

Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

April 19, 2009

Our Community Gathers

Rev. Dwayne Johnson & Mark Eggleston

+ Exchange of Peace

+ Opening Hymn

HYMN TO JOY

Joyful, Joyful We Adore You

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore you, God of glo - ry, God of love;
2 All your works with joy sur - round you, earth and heaven re - flect your rays,
3 You are giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blessed,
4 Mor - tals, join the might - y cho - rus which the morn - ing stars be - gan;

Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore you, open - ing to the sun a - bove.
Stars and an - gels sing a - round you, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!
Bound - less love is reign - ing o'er us, re - con - cil - ing race and clan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the storms of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flower - y mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Lov - ing Spir - it, Fa - ther, Moth - er, all who love be - long to you;
Ev - er sing - ing, move we for - ward, faith - ful in the midst of strife,

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, teach us what our praise should be.
Teach us how to love each oth - er, by that love our joy re - new.
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us on - ward in the tri - umph song of life.

We Worship

Sung to the music of Beethoven's *Hymn to Joy*, this text is a perfect accompaniment to the Great 50 Days of Easter. It is a hymn of spiritual springtime as "hearts unfold like flowers. . ." The lyricist, Henry van Dyke, wrote the text in 1907, inspired by the glory of the Berkshires in Massachusetts. Henry van Dyke's distinguished career included service as Professor of English Literature at Princeton, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, President of the National Institute of Arts and Letters, and Chair of the committee that compiled the Presbyterian Book of Common Worship. When asked about his hymn, he described it as "a hymn of trust and joy and hope."

+ Invocation

Rev. Mona Lopez

+ Please rise in body or spirit.

We Hear the Word

In Acts 4:33, Luke makes it clear that the source of extraordinary behavior is the resurrection of Jesus: "The apostles continued to testify with great power to the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and great grace was upon them all." The resurrection is the demonstration of the power of God over all the powers of sin, death, and destruction in the world. It is also the power to transform the lives of those who believe.

~ Cynthia M. Campbell,
Feasting on the Word
(Year B), 386

Special Music

Resurrection Singers

Lord I Lift Your Name on High

Words & Music by Rick Founds
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First Reading

Aileen North (9 am)
Jubi Headley (11 am)

Acts 4:32-35; 1 John 1:1-4

The community of believers was of one soul and one heart. None of them claimed anything as their own; rather, everything was held in common. The apostles continued to testify with great power to the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them and lay the money at the apostles' feet. It was then distributed to each as any had need.

* * * *

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard and seen with our own eyes and have looked at and touched with our hands: the Word, who is Life - this is what we declare to you.

That life came to be; we saw it and bear witness to it. We proclaim to you the eternal life which was with Abba God and was manifested to us. What we have seen and heard we declare to you, so that you may be one with us - as we are one with Abba God and with the Only Begotten, Jesus Christ. We write this so that our joy may be complete.

Sung Response

**All: You came from heaven to earth
To show the way
From the earth to the cross
My debt to pay
From the cross to the grave
From the grave to the sky
Lord, I lift your name on high**

+ Gospel Reading

Sharon Maudlin (9 am)
Jules Gauvin (11 am)

John 20:19-21

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were locked in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the temple authorities. Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Having said this, the savior showed them the marks of crucifixion.

The disciples were filled with joy when they saw Jesus, who said to them again, "Peace be with you." Then Jesus said: "As God sent me, so I'm sending you."

Anthem

Gospel Ensemble

The Best is Yet to Come
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Spiritual Encouragement

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

Living the Cup

Making Ministry Happen

Kedric Brown

Offertory

HeavenSound Handbells

Abbot's Leigh

By Cyril V. Taylor. Arranged by Lee J. Afdahl

Communion

Rev. Janice Ladd & Jason Wood

Introduction to Communion

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Invitation to the Feast

Communion Songs

I Can Only Imagine

I can only imagine what it will be like when I walk by your side
I can only imagine what my eyes will see when your face is before me
I can only imagine

Surrounded by Your glory, what will my heart feel
Will I dance for you Jesus or in awe of you be still
Will I stand in your presence or to my knees will I fall
Will I sing hallelujah, will I be able to speak at all
I can only imagine

I can only imagine when that day comes and I find myself standing in the Son
I can only imagine when all I will do is forever, forever worship you
I can only imagine

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.

We Sing

We sing as a body during the distribution of the elements. If you do not wish to sing, please be in an attitude of prayer for those who wish to meditate during this time.

Christ has died.
Christ has risen.
Christ will come again.

Communion Songs

Lord I Lift Your Name on High

Lord, I lift your name on high. Lord, I love to sing your praises.
I'm so glad you're in my life. I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way
From the earth to the cross my debt to pay
From the cross to the grave from the grave to the sky
Lord, I lift your name on high

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art, How great thou art.
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

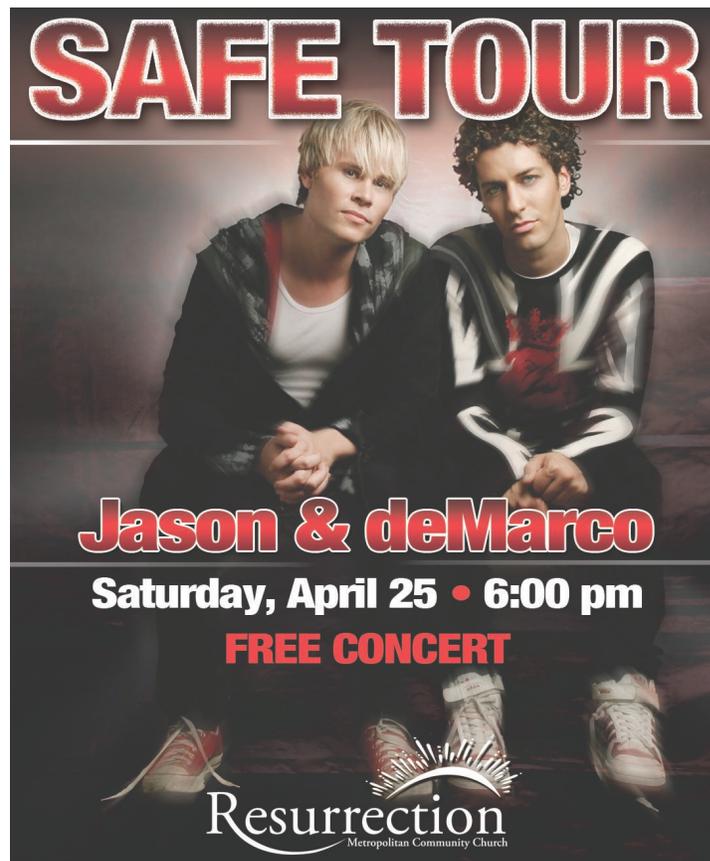
Rev. Janice Ladd

+ Benediction

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

+ Postlude

Joel Hammett



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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.

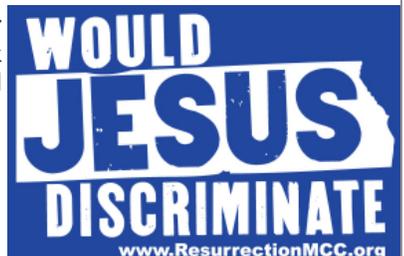
We believe in the saving grace of Jesus Christ and the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit.

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!



Equality Ministry:

Developing a Common Language, Part I

by Flo Perry, Equality Ministry Team Lead

In order to develop a common language, the Equality Ministry will provide the definition-and in some cases the context-of terms that are commonly used when discussing equality, diversity and inclusiveness so that our community is able to engage in meaningful dialogue around these issues. This common language will be developed over the course of 2009 through regular excerpts in the Sunday bulletin. These definitions were developed by the Anti-Defamation League.

The Basics...

Social Equality is a social state of affairs in which certain different people have the same status in a certain respect, at the very least in voting rights, freedom of speech and assembly, the extent of property rights as well as the access to education, health care and other social securities.

Social Inequality is the expression of lack of access to housing, health care, education, employment opportunities, and status. It is the exclusion of people from full and equal participation in what we, the members of society, perceive as being valuable, important personally worthwhile and socially desirable.

Culture is the pattern of daily life learned consciously and unconsciously by a group of people. These patterns can be seen in language, governing practices, arts, customs, holiday celebrations, food, religion, dating rituals and clothing to name a few examples.

Diversity means different or varied. The population of the United States is made up of people from diverse races, cultures and places.

Multicultural means many or multiple cultures. The United States is multicultural because its population consists of people from many different cultures.

Resurrection MCC
proudly hosts the

Region 6 Cluster Conference

April 24 - 26

This gathering includes Central Texas MCC from the Heart (Waco), 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. Info at www.ResurrectionMCC.org



Thursday, April 30

*Benefiting
AIDS Foundation Houston*

www.diningoutforlife.com

Dine Out, Fight AIDS

On Thursday, April 30, restaurants across Houston will unite in the fight against HIV/AIDS. Each restaurant will generously donate 33% of food bills all day long. In 2008 with the help of great Houston restaurants, AFH raised over \$80,000 in support for their programs and services such as housing, case management, and food assistance for nearly 5,000 HIV+ men, women, and children.

Our newest social group, Friday Night OUT, has generously agreed to change their normal night out (just for April) to THURSDAY, to participate and support this important cause.

See advertisement below for the time and location, and join us for delicious food and conversation!

Equality Ministry Meeting

TODAY 12:30 pm

Activities Building #108

*Join us for lunch as we discuss
our upcoming projects.*

*Questions or to Sign up:
Equality@ResurrectionMCC.org*

Friday Night OUT April 30, 7 pm



Join us on THURSDAY this month for
dinner at Tila's Restaurante & Bar

**1111 S. Shepherd (on the curve)
713.522.7654
www.tilas.com**

*For more information, or to join the email list for the group,
email NightOUT@ResurrectionMCC.org*

The Chalice

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

WEDNESDAYS

*The Promise of the Cup:
Seeking the Presence of God
we become that which we seek.*

Community Meal

6:00 - 6:30 pm | Activities Building
simple supper, open to all

Spiritual Deepening

6:30 - 7:00 pm | Sanctuary
*new & ancient practices of prayer,
meditation & worship*

Life Development Offerings

7:00 - 8:30 pm
*three classes, many paths . . .
where will you journey?*

A Sip from The Chalice

Spiritual Deepening Practice

Guided Scriptural Meditation: Luke 24 – After: Life

You can begin by sitting down in a comfortable position, closing your eyes. Sit with your back erect, without being strained or overarched. Take a few deep breaths, relax your body. Feel your energy settle into your body and into the moment.

Now listen to these words of Scripture and gently allow yourself to perceive a transformed awareness:

**"Why do you look for the living among the dead?
Jesus is not here; he has risen!"**

Instead of finding themselves in a place of something lost in death, the women had been invited into a place of something lifted into new life.

From your own "unexpectedly open place" breathe gently in, out, in, out ...

Breathe in: "Lifted ..."
Breathe out: "To new life ..."
Breathe in: "Lifted ..."
Breathe out: "To new life ..."
Breathe in: "Lifted ..."
Breathe out: "To new life ..."

When you feel ready, open your eyes ... to new life.

Offering One

Open to All

THE OPEN DOOR

APRIL 22 | SANCTUARY

Jesus lived with the awareness that God is doing something, right here, right now, and anybody can be a part of it. Wherever he went, whatever he did, Jesus started discussions about what matters most, because for Jesus, God is always inviting us to open our eyes and join in...

The Open Door Discussion Series

A facilitated open discussion using the short NOOMA films as a jumping-off place for personal reflection and shared engagement with our journeys of faith.

The Open Door - She

We didn't have anything to do with our birth. We are all here because some woman somewhere gave us life. Her pain, her effort, for our life. And when a mother gives like that to a child, she is showing us what God is like. But sometimes this part of God's nature is overlooked. A lot of us are comfortable with male imagery for God. But what about female imagery for God? Is God limited to a gender? Or does God transcend and yet include what we know as male and female? Maybe if we were more aware of the feminine imagery for God we would have a better understanding of who God is and what God is like.

Offering Two

Open to All

THE WORK OF LOVE: GOD, SCRIPTURE & HOMOSEXUALITY

APRIL 22 & 29 | MUSIC ROOM

We are looking for love in all the RIGHT places! Join us as together we will read the Bible in companionship with the Holy Spirit so that ALL God's children might know and proclaim God's presence in our lives and God's love for ALL of us!

Offering Three

Open to All

DISCOVERING MY MINISTRY - SPIRITUAL GIFTS

APRIL 22 & 29 | GATHERING PLACE

As the body of Christ, the church functions, "...as each part does its work." (Ephesians 4:16b)

As a community we are interrelated and interdependent. Finding our part in the body comes from discovering and utilizing our spiritual gifts.

Jason will facilitate this class to help each person discover and develop their spiritual gifts; place members in a meaningful ministry that best suits their unique gifts and abilities; and stimulate creativity in gifted people for developing new ministries. Join us as we find our unique fit in the body of Christ and build up our community.

This class, offered quarterly, will change your life! If you would like to RSVP or find out more information about this offering e-mail me at Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org.

In Christ's Love,
Jason Wood, Director of Connections
Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org
713-861-9149 x105



Easter "Eggs"travaganza a Hopping Success Due to Loving Volunteers!

The Children's Ministry would like to express a big thank you to all the volunteers and clergy who made the Easter "Eggs"travaganza a hopping success! Over 40 children experienced live animals, egg races, face painting, and yummy sweets! Special thanks to Rev. Kristen for organizing communion, Pepe for cleaning up, and Craig for organizing the use of the building. Outstanding children's ministry volunteers included Wendy Rea, Sue Schreiber, Dave Mathis, Alicia Resson, Kimberly Wright, Jennifer Riley, Billy Stevens, Georgette Monaghan, Catalina De La Garza, Bill O'Rourke, Milton Resson, Lily Chu, John Taylor, Courtney Arnett, Socorro Palomares, Joe Palomares, Wendy Hand, Henry Pula. To those mistakenly mistakenly left out, please know you are not unappreciated. Without all of your help, this event would not have been possible!

Congregation, as our children grow don't miss out on an opportunity to experience their awesome beauty! Volunteer to be a part of this rejuvenated ministry today and make a difference in our church's future! Contact Joel@ResurrectionMCC.org today!

Stay tuned for a Mother's Day Out and a Summer Splash! Great things are happening at Resurrection!



Be A Miracle!

by Joel Palomares
Youth Ministries Program Coordinator

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

Our Activities Building, 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 share one weekend a month with God, one another, and our kids in service by guiding our most precious community gifts . . . our children!

As exciting and wonderful as our "Youth Ministries Program" has become, we still struggle each Season of Service to keep our program going due to lack of volunteer support. If you possess the ability to love our children, join the Youth Ministries Program team today! Let me, your fellow team members and God help to provide you with all you need to journey with our children once a month. Contact Joel Palomares at Joel@ResurrectionMCC.org if you will be a miracle today. Let's love our children!

Why Become a Legacy Giver?



- To stimulate our worship experience through audio/visual enhancements.
- To forge new friendships through a revitalized, enlarged Welcome Center.
- To design a space that will transform lives by converting the Activities Building into the Life Development Center.
- To create committed leaders for tomorrow through expanded children and youth programs.
- To inspire adults to vitality and wholeness through increased education, wellness, community involvement, and spiritual growth opportunities.
- To reach millions with the *Would Jesus Discriminate?* billboard and marketing campaign.
- To impact the lives of those oppressed through further partnerships with organizations focused on social justice.
- To create financial health and long-term stability through increased payments on our debt.

Commitment cards may be picked up at The Concierge Desk and Sanctuary entrances. Please return in offering basket or by mail.

Easter Lily Dedications

*Dedicated to my mother, Lupe, sister, Diana,
niece, Mimi, and brother, Gilbert.*
Rose Rivera

Dedicated to David.
Rob & Joe

*Dedicated to my brother,
Kirk Hannond - Special Olympics.*
Mary Nay

Dedicated to my mother, Ada Lou Smith Bowie.
Ada Bowie

DRUMMING CIRCLE

Saturday, May 2, 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.



Holy Union Preparation Seminar

Sunday, May 10
12:45 - 3 pm
Act. Bldg #104

Are you and your partner thinking about having a Holy Union?

Designed to help couples discuss relationship matters while keeping Christ in the center of their relationship, this seminar is the recommended first step to having a Holy Union performed by Resurrection clergy.

To register, email Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org

Care for our environment by recycling newspapers, magazines, catalogs and junk mail in the containers in our parking lot.



In 2008, we recycled 30 tons of paper, a 12% increase over 2007.

We now have two collection bins as this program grows. We receive cash based on the weight of the paper collected.



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DON'T BE LATE... for this very important date!



2nd Annual Un Soiree Pelouse
in WONDERLAND
Sunday, April 26, 2009 at 4 PM
Rich's, Houston TX

* Event Theme Costume Required *

With performances by: Anita Bump - Kim Kuzma - Eric Alan
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To Benefit: AssitHers and Houston Buyers Club



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Ticket sales after 9 and 11am services on 4/19 & 4/26.



Honor Earth Day

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

Saturday, April 25, 10 am - 2 pm
Lazybrook Baptist Church, 1822 West 18th Street

City of Houston Household Hazardous Waste personnel will be conducting a Batteries, Oil, Paint and Anti-freeze (BOPA) collection.

The Mobil BOPA equipment permits accepting only: automotive style (wet cell) batteries, dry cell batteries of all types and especially rechargeable batteries - Nickel Cadmium, Nickel Metal Hydride and Lithium Ion, paint of all types and paint related products, used motor oil (5-gallon limit per family), oil filters, antifreeze and other petroleum based auto products - but no gasoline. All liquids are required to be in sealed, non-leaking containers. The original container with label is preferable. Repackaged items must be labeled as to contents. This is a rain or shine event.

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 • 6:30 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



Mr. Prime Choice Texas 2009 Contest



**April 25, 2009
9:00 PM**

**Masters of Ceremony:
Steve Carbone &
Laur van Valkenburg**



For more information & an application
see below or visit
The Ripcord or Black Hawk Leather



Our Food Pantry is a Beneficiary of this Event

Stewardship Thought for the Week

One day I decided to take a risk. You must be willing to risk losing everything if you are serious about getting anything. I risked my life, my resources, my need to be right, and the fear of being afraid, and asked God to show me myself as God saw me. The vision was so spectacular, I have spent the last twelve years of my life running to keep up with all the good things that have been happening. And, you know what? None of what I am experiencing is what I asked for, and all of it is better than I would have ever dared to ask for.

~ Iyanla Vanzant, *One Day My Soul Just Opened Up*, 279

Board Members on Duty

Debbie Skelly & Wayne Wiggins

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Pamela Efferson, Realtor

Flowers in the Sanctuary

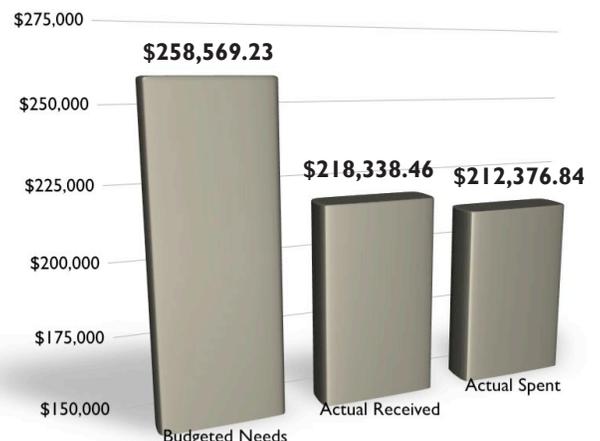
Otto, in celebration of our 46 years together.

-- Joe

General Fund Financial Report

Week Ending April 12, 2009

		Week	Year
<i>Tithes & Offerings</i>			
4/12/09	9:00 am	181	\$3,167.85
4/12/09	11:00 am	626	\$11,161.67
4/08/09	6:30 pm	31	\$95.00
	Special Services	133	\$705.76
	Online Giving		\$1,242.61
	Other Contributions		\$1,705.00
	Total	971	\$18,077.89
<i>Other General Fund Income</i>			
	Fundraising		\$39.00
	Miscellaneous		\$200.00
	Total Received		\$18,316.89
	Budgeted Need		\$17,653.85
	Total Surplus / (Deficit)		\$663.04 (\$40,230.77)
Total Imagine Capital Campaign		\$1,155.00	\$34,804.68



This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

SUNDAY

APRIL 19

- 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 Equality Ministry Meeting *Activities Building #108*
 12:30 pm Unbinding Prayer Group *Chapel*
 1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Music Room*

MONDAY

APRIL 20

- 6:30 pm Anointing Rehearsal *Sanctuary*
 6:30 pm Resurrection Singers Rehearsal *Music Room*
 6:45 pm Pride Band - Small Group Rehearsal *Chapel*

TUESDAY

APRIL 21

- 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous *Gathering Place*
 7:00 pm Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal *Music Room*
 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal *Chapel*

WEDNESDAY

APRIL 22

- 6:00 pm The Chalice: Community Meal *Activities Building*
 6:30 pm The Chalice: Spiritual Deepening *Sanctuary*
 7:00 pm The Chalice: Open Door (Open) *Sanctuary*
 7:00 pm The Chalice: Work of Love (Open) *Music Room*
 7:00 pm The Chalice: Spiritual Gifts (Open) *Gathering Place*
 7:00 pm Houston Pride Band Rehearsal *Activities Building*

THURSDAY

APRIL 23

No Events Scheduled.

FRIDAY

OFFICE CLOSED

APRIL 24

- 9:00 am Region 6 Cluster Conference

SATURDAY

APRIL 25

- 9:00 am Region 6 Cluster Conference
 6:00 pm Jason & deMarco Concert *Sanctuary*

SUNDAY

APRIL 26

- 9:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Elder Darlene Garner**
 10:15 am Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry *Chapel*
 10:45 am Youth Ministries Program *Activities Building*
11:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Elder Darlene Garner
 2:00 pm Bayou City Performing Arts Rehearsal *Sanctuary*