms. We are not to let the opponent dictate the methods of our opposition. Jesus is urging us to transcend both passivity and violence by finding a third way, one that is at once assertive and yet nonviolent.

One: In these words, God's voice is heard.

**All: Amen.**

**Special Music**

Forever Blest

*Loving God Loving Each Other & A Beautiful Life Medley*  
by "Loving God Loving Each Other" Words and Music by Bill and Gloria Gaither and "A Beautiful Life"

**+ Scripture Lesson**

Nilsa Irizarry

*Matthew 5:38-48*

'You have heard that it was said, "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

'You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy." But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of God; for God makes the sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax-collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Parent is perfect.

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**

Sanctuary Choir

*Prayer for Peace*

**Sermon**

Rev. Elder Héctor Gutiérrez

*Creating Change: Going Beyond*

**Sermon Reflection**

Mark C. Brown

**We Offer Ourselves**

Gospel Ensemble

**Offertory**

Sanctuary Choir

*Sharing*

Words by Anonymous and Music by Gerald S Henderson

**Receiving Our Gifts**

Rev. Troy Treash

**Communion**

Rev. Troy Treash  
Rev. Elder Héctor Gutiérrez  
Rev. Alejandro Escoto

## Creating Change Series

We launch 2014 with a Creating Change sermon series from January 12--February 23 adding some guest preachers along the way: Rev. Elder Mona West, Rev. Elder Hector Gutiérrez, and Rev. DeWayne Davis.

Change is a life process. Change is ongoing as we seek to transform ourselves as we transform the world. Transformation is an intentional change. Whether it is to stop old habits, to create new habits, to challenge unjust systems, or to go deeper with God, change can be created with care. Do you resist change even when you know it is good for you? Is change difficult, no matter how much you are desiring it? Or does the thought of change, simply overwhelm you or make you feel powerless? Do you have passion for change but want some company and tools to get there?

Join us for this Creating Change series as we stay on the journey to live out our core values and create both a life that matters and a church that matters.

## Communion

As we gather, break bread, and tell stories of hope through prayer, song and ritual in the practice we call "communion," we bear witness that "Life is stronger than death. People can change with God's help. And God is worthy of our thanks and praise." All are welcome at the table: you do not need to be a member of this or any church to gather as God's children at the table of Life.

A brief blessing is offered with bread and juice, available to all. Gluten-free bread is offered at the far right; Spanish blessing offered at the far left.

Please honor this time of sacred community with singing, quiet meditation or prayer that we might each receive the spiritual nourishment we seek ...

## Comunión

Al reunirnos, partir el pan, y contar historias de esperanza a través de la oración, el canto y el ritual en la práctica que llamamos "comunión", damos testimonio de que "la vida es más fuerte que la muerte. Las personas pueden cambiar con la ayuda de Dios. Y Dios es digno de nuestro agradecimiento y alabanza. "Todos están invitados a la mesa: no es necesario ser miembro de esta iglesia o cualquier reunir como hijos de Dios en la mesa de la Vida.

Una breve bendición se ofrece con el pan y el jugo, al alcance de todos. Pan sin gluten se ofrece en el extremo derecho; bendición españoles ofrecen en el extremo izquierdo.

Por favor respetar este tiempo de comunidad sagrada con canto, la meditación o la oración silenciosa para que podamos recibir cada uno el alimento espiritual que buscamos ...

## Communion Songs

### *Santo, Santo, Santo*

by Unknown  
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### *Change My Heart Oh God*

by Eddie Espinosa  
© 1982 Mercy / Vineyard Publishing, CCLI# 12949

### *Give Thanks*

by Henry Smith  
© 1978 Integrity's Hosanna! Music, CCLI# 12949

### *I Stand In Awe*

by Mark Altrogge  
© 1987 Sovereign Grace Praise, CCLI# 12949

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Alejandro Escoto

## + Closing Song

### *For Everyone Born*

For everyone born, a place at the table,  
for everyone born, clean water and bread,  
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,  
for everyone born, a star overhead,

*And God will delight  
when we are creators of justice and joy,  
yes, God will delight  
when we are creators of justice,  
justice and joy!*

For just and unjust, a place at the table,  
abuser, abused, with need to forgive,  
in anger, in hurt, a mind-set of mercy,  
for just and unjust, a new way to live,

(Chorus)

by Jack Hayford  
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## + Benediction

Rev. Elder Héctor Gutiérrez

## + Postlude

Instrumental Ensemble

### *Did You Feel The Mountains Tremble*

by Martin Smith

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**Worship** | Sunday, 9 & 11 am  
**Children & Youth Worship** | Sunday, 11 am  
**Nursery** | Sunday, 9 & 11 am

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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 First-Time Families!

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

Children and youth aged 4 - 17 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 Noon in the Activities Building. Snack & sign-outs begin at 12:15 pm.

## About Us...

Resurrection MCC is a Christian church that follows God's call to justice for all people. We build on a rich history of social justice for, and on behalf of, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer people. Since its founding in 1968, Metropolitan Community Churches have been at the vanguard of civil and human rights movements as an international advocate for vulnerable people in places where religious orthodoxy, sexism, transphobia and homophobia can result in violence and death. MCC has been on the forefront in the struggle towards marriage equality in the US and other countries worldwide and continues to be a powerful voice in the LGBTQ equality movement. MCC's ministry reaches over 43,000 members in over 250 churches in 22 countries worldwide.

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. Because of our faith we are called to: do justice, show kindness, and live humbly with God (Micah 6:8); explore life's questions with open hearts and minds; raise our voices in sacred defiance against exclusion, whether religious, political or systemic; reach out to those with no hope; equip new generations of remarkable, far-reaching spiritual activists.

The **MISSION** of Resurrection MCC is to demonstrate God's unconditional love to all people through Christ-like 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. We embrace four core values:

## Core Values

### Inclusion

Love is our greatest moral value and resisting exclusion is a primary focus of our ministry. We want to continue to be the conduits of a faith where everyone is included in the family of God, and where all parts of our being are welcomed at God's table.

### Community

Offering a safe and open community for people to worship, learn and grow in their faith is our deep desire. We are committed to equipping ourselves and each other to do the work that God has called us to do in the world.

### Spiritual Transformation

Providing a message of liberation from the oppressive religious environment of our day or to those experiencing God for the first time is what guides our ministry. We believe that when people are invited to experience God through the life and ministry of Christ, lives will be transformed.

### Social Action

Working to talk less and do more, we are committed to resisting the structures that oppress people and standing with to those who suffer under the weight of oppressive systems, being guided always by our commitment to Global Human Rights.



# BRUNCH BUDDIES

## TODAY & EVERY SUNDAY

12:30 pm • Gathering Place

All are invited to join other congregants after church for brunch at a nearby restaurant. If you want to meet and connect with other worshippers, simply meet in the Gathering Place at 12:30 pm (immediately after the 11 am service) and we'll decide where to eat. Whether you're a long time congregant or a first time visitor, consider yourself invited to become a brunch buddy every Sunday!

RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org



# GROWING FAMILIES SUNDAY SERIES TODAY

1 - 2:30 pm

Fourth Sundays this season our families are growing spiritually together and there is something for parents and children of all ages! Nursery care is available for infants through Pre-K with pre-registration email to Nursery@ResurrectionMCC.org. We love our families!

## KIDS MOVIE & PIZZA

Activities Building & Sanctuary

Our schoolage kids ages K-12 years will enjoy pizza lunch in the Activities Building and then watch a kids' movie in honor of Black History Month, "The Watsons Go to Birmingham" on the big screens in the Sanctuary.

Details & RSVP: [www.bit.ly/GFSS-20140223a](http://www.bit.ly/GFSS-20140223a)



## LEGAL LOVE: Legal Documents Workshop for Couples

# TODAY

### DOCUMENT REVIEW & NOTARIZING

1 - 3 pm • Activities Building

Nothing says "I love you" like getting your essential legal documents in order! Join church members, friends, and lawyers for a free "Legal Love" workshop and learn about the documents you need to safeguard your love in the eyes of the law. Return with your completed docs today - and receive free legal review and notarization. Now that's love!

Details & RSVP: [www.bit.ly/LDWFC2014](http://www.bit.ly/LDWFC2014)  
RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org

## GENERATION FAITH TEENS: KEEP IT REAL SESSIONS

Activities Building

In these "keep it real" sessions teens will be encouraged to express their unique voice through spoken word, to explore what the Bible has to say about sex and sexuality (and what that might or might not mean to them), and to talk about dating in this new age of technology with the reality of virtual violence. Guest presenters will partner with our facilitators for these sessions.

Details & RSVP: [www.bit.ly/GFSS-20140223b](http://www.bit.ly/GFSS-20140223b)

## DARING PARENTS WORKSHOP

Gathering Place

In her book "Daring Greatly" Dr. Brene Brown writes "Even though the vulnerability of parenting is terrifying at times ... it is our richest, most fertile ground for teaching and cultivating connection, meaning, and love." Join other parents, exploring and encouraging becoming "Daring Parents" together!

Details & RSVP: [www.bit.ly/GFSS-20140223c](http://www.bit.ly/GFSS-20140223c)



# YOUTH TEACHERS NEEDED

*Are you ready to change a young life?*

Did you know over 100 children (infants to teen) come to Resurrection MCC every month to hear the message that God loves them and their families? Can you make a difference in their life? Can you offer two hours a month to plan and teach a specially designed curriculum? Can you share God's word with them in a fun, meaningful, and safe environment?

If you answered "Yes!" you'll receive laughter, fulfillment, and satisfaction knowing you are making a difference. Teaching experience is helpful but not required. Individuals are most needed to teach 5-6 year olds and 7-9 year olds, but all volunteers are appreciated. Are you prepared to be blessed in an amazing way? Please email Joel Palomares, Youth Ministries Program Coordinator, at Youth@ResurrectionMCC.org if you are ready to make a difference.



# THE FOUR AGREEMENTS: AN INTERACTIVE BOOK STUDY

(CONCLUDES) WEDNESDAY

## FEBRUARY 26

7 - 8:30 pm • Gathering Place

As we practice The Four Agreements we are freed from the chaos and conflict which comes when our thoughts, feelings, and actions are at odds with our spiritual intentions. Very simply we ask ourselves: Am I honoring myself and others with my word? Do I take responsibility for my beliefs and choices? Do I realize the choices of others reflect their reality and not mine? Am I open to seeing and hearing beyond the confines of my personal perceptions and stories?

Details & RSVP: [www.bit.ly/RMCC-FA2014](http://www.bit.ly/RMCC-FA2014)  
RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org



# HIV / STD Testing

by Planned Parenthood

# TODAY

Gathering Place  
after both services

Free rapid HIV testing (results in 15 minutes), as well as standard testing for Gonorrhea, Chlamydia, Hepatitis C, and Syphilis (results in 2 weeks). Knowing your HIV and STD status is the best way for you to stay healthy and avoid spreading sexually transmitted illnesses. Get tested and take control.

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



# SPIRITS & SPIRITUALITY NO RULES. NO RELIGION.

THURSDAY

## FEBRUARY 27

7:30 - 9 pm

**545 Studewood, Houston 77007**  
Home of Will Carr

Join other MCCers for a casual evening filled with spiritual conversation and fun fellowship. This is an opportunity to explore the spiritual and non-religious aspects of relationships and life challenges in a casual environment. You are encouraged to bring a dish or a beverage of choice and enjoy a time of fellowship and conversation.

Details & RSVP: [www.bit.ly/RMCC-20140227](http://www.bit.ly/RMCC-20140227)  
Connections@ResurrectionMCC.org



# “EVERY PRAISE” BLACK HISTORY MONTH CONCERT

FRIDAY  
**FEBRUARY 28**  
7 - 8:30 pm • Sanctuary

The Resurrection MCC Gospel Ensemble, under the direction of Ms. Cassandra White, invites you to come and experience God’s Anointed Word through Song. A reception, sponsored by the Sanctuary Choir, will follow the concert. The concert is free and an offering will be received for our General Fund. Child care for children one month through three years provided.

Details & RSVP: [www.bit.ly/GE-Concert](http://www.bit.ly/GE-Concert)  
[Cassandra@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Cassandra@ResurrectionMCC.org)



# YOUNG ADULT BRUNCH

ALL AGES WELCOME

SATURDAY  
**MARCH 1**  
Noon - 1:30 pm  
**545 Studewood, Houston 77007**  
Home of Will Carr

The Young Adults of Resurrection MCC invite those of all ages to join them for a fun brunch and an opportunity to make new friends and reconnect with those you may already know. You are encouraged to bring a dish or a beverage of choice and enjoy a time of fellowship and conversation.

Details & RSVP: [www.bit.ly/RMCC-20140301](http://www.bit.ly/RMCC-20140301)  
[YoungAdults@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:YoungAdults@ResurrectionMCC.org)



# CRITICAL MASS BIKE RIDE - GOT LOVE?

FRIDAY  
**FEBRUARY 28**  
6:45 - 9:30 pm

Market Square Park, 301 Milam, Houston

*Calling all Bicyclists!*

Join fellow Resurrection MCC bikers for a Critical Mass Bike Ride - a casual mass bike ride around the city, intended to raise awareness and advocate a bicycle-friendly urban environment. All bikes and skill-levels are welcomed. The ride will last around 2 hours - about 20 miles. Meet at 6:45pm on the corner nearest Congress Ave and Travis St. in Downtown Houston. Look for the GOT LOVE? Resurrection MCC Shirts!

Details & RSVP: [www.bit.ly/RMCC-20140228](http://www.bit.ly/RMCC-20140228)  
FAQs - [www.houstoncriticalmass.com/faq](http://www.houstoncriticalmass.com/faq)  
[RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org)



# IMANI VIDA DRUM CIRCLE

SATURDAY  
**MARCH 1**  
2 - 4 pm • Activities Building

“Imani” means Faith in Swahili, and “Vida” means Life in Spanish. Join us as we explore life and faith through drumming! If you like to drum or have an interest in drumming, join us as we make music through all sorts of percussion instruments: hand drums, shakers, rain sticks and even the sound of foot stomping music. Drummers of all skill levels are welcome. No prior drumming experience is required to participate in our circle. We only ask that you bring your desire to be a part of our community drum circle. We meet every first Saturday of the month in the Gathering Place, as well as other locations for other special drumming occasions.

Details & RSVP: [www.meetup.com/drummingcircle](http://www.meetup.com/drummingcircle)  
[RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org)



# WHOLEHEARTED LIVING 1/2 DAY WORKSHOP

SATURDAY  
**MARCH 1**  
10 am - 2 pm • Gathering Place

In her shame-resilience research, Dr. Brene Brown affirms “our deepest search is for a life lived with three elements: 1) authenticity, 2) love and belonging, and 3) a resilient spirit.” She names this “WholeHearted living.” In this 1/2-Day workshop we’ll work with Dr. Brown’s wonderful shame-resilience process to move from shame to empathy and make way for **WholeHearted Living! Workshop can stand alone or lead into the “Release Shame & Claim Authenticity” Lenten Series.**

Details & RSVP: [www.bit.ly/RMCC-20140301b](http://www.bit.ly/RMCC-20140301b)  
RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org



You are invited to  
**A SERVICE OF INSTALLATION**  
for  
**REV. TROY PLUMMER TREASH**  
Senior Pastor of  
Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church

**SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 3:00 - 5:00 PM**

Resurrection MCC - Sanctuary  
2025 West 11th Street, Houston, TX 77008

*Reception following in the Gathering Place.  
Clergy are invited to participate.  
Please bring a red stole.*

Details & RSVP: [www.bit.ly/RevTroyTreash](http://www.bit.ly/RevTroyTreash)  
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# “RELEASE SHAME & CLAIM AUTHENTICITY” LENTEN SERIES

WEDNESDAYS  
**MARCH 12 - APRIL 16**  
7 - 9 pm • Gathering Place

“In an increasingly anxious world, it’s important that we are grounded by a deep sense of purpose and guided by a resilient spirit,” writes Dr. Brene Brown, even as she notes, “Shame and fear are the greatest obstacles to authenticity, love and belonging, and a resilient spirit.” Join us for 6 Wednesdays in Lent as we engage Dr. Brown’s shame-resilience process to Release Shame & Claim Authenticity **for Lent this season! (Optional “jump-start” on Saturday, March 1: 1/2-Day WholeHearted Living Workshop!)**

Details & RSVP: [www.bit.ly/LentenAuthenticity](http://www.bit.ly/LentenAuthenticity)  
RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org



# ASH WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY  
**MARCH 5**  
7 - 8 pm • Sanctuary

*From dust we have been formed; to dust we shall return . . .*

As we acknowledge the impermanence of our bodies, we claim the eternal Light within each of us. Join us as we enter into the season of Lent, reaching toward the Holy and releasing all that would deny the Light within. A ritual imposition of ashes will be included in this time of worship for those who choose to receive them.

Details & RSVP: [www.bit.ly/RMCC-20140305](http://www.bit.ly/RMCC-20140305)  
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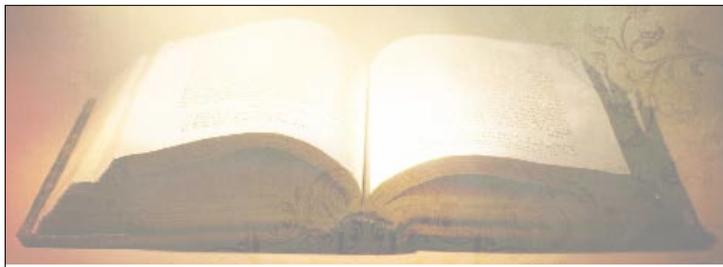


# SACRED SERVICE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

THURSDAY  
**MARCH 6**  
6:30 pm • Gathering Place

All Volunteer Team Leaders are invited to a once a month meeting for training, connection, and support from other leaders at Resurrection MCC. We will gather for connection over a meal at 6:30 pm and discuss agenda items and ministry priorities at 7 pm. A representative from every ministry area is asked to contribute through your presence. Special guests from the community will join us periodically.

Details & RSVP: [www.bit.ly/RMCC-20140306](http://www.bit.ly/RMCC-20140306)  
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# THE NEW OLD SCHOOL (LENTEN) BIBLE STUDY!

MONDAYS  
**MARCH 10 - APRIL 14**  
7 - 8 pm • Gathering Place

The New Old School Bible Study returns, just in time for Lent! The name says it all! You, plus the Bible, minus the dogma, equals more excitement with The Word than you ever thought possible! Whether you have never cracked open the Good Book, or if you have whole sections memorized, you are welcome to join us for some spirited Bible study as we join Jesus in the desert, on the mountain, and at the well during this special season of drawing near The Holy!

Details & RSVP: [www.bit.ly/LentenBibleStudy](http://www.bit.ly/LentenBibleStudy)  
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Sam Houston Park – Downtown Houston  
Sunday, March 9, 2014

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**25<sup>TH</sup> AIDS WALK**  
HOUSTON 2014

**Strive for 25!**



**Full Details: [www.bit.ly/AWH2014](http://www.bit.ly/AWH2014)**

**8 am - Registration**  
**9 am - Welcome**  
**10 am - Walk Begins!**

Resurrection MCC is blessed again this year to have been chosen as a benefiting agency of the 2014 Houston AIDS Walk. This means that nearly 70% of the funds our team raises comes back to Resurrection MCC to support our HIV/AIDS Benevolence Fund. This fund provides critical financial support to those affected by HIV and AIDS. Many of our clients come to us struggling to receive all the support they need from agencies in our area. With your help, we are able to assist with rent, utilities, and other expenses.

Proceeds from AIDS Walk Houston also benefit AIDS Foundation Houston and nine other local HIV/AIDS service organizations. This provides 100,000 Houstonians each year with education, pediatric programs, housing, food, medical care, counseling, and job training.

Ways to Participate:

**WALK & RAISE FUNDS** - Join our team at [www.bit.ly/AIDSWalk2014](http://www.bit.ly/AIDSWalk2014). For PARTICIPANT TYPE, select "Walker." For ROLE, select "Join a Team." For CHOOSE A TEAM, select "Resurrection MCC." Once you register, you will find all the information you need to create a personal page and send out electronic fundraising opportunities to your friends, family, and coworkers.

**BE A "VIRTUAL" WALKER & RAISE FUNDS** - If you are unable to join us on March 9 for the 3.1 mile walk due to a prior commitment or physical difficulty, you may still participate with fundraising. First, register online at [www.bit.ly/AIDSWalk2014](http://www.bit.ly/AIDSWalk2014). For PARTICIPANT TYPE, select "Virtual Walker." For ROLE, select "Join a Team." For CHOOSE A TEAM, select "Resurrection MCC." Once you register, you will find all the information you need to create a personal page and send out electronic fundraising opportunities to your friends, family, and coworkers.

**DONATE** - If you aren't able to walk with us or help us raise funds, we would still love and appreciate your financial support of our team. Simply go to [www.bit.ly/AIDSWalk2014donate](http://www.bit.ly/AIDSWalk2014donate) and select one of our Walkers to make your donation. And remember, 70% returns to Resurrection MCC to fund our HIV/AIDS Benevolence Fund. To donate to a member of our AIDS Walk team,

Our official t-shirt for the walk this year is our popular "Got Love?" t-shirts. They are available in Inspirations Coffee Cafe & Gift shop on Sundays. (This is suggested attire and is not required for participation)

Thank you for your continued support of those affected by HIV/AIDS both inside and beyond our walls!



**OVEREATERS  
ANONYMOUS®**

WEDNESDAYS - 7 pm  
SATURDAYS - 9:30 am  
Chapel

Overeaters Anonymous offers a program of recovery from compulsive eating using the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of OA. Worldwide meetings and other tools provide a fellowship of experience, strength and hope where members respect one another's anonymity. OA charges no dues or fees and is self-supporting through member contributions.

OA is not just about weight loss, weight gain maintenance, obesity, or diets. It addresses physical, emotional and spiritual well-being. It is not a religious organization and does not promote any particular diet.

OA members differ in many ways, but we are united by our common disease and the solution we have found in the OA program. We practice unity with diversity, and we welcome everyone who wants to stop eating compulsively. Welcome to Overeaters Anonymous. Welcome home.

**FISHERS NET  
PRAYER MINISTRY**  
Fishers Net offers personal prayers on Sundays at the Prayer Wall after the 11:00 am Worship Service. Please email your prayer request to [Prayers@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Prayers@ResurrectionMCC.org).

**Board Member on Duty**  
Elisa Vega-Burns and Kandace Klingler  
Board Minutes Available Upon Request.

**General Fund Giving Report For Week and YTD Ended February 16, 2014**

Giving (Tithes and Offerings)	Week Ended	YTD Total
Total Amount Received	\$20,026.10	\$113,753.65
Total Amount Anticipated	\$17,837.38	\$124,861.64
Total Giving Variance		(\$11,107.99)
Weekly Giving Comparison		
Average Amount Received	\$18,958.94	
Ministry Plan Need	\$17,837.38	
Attendance	Week Ended	YTD Average
Worship	426	460
Programming	254	166
Total Weekly Attendance	680	626

**Ministry Plan Need** is the weekly amount needed per the budget approved by the congregation to achieve our 2013 ministry plan goals and strategic growth initiatives (i.e., the amount needed to make ministry happen)

# This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

## SUNDAY FEBRUARY 23

9:00 am	<b>Worship Service</b>	Sanctuary
10:15 am	Fisher's Net - Prayer Time	Chapel
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	Activities Building
11:00 am	<b>Worship Service</b>	Sanctuary
12:30 pm	Brunch Buddies	Welcome Center
1:00 pm	Generation Faith: Keep It Real Sessions	Activities Building
1:00 pm	Daring Parents Workshop	Gathering Place
1:00 pm	Kids Movie and a Pizza!	Sanctuary
1:00 pm	Legal Love Part 2: Documents Review	Activities Building

## MONDAY FEBRUARY 24

6:30 pm	Living Your Voice 102	Chapel
7:00 pm	Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	The Grief Recovery Method	Gathering Place

## TUESDAY FEBRUARY 25

6:00 pm	Resurrection Praise Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Music Room
7:00 pm	Narcotics Anonymous 12-Step Meeting	Gathering Place
7:00 pm	Yoga	Activities Building

## WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 26

5:00 pm	Houston Pride Band Concert Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Overeaters Anonymous 12-Step Meeting	Chapel
7:00 pm	The Four Agreements	Gathering Place

## THURSDAY FEBRUARY 27

7:30 pm	Spirits and Spirituality: No Rules. No Religion.
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## FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED FEBRUARY 28

6:45 pm	Critical Mass Bike Ride	Gathering Place
7:00 pm	Every Praise! Black History Month Concert	Sanctuary

## SATURDAY OFFICE CLOSED MARCH 1

8:00 am	Body Blast Fitness Camp	Activities Building
9:30 am	Overeaters Anonymous 12-Step Meeting	Chapel
10:00 am	WholeHearted Living	Gathering Place
11:00 am	Praise Dance Rehearsal	Sanctuary
2:00 pm	ImaniVida Drum Circle	Activities Building
3:00 pm	Houston Pride Band Concert	Sanctuary
4:30 pm	Houston Pride Band Reception	Gathering Place

## SUNDAY MARCH 2

9:00 am	<b>Worship Service</b>	Sanctuary
10:15 am	Fisher's Net - Prayer Time	Chapel
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	Activities Building
11:00 am	<b>Worship Service</b>	Sanctuary
12:30 pm	Brunch Buddies	Welcome Center
3:00 pm	Rev. Troy Treash Installation Service	Sanctuary
4:00 pm	Rev. Troy Treash Installation Reception	Gathering Place

# YOGA CONNECTIONS



## TUESDAYS

7 - 8 pm | Activities Building

Please bring a mat and towel.  
Everyone is welcome to join us  
for these free sessions.

Details and RSVP: [www.bit.ly/YOGA2014](http://www.bit.ly/YOGA2014)  
Yoga@ResurrectionMCC.org



# BODY BLAST Fitness Camp

## SATURDAYS

8 - 9 am • Activities Building

Body Blast Fitness Camp is group exercise class that mixes basic calisthenics with interval and strength training. Using light weights and circuit-training stations to engage the entire body, FIT personal trainer Brian Kinney invites people of ALL fitness levels to participate in a fun and motivating one hour class.

Details & RSVP: [www.bit.ly/BODYBLAST2014](http://www.bit.ly/BODYBLAST2014)  
BodyBlast@ResurrectionMCC.org