

# Resurrection

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Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church

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Prelude

Steven Couch & Anthony White

## *Firm Foundation*

Arr. Dick Torrans

Our Community Gathers

Rev. Janice Ladd & Jason Wood

+ Exchange of Peace

+ Opening Hymn

FOUNDATION

## *How Firm a Foundation*

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
 "Fear not! I am with thee; O be not dismayed,  
 "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose;

Is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!  
 For I am thy God and will still give thee aid.  
 My grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply.  
 I will not, I will not de - sert to the foes.

What more can God say than to you hath been said,  
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
 The flame shall not hurt thee; I only de - sign  
 That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,

To - you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 Up - held by thy righ - teous om - ni - po - tent hand.  
 Thy dress to con - sume and thy gold to re - fine.  
 I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake!"

+ Invocation

Rev. Bernie Barbour

+ Please rise in body or spirit.

## We Prepare

As the prelude begins, the congregation is invited to be in an attitude of preparation for the worship of God.

## We Worship

This hymn first appeared in a book of hymns edited by Rev. John Rippon of Carter's Lane Baptist Church in London, where he pastored for 63 years. The author of the the hymn simply bore the letter "K".

Many scholars attribute the composition to Robert Keene, the minister of music under Rev. Rippon. The unique power of this hymn is due to the fact that each of the seven original stanzas were based on various biblical promises. The first verse established the theme - God's Word is sufficient foundation for our faith. Then the author selected precious promises; Isaiah 41:10,

Isaiah 32:2,

II Corinthians 12:9 and Hebrews 13:5.

This hymn was first published under the title *Exceedingly Great and Precious Promises*.

## We Hear the Word

This Hebrew text is part of a pivotal narrative. It sets the stage for the overall movement of the book of Numbers from the death of the old wilderness generation to the birth of a new generation of hope on the edge of the promised land.

This gospel reading is sometimes called the *Great Commission*. Disciples do not live for themselves. Jesus commissions this group of disciples to form a worldwide mission community of Jewish and Gentile disciples that live out Jesus' teaching. To do so is to be an alternative or *queer* community with commitments and practices that are antithetical to Rome's values and practices. Instead of military power, it employs compassionate power, healing, mercy, an inclusive community, and life-giving words to proclaim and enact God's empire. The community of disciples carries out this task in a world marked by imperial lies and hostility. But Jesus' presence strengthens and guides, "to the end of the age."

## Old Testament Lesson

Denise Junious (9 am)  
Christine DeJohn (11 am)

***Numbers 13:17-20, 25-28, 30-32, 14:1-2***  
from *The Message*

When Moses sent them off to scout out Canaan, he said, "Go up through the Nebev and then into the hill country. Look the land over, see what it is like. Assess the people: are they strong or weak? Are there few or many? Observe the land: Is it pleasant or harsh? Describe the towns where they live: Are they open camps or fortified with walls? And the soil: Is it fertile or barren? Are there forests? And try to bring back a sample of the produce that grows there - this is the season for the first ripe grapes." After forty days of scouting out the land, they returned home.

They presented themselves before Moses and Aaron and the whole congregation of People of Israel in the Wilderness of Paran at Kadesh. They reported to the whole congregation and showed them the fruit of the land. Then they told the story of their trip:

"We went to the land to which you sent us and, oh! It *does* flow with milk and honey! Just look at this fruit! The only thing is that the people who live there are fierce, their cities are huge and well fortified. Worse yet, we saw descendants of the giant Anak.

Caleb interrupted, called for silence before Moses, and said, "Let's go up and take the land - now. We can do it."

The whole community was in an uproar, wailing all night long. All the People of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The entire community was in on it: "Why didn't we die in Egypt? Or in this wilderness? Why has God brought us to this country to kill us? Our wives and children are about to become plunder. Why don't we just head back to Egypt? And right now!"

## Anthem

***Holy Ghost Power***  
by Percy Gray Jr.

Gospel Ensemble

## + Gospel Reading

***Matthew 28:19-20***  
from *The Message*

Rev. Janice Ladd

Jesus gave this charge: "God authorized and commanded me to commission you: Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit. Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I'll be with you as you do this, day after day, right up to the end of the age."

+ Response

*I Love to Tell the Story*

I love to tell the sto - ry, 'tis pleas-ant to re - peat What seems each time I tell it More  
 won - der-ful - ly sweet. I love to tell the sto-ry, For some have nev - er heard The  
 mes-sage of Christ's long-ing from God's own ho - ly Word. I love to tell the sto-ry! 'Twill  
 be my theme in glo-ry To tell the old, old sto-ry Of Je - sus and his love.

Special Music

Terry Jones

*Help is on the Way*

Words & Music by David Friedman

Spiritual Encouragement

Rev. Elder Lillie Brock

*Mission: Impossible*

Making Ministry Happen

Kecia Bullock, Stewardship Team

Offertory

Sanctuary Choir

*Worthy of Worship*

Arr. Keith Christopher

Communion

Rev. Bernie Barbour

Introduction

Consecration of the Elements

Prayer of Consecration

Prayer that Jesus Taught

Invitation to the Feast

*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.*

We Respond

This hymn was written by Katherine Hankey in 1866. Born in Clapham, England, Katherine Hankey belonged to the Clapham Sect of Evangelicals and established a Bible class for girls in London's West End. This hymn is drawn from her extended poem on the life of Jesus, which also contains *Tell Me the Old, Old Story*.

We Listen

David A. Friedman is a film and theatre composer and lyricist based in New York City. He was the conductor of scores for Disney's animated features that include *Beauty and the Beast*, *Aladdin*, *Pocahontas*, *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, and the songs from *Mulan*. He has also worked in theatre, on several Broadway musicals, the most well known being the original Broadway production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. He was music supervisor for the Broadway version of *Beauty and the Beast* as well as *Song and Dance*.

*Falling*

Arr. by Jim Winslett

Communion Songs

*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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*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. (repeat)

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+ Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Bernie Barbour

+ Benediction

Rev. Elder Lillie Brock

+ Benediction Response

I am a friend of God. I am a friend of God. I am a friend of God,  
You call me friend. I am a friend of God.  
I am a friend of God. I am a friend of God, You call me friend.  
You call me friend. You call me friend!

Postlude

Joel Hammett

**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.

# Grow Up

Spiritual Maturity, Transformation & Application

## The Worship of God Each Day

### Opening Prayer

God, I open myself to how you may seek to begin change in me during these moments I share with you. Amen.

~ Rev. Dwayne Johnson

### Daily Scripture Readings

- Sun - Mark 1:16-20
- Mon - 1 Samuel 10:6
- Tues - Exodus 16:2-15
- Wed - Jeremiah 31:21,31-34
- Thur - John 3:1-9
- Fri - Joshua 1:9
- Sat - \*2 Thessalonians 2:3-16

\*Preparation for Sunday, November 11

### Sacred Reading (pages 5 & 6)

See opening essay, quotes, or other sources.

### Spiritual Maturity & Application (page 6)

See questions and reflection journal exercises.

### Closing Prayer

God, teach me to practice alert attention to the lessons life is teaching. Help me to see my options and choose wisely. Guide me to avoid the pitfalls of the past. Prompt me to act decisively yet with discretion. Amen.

~ Julia Cameron, *Transitions: Prayers and Declarations for a Changing Life*, 145, adapted.

### Opening Essay

## *Listening for Change*

The story of Jesus calling fishers to follow him is one of the greatest change stories in scripture. Mark 1:16-20 begins with Jesus taking a nice seaside stroll. Things get wild fast when Jesus sees Simon and Andrew casting their net into the sea and then says something crazy to them: "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." Their nice little fishing excursion becomes an entry point for radical change.

They put down their fishing nets and they follow Jesus. Their lives change forever. They break with family. They break with their careers. They break with tradition.

Why would they do something so truly disruptive and apparently crazy? Maybe they were really listening. Perhaps they were looking deep inside themselves, tapping into a deep craving for new meaning, direction, and purpose in their lives.

The scriptures and readings this week invite us to consider the call of change in our lives. The call to change may be as radical as a change in a relationship or career. Or perhaps the call to change may involve a renewed self-discipline.

It is in the nature of God to use change to draw us beyond ourselves, to teach us new ways of thinking, to challenge us to new ways of being. This can be scary. Yet Jesus and the disciples moved past their fears to embrace change. Maybe they did so by recalling the inspiration from Joshua 1:9 where God says to Joshua, "Be strong and courageous: do not be frightened or dismayed, for God is with you wherever you go." With such a promise, we can take the risk of change.

~ Rev. Dwayne Johnson

### Message Notes

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## ***Sacred Reading***

Most of us pray that God will do something to us or for us, yet God wants to do something in us and through us. That can be done only through our cooperation, through our yielding to God in receptive prayer. First in quietness; then in action. God can give God's self to us for God's purpose only as we give ourselves to God. God does not ask for a death of self, but for the death of self-centeredness. God asks for the self's surrender and its offering to be used in God's service.

~ Grace Adlophsen Brame, *Receptive Prayer*

Each of us has the potential to change the world. Because the price of change is so high, we seldom take on the challenge. Our fears blind us to the possibilities of excellence. . .

~ Robert E. Quinn, *Deep Change*, 11.

The changes in our life must come from the impossibility to live otherwise than according to the demands of our conscience.

~ Leo Tolstoy

No change is without the possibility of benefit. No transition, however harrowing and difficult, fails to bring good. Despite appearances to the contrary, all events unfold according to a higher harmony. I attune myself to this unfolding. I release my doubts, fears and misgivings to a higher hand. By asking God to comfort me, I am cradled in my human frailty yet strengthened in my spiritual connection.

~ Julia Cameron, *Transitions: Prayers and Declarations for a Changing Life*, 20, adapted.

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

Monday's reading from 1 Samuel 10:6 proposes the possibility of God's life-changing action in us and through us. God's power to change us requires our willingness and cooperation. Invite God to help you be clear as you ask yourself these three questions: 1. What do you think God would really like to change in you? 2. What will you release to make room for the change? What decision or action will you make this week to invite God to initiate the change?

~ *Spiritual Formation Bible*, 358, adapted.

In Tuesday's scripture from Exodus 16:2-15, we see a picture of how difficult change can be. How does God provide for the Israelites during their time of change? Think of a time of difficult change in your own life. Can you look back to this difficult time and see how God provided? Write a thank you letter to God.

~ Rev. Dwayne Johnson

Wednesday's reading from Jeremiah 31:21 describes recognizing the "markers" or "signposts" of our lives. Think of key moments and turning points in your life. What changes resulted? Choose one or two such moments and mark the anniversary on your 2008 calendar. Begin now to consider how you will honor or celebrate the moment when that anniversary date arrives.

List the ten most significant personal changes you have ever made. Sort the ten changes into two categories: incremental change and deep change. Summarize your personal experience with deep change. Write your own definition of deep change.

~ Robert E. Quinn, *Deep Change*, 13, adapted.

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## Worship

Sunday, 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Children & Youth Worship

Sunday, 11:00 am

Nursery

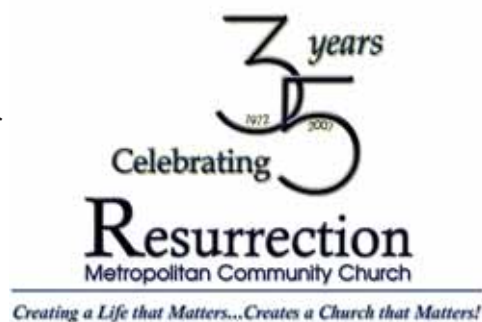
Sunday, 9:00 am & 11:00 am

## 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 Sunday services, at 9 & 11 am, are identical in form, however they contain different elements from diverse religious traditions each week.

## About Us...

Resurrection MCC is a Christian church with a primary outreach to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer community. We are a part of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, founded by Rev. Troy D. Perry in Los Angeles, California on October 6, 1968. Metropolitan Community Churches are on a bold mission to transform hearts, lives, and history. We are a movement that faithfully proclaims God's inclusive love for all people, and proudly bears witness to the holy integration of spirituality and sexuality.



The **Mission** of Resurrection MCC is to demonstrate God's unconditional love to all people through Christian action.

The **Vision** of Resurrection MCC is to **ATTRACT** people into a relationship with God through radical **INCLUSION** into God's family, transform them to Christ-like **MATURITY**, and **MOBILIZE** them for their life purpose.

At Resurrection MCC, every member and friend is a minister of the church. We envision a Christian community that values diversity and is as diverse and all-encompassing as creation. Through salvation, service, study, and tithing, each member and friend will live and grow in faith and be spiritually fed. To that end, we embrace five core beliefs:

**We believe in** *God's unconditional love for everyone.*

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

**We believe in** *including everyone and excluding no one.*

**We believe in** *joyfully providing access to Christ-centered spiritual nourishment and Biblical truths.*

**We believe that** *each of us will discover our spirituality through active participation in the work of God and in the pursuit of health, wholeness, and justice for everyone.*

*Again, welcome!*



# My Key to Our Abundant Life: Presence. Prayer. Service. Gifts.

by Rev. Janice Ladd, Executive Pastor

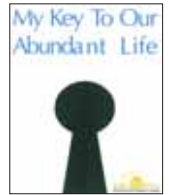
October was a wonderful time of worship with an emphasis around the "key" to our abundant living. 160 individuals have turned in their unique key of "presence" "prayer" "service" and "gifts" and our lives, purpose, passion, and experiences are uniting toward a common goal - to transform to Christ-like maturity.

Each element of the unique key opens the door to spiritual growth and transformational living. Our commitment to be "present" to one another is essential for relationship. Our individual and corporate "prayers" align us to God's will for our lives. Our joint efforts to "service" ensure we work together to meet the needs of the church and community. And finally, our financial "gifts" provide the resources needed to accomplish our goals.

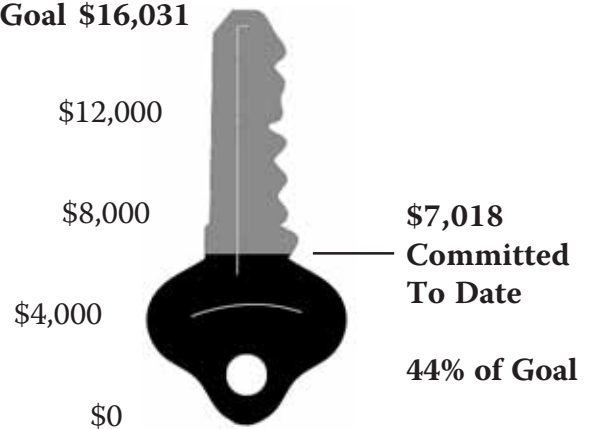
At the Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting on October 21, 2007, we voted on the budget which highlights our joint financial commitment for 2008. Our vote was a statement of faith that we will commit to meet this goal. For the remainder of 2007, based on last year's vote, we need \$16,031 in weekly tithes and offerings to keep Resurrection's ministries flourishing.

The chart below reveals the "key results" from our "gift" component of the commitment cards. Over the last four weeks, we have reached \$7,018 of our \$16,031 goal, or 44% of our weekly need.

If you have not done so, please complete a commitment card today, which are located at every entrance to the Sanctuary. Your unique key to our abundance is an individual step of a community effort. Let's strive for full participation. Every gift is a gift of faith, and an offering of generosity.



## Tithes & Offerings Weekly Goal \$16,031



### 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](mailto:Parents@ResurrectionMCC.org)

Interested in making a will or assigning powers of attorney, but aren't sure how to start? Or maybe you're interested in second parent adoption or have questions regarding custody litigation. If so, here's your chance to ask attorneys Connie Moore & Debra E. Hunt!



**November 29th  
6:30 pm in The Gathering Place**

Moore & Hunt have been serving the Houston community since 1987. The firm focuses on matters involving second-parent adoptions, donor insemination & surrogacy, collaborative family law, contested custody litigation, wills, trusts, powers of attorney, advanced estate and disability planning, probate & trust litigation, and relationship dissolution.

### Aerobics

Sundays, 1 - 2 pm

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

Activities Building #212

**\$25 per month**

Register at *Inspirations Coffee Cafe & Gift Shop*

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





## YARNWEH

**TODAY!**  
12:30 pm in the  
Gathering Place

For the experienced or  
the "yarn curious"...

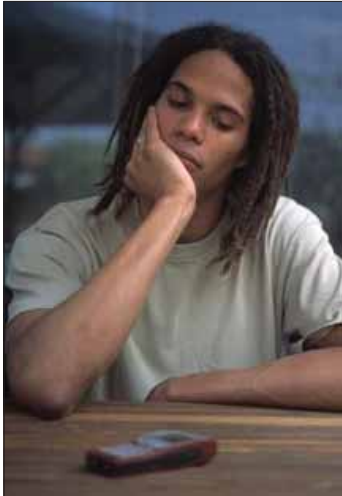
Come create and be a  
part of this fellowship  
building ministry!!!

If you have a need, let  
Yarnweh warm  
you...



Meetings are the first  
Sunday of the month and  
Fellowship will be the  
third Sunday - both in  
the Gathering Place.

Team Lead:  
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## Single? Check us out.

To join our new singles  
group, and learn about  
our upcoming outings,  
email Brandon at  
Singles@ResurrectionMCC.org

## Music Ministry Opportunities



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

Wednesdays, 7 pm

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

### Praise Dancers

Saturday Mornings

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

### Resurrection Singers

Thursdays, 7 pm

This is our newest group. It is still in the formation stage. Reading music would be very helpful and being comfortable on a separate microphone. This group is directed by Steven Couch.

### 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 [SCouch@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:SCouch@ResurrectionMCC.org)  
or call 713-861-9149 x109



## Monthly Meeting

TODAY at 2 pm

St. Paul's United Methodist Church  
5501 S. Main St. @ Binz

PFLAG isn't just for Parents, Families & Friends of LGBT individuals. About half the attendees at each meeting are LGBT individuals themselves! After the keynote or panel each month, small support groups are held.

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

## 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)



# Get Connected!

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

<p><b>Second Family Care Partners</b></p> <p><b>Kristia Ammerman</b> SecondFamily@ResurrectionMCC.org <b>Meets Today!</b> <b>12:30 pm, Activities Bldg</b> This care team acts as extended family and friends, offering emotional, practical, and spiritual support. If you would like to receive a care visit, or are interested in becoming a care visitor, please contact Jason at JWood@ResurrectionMCC.org or call 832-971-0354.</p>	<p><b>Loaves &amp; Fishes</b></p> <p><b>Robert Sliepka</b> LoavesAndFishes@ResurrectionMCC.org</p> <p><i>Do you like cooking, serving, and providing nourishment to others?</i></p> <p>This group provides food for those in need due to a funeral, a special need, as well as for occassional church events.</p>	<p><b>Care Callers</b></p> <p>CareCallers@ResurrectionMCC.org</p> <p><i>Do you have a friendly, loving attitude and enjoy speaking with people on the phone?</i></p> <p>Our care callers make phone calls to our first time visitors and follow up on congregational care needs.</p>	<p><b>Volunteer Receptionist</b></p> <p>Reception@ResurrectionMCC.org</p> <p><i>Do you like answering the phone and helping out around an office?</i></p> <p>We need people to help answer our phone each day from Sunday through Friday.</p> <p>Training can be done immediately. Please contact Jason Wood for additional information, or to sign up.</p>
<p><b>Concierge Desk</b></p> <p><b>Leslie Jackson</b> Concierge@ResurrectionMCC.org</p> <p><i>Do you like to help people feel welcome and included?</i></p> <p>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!</p> <p>This desk will help welcome new visitors, provide them with a free gift, and help them get connected.</p>	<p><b>Ushers</b></p> <p><b>Kecia Bullock</b> <b>Dave Mathis</b> Ushers@ResurrectionMCC.org</p> <p>We need ushers for 9 &amp; 11 am Sunday Worship Services.</p> <p>There are 10 exciting teams!</p> <p>Each team ushers one service a month, at either the 9 am or 11 am Service.</p> <p>Remember, "No one is <i>JUST</i> an usher."</p>	<p><b>Inspirations Coffee Cafe</b></p> <p><b>Travis Ochoa</b> Inspirations@ResurrectionMCC.org</p> <p><i>Do you enjoy coffee, gifts, and fellowship?</i></p> <p>We need enthusiastic volunteers to serve before and after both Sunday Worship Services.</p> <p>Volunteers are also needed during the week to help with restocking inventory, cleaning, and general maintenance.</p>	<p><b>Welcome Team</b></p> <p><b>Flo Perry</b> Welcome@ResurrectionMCC.org</p> <p><i>Do you like helping people feel special and welcome the moment they arrive to the church?</i></p> <p>We want to welcome people to the church and help them get to where they need to go.</p> <p>Team members will be positioned at every door and sidewalk, greeting people with a smile and kind word, offering directions or answering questions.</p>



## Rev. Elder Lillie Brock Region 7, MCC

Lillie Brock was ordained into professional ministry in June, 2000. Her ordination occurred in the same week that the Southern Baptists affirmed their position to deny the ordination of women. Because Lillie was raised as a Southern Baptist, this was a very important moment in time and in the process of her call to ministry which had been denied by the Southern Baptists 20 years before. After her ordination, she became the Pastor of Congregational Life and later, the Pastor of National Ministry at the Cathedral of Hope MCC in Dallas, Texas. Since January of 2003, Lillie has been serving in her role as the Elder for Region 8 and presently in the newly formed Region 7.

Prior to entering the credentialing process, Lillie served in many MCC churches and in many lay positions. She has been a deacon, lay delegate, the chair of the Council of Ministries, choir member and led outreach efforts. She came to MCC 24 years ago when she still had braces on her teeth! Lillie feels fairly certain that she holds the

record for having received "the most MCC membership certificates!"

Lillie has also spent much of her career as a business owner. She is the co-author of *The Secret to Getting through Life's Difficult Changes* which features the Change Cycle™ model that MCC has been utilizing for years through its many transitions. Lillie has worked with the General Council, many Districts and local churches using the Change Cycle™ as a tool for assisting people through the change process. Because of her work with the "human side of organizational change," Lillie is excited to apply that knowledge and experience to her role as a Regional Elder. Lillie has a passion for teaching, preaching, church revitalization and strategic planning and believes that the resources are available for our churches to be all that God has called them to be. Lillie says, "my job is to find resources of all kinds and channel them to our churches at the right time, in the right way and for the right reasons. For me, that is what it means to be a good steward of all the gifts and resources that God has given us."

Lillie lives with her partner, Juley, and their ten year old daughter, Savannah, in Dallas, Texas.



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youthLife

**Next Sunday,  
November 11!  
12:30 pm**

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

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



## Food Pantry Monthly Food Drive

3rd Sunday of each month

**Sunday, November 18**

**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**

### What is a Sacristan?

Sacristans are the people that prepare the communion for us each Sunday morning at both services. Currently, we are seeking more people to service in this way.

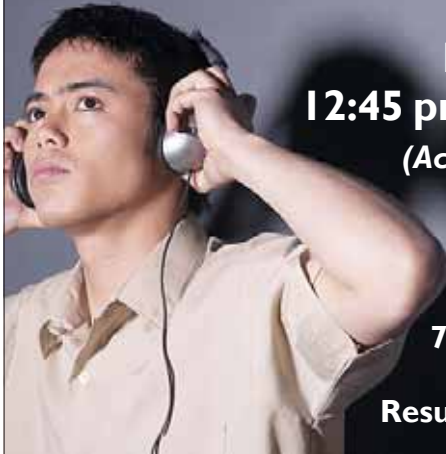
If you are interested, please contact Steven Couch at [SCouch@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:SCouch@ResurrectionMCC.org) or 713-861-9149 x109 at the church.

### Communion Server

This is an important task. For many that visit our church, the only contact they have with another queer Christian is when they take communion on Sunday morning. If you have interest in serving in this capacity, please contact Steven Couch at [SCouch@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:SCouch@ResurrectionMCC.org) or 713-861-9149 x109 at the church

## The Audio Visual Team

is seeking individuals who look good in headphones, no experience required. Training will be provided.



**November 11  
12:45 pm, Workroom  
(Across from Nursery)**

**Contact Ken at  
713-861-9149 x111  
or AudioVisual@  
ResurrectionMCC.org**

### What can you do for our church?

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](mailto:Security@ResurrectionMCC.org).

### Board Members on Duty

Michelle Freeman & Debbie Skelly

### Flowers for the Sanctuary

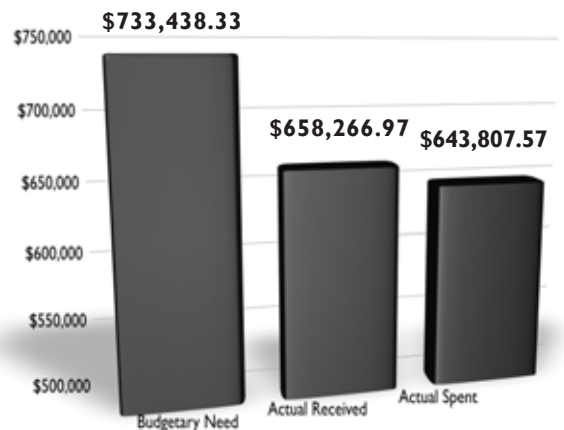
Please consider donating flowers for our Sanctuary.

Sign up on the flower chart in the Welcome Area or contact Mark Eggleston at [MEggleston@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:MEggleston@ResurrectionMCC.org) or call 713-861-9149 x106.

## General Fund Financial Report

Week Ending October 28, 2007

Tithes & Offerings		Week	Year to Date
10/24/07	Mid-Week	16	\$205.31
10/28/07	9:00 am	108	\$3,270.00
10/28/07	11:00 am	262	\$7,299.55
	Special Services	165	
	Gift of Love Campaign		
	Other Contributions		\$7,331.32
	<b>Total</b>	<b>551</b>	<b>\$18,106.18</b>
<b>Other General Fund Income</b>			
	Fundraising		\$25,027.15
	Miscellaneous		\$10.00
	<b>Total Received</b>		<b>\$18,116.18</b>
	<b>Budgetary Need</b>		<b>\$17,759.63</b>
	<b>Total Surplus / (Deficit)</b>		<b>\$356.55</b>



# This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

## SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 4

- 9:00 am **Sunday Worship / Rev. Elder Lille Brock**  
10:15 am Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry *Chapel*  
11:00 am **Sunday Worship / Rev. Elder Lille Brock**  
11:15 am Children & Youth Worship Service *Activities Building*  
12:30 pm Yarnweh *Gathering Place*  
12:30 pm Second Family Care Partners Meeting *Activities Building*  
1:00 pm Aerobics *Activities Building #212*  
1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Sanctuary*

## MONDAY

NOVEMBER 5

- 6:30 pm JustUs Rehearsal *Chapel*  
7:15 pm Aerobics *Activities Building #212*

## TUESDAY

NOVEMBER 6

- 12:00 pm O.W.L.S. Luncheon *Gathering Place*  
6:30 pm Lesbian Health Initiative Board Meeting *Gathering Place*  
7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (Open) *Wellness Center*  
7:00 pm Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal *Chapel*

## WEDNESDAY

NOVEMBER 7

- 8:00 am NCS Social Worker Training *Gathering Place*  
6:30 pm Creating a Life That Matters (closed) *Gathering Place*  
6:30 pm Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal *Activities Bldg #202*  
7:00 pm Houston Pride Band Rehearsal *Activities Building*  
7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal *Sanctuary*  
7:15 pm Aerobics *Activities Building #212*

## THURSDAY

NOVEMBER 8

- 8:00 am NCS Social Worker Training *Gathering Place*  
7:00 pm Resurrection Singers Rehearsal *Chapel*

## FRIDAY

NOVEMBER 9

- 8:00 am NCS Social Worker Training *Gathering Place*

## SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 10

*No Events Scheduled.*

## SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 11

- 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 youthLife! *Activities Building*  
12:45 pm A/V Training *Workroom*  
1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Sanctuary*