



Resurrection

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Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church

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Prelude

Joel Hammett

Our Community Gathers

Rev. Dwayne Johnson & Jason Wood

+ Exchange of Peace

+ Songs of Praise & Worship

Resurrection Singers

Every Move I Make

Every move I make, I make in you, you make me move, Jesus,
Every breath I take, I breathe in you.
Every step I take, I take in you, you are my way, Jesus,
Every breath I take I breathe in you.
Na na na na na na na! Na na na na na na na!
Na na na na na na na! Na na na na na na na!
Waves of mercy, waves of grace, everywhere I look, I see your face;
Your love has captured me, O my God, this love, how can it be?

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Because of Who You Are

Because of who you are I give you glory.
Because of who you are I give you praise.
Because of who you are I will lift my voice and say,
"Lord, I worship you because of who you are."
"Lord, I worship you because of who you are."

Jehovah Jireh, my provider. Jehovah Nissi, Lord you rein in victory.
Jehovah Shalom, my Price of Peace,
And I worship you because of who you are.

I worship you, worship you, yeah, yeah,
And I worship you, worship you, worship you, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.
I worship you because you're holy, holy. I worship because holy is who you are.
I worship you because you're worthy, worthy. I worship because worthy is who you are.
I worship you because you're mighty, mighty.
I worship you because mighty is who you are.
And I worship you because of who you are.

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Prayer

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

David Ruis is a worship leader and church planter in the Southern California area. Davis was trained classically and later began working with Vineyard publishing.

Martha Munizzi is an internationally acclaimed and award winning Gospel Singer, songwriter, author, and actress. She wrote this song in 2000. It has been used at Lakewood Church here in Houston to great acclaim.

Along with figures like Ron Kenoly, CeCe Winans, and Israel Houghton, Munizzi is pioneering cross-cultural worship music that not only connects with both black and white Christian congregations but also reaches the masses. Martha travels and sings extensively and led worship here in Houston at Lakewood Church during Cindy Cruse-Ratliff's maternity leave.

We Hear the Word

Colossae, Laodicia, and Hierapolis were ancient cities located close together on the Lycus River, some hundred miles upstream from Ephesus on the coast of Asian Minor (modern-day Turkey).

This letter was intended to be read by Christians in all three places. Many scholars believe that this was written in Paul's name after his death. If that is the case, the address to the Colossians would be only a literary device, since an earthquake devastated the area in 60CE, about the time of Paul's death, and there was probably little left of the city. Others think that Paul is, indeed, the author.

Like Mary's song, this text is usually called Zechariah's Song, also known as the *Benedictus*. It brings narrative time to a halt in order to provide commentary on the extraordinary events that have been recounted. Major themes are recapitulated here; the importance of John as prophet and forerunner, the interweaving of John's and Jesus' stories into the one tapestry of God's redemptive purpose, the faithfulness of God, and the character of the coming deliverance and restoration of God's people.

Epistle Lesson

Win Boyd (9 am)
Charli Merchant (11 am)

Colossians 1:11-12

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from God's glorious power. May you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Creator, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.

Anthem

Gospel Ensemble

Just Having Chu'ch

Words & Music by Chester D.T. Baldwin

+ Gospel Reading

Rev. Janice Ladd

Luke 1:67-79

From *The Inclusive New Testament*, Priests of Equality

Zechariah, John's father, was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied:

"Blessed are you, the Most High God of Israel--
for you have visited and redeemed your people.

You have raised up a mighty savior for us
of the house of David,

as you promised through the mouths of your holy ones,

the prophets of ancient times:

salvation from our enemies

and from the hands of all our foes.

You have shown mercy to our ancestors

by remembering the holy Covenant

you made with them,

the oath you swore to Sarah and Abraham,

granting that we,

delivered from the hands of our enemies,

might serve you without fear,

in holiness and justice,

in your presence all our days.

And you, my child, will be called

the prophet of the Most High,

for you'll go before Our God

to prepare the way for the Promised One,

giving the people the knowledge of salvation
through forgiveness of their sins.

Such is the tender mercy of our God,

who from on high

will bring the Rising Sun to visit us,

to give light to those who live

in darkness and the shadow of death

and to guide our feet

into the way of peace."

In the meantime, the child grew up and became strong in spirit.
He lived out in the desert until the day he appeared openly in Israel.

Spiritual Encouragement

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

***Be Strong in the Strength:
Leadership***

Making Ministry Happen

Rev. Mona Lopez

Offertory

Clarence Lanier

Communion

Rev. Bernie Barbour

Introduction

Consecration of the Elements

Prayer of Consecration

Prayer that Jesus Taught

Invitation to the Feast

Songs During Communion

Let the Peace of Christ Rule in Your Heart

Let the peace of Christ rule in your heart,
Let the peace of Christ rule in your heart.

And whatever you do, in word or deed,

Do it all in the name of the Lord;

Giving thanks, giving thanks

To God, through Christ, the Lord,

Giving thanks, giving thanks

To God, through Christ, the Lord.

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I Will Come and Bow Down

I will come and bow down at your feet, Lord Jesus.

In your presence is fullness of joy.

There is nothing, there is no one

Who compares with you.

I take pleasure in worshiping you, Lord.

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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.

We Sing

This praise and worship song was written by Martin Nystrom who also wrote *As the Deer*. Martin was a student at Christ for the Nations in Dallas, Texas, when many of his choruses were written. He later was the Director of Music at their school in Long Island, New York.

We Honor God

We stand at the end of our communion service to honor God and to celebrate the open table. Please remain seated until the chorus of the final song (indicated by the +) so that we rise in unison to offer our thanksgiving.

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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Shout to the Lord

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like you,
All of my days, I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love;
My Comfort, my Shelter, Tower of refuge and strength;
Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship you.
+ Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing
Power and majesty, praises we bring,
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name.
I sing for joy at the work of your hands, forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand;
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

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+ Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Bernie Barbour

+ Benediction

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

+ 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

**The Worship of
God Each Day**

Grow Up

Spiritual Maturity, Transformation & Application

Opening Prayer

People of God, let us make our hearts, minds, spirits, and bodies ready to receive the blessings and good news of redemptive life and healthy leadership. Let us worship God! Amen.

~ Cheryl A. Kirk-Duggan,
Soul Pearls: Worship Resources for the Black Church, 113.

Daily Scripture Readings

- Sun - Psalm 29
- Mon - Matthew 21:23-27
- Tue - Micah 5:2-5
- Wed - Matthew 4:18-22
- Thu - Acts 1:21-26
- Fri - * Psalm 122
- Sat - * Isaiah 2:1-5

*Preparation for
Sunday, December 2

**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, help us to be servant leaders everywhere we go: from work to church to home to gym to cafe. Amen.

~ Rev. Dwayne Johnson

Opening Essay

Strong Leadership: The Higher Life

I am an admitted news and current events junkie. However, I have my limits as to what constitutes news. For example, if the story has anything to do with Britney Spears, Paris Hilton, or the latest *American Idol* gossip, I reach for the remote. It seems that celebrities are everywhere. Yet where are our leaders, sheros, and heros?

Challenging the cult of celebrity, James Howell and Christopher Lasch draw a clear distinction between celebrities and leaders in *Servants, Misfits, and Martyrs*. Howell and Lasch argue that we flock to celebrities, "because we lack imagination and courage. Traditional heros make demands on us. Glittering stars merely feed our narcissism, our love of self, our addictions..."

As we observe celebrities there is a temptation to become like them: to drive their cars, to wear their clothes, to imitate their haircuts, even to support their political candidates. I wonder if their influence on our outward appearance is echoed by an influence on our inner lives. As we watch celebrities, do we begin to crave unrestrained wealth, power, and fame?

Howell and Lasch note that, "No one ever asks how our constant exposure to the rich and famous is supposed to make us good or wise or faithful. Even if we are trying to live faithful lives, our minds are always being reshaped, just a little, all the time, into the image of what surrounds us." Leaders, on the other hand, "stretch our imaginations and stand as imperatives, calling, wooing us into a higher life."

At Resurrection MCC, few if any of us will ever become celebrities. Yet through worship, prayer, study and service we can each become a leader. As we open ourselves, God will give us the strength to resist the celebrity cult, and then grow in such leadership characteristics as maturity, wisdom, and courage.

~ Rev. Dwayne Johnson

Message Notes

Sacred Reading

Control is not leadership; management is not leadership; leadership is leadership. If you seek to lead, invest at least 50 percent of your time leading yourself--your own purpose, ethics, principles, motivation, conduct.

Invest at least 20 percent leading those with authority over you and 15 percent leading your peers.

If you don't understand that you work for your mislabeled subordinates, then you know nothing of leadership. You know only tyranny.

~ Dee Hock, Founder & CEO Emeritus, VISA,
quoted in *Fast Company*, February/March 1997, 98.

I can assure you that to follow Jesus means entering into a journey with many dangers, difficulties and fatigues, but there is no other person with whom I would rather make that journey than with Jesus. They left everything and followed him.

~ James A. Harnish, *What If You Really Found God?*

LGBTQ folk are, of course, most aware of how Christian traditions can be both medicine and poison. They know the need for courage and wisdom to know what to treasure and what to trash.

~ Tat-Siong Benny Liew, *It Will be a Long Time Coming!, Out in Scripture*
(November 18, 2007) www.hrc.org/scripture/week.asp

A jazz band is an expression of servant leadership. The leader of a jazz band has the beautiful opportunity to draw the best out of the other musicians. We have much to learn from jazz-band leaders, for jazz, like leadership, combines the unpredictability of the future with the gifts of individuals.

~ Max DePree, *Leadership Jazz*, 9.

Spiritual Maturity & Application

Monday's reading from Matthew 21:23-27 calls us to be leaders rather than pleasers. The chief priests and other religious authorities are caught--and paralyzed--by their desire to please the crowd. If they answer Jesus' question one way, they will bring shame on themselves; if they answer it the other, they may lose the people's favor. The moral vacuum created by people-pleasing destroys integrity--and reduces leadership to the emptiness of a popularity contest.

Have you been in situations where you felt caught between your principles and your desire to be popular? What did you do? Where is your next conflict between principles and pleasing most likely to come from? How can you be prepared to respond with integrity? Journal and/or discuss with spiritual friends.

~ *Spiritual Formation Bible*, 1303, adapted.

Tuesday's reading from Micah 5:2-5 describes a future leader who will once and for all time restore the people of Judah to their rightful place among the nations. The source of this new leader's integrity and power is described in verses 4-5.

What kind of leader do these verses describe? Think about the areas in your life where you serve in a leadership role--perhaps on your block, at work, among friends, with children. Evaluate your leadership in comparison to these verses. If our nation looked for these qualities in its leaders, how would the nation be affected?

~ *Spiritual Formation Bible*, 1228, adapted.

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Sunday, 11:00 am

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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.



Creating a Life that Matters...Creates a Church that Matters!

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!

COMMIT...It Does a Body Good.

by Resurrection MCC - Stewardship Team

The stewardship team gathered together to review the results of the "My Key to Our Abundance" stewardship drive. The goal of the stewardship team is to educate the congregation to be "good stewards" of the resources we have as a body of Christ. We are a team of individuals who firmly believe that giving our lives and resources is not a requirement but an opportunity for spiritual growth.

So we had to ask ourselves, why did only 1/3 of our congregation complete a commitment card? The cards that came in were a true blessing in that 172 people committed in various ways to be present, to pray, to serve and to give their lives as a resource to the body of Christ. Knowing that 172 people are committed to the work of God is a powerful result. We also noticed that this 1/3 is pledging to meet 1/2 of our weekly financial need. Clearly, they are a group that is stretching themselves to grow.

So what about the other 2/3 of the congregation? Why was the 4-part sermon series, individual testimonies, bulletin articles, drama skit, and inspirational music and worship throughout the month of October not enough to inspire everyone to participate in this spiritual growth opportunity. We decided we must not have fully educated the congregation or properly communicated the importance of the commitment. Below is a question and answer series that we hope will help you become "the key to our abundance."

Why is it important to complete the commitment card?

Formalizing your commitment to be present, pray, serve, and give is a statement of faith and an act of accountability. When you put your commitment to God in writing, you are allowing yourself to be vulnerable and accountable to the Body of Christ. This is a real growth opportunity. Once you set a goal in life, it becomes more real when you share it with your friends and family. Keeping your giftedness secret is a safety net. As long as we convince ourselves that "it's between God and I" we will never fully open ourselves to the community God gives us to serve. This is the "release" and "surrender" part of our faith. Also, we can work together more effectively and efficiently when we come together and openly share our resources.

What does the church do with these commitments?

The stewardship team will send you a letter itemizing your areas of commitment so you can have a record of your faithfulness. Your financial commitment is noted to help the leaders of Resurrection make high quality and informed decisions based on accurate estimates. When you formalize your financial commitment it is not a legal agreement and you will not receive an invoice or request for payment. We realize that life circumstances can alter your ability to give the amount pledged and you can adjust your pledge at any

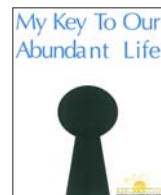
time. Again, you will not be billed or invoiced or harassed in any way.

I am already actively participating and giving to the ministries. Why do you need me to complete the card?

Our spiritual gifts are an evolving and moving aspect of our spirituality. You should make it a practice to complete a spiritual gifts inventory every year or so to see how God is shaping you (you can download this tool on our Web site). Renewing your commitment gives you an opportunity to hear a fresh word from God about your calling. You may be asked to give less in certain areas, so God can stretch you to give more in other ways. Or you may need a Sabbath (a period of rest) to revitalize your ministry. Financial gifts will also evolve and move in much the same way. Take the commitment card and sit and listen to what God holds for you. Completing your commitment card then becomes a valuable spiritual practice.

When does the commitment begin?

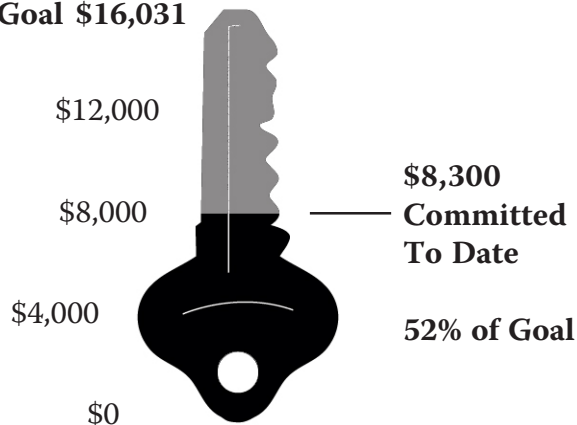
The commitment begins when you turn in the card (please mail or bring to church) and will last until you complete a new card. The stewardship team conducts this commitment drive annually, typically in the fall. Therefore today's commitment will last until the fall of 2008. All we ask is that you put in writing what you are able to commit right now in terms of time, talent, and resources. You can update your commitment at any time.



The stewardship team is praying for you and each is available to answer any further questions and concerns you may have. We will wear our name badges each Sunday to help you find us: Kedric Brown, Kecia Bullock, Joy Jolley, Ben Julian, Jennifer Riley, Wayne Wiggins, Rev. Dwayne Johnson, and Rev. Janice Ladd.

Imagine what God can do when we join our voices to say, "Yes - I am the key to God's abundance!"

Tithes & Offerings Weekly Goal \$16,031



**Wills? Power of Attorney?
Second Parent Adoption?
Custody Litigation?**

If you have questions, here's your chance to ask attorneys
Connie Moore & Debra E. Hunt!



**THIS Thursday!
November 29th, 6:30 pm
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.

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



**YL[©] youthLife
TODAY!
12:30 pm
Activities Bldg.**

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

Now Training Volunteers! JWood@ResurrectionMCC.org

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

Single?

Join Us!



**World AIDS Day
Saturday, December 1 &
Sunday, December 2
9 am - 5 pm**

**9 Panels on Display
Multimedia Presentation
Signature Quilt**



**Quilt Panel Workshop:
Saturday, December 1, 12 - 4 pm**

We need volunteers to assist during display times, as well as setup. This is an opportunity for Resurrection MCC to show to the community our commitment to these memories. Please consider giving an hour or two. To volunteer or donate, please contact:

Rose Wall at Community@ResurrectionMCC.org or Charles Clark II at Yarnweh@ResurrectionMCC.org.

Details on all the events going on in Houston at www.WorldAIDSDayHouston.org



Red Ribbon Toy Drive

**Drop off items in
Welcome Area or Narthex**

**Final Collection is
NEXT Sunday, Dec. 2!**

Since 1995, AFH has collaborated with local medical and social service providers and has collected and distributed more than 25,000 toys to children and families affected by HIV/AIDS. Last year, over 1,200 children (ages birth to 17) who receive medical care and social services from AFH, Harris County Hospital District, Texas Children's Hospital, UT Health Science Center and UTMB Galveston, had a brighter holiday due to the generous donations from the Houston community.

**Karaoke Café &
Game Night**

**Bring your favorite
cards, dominoes, and
board games**

**THIS Friday! Nov. 30
7:30 - 10:00 pm
Gathering Place**

**Everyone is Welcome!
Bring your friends and kids!**



Get Connected!

www.ResurrectionMCC.org

Second Family Care Partners

Kristia Ammerman
SecondFamily@ResurrectionMCC.org

Meets NEXT Sunday Dec. 2, 12:30 pm, Activities Bldg
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.

Loaves & Fishes

Robert Sliepka
LoavesAndFishes@ResurrectionMCC.org

Do you like cooking, serving, and providing nourishment to others?

This group provides food for those in need due to a funeral, a special need, as well as for occasional church events.

Care Callers

Karen Cruse
Terry Talley
CareCallers@ResurrectionMCC.org

Do you have a friendly, loving attitude and enjoy speaking with people on the phone?

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

Volunteer Receptionist

Fabiola Cruz
Carole Wiseman

Reception@ResurrectionMCC.org

Do you like answering the phone and helping out around an office?
We need people to help answer our phone each day from Sunday through Friday.
Training can be done immediately. Please contact Jason Wood for additional information, or to sign up.

Concierge Desk

Leslie Jackson

Concierge@ResurrectionMCC.org

Do you like to help people feel welcome and included?

We need loving, warm and friendly people to serve at the Concierge Desk, located in the Gathering place, before and after both Sunday Worship Services!

This desk will help welcome new visitors, provide them with a free gift, and help them get connected.

Ushers

Kecia Bullock
Dave Mathis

Ushers@ResurrectionMCC.org

We need ushers for 9 & 11 am Sunday Worship Services.

There are 10 exciting teams!

Each team ushers one service a month, at either the 9 am or 11 am Service.

Remember, "No one is JUST an usher."

Inspirations Coffee Cafe

Travis Ochoa

Inspirations@ResurrectionMCC.org

Do you enjoy coffee, gifts, and fellowship?

We need enthusiastic volunteers to serve before and after both Sunday Worship Services.

Volunteers are also needed during the week to help with restocking inventory, cleaning, and general maintenance.

Welcome Team

Flo Perry

Welcome@ResurrectionMCC.org

Do you like helping people feel special and welcome the moment they arrive to the church?

We want to welcome people to the church and help them get to where they need to go.

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

H.O.M.E. Groups

Attend One This Week!

These small groups meet regularly, throughout the Houston area, for prayer, study, fellowship, and outreach.

To attend a HOME Group, please visit our Web site at www.ResurrectionMCC.org for a list of locations.

If you are interested in starting a new group, please contact Jason Wood at JWood@ResurrectionMCC.org



ATTENTION: EXCEL OF THE ARMADILLO GRADUATES

Next Sunday, December 2, at 12:30 pm in the Workroom, the Excel of the Armadillo team will be taking applications for those who would like to join us in forming a new EXCEL team or being a friend for 2008!

Please pray on this next journey and consider exploring your possible participation by attending this recruitment meeting to discuss about team and friends membership. We invite you to consider becoming a member of the Excel of the Armadillo team or a friend in 2008 and sharing the Excel message of "Living In Union With God" with other sisters and brothers next year.

EXCEL needs you to share the blessings !

Christmas Baskets

Sunday, December 2 & 9

Food & Cash Donations Received in Gathering Place

Saturday, December 15

Baskets Assembled in Activities Building



Shopping List

2 cans corn, 2 cans green beans, 2 cans vegetables, 2 lb. bag of rice, box of mashed potatoes, can of cranberry sauce, 2 packages of gravy mix, 2 boxes of mac & cheese, large can of sweet potatoes, box of stuffing, 2 lb. bag of dried beans, 4 or 5 lb. bag of flour, 4 or 5 lb. bag of sugar, box of cake mix, container of frosting, 32 oz. vegetable oil, box of snack cakes, \$25 grocery gift card.

To volunteer or for questions, email Robert Sliepka at LoavesAndFishes@ResurrectionMCC.org



Concert
Celebrate the Season!

Sunday, December 9, 7 pm

The Resurrection Music Ministry is partnering with the Houston Pride Band to bring the city of Houston a celebration of the music of the season. This concert will have secular and sacred carols including a time of carol singing for the audience. Invite your friends. Admission is free. An offering will be taken, with all proceeds going to benefit the Resurrection MCC General Fund.

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.



O.W.L.S. Gathering

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

**Tuesday, December 4
12:00 pm, Gathering Place**

RSVP to OWLS@ResurrectionMCC.org
Lunches held the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each Month

Board Members on Duty

Lynn Jenkins & Terry Talley

Resurrection
Inspirations
Coffee Café & Gift Shop



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FREE COPY of
The Advocate Magazine
TODAY!

Volunteers are needed to assist this ministry.
Please contact Travis Ochoa at
Inspirations@ResurrectionMCC.org

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 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 or 713-861-9149 x109 at the church

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.

Flowers for the Sanctuary

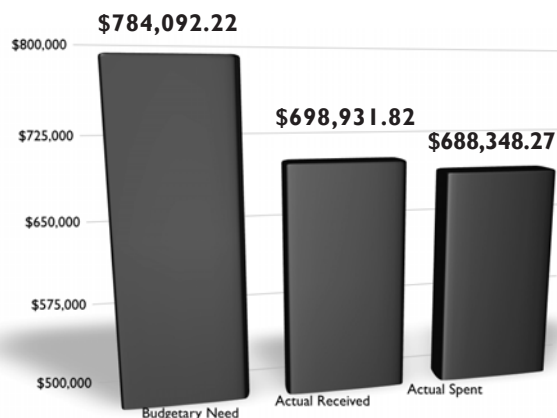
"In celebration of 21 years together."

—Carolyn & Annette

General Fund Financial Report

Week Ending November 18, 2007

<i>Tithes & Offerings</i>		Week	Year to Date
Mid-Week			\$12,184.52
11/18/07 9:00 am	114	\$3,024.00	\$196,682.82
11/18/07 11:00 am	276	\$6,057.25	\$261,604.95
Special Services			\$4,457.67
Gift of Love Campaign			\$14,440.30
Other Contributions		\$2,553.31	\$123,574.99
Total	390	\$11,634.56	\$612,945.25
Other General Fund Income			
Fundraising		\$25.00	\$25,052.15
Miscellaneous		\$2,450.00	\$60,934.42
Total Received		\$14,109.56	\$698,931.82
Budgetary Need		\$16,884.63	\$784,092.22
Total Surplus / (Deficit)		(\$2,775.07)	(\$85,160.40)



This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 25

- 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*
 1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Sanctuary*

MONDAY

NOVEMBER 26

- 6:00 pm Board of Directors' Meeting *Gathering Place*
 6:30 pm JustUs Rehearsal *Chapel*

TUESDAY

NOVEMBER 27

- 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (Open) *Wellness Center*
 7:00 pm Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal *Chapel*

WEDNESDAY

NOVEMBER 28

- 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 *Chapel*

THURSDAY

NOVEMBER 29

- 6:30 pm Parents' Group Legal Presentation *Gathering Place*
 7:00 pm Resurrection Singers Rehearsal *Chapel*

FRIDAY

NOVEMBER 30

- 7:30 pm Karaoke Café & Game Night *Gathering Place*

SATURDAY

WORLD AIDS DAY

DECEMBER 1

- 9:00 am AIDS Memorial Quilt Display *Activities Building*
 12:00 pm Quilt-Making Workshop *Activities Building*

SUNDAY

DECEMBER 2

- 9:00 am AIDS Memorial Quilt Display *Activities Building*
 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 EXCEL of the Armadillo Meeting *Workroom*
 12:30 pm Second Family Care Partners Meeting *Activities Building*
 1:00 pm Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal *Activities Building #200*
 1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Sanctuary*