



# Resurrection

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**Prelude**

Joel Hammett

**Our Community Gathers**

Rev. Dwayne Johnson & Rev. Janice Ladd

**+ Exchange of Peace**

**+ Songs of Praise & Worship**

Resurrection Singers

***Let Everything That Has Breath***

*Let everything that, everything that,  
Everything that has breath praise the Lord.*

*Let everything that, everything that,  
Everything that has breath praise the Lord.*

Praise you in the morning, praise you in the evening,

Praise you when I'm young and when I'm old.

Praise you when I'm laughing, praise you when I'm grieving,

Praise you every season of the soul.

If we could see how much you're worth,

Your power, your might, your endless love,

Then surely we would never cease to praise. (*chorus*)

Praise you in the heavens, joining with the angels,

Praise you forever and a day.

Praise you on the earth now, joining with creation,

Calling all the nations to your praise.

If we could see how much you're worth,

Your power, your might, your endless love,

Then surely we would never cease to praise. (*chorus*)

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***Holy Spirit, Rain Down***

Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down;

O Comforter and Friend, how we need your touch again;

Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down;

Let your power fall, let your voice be heard,

Come and change our hearts as we stand on your Word;

Holy Spirit, rain down.

No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind can know what God has in store,

So open up heaven, open it wide, over your church

And over our lives.

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**Community Prayers**

Rev. Janice Ladd

+ *Please rise in body or spirit.*

## We Gather

In this season of Pentecost, we gather to await the presence of the Holy Spirit into our midst, as we invoke her presence with our singing and our worship.

## We Worship

Many in the United States believe that we have the corner of the market on praise and worship music. The two songs we are using in worship this morning are actually both from different parts of the globe. Matt Redman comes from the United Kingdom where he serves as worship leader and songwriter. Russell Fragar hails from Australia and is part of the Hillsong church in Sydney. This style of praise and worship originated mostly in the Vineyard and non-denominational churches in the US. But since that time, the style of worship has travelled all over the globe.

## We Hear the Word

Rev. Candace Chellew:

The last of five children born to a Southern Baptist minister and his wife, Rev. Candace Chellew-Hodge felt God's call on her life from as early as she can remember. The Greensboro, N.C. native always knew that God wanted her to minister to others in some way, but being raised in the Southern Baptist church, her options were limited. Those options were further limited when she came out as a lesbian at age 16. When she was 17 she began a career in journalism. Her journalism career spanned nearly 20 years and included jobs at several Atlanta radio and television stations including WGST radio and CNN. In 1996, she combined her journalism skills and that persistent call from God to serve and founded Whosoever ([www.whosoever.org](http://www.whosoever.org)) the first and only exclusively online magazine for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Christians. The bimonthly magazine provides inspiration, guidance and information and explores many topics of faith from the GLBT perspective. More than 500,000 people visit Whosoever each year.

## Contemporary Reading

Georgia Chambers (9 am)  
DeJuana Jernigan (11 am)

### From *The Power of Honest Prayer*

by Rev. Candace Chellew

I've heard so many times, "I prayed, but there was no answer." Maybe you prayed one of these selfish prayers that so richly deserve to go unanswered. I'm ashamed to say how many times I've searched a crowded parking lot, trying to make a deal with God. "C'mon, God," I say, "just a great space this once and I'll never ask again." I pout if I don't get my space, or I praise God if I do. What, in the overall scheme of things, has my prayer accomplished? Besides ten fewer paces to my office, nothing. This is a dishonest and selfish prayer.

We don't know how to pray honestly and instead we beg God for jobs, cars, homes, lovers, or parking spaces. We get so wrapped up in what we want personally from God we forget to look around us at a world in chaos. We forget to pray for the starving, for the closeted, for the fearful, for the abused, for world leaders, for our enemies, for our neighbors. We forget the power of honest prayer.

It's tempting to pray for things we want, then to sit around and wait for them to happen. When they don't fall into our laps, we become bitter and angry at God for ignoring us. The problem is, we've only prayed, we have not acted. We've prayed dishonestly.

Honest prayer, simply put, is prayer with action. Praying without acting is dishonest. So, when we pray for cars, homes, lovers and other personal things we think will enrich our lives, we must take an honest approach that includes action. Let me qualify that by saying, indeed, what we seek is right action...action that ultimately will glorify God. Praying for good things to happen to us is not wrong in itself, but we often follow our prayers with wrong action.

## Anthem

Steven Day, Chris Negron &  
Praise Dancers

### *Captivate Me*

## + Scripture Reading

Rev. Janice Ladd

### Matthew 6:7-15

from *The Message*

Jesus said, "The world is full of so-called prayer warriors who are prayer-ignorant. They're full of formulas and programs and advice, peddling techniques for getting what you want from God. Don't fall for that nonsense. This is your Creator you are dealing with, who knows better than you what you need. With a God like this loving you, you can pray very simply. Like this:

Our Creator in heaven, reveal who you are. Set the world right; Do what's best - as above and so below. Keep us alive with three square meals. Keep us forgiven with you and forgiving others. Keep us safe from ourselves and evil. You are in charge! You can do anything you want! You are ablaze in beauty! Yes, Yes, Yes.

In prayer, there is a connection between what God does and what you do. You can't get forgiveness from God, for instance, without also forgiving others. If you refuse to do your part, you cut yourself off from God's part.

**+ Response**

*Wonderful Words of Life*

Sing them o - ver a - gain to me, Won - der - ful words of Life; Let me more of their  
 Sweet - ly ech - o the gos - pel call, Won - der - ful words of Life; Of - fer par - don and  
 beau - ty see, Won - der - ful words of Life. Words of life and beau - ty,  
 peace to all, Won - der - ful words of Life. Je - sus, on - ly Sav - ior,  
 Teach me faith and du - ty; Beau - ti - ful words, won - der - ful words, Won - der - ful words of  
 sanc - ti - fy for - ev - er:  
 Life. Beau - ti - ful words, won - der - ful words, Won - der - ful words of Life.

**Spiritual Encouragement**

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

*My Key to Our Abundant Life: Prayer*

**Making Ministry Happen**

Testimonial: *The Key to Our Abundance*

Joy Jolley

Reception of New Members

Offertory

Resurrection Singers

*Why So Downcast?*

Words & Music by Tom Brooks & Rick Berious

**+ Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be - low: Al - le -  
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up -  
 lifts! Praise the spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**Communion**

Rev. Bernie Barbour

Introduction

Consecration of the Elements

Prayer of Consecration

Prayer that Jesus Taught

Invitation to the Feast

**We Respond**

The author of this hymn, Philip Bliss (1838-1876), had a gift for words. The writer of hundreds of hymns and poems, he grew up mostly in Pennsylvania. He became a regular participant in Methodist camp meetings and revival services because of the strong faith that his parents instilled in him.

He met D.L. Moody during a revival in Chicago, and was invited by Moody to become his music director. Bliss turned the offer down. In the years that followed, Bliss would combine with Ira Sankey to prepare many hymns and hymn collections. A month before his untimely death at the age of 38, Bliss was approached by Horatio Spafford, the writer of *It Is Well With My Soul*. At Spafford's request, Bliss composed the tune for that famous hymn.

**We Receive**

All Congregations in MCC practice an open communion. We believe that communion is a visible sign of Christ's presence and God's grace that each one of us... visitor, friend, or member, may receive.

## Communion Songs

### *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face,  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
In the light of his glory and grace.

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### *Give Thanks*

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because God's given Jesus Christ, the son.  
Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because God's given Jesus Christ, the son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"  
Let the poor say, "I am rich because of what  
The Lord has done for us."

And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"  
Let the poor say, "I am rich because of what  
The Lord has done for us."

Give thanks.

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### *You Are My Hiding Place*

You are my hiding place,  
You always fill my heart with songs  
Of deliverance, whenever I am afraid,  
I will trust in you, I will trust in you,  
Let the weak say, "I am strong in the strength of the Lord,  
I will trust in you."

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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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## We Give Thanks

We stand at the end of the communion service as part of our thanksgiving for the service of communion and the representation of the body and blood of Christ as the sacrifice made for us. For now we offer the sacrifice.

+ **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Rev. Bernie Barbour

+ **Benediction**

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

**Postlude**

**The Worship of  
God Each Day**

**Opening Prayer**

Living Christ, we do not know all the answers. We do not know what is right in every situation. Yet we do know you are here with us. We sit quietly in your presence, open to your loving guidance. Amen.

~Flora Slosson Wuellner, from *Gathered in that Name, Weavings*, Volume 5, Number 4, 11, adapted.

**Daily Scripture Readings**

- Sunday - Genesis 18: 16-33
- Monday - John 17
- Tuesday - Luke 5: 17-26
- Wednesday - Acts 4: 31
- Thursday - Psalm 85
- Friday - 1 John 5: 14-15
- Saturday - \* Isaiah 6: 8

\*Preparation for  
Sunday, October 21

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

See opening essay, quotes, or other sources.

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

See questions and reflection journal exercises.

**Closing Prayer**

I serve today, in the power of Christ's birth and baptism, in the power of Christ's crucifixion and burial, in the power of Christ's rising and ascending, in the power of Christ's descending and leading.

~Adapted from an ancient Celtic prayer

# Grow Up

Spiritual Maturity, Transformation & Application

**Opening Essay**

## ***My Key to Our Abundant Life: Prayer***

When I think of abundance I think of Mema and Grandad Johnson. They defined abundance differently than many would. They never drove sports cars or wore designer clothes. They never tasted Starbucks coffee, brewing whatever was on sale. According to income standards, some would conclude that Mema and Grandad were poor.

Yet they were abundant in the stewardship of their lives. They were *present* to their church, constant in their *prayer*, faithful in their *service* and generous in *giving* from their limited finances. Mema died in 1985 and Grandad died in 2000, yet their legacy lives in countless ways.

Their simple home in Hamlin, Texas (which remains a gathering place for family reunions), exhibited no appearance of abundance. Yet what an abundant place - abundant in generosity, compassion, and love. I think of it as Holy Ground and Sacred Space. Mema and Grandad would blush if they knew I was using such terms. To them, it was the place where they dug in the garden or cleaned catfish for supper or baked pies for neighbors going through tough times. To them it was simply home.

I saw abundance in how they lived. I saw them up every Sunday morning, never missing worship at the little Hamlin Church of the Nazarene. I saw them kneeling in their den every night at 9:00 pm, praying for even distant relatives by name. I saw Mema serve at the piano in church every Sunday for over 50 years. I saw Grandad serve by leading Christian Education every Sunday for over 60 years. I saw them prepare a tithe check for the offering plate each Sunday.

They knew abundance was grounded in prayer. So they made every aspect of their lives a living prayer. As I complete the "My Key to Our Abundant Life" commitment card, I sense their gentle yet firm presence. I sense them saying, "*Go ahead Dwayne, you can do more than you think you can. It will be worth it.*" I cannot hold back. They inspire me to abundant living and giving. I want my life to be a living prayer.

~ Rev. Dwayne Johnson

**Message Notes**

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## ***Sacred Reading***

Any difficulty, any dilemma, can be surmounted by whole-hearted prayer.  
A given difficulty can only confront you on its own level.  
Rise above that level through prayer and meditation, and the difficulty will melt away.  
~ Emmet Fox, *Power Through Constructive Thinking*.



The result of prayer is to discover reasons for loving God.  
~ Isaac of Syria.



Intercessory prayer invites us into God's care and concern for us, our families and friends, and the entire world. No concern is too trivial for God to receive with loving attention.  
However, intercession is not a means of manipulating heaven into doing our will.  
Rather it is a way we become aware of God's prayer for a person and join in that intercession.  
~ Adele Ahlberg Calhoun, *Spiritual Disciplines Handbook*, 231.



The end of prayer is not to win concessions from Almighty Power,  
but to have communion with Almighty Love.  
~ Percy C. Ainsworth, *The Threshold Grace: Meditations in the Psalms*.

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

Someone once approached a teacher and asked her how to cultivate a deeper prayer life. "Say the Prayer that Jesus Taught," she replied, "but take an hour to say it." This prayer is almost always included as part of Communion at Resurrection MCC. Yet far from being a quick, rote form, this prayer Jesus taught us is intended to be a life-giving pattern for spiritual transformation of ourselves and our world.

Take time now to slowly and meditatively pray the phrases of this prayer. (See Matthew 6: 9-13, Luke 11: 1-3, or pray from memory.) Consider each phrase to be specific, personal, and communal.  
~ *Spiritual Formation Bible*, 1279, adapted.



What do your requests to God reveal about your priorities, goals, desires and heart? Talk to God about this. Journal. Discuss with Spiritual Friends.

~ Adele Ahlberg Calhoun, *Spiritual Disciplines Handbook*, 233, adapted.



Jesus modeled an abundant prayer life by praying at specific times in specific places. Mark 1: 35 says, "In the morning, long before dawn, Jesus got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there."

Experiment with different places and times for prayer. For example, pray in a busy coffee shop, bar, or other community gathering place. Perhaps pray for each person who enters or leaves the room. Then pray in a quiet corner of your home. What are the advantages and disadvantages to praying in one place or the other? Vary your times for prayer to see if you experience prayer differently depending on the time. Journal your discoveries. Discuss with friends.



During the month of October, I'm calling on the entire Resurrection MCC community to pray at some point between Noon and 1:00 pm each day. This week, pray that the members and friends of Resurrection MCC will increase in their faithfulness to the spiritual practice of prayer. Ask God to help you to grow personally and spiritually by praying daily. Pray that Resurrection MCC will grow in the depth of our prayer life. Pray for our Fishers' Net Prayer Ministry, our Care Calling ministry, Creating a Life that Matters ministry and H.O.M.E. Groups.

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## Worship

Sunday, 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Wednesday, 7:00 pm

Children & Youth Worship

Sunday, 11:00 am

Nursery

Sunday, 9:00 am & 11:00 am

## Resurrection

### Metropolitan Community Church

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## Welcome!

If you are visiting Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church for the first time, we are glad to have you here! We invite you to join us each week as we worship God and learn more about Christian living in an inclusive way. All are welcome.

Please stop by the **Concierge Desk**

located next to **Inspirations**, our coffee café and gift shop, to receive a welcome gift. You will find friendly volunteer hosts waiting to greet you.

## Worship Services

Resurrection MCC is proud to offer a variety in our worship services. Our two services are identical in form, however they contain different elements from diverse religious traditions each week.

In addition to our 9:00 & 11:00 am Sunday worship services, we also offer a Spiritual Uplift service on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm. The Spiritual Uplift service is more contemplative and includes a devotional, a short message or a biblical review. There is also a time of communion and a service of prayer.

## 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.*

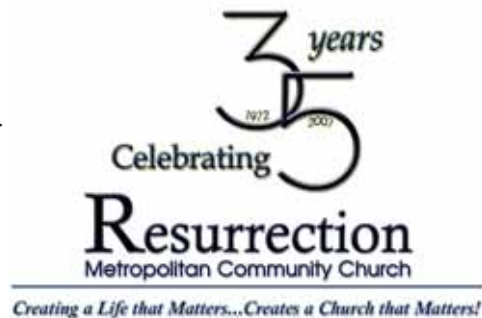
**We believe in** *the saving grace of Jesus Christ and the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit.*

**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!



## O.W.L.S. Lunch & Movie

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

**THIS Tuesday, October 16, 11:30 am**

**Meet at Resurrection in the Gathering Place.  
Carpool to Edward's Greenway Palace 24.  
Have Lunch at Harlow's & Watch a Movie!**

RSVP to [OWLS@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:OWLS@ResurrectionMCC.org)  
*Lunches held the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each Month*



### Aerobics

*Sundays, 1 - 2 pm*

*Mondays & Wednesdays, 7:15 pm - 8:15 pm*

Activities Building #212

**\$25 per month**

For more information,  
please contact Gregory Cooper  
[Aerobics@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Aerobics@ResurrectionMCC.org)

*Now Accepting Applications*

## Volunteer Receptionist

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Responsibilities include answering phones & light data entry.

*Apply at the Concierge Desk,  
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## Care Callers Needed!

*Monday & Tuesday  
Evenings*

**Our care callers make phone calls to our first time visitors and follow up on congregational care needs.**

**Please contact Jason Wood at  
[JWood@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:JWood@ResurrectionMCC.org)**



## A.A. Recovery Group

**Every Tuesday, 7 pm - 8 pm  
Wellness Center**

This is an open meeting of  
Alcoholics Anonymous.

For more information, please call  
Jason Wood, Director of Connections, at 832-971-0354.



## VIP!

## Volunteer Impact Party

*Join us for Breakfast & Education  
Everyone is Welcome!*

**Saturday, November 3**

**9 am - Noon, Gathering Place**

Rev. Elder Lillie Brock will educate and train us as team leaders on how to make it through the *Change & More Effective Leaders*. Our special guest speaker will motivate and encourage us to mobilize our ministries into even greater service over the next quarter.

*For questions and to RSVP, please email [JWood@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:JWood@ResurrectionMCC.org)*

Together...

we can make

something

We need: beautiful.

You

Yarn

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Needles

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Hooks

You

You, You, You!

## YARN WEH

**TODAY!**

**12:30 - 2:30 pm**

In the Gathering Place



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Children leave during 11 am service, return for communion.  
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## **Faith Beginnings Children's Worship (6 - 12 years)**

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## **Youth (13 - 18 years)**

youthLife! Today, 12:30 pm  
Activities Building

## **Adults (18+ years)**

Creating a Life That Matters (see ad, left)

For more information, please contact  
Jason Wood, 832-971-0354 or  
JWood@ResurrectionMCC.org



## **Holy Union Preparation Seminar**

**Sunday,  
October 28  
1 - 5 pm  
Lunch Provided  
Activities #108**

Are you and your partner thinking about having a Holy Union? This seminar is the recommended first step to having a Holy Union performed by Resurrection clergy.

It is designed to help couples discuss relationship matters, while keeping Christ in the center of their relationship.

You can learn more about having a Holy Union at Resurrection, and download the full information packet from our Web site at [www.ResurrectionMCC.org](http://www.ResurrectionMCC.org).

Please RSVP via email to [JWood@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:JWood@ResurrectionMCC.org) or call 713-861-9149 x105.

# CREATING A LIFE THAT MATTERS



## *MCC's Transformational Spiritual Development Curriculum*

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

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



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**Class size is limited to 25.**

Cost is \$100 and covers curriculum, workbook, meals, and other materials. We ask that you make a commitment to attend all 18 classes. Classes held Wednesdays from 6:30 - 8:45 pm. The first 25 individuals to submit this form, with payment, to *Inspirations Coffee Cafe & Gift Shop* will be secured a spot in the class.

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### **Session I: The Sacred**

**October 31, 2007 to December 12, 2007**

### **Session II: My Self**

**January 9, 2008 to February 20, 2008**

### **Session III: My Passion**

**March 26, 2008 to May 7, 2008**

For more information, please pick up a brochure located in the Welcome Area and at the Concierge Desk, or contact **Rev. Janice Ladd** at 713-861-9149 x104 or by email at [RevJL@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:RevJL@ResurrectionMCC.org)



## Don't Miss This Afternoon!

This afternoon's concert, featuring the Gospel Ensemble, is something you won't want to miss. Our Gospel Ensemble has planned a wonderful afternoon concert of long-time favorites and brand new songs, soon to become favorites.

This summer, Resurrection raised funds to send our Gospel Ensemble to the General Conference in Scottsdale, Arizona, to represent us and minister to people from all over the world within our denomination. Raising these funds came at a challenging time for our congregation. We experienced a damaging storm, as well as a budget deficit that was looming ahead. Gospel Ensemble had a fish fry, soul food, hamburgers & hot dogs, and even a day of ice cream, all for sale for a very nominal price to our congregation to help send them to this conference. Through your generosity, they were able to afford the trip.

Now, the Gospel Ensemble wants to actually replace that money to Resurrection's general fund, by doing what they do best: Ministry in song. There is no charge for the concert, but an offering will be taken that will benefit the General Fund of this church. Their goal? \$3,000.

I can't wait to see all of you here, this afternoon at 4 pm.

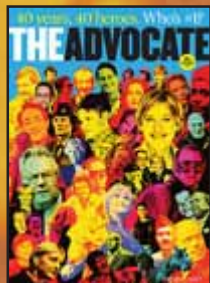
Blessings,  
Steven Couch  
Director of Worship

## All are welcome... Holy Union Ceremony & Karaoke Reception for Jason Wood & Rico Sangel

Saturday,  
October 27  
7 pm: Ceremony  
8 pm: Reception



## Resurrection Inspirations Coffee Café & Gift Shop



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40th Anniversary Issue!

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[Inspirations@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Inspirations@ResurrectionMCC.org)

## Singles Group Lunch

Sunday,  
October 28  
12:30 pm



Email your suggestions for your favorite nearby lunch spot to Brandon at [Singles@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Singles@ResurrectionMCC.org).  
Check this space next Sunday to find out where we'll meet!

Voted...

## "Favorite Place to Worship"

Join us for the  
**Award Presentation**  
**THIS Wednesday, Oct 17**  
**South Beach, 5:30 - 8:30 pm**



Pick up the October issue of OutSmart for a list of all the award winners (available at *Inspirations* Coffee Cafe & Gift Shop), and join us as we receive our certificate at South Beach this Wednesday, October 17, from 5:30 - 8:30 pm!

Invitation is Required.  
Please RSVP to [MEggleston@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:MEggleston@ResurrectionMCC.org)

## Fall Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting

**NEXT Sunday, October 21**  
**12:30 pm in the Sanctuary**

Agenda highlights include electing  
Lay Delegates and approving our 2008 budget.



## Household Hazardous Waste Collection

**NEXT Saturday, October 20**  
**Resurrection Parking Lot**  
**10 am - 2 pm**

**Bring your batteries, used motor oil,  
latex paint, & antifreeze.**



**yL<sup>©</sup>**  
**youthLife**  
**TODAY!**  
**12:30 pm**  
**Activities Building**

This new youth group will get together for lunch, games, and spiritual inspiration.

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

**Now Training Volunteers!**  
 JWWood@ResurrectionMCC.org



**What can you do for our church?**

October is Stewardship month, and while we are making commitments to serve, please consider assisting with the safety and security of our worship space.

Teams are forming so that we can have in-house security for our community of faith. If you are interested in this ministry please contact Karen Cruse at Security@ResurrectionMCC.org.



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

If you'd like to receive information about future events for Parents, email Parents@ResurrectionMCC.org

**Board Members on Duty**

Terry Talley & Georgette L. Monaghan

**Food Pantry**  
**Monthly Food Drive**

*3rd Sunday of each month*

**NEXT Sunday, October 21**

**Welcome Area**

**Forgot your donation?**  
**Cash is always welcome.**



**Needed: Canned Meats, Canned Vegetables, Canned Fruit, Canned Juice, Canned Soup, Pasta, Bagged Rice, Dry Beans**

**Gospel Ensemble**  
**Concert**

**TODAY!**  
**4 pm in the Sanctuary**

Directed by Cassandra White, the Resurrection MCC Gospel Ensemble will present a concert, with the offering benefitting our General Fund.

Our Gospel Ensemble was recently featured at the General Conference of UFMCC in Scottsdale, Arizona, to very high acclaim. The concert will feature some of the 'greatest hits' of our Gospel Ensemble, as well as some new selections not yet heard!

Mark your calendars now to be a part of this worship experience...and bring a friend! Or two!

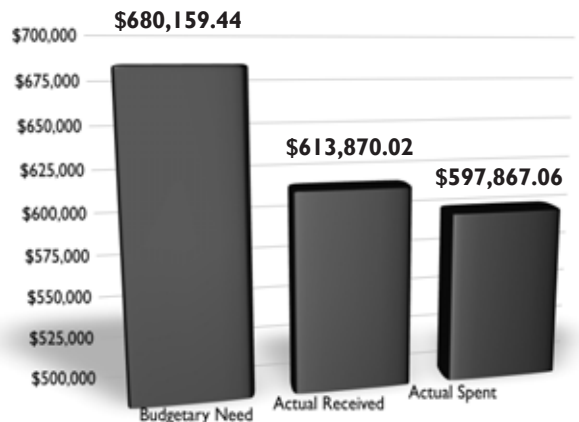
**Flowers for the Sanctuary**

To David, my loving partner & friend. Happy 11th anniversary.  
 -Travis

**General Fund Financial Report**

**Week Ending October 7, 2007**

		Week	Year to Date
<b>Tithes &amp; Offerings</b>			
10/03/07 Mid-Week	11	\$361.00	\$11,803.21
10/07/07 9:00 am	129	\$4,210.80	\$174,779.72
10/07/07 11:00 am	354	\$5,174.60	\$224,028.19
Special Services	15		\$1,388.06
Gift of Love Campaign		\$100.00	\$14,440.30
Other Contributions		\$2,129.30	\$105,806.51
<b>Total</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>\$11,975.70</b>	<b>\$532,245.99</b>
<b>Other General Fund Income</b>			
Fundraising		\$50.00	\$25,027.15
Miscellaneous		\$310.00	\$56,596.88
<b>Total Received</b>		<b>\$12,335.70</b>	<b>\$613,870.02</b>
<b>Budgetary Need</b>		<b>\$17,759.62</b>	<b>\$680,159.44</b>
<b>Total Surplus / (Deficit)</b>		<b>(\$5,423.92)</b>	<b>(\$66,289.42)</b>



# This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

DAILY: Pray from Noon - 1:00 pm

## SUNDAY OCTOBER 14

- 9:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson**  
10:15 am Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry *Chapel*  
**11:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson**  
11:15 am Children & Youth Worship Service *Activities Building*  
12:30 pm Yarnweh *Gathering Place*  
12:30 pm youthLife! *Activities Building*  
1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Sanctuary*  
4:00 pm Gospel Ensemble Concert *Sanctuary*

## MONDAY OCTOBER 15

- 6:30 pm Anointing Rehearsal *Sanctuary*  
6:30 pm JustUs Rehearsal *Chapel*

## TUESDAY OCTOBER 16

- 11:30 am OWLS Lunch & Movie *Gathering Place*  
7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (Open) *Wellness Center*  
7:00 pm Excellerators *Activities Building #106*  
7:00 pm Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal *Chapel*

## WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 17

- 8:00 am NCS CM In-Service Training *Gathering Place*  
7:00 pm Houston Pride Band Rehearsal *Activities Building*  
**7:00 pm Mid-Week Worship** *Chapel*  
7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal *Sanctuary*  
7:15 pm Praise Dancers Rehearsal *Gathering Place*

## THURSDAY OCTOBER 18

- 7:00 pm Resurrection Singers Rehearsal *Chapel*

## FRIDAY OCTOBER 19

*No Events Scheduled.*

## SATURDAY OCTOBER 20

- 2:00 pm Sacrament of Infant Baptism *Chapel*  
6:00 pm Private Party *Activities Building*

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