



Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

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Our Community Gathers

Rev. Dwayne Johnson & Mark Eggleston

+ Exchange of Peace

+ Opening Hymn

SLANE

Be Now My Vision



1 Be now my vi - sion, O God of my heart;
2 Be now my wis - dom, and be my true word;
3 Rich - es I need not, nor life's emp - ty praise,
4 Sov - ereign of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

noth - ing sur - pass - es the love you im - part—
ev - er with - in me, my soul is as - sured;
you, my in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav - en's Sun!

You my best thought, by day or by night,
Moth - er and Fa - ther, you are both to me,
You and you on - ly are first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, your pres - ence my light.
now and for - ev - er your child I will be.
great God, my trea - sure, may we nev - er part.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

+ Please rise in body or spirit.

We Worship

This Irish text brings the clear presence of God into harmony with the fervent prayer of the believer. Stanza 1 affirms the vision of God that becomes the guiding light in the hearts of God's people. Stanza 2 calls for God's knowledge and truth to give guidance. Stanza 3 affirms that one's relationship with God is treasure enough in this life, replacing any riches or empty praise of this earthly realm. Stanza 4 provides a fitting climax, claiming victory regardless of what may befall the believer. The tune is a traditional Irish air named for a hill, ten miles from Tara, in County Meath.

We Hear the Word

This translation is courtesy of *The Inclusive Hebrew Scriptures*, edited by Priests for Equality through the Inclusive Language Project, initiated in 1988. Their goal, "to translate the entire Bible into gender-inclusive language by July of 2001," is part of their larger mission, which is to "affirm efforts to use sexually balanced language and images in Church liturgy, publications, education and preaching." It is the understanding of this consortium of Christian ministers, lay leaders, scholars, educators and social activists that "language, in itself, can help educate us toward equality."

We Hear the Word

Hyssop is a genus of about 10-12 species of herbaceous or semi-woody plants native from the east Mediterranean to central Asia. They are aromatic, with erect branched stems covered with fine hairs at the tips. The small blue flowers are borne on the upper part of the branches during summer. By far the best-known species is the Herb Hyssop, widely cultivated outside its native area in the Mediterranean.

Of interesting symbolic note, hyssop has been found to improve the yield from grapevines if planted along the rows, particularly if the terrain is rocky or sandy, and the soil is not as easy to work as it might be.

+ Call to Worship

Georgette L. Monaghan (9 am)

Christine DeJohn (11 am)

Psalm 51:1-12

One: O God, have mercy on me! Because of your love and your great compassion, wipe away my faults!

All: **Wash me clean of my guilt, purify me of my wrongdoing. For I am aware of my faults, and have my wrongs constantly in mind ...**

One: I turned away from you alone, and did what is wrong in your sight. You are just when you pass sentence on me, blameless when you give judgment.

All: **I fear I was born in sin, conceived in sin – yet you want truth to live in my innermost being. Teach me your wisdom!**

One: Purify me with hyssop until I am clean; wash me until I am purer than new-fallen snow. Instill some joy and gladness into me, let the bones which have been crushed rejoice again.

All: **Turn your face from my wrongdoing, and wipe out all my guilt!**

One: O God, create a clean heart in me, and put into me a new and steadfast spirit; do not banish me from your presence, do not deprive me of your holy Spirit!

All: **Be my savior again, renew my joy, keep my spirit steady and willing; and I will teach those who are far from you your ways, and those who have turned away will return to you!**

Instrumental Invocation

David Durham

Claire de Lune

by Claude Debussy

Scripture Reading

Darren Terry

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Behold, the days are coming, says God, when I will establish a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them up out of the land of Egypt - a covenant they broke, though I was their spouse, says God. But this is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says God: I will put my teachings within them, and I will write my teachings on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.

No longer will they need to teach one another or say to one another, "Know God." All of them, from all places in life, will know me, says God, for I will forgive their iniquity and will remember their sins no more.

Sung Response

**All: Word of God speak. Would you pour down like rain?
Washing my eyes to see your majesty.
To be still and know that you're in this place.
Please let me stay and rest in your holiness. Word of God speak.**

+ Scripture Reading

Rev. Janice Ladd

John 12: 20-33

Now among those who had come up to worship at the Passover festival were some Greeks. They approached Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put forth this request: "Please, we would like to see Jesus." Phillip went to tell Andrew, and together the two went to tell Jesus.

Jesus replied: "Now the hour has come for the Chosen One to be glorified. The truth of the matter is, unless a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

"If you love your life you'll lose it; if you hate your life in this world you'll keep it for eternal life.

"Anyone who wants to work for me must follow in my footsteps, and wherever I am, my worker will be there too. Anyone who works for me will be honored by God.

"Now my soul is troubled. What will I say: 'God, save me from this hour?' Yet it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. God, glorify your name!"

Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again."

The crowds that stood nearby heard this and said it was thunder; others said, "It was an angel speaking."

Jesus answered, "It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours. Sentence is now being passed on this world; now the ruler of this world will be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from this earth, I will draw all people to myself."

By these words Jesus indicated the kind of death he would die.

Special Music

Resurrection Singers

You Are Good

Words & Music by Kari Jobe

Spiritual Encouragement

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

Finding Our Way: From Burnout to Renewed Passion

Making Ministry Happen

Gemma Burns & Elisa Vega-Burns

Offertory

Jules Czarnik

I Am

Words & Music by Nichole Nordeman

We Hear the Word

The prophet Jeremiah acknowledges that the old covenant did not work. So, God proposes to dismiss the old covenant and do something entirely different, something that will guarantee the people's fidelity. This guarantee can only come if the covenant is in the people's DNA. God promises to write it on their hearts so that the covenant becomes a part of what it means to be Israel. The marriage covenant between God and the people is renewed. What once required deliberate teaching will be a natural outflow of relationship.

~ Valerie Bridgeman
Davis, *New Proclamation Year B, 2008-2009 "Fifth Sunday in Lent,"* 184, adapted.

We Receive

All congregations in
MCC practice an
open communion.
We believe that
communion is a
visible sign of Christ's
presence and
God's grace that each
one of us, friend or
member, may receive.
Simply come forward
as the ushers direct.

We use grape juice for
the cup. If you desire
intercessory prayer,
our Fisher's Net
Prayer Ministry team
is available following
both services to
pray with you.

Where two or more
are gathered You
are present. May
you remain in God's
presence this season.

In emptiness,
You fill us.
In silence,
You speak.
May you be open and
listening this season.

Communion

Ron Reeser, Vince Olivier, & Aaron Capps

Introduction to Communion

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Invitation to the Feast

Communion Songs

Draw Me Close

Draw me close to you, never let me go,
I lay it all down again to hear you say that I'm your friend.
You are my desire, no one else will do,
'Cause nothing else could take your place; to feel the warmth of your embrace.
Help me find the way, bring me back to you.
You're all I want, you're all I've ever needed.
You're all I want - help me know you are near.

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Commissioning of Pastoral Care Ministers

+ **Benediction**

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

+ **Postlude**

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Worship

Sunday, 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Children & Youth Worship, Sunday, 11:00 am

Nursery

Sunday, 9:00 am & 11:00 am

The Chalice: Spiritual Deepening

Wednesday, 6:30 pm

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Welcome!

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

Make sure to visit the Concierge Desk, located in our Welcome Area, to receive a gift from us. You will find friendly volunteer hosts waiting to greet you.

Worship Services

Resurrection MCC is proud to offer a variety in our worship services. Our two Sunday services, at 9 & 11 am, are identical in form, however they contain different elements from diverse religious traditions each week.

A Special Welcome to our First-Time Families!

Our nursery staff would love to meet you and your infants & children aged 1-3 years! The nursery is located to the right of the Sanctuary entrance and is open during both the 9 am & 11 am services.

Children and youth aged 4-12 years are invited to join our Youth Ministries Program during the 11 am service in the Activities Building (located across the breezeway from our main parking lot). Sign-in begins at 10:45 am. All children must be registered and signed-in to attend. Parents are welcome to join the children for Communion at 12 noon in the Activities Building. Snack & sign-outs begin at 12:15 pm.

About Us...

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

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

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

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

We believe in God's unconditional love for everyone.

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

We believe in including everyone and excluding no one.

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

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

Again, welcome!



Free Cup With a Guarantee



If you've recently visited Resurrection MCC, perhaps you have received our famous Cobalt Blue Resurrection MCC cup. We've learned that many who have received this cup use it daily, as a prayer reminder.

From time to time, someone will say, "Hey, I love those cups! Resurrection wasn't giving those out when I first came." Well, this Sunday is

an opportunity to receive your free cup!

When we found out that people were using the cup as a prayer reminder, we thought, "What if the entire congregation did this together for the Season of Lent?"

Thus, you are invited to participate in *The Daily Cup*, Resurrection MCC's special opportunity to join together as community in the spiritual practices of prayer, worship, giving, service and sharing our stories.

Following services today, visit the Gathering Place. Prayerfully consider the Lenten Covenant (see column to right) for which your cup will serve as a daily reminder. If you accept this invitation, and receive your cup, then each day you will also receive *The Daily Cup* email that will include a scripture, a prayer, and great ideas for living and sharing your faith.

This free cup comes with a "better than money-back" guarantee! If your life is not touched through the daily practice of your Lenten Covenant, we'll buy back your free cup for \$5 after Easter Sunday!

Yes, this is a different approach to Lent. Many have grown up with the concept of "giving up" something for Lent. This year, how about "receiving" something instead...like the Resurrection cup, and the daily blessing that comes through your own special "blend" of spiritual practices?



THE DAILY CUP

A Lenten Covenant for Living from Fullness through Lent

Fill your cup with...

PRAYER

Ideas include yet are not limited to an attentive walk, listening to music, journaling, or a prayerful reading of a favorite scripture.

WORSHIP

Throughout Lent, offer your faithful presence for worship on Sundays and/or at The Chalice on Wednesdays.

GIVING

Listen to how God will invite your generosity. One approach is to take a breath, become calm, and simply pray, "God, how are you inviting me to give?" Then await the answer. Though God may stretch you, God will not ask you to give more than you are able. If each of us follows this invitation, those who are able will be able to give more. Others may offer smaller, yet fruitful seeds. Giving through General Tithes and Offerings, the Imagine Campaign, Online Giving, or Benevolence will impact lives each day.

SERVICE

Ideas include yet are not limited to volunteering for a ministry such as Children and Youth, reaching out to someone who could use encouragement, or sharing your talent in Resurrection's Music Ministry. Sign-up for *The Daily Cup* email for more ideas.

SHARING

Ideas include drinking from your cup at work or among friends to open conversations with others. You don't need to sound preachy or religious. Let your Resurrection cup remind you to just be real and have fun living your faith. Talk about such things as how you find peace, what prayer means to you, and how Resurrection MCC has added value and meaning to your life.

Sign up to participate in this Lenten Journey in the Gathering Place after worship services today!

The Chalice

opening...receiving...offering
Life in Fullness

APRIL 1

Community Soup Supper – 6:00 - 6:30 pm

Spiritual Deepening – 6:30 - 7:00 pm

Life Development Offerings – 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Join us as we Find Our Way through the journey of Lent with *The Chalice*!

Beginning each Wednesday in March and through the first Wednesday in April, we will gather and share our Lenten journeys with a community Soup Supper from 6:00 - 6:30 pm, a time of shared Spiritual Deepening from 6:30 - 7:00 pm, and three open small-group offerings to choose from as we draw near to God in Contemplative Practice, Scripture Study, and in Reflection for Social Action.

Come for one, some or all – let us journey and together Find Our Way!

HOLY WEEK

A Service of Discipleship
Wednesday, April 8, 7 pm

An open contemplative service of discipleship and simple invitational washing ritual.

And during supper, Jesus, knowing that his Heavenly Parent had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet ...

-- John 13:3-5

A Seder Celebration of God's Liberating Faithfulness
Thursday, April 9, 7 pm

A community gathering and ritual meal in celebration of our freedom in God's steadfast love!

When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; I tell you, I will not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." Then he took the cup ...

-- Luke 22:14-17

A Good Friday Meditation on Jesus' Journey through the Stations of the Cross
Friday, April 10, 7 pm

A reflective journey into the heart of holy compassion, broken open on the path of the cross.

Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Humanity is betrayed. Get up, let us be going ...

-- Matthew 26:45-46

A Sip from The Chalice

Spiritual Deepening Practice
On the Journey of Lent

What is Lent?

Lent is a 40-day liturgical season that begins on Ash Wednesday and concludes at Easter. Sundays are not included in the 40-day count because every Sunday is a joyful celebration of Jesus' resurrection. Though not biblical, Lent has long been a tradition in the Christian Church, and it is thought that the tradition of the 40 days recalls the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness, fasting and being tempted by Satan (Matthew 4:1-11). Because of Lent's reflective and penitential nature, worship tends to be more solemn, and purple is the liturgical color of the season. As with many congregations, Resurrection holds mid-week worship services which include devotional activities to share the Lenten disciplines such as service, fasting and prayer in community with one another.

Palm Sunday begins the last week of Lent, known as Holy Week. Holy Week celebrations at Resurrection include a Foot Washing Service on Wednesday based on John 13 ("Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet"), a Liberation Seder on Maundy Thursday based on Christ's "Last Supper" (including the institution of the Sacrament of Holy Communion and the mandate to serve one another in love), and a Good Friday service which commemorates Jesus' imprisonment, trial and death by crucifixion. Lent culminates on Easter, when Christians gather and celebrate the resurrection of Christ.

God became flesh in Jesus Christ. Jesus faced temptation, he suffered hunger and thirst, he suffered the agony of crucifixion. Jesus did not face these things so that we would be exempt from them, he faced these things so that we would have dignity in them. Jesus came in the flesh and dwelt among us, and suffered hunger and thirst and heat and cold and betrayal and loneliness, and finally also pain and agony and death upon the cross, and in this "journeying with/in humanity" he gave dignity to all who suffer. When, for a day or season, we are overcome by grief or despair and find that we cannot "snap out of it," when we usually rely on our own ability to "think positive" but we find we cannot just "look on the bright side of things" at some point, as Christians we find that Jesus meets us there! In hopelessness we find our hope in Christ and there we can endure unhappiness and sadness and loneliness, we can survive poverty and hunger and thirst; we can face mourning and grief and even death, because Jesus faced all those things! We come to know that Jesus brings life in the very place of death; we can face our own crucifixions in life, because we know that Jesus is "alive and well, his spirit is within us" because he died to live again!

Lent is a time to live our friendship with Jesus. Let us be bold to join him, fasting in the wilderness for forty days during Lent; let us live the journey of our faith – friends of Jesus, alive in God – through these weeks ahead.

Get Connected to a First Impressions Ministry

Stop by the Gathering Place after services and find out more about exciting volunteer opportunities!

Concierge Desk

Eliot Perez

Concierge@ResurrectionMCC.org

Do you like to help people feel welcome and included?

We need loving, warm and friendly people to serve at the Concierge Desk, located in the Gathering place, before and after both Sunday Worship Services! This desk helps welcome new friends, provide them with a free gift, and help them get connected.

Inspirations Coffee Cafe & Gift Shop

Dawn Ashbrook

Inspirations@ResurrectionMCC.org

Looking for new friendly faces and volunteers for this ministry! Provide outstanding customer service in an atmosphere of fellowship for people to make connections.

Second Family Care Partners

Kristia Ammerman

SecondFamily@ResurrectionMCC.org

This care team acts as extended family and friends, offering emotional, practical, and spiritual support. Meets for lunch 1st Sun. at 12:30 pm.

Ushers

Dave Mathis

Ushers@ResurrectionMCC.org

We need ushers for 9 & 11 am Sunday Worship Services. Teams serve one service (either 9 or 11 am) each month. Remember, "No one is *JUST* an usher."

Welcome Team

Jason Sowders

Welcome@ResurrectionMCC.org

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

We want to welcome people to the church and help them get to where they need to go. Team members are positioned at every door and sidewalk, greeting people with a smile and kind word, offering directions or answering questions.

If you have questions or would like to join any of these teams, email the team lead (listed above) or contact Jason Wood at Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org or 832-971-0354.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Resurrection MCC is so blessed to have a number of music groups to minister at our worship services. Solo or professional quality voices are not necessary to be a part of these groups. Below is a list of the groups and when they meet. Please take some time to consider being a part of Resurrection MCC's music ministry.

GOSPEL ENSEMBLE

Tuesdays • 7 pm

Directed by Cassandra White, this group sings music in the African-American Gospel tradition, traditional Spirituals and contemporary music of all types. Reading music is not required for this group, but the ability to match pitch and sing a part separate from the melody is.

SANCTUARY CHOIR

Tuesdays • 7 pm

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

RESURRECTION SINGERS

Mondays • 7 pm

This is our newest group. Reading music would be very helpful and being comfortable on a separate microphone.

ANGELS IN MOTION

Second & Fourth Saturdays • 1 pm

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

HEAVENSOUND HANDBELLS

Sundays • 1:30 pm

Currently there are several open spots in the handbell choir. Interested people need to have some music reading skills. Experience in ringing is not required. The director, Jim Winslett, will teach anyone the techniques of ringing.

RESURRECTION ORCHESTRA

Weekly rehearsal day has not been determined. We currently have about 6 people interested in beginning this new group, however, we need a few more to have a balanced instrumentation. Reading music is essential, as is having your own instrument (other than percussion).

If you have interest in any of these groups, please email Worship@ResurrectionMCC.org

Hello Resurrection Friends and Family!

So, you're asking yourself...What is this "Cluster Conference thing" anyway? Well, let us begin our Lay Delegate series of explanation and information.

This "Cluster Conference thing" is an event we are hosting here at Resurrection with some of our friends from 5 other MCC churches in our region, Region 6. Clergy, Board of Directors, Lay Delegates, friends and members from Central Texas MCC from the Heart (Waco), Harbor MCC (Galveston), MCCAustin at Freedom Oaks, MCC of Corpus Christi and MCC San Antonio will be joining us for the weekend of April 24-26, which also happens to be our 37th Anniversary!

The weekend will include times of Praise and Worship on Friday night and a Saturday morning devotion. Meetings held throughout the day on Saturday will include discussions on Global Ministry, Leadership, and Local Ministry. This is a time to learn and share with our siblings in Christ from different churches in our area. The Business Meeting will include a time to consider the two candidates for Moderator and the election of our Region 6 Elder. This business meeting is open to everyone. This is where we, your Lay Delegates, represent the membership of Resurrection in the discussions and voting. Saturday night ends with a Jason and deMarco concert not to be missed!

Sunday Worship will include an anniversary celebration with Rev. Elder Darlene Garner preaching!

We, your Lay Delegates, invite you to register and attend the weekend with us as we greet, meet, learn and share with others. If you have questions, ask us – that's why you elected us! We will have more information for you in the coming weeks – so stay tuned!

–Kecia, Vicki, Anne, Charles, Jerry and Kedric

Landscape & Facilities Workday

**Saturday, 9 am - Noon
April 4**

*Spring Maintenance and Preparing
the Campus for the Region 6 Cluster
Conference*



Mark your calendars on Saturday, April 4 for fellowship and participation as we work together to care for our church campus. Tasks will include weeding, trash pickup, organizing interior rooms, painting, and general cleaning.

We need people willing to help organize plus individuals able to lead tasks. We will also need individuals to organize refreshments.

Please email Craig@ResurrectionMCC.org for more information or to indicate your willingness to participate.

New Members' Class

Tuesday, April 7

6 - 8:30 pm

Gathering Place / Dinner Served

Join Rev. Janice, Rev. Kristen, and Jason to discuss the mission, vision, and values of Resurrection MCC, to discover our connection to the world through our affiliation with the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, and to join this family of faith in purpose, service, and fellowship!

To register, contact Jason Wood,
Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org
or 713-861-9149 x105.

Download the Spiritual Gifts Assessment
from www.ResurrectionMCC.org,

SAFE TOUR

Jason & deMarco

Saturday, April 25 • 6:00 pm

FREE CONCERT

Resurrection
Metropolitan Community Church

Resurrection MCC
proudly hosts the

Region 6 Cluster Conference

April 24 - 26

This gathering includes Central Texas MCC from the Heart (Waco), Harbor MCC (Galveston), MCC Austin at Freedom Oaks, MCC of Corpus Christi, MCC San Antonio, and Resurrection MCC.

Business includes the election of a Regional Elder and a vote on the two candidates for Moderator. More info at www.ResurrectionMCC.org



Be A Miracle!

Did you know? We have had around 100 students who have visited and registered with our Children's Church in the Activities Building in the past year. Each week, children age 4-12 are invited to learn more about God in fun and meaningful ways. Our Resurrection families continue to grow!

Our Activities Building continues to improve. What was once a dusty storage unit, is being converted into a thriving center with kid-friendly classrooms and a useful work area for volunteer teachers!

We currently have several loving and faithful volunteers who give up one weekend a month to serve God by guiding one of our most precious community gifts ...our children!

Unfortunately, even with all the success we have seen in these past two months, we still struggle each season of service to keep our program going due to lack of volunteer support. We only had four people in our entire church who showed up to help with the Children's ministry on training day. Do our children deserve our best? If you possess the ability to love our children, join the Children's ministry team today. Let God and our team help you with providing you with the skills to teach or aide with teaching. Contact Joel Palomares at Joel@ResurrectionMCC.org if you care about our kids. Be a miracle today...love our children.

The Children's Ministry Celebrates the Houston Family!

The Children's Ministry would like to recognize the Houston Family for their commitment to Christ. During our winter Season of Service, the Houston family attended Children's Church more than any other family! Parents Angela and Jessica work long hours yet they honor their precious girls (Kierra,

Andra'nique, and Janaya) by never forgetting to allow God into their family's life everyday and especially on Sundays! The girls spread God's love to all those around them: Kierra can be seen organizing snacks for the younger children; Andra'nique shares hugs with her teachers; Janaya never forgets to offer up Jesus in special prayer every week! Houston family, you are our special shining stars radiant with God's love! We are so proud to lift you up as our family of the season!




DRUMMING  **CIRCLE**

Saturday, April 4, 3:00 - 4:30 pm
Gathering Place

The drumming circle is open to ALL, and requires no prior experience with drumming. Join us! For more information, contact Denise Junious, DrummingCircle@ResurrectionMCC.org.

Drumming Circle is hosted monthly on the first Saturday.

 **SUNDAY MARCH 29th 2009**
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THE BRAZOS RIVER BOTTOM
THE 3rd ANNUAL
PLAYBOY BUNNY REJECT SHOW
AND
BUNNY REJECT OF THE YEAR 2009-2010 CONTEST
SERVING A TRADITIONAL EASTER DINNER @ 6:00 P.M.
WITH HAM, TATERS, VEGGIES & DESERT TOO FOR \$5.00 A PLATE
SHOW TIME @ 7:30 P.M.
BENEFITING
THE PWA HOLIDAYS CHARITIES
L V L PWA CAMP OUTS
ALSO ACCEPTING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD DONATIONS
FOR RESURRECTION M.C.C. FOOD PANTRY



High & Lifted Up!

There's no greater high in life then working for God's people in the area of prayer. Resurrection is searching for a new Facilitator for The Fishers Net Prayer Ministry.

Chris De John, (present Facilitator), has moved to Austin, and will interact as a Liaison Assistant to the ministry.

Facilitator Qualifications:

1. gifted in and knowledgeable about intercessory prayer
2. able to maintain appropriate confidentiality
3. organized and dependable

Facilitator Duties:

1. support the prayer needs of the members and friends of Resurrection
2. maintain prayer petition forms and prayer box
3. coordinate a monthly prayer circle leader/altar intercessor schedule
4. be a resource and example to ministry volunteers and congregation about the power and importance of prayer

Time Commitment:

four or more hours a month

Term:

one year

Interested individuals please contact Jason Wood.
Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org or 713-861-9149 x105.

Stewardship Thought for the Week

*True Giving is done without
the slightest trace of expecting to receive.*

~ Alice R. Pratt

Board Members on Duty

Vicki Hopper & Flo Perry

Board Minutes Available Upon Request.



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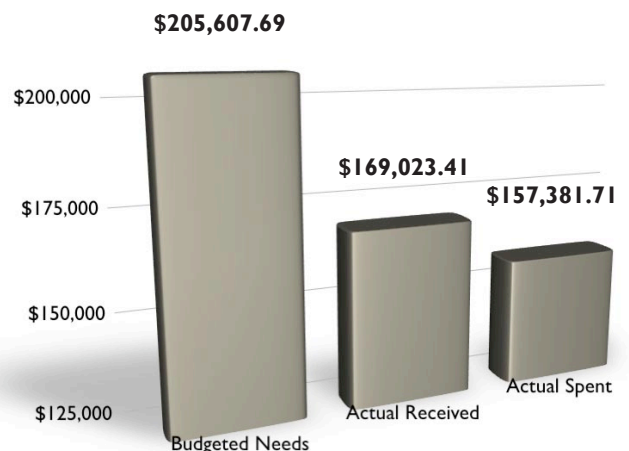
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Sign up on the Flower Chart in the Welcome Area.

General Fund Financial Report

Week Ending March 22, 2009

		Week		Year
<i>Tithes & Offerings</i>				
3/22/09	9:00 am	102	\$2,251.00	\$45,364.95
3/22/09	11:00 am	350	\$6,266.62	\$80,197.05
3/18/09	6:30 pm	29	\$83.00	\$1,401.00
Special Services				\$1,901.27
Online Giving			\$871.67	\$12,594.61
Other Contributions			\$1,206.67	\$21,139.04
Total	481		\$10,948.96	\$162,597.92
<i>Other General Fund Income</i>				
Fundraising				\$1,185.48
Miscellaneous			\$100.00	\$5,240.01
Total Received			\$11,048.96	\$169,023.41
Budgeted Need			\$17,653.85	\$205,607.69
Total Surplus / (Deficit)			(\$6,604.89)	(\$36,584.28)
Total Imagine Capital Campaign			\$1,088.34	\$27,958.68



This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

SUNDAY

MARCH 29

9:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson

10:15 am Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry *Chapel*

10:45 am Youth Ministries Program *Activities Building*

11:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson

1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Music Room*

MONDAY

MARCH 30

6:00 pm Board of Directors Meeting *Gathering Place*

6:30 pm Resurrection Singers Rehearsal *Music Room*

6:45 pm Pride Band - Small Group Rehearsal *Chapel*

TUESDAY

MARCH 31

7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous *Gathering Place*

7:00 pm Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal *Music Room*

7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal *Chapel*

WEDNESDAY

APRIL 1

6:00 pm The Chalice: Community Meal *Activities Building*

6:30 pm The Chalice: Spiritual Deepening *Sanctuary*

7:00 pm The Chalice: Contemplative Practice (Open) *Chapel*

7:00 pm The Chalice: Scripture Study (Open) *Sanctuary*

7:00 pm The Chalice: Social Action (Open) *Music Room*

7:00 pm Pride Band Rehearsal *Activities Building*

THURSDAY

APRIL 2

No Events Scheduled.

FRIDAY

OFFICE CLOSED

APRIL 3

No Events Scheduled.

SATURDAY

APRIL 4

9:00 am Landscape & Facilities Workday

12:00 pm OWLS Luncheon *Gathering Place*

3:00 pm Drumming Circle *Gathering Place*

SUNDAY

PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 5

9:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson

10:15 am Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry *Chapel*

10:45 am Youth Ministries Program *Activities Building*

11:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson

12:30 pm Second Family Care Partners Luncheon *Act Bldg #104*

1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Music Room*