



Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

5th Sunday After Pentecost

July 5, 2009

Our Community Gathers

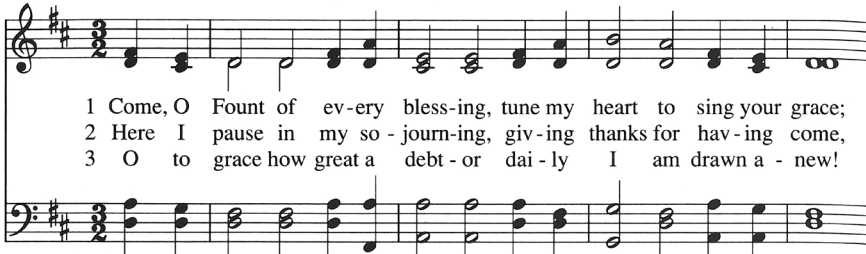
Rev. Dwayne Johnson &
Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

+ Exchange of Peace

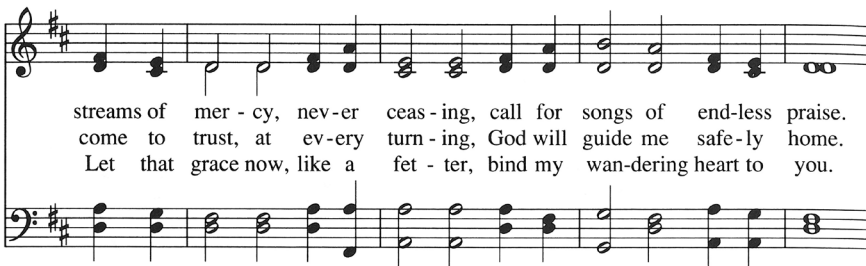
+ Opening Worship

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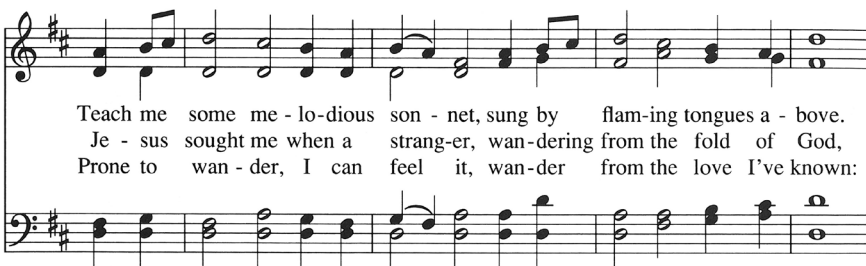
Come, O Fount of Every Blessing



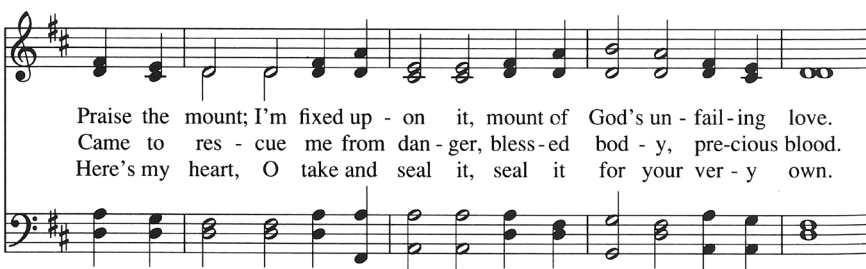
1 Come, O Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing your grace;
2 Here I pause in my so - journ-ing, giv-ing thanks for hav-ing come,
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I am drawn a - new!



streams of mer - cy, nev-er ceas-ing, call for songs of end-less praise.
come to trust, at ev-ery turn-ing, God will guide me safe-ly home.
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to you.



Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a - bove.
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God,
Prone to wan - der, I can feel it, wan-der from the love I've known:



Praise the mount; I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - fail-ing love.
Came to res - cue me from dan - ger, bless-ed bod - y, pre-cious blood.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for your ver - y own.

+ Invocation

+ Please rise in body or spirit.

Rev. Mona Lopez

We Gather

From many places
we gather here. This
is a high point of our
week. We see our
friends. We make new
friends. And we spend
time with The Friend
-- the loving Christ
who meets us where
we are, as we are. In
this Sanctuary we
worship and through
worship the courage
within us is kindled
to inspire courageous
living beyond
this place.

We Hear the Word

Communities often reject their own, as well as outsiders, as many LGBTQIA people know. The apostle Paul faces such a situation. He fights for his integrity and ministry with the Corinthians, a community he founded. Where he ought to find support, he experiences rejection. In response, Paul sarcastically and self-righteously points not to his accomplishments but to the interplay between his brokenness (the mysterious "thorn in the flesh") and God's gracious, sustaining power that he encounters precisely in his "weakness" (verses 8-10). In an amazing act of reframing, what appears as disqualifying brokenness is an opportunity for blessing: "my grace is sufficient for you" (verse 9). This is no easy cliché, but is a hard-won affirmation as the whole letter demonstrates. In the midst of rejection, Paul finds acceptance, even vindication. Paul finds sustaining solidarity with all those marginalized by communities to which they thought they belonged. Paul, such an unlikely one, is caught up in the life and death struggle of the gospel.

~ *Out in Scripture*
for Year B, July 5,
2009, adapted.

Epistle Reading

Bill O'Rourke (9 am)
Bryan Baughman (11 am)

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

² I know someone who fourteen years ago was caught up in the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know -- only God knows. ³ And I know that this person -- whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know, only God knows -- ⁴ was caught up to paradise to hear words that cannot be uttered, words that no one may speak. ⁵ About this person I will boast, but I will do no boasting about myself, unless it be about my weaknesses. ⁶ And even if I were to boast, it wouldn't be foolish of me, because I am speaking the truth.

Yet I refrain, so that no will think more of me than is justified by what I do or say. ⁷ Because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh -- a messenger of Satan to beat me -- to keep me from exalting myself! ⁸ Three times I begged God that it might leave me. ⁹ And God said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I would rather boast about my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰ So I am content with weakness, with mistreatment, with distress, with persecutions and difficulties for the sake of Christ; when I am powerless, it is then that I am strong.

Sung Response

All: Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes yes Lord.
Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes yes Lord.
Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes yes Lord. Amen!

+ Gospel Reading

Karla Johnson

Mark 6:7-13

⁷ Jesus summoned the twelve and began to send them out in pairs, giving them authority over unclean spirits. ⁸ Jesus instructed them that they should take nothing for their journey, except a mere staff -- no bread, no bag, no money in their belts. ⁹ They were to wear sandals but, he added, "Do not take a spare set of clothes."

¹⁰ And Jesus said to them, "Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave town. ¹¹ Any place that does not receive you or listen to you, as you leave it, shake off the dust from the soles of your feet as a testimony against them."

¹² And so they set off, proclaiming repentance as they went. ¹³ They cast out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

Anthem

Gospel Ensemble

The Light

Words & Music by Ricky Dillard

Spiritual Encouragement

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

Sufficient Grace

Sung Response

O to grace how great a debtor daily I am drawn anew!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to you.
Prone to wander, I can feel it, wander from the love I've known;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for your very own.

Making Ministry Happen

Rev. Janice Ladd

Offertory

Rico Sangel & Jason Wood

Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

by Chris Tomlin

Communion

Rico Sangel & Jason Wood

Introduction to Communion

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God.

All: It is right to give thanks and praise to our God.

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love amazing grace.

Invitation to the Feast

**We
Receive**

Rico will be opening the table in Tagalog, an Austronesian language spoken in the Philippines by about 22 million people. It is the basis for the national and the official language of the Philippines, Filipino.

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.

Receive God's sufficient grace - the gift of freedom is God's love.

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.

We Go Forth

God's love cannot be contained within the walls of this Sanctuary. Take the love of Christ from this place into your homes, neighborhoods and communities.

Communion Songs

Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a soul like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed

My chains are gone, I've been set free, My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains, Unending love, Amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, The sun forbear to shine
But God, Who called me here below
Will be forever mine, Will be forever mine, You are forever mine.

The Power of Your Love

Lord I come to You, Let my heart be changed, renewed
Flowing from the grace that I've found in You
Lord I've come to know the weaknesses I see in me
Will be stripped away by the power of Your love

Hold me close, Let Your love surround me
Bring me near, Draw me to Your side
And as I wait I'll rise up like the eagle and I will soar with You
Your Spirit leads me on in the power of Your love

Lord unveil my eyes, Let me see You face to face
The knowledge of Your love as You live in me
Lord renew my mind as Your will unfolds in my life
In living every day by the power of Your love

Hold me close, Let Your love surround me
Bring me near, Draw me to Your side
And as I wait I'll rise up like the eagle and I will soar with You
Your Spirit leads me on in the power of Your love

And I will soar with You, Your Spirit leads me on, In the power of Your love

Awesome God

Our God is an awesome God, and reigns from heaven above.
With wisdom, power and love, our God is an awesome God.

+ **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Jason Wood

+ **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

Wednesdays, 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!





From our New Director of Worship Arts

Greetings in the name of the Risen Christ!

I am thrilled to be joining Resurrection in service as your Director of Worship Arts! I bring to you a servant's heart, a pastoral spirit, and a passion for worship arts. Hearing Resurrection's many music groups in action has excited me, and I hope to join all of you as together we reach new levels of

praise, worship, and learning through congregational song; nothing makes my heart soar like seeing a congregation grow through the music we sing!

In the coming months I hope not only to support Resurrection's current music ministries together with their wonderful leaders, I look forward also to expanding our worship arts ministry with the inclusion of active dance, drama, puppetry, design and technology ministries. As we worship together sharing music of various styles and from a variety of backgrounds, we can rejoice together in music, both new and old, to bring the gift of challenge into our midst!

I look forward to beginning my journey with all of you on Sunday, July 12!

With a Voice of Joy,
Jace Hill, Director of Worship Arts

New Members' Class

Saturday, July 11

9 am - Noon

Gathering Place / Breakfast 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 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**

Your Board of Directors at Work

Monday, June 27, 2009

The Board of Directors' monthly meeting started at 6:00 pm with a director-provided dinner and about thirty minutes of fellowship, followed by a full meeting starting at 6:30 pm and ending approximately 10:15 pm. All Board members except two were in attendance along with Rev. Janice Ladd and Board Moderator, Rev. Dwayne Johnson.

Your Board of Directors at Work will become a regular part of the Sunday bulletin for your information, interest and connection to the work being done by your Board, highlighting one or two items it believes would be of particular interest. Board Minutes are available to members and can be requested by contacting the Clerk of the Board, Vicki Hopper at Clerk@ResurrectionMCC.org.

Tonight's agenda focused primarily on the current state of the budget with a healthy and productive discussion about how best to navigate Resurrection MCC through the sustained budget shortfall. Aside from the concern about cash flow and an operating budget constrained by a significant decrease in the Sunday and Wednesday offerings, the Board invested energy on how to best communicate this information to our congregation without creating undue angst. To better reflect the actual budget, the Board decided to reduce the budget by 5 percent. The Sunday bulletin will now reflect the restated budget.

The BOD accepted the recommendation of the by-laws committee to amend by-law V.B.2 (a) regarding board candidate eligibility and drop the (1) one year requirement. The congregation will be voting on this amendment at the October Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting. Contact Mary Wagner at Bylaws@ResurrectionMCC.org for details.

*Outreach, Wisdom, Laughter, Support:
A Ministry for Seniors & Friends*



**Tuesday
July 7, 11:30 pm
Gathering Place**

Join us for lunch and fellowship!

RSVP or Questions?
OWLS@ResurrectionMCC.org

Summer in the Spirit Worship Series

WEDNESDAYS

Each Wednesday evening in the summer months we are calling the Spirit to move among us in new and wonderful ways ...

During the months of June, July and August you are invited to our *Summer in the Spirit* Worship Series!

On Wednesday evenings from 6:30 - 7:30 join us in the Chapel for a creative worship experience imagined, fashioned and facilitated by Worship Teams led by members of our community in discernment for the ministry!

Each week a different theme, a different team, an exciting Summer evening in the Spirit!

Artists and musicians, dramatists and liturgists, contemplatives and evangelists, wise ones and witnesses – all are invited into collaboration with one another and the Spirit in the spiritual adventure of Worship!

If you are interested in joining a *Summer in the Spirit* Worship Team contact Rev. Kristen at RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org

HeavenSound Handbells Concert

Sunday, July 19
4 pm, Sanctuary

Join HeavenSound on a wild romp through a musical landscape that's as varied as the members themselves.

From the opening number filled with mysterious rhythmic pulses, through lush melodic tapestries, around whimsical riots of mayhem, across serene pools of reflection, to the majestic grandeur of the closing piece, the bell choir will cover just about everything that's possible with a bell.... and then some.

Most of the music will be pieces that are not designed for Sunday morning services, so if you want to hear them you'll have to come to the concert!



GENDER IDENTITY & OUR FAITH COMMUNITIES

PRESENTED BY THE HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN FOUNDATION
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH RESURRECTION MCC

Please join our community

for an opportunity to explore the intersections of gender identity, gender expression and our religious beliefs.

This educational workshop will help you demystify transgender experiences and invoke the compassion for diversity we are called to show all God's children.



RSVP to Gender@ResurrectionMCC.org

**Saturday, July 18
9:30 am - 12:30 pm**

Registration & Coffee, 9:00 am

Gender Identity and Our Faith Communities is a workshop utilizing curriculum based on the contributions of transgender people, their families and clergy. Drawing on a wide array of personal experiences, religious and cultural analysis, and diverse faith journeys, this workshop will empower people of faith with the knowledge and skills necessary to transform their communities and congregations into welcoming environments. Even more than this, though, our hope is that this curriculum will turn participants into advocates for transgender rights. The transgender community is one of the most discriminated against and least understood segments of our population. This segment of our community, disproportionately targeted for violent hate crimes, suffers regularly from the most severe forms of job discrimination and are far too often shunned by families and faith communities.

Leading this discussion is Meghan Stabler, a Global Strategic Marketing Executive for BMC Software; a \$7bn technology company where she helps develop and drive BMC's industry strategy and messaging. After an impressive 25 years leadership in I.T, she took on her toughest challenge and transitioned openly in the workplace at BMC Software. At BMC she helped establish understanding, communication and policies within the company to support global diversity and credits her co-workers and company DNA culture for LGBT support throughout the company.

She currently serves on the board for: AIDS Foundation Houston, Human Right Campaign's National Business Council, HRC Steering Committee's of both Houston & Austin, President Obama's National LGBT Policy Committee, AETNA Healthcare GLBT Advisory Board, and PRIDE Houston.

As a nationally recognized spokesperson and activist Meghan has appeared globally on the television, radio and print media representing a number of industry and board related issues. Meghan has used her no-nonsense approach to advise a number of international governments, including members of the US Senate and House of Representatives. In June 2008 she submitted testimony to Congress on Transgender Workplace issues, and in March 2009 she briefed the US Congressional LGBT Caucus on Gender Inclusive ENDA and DP Tax issues.

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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

Directed by Steven Ponder, 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.

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



Fishers Net Prayer Ministry A Dialogue with God

Freedom! Yesterday we celebrated our Nation's birthday, celebrating a new birth from the tyranny of the old world's politics and religious strong-hold. Today, our nation is more 'free' than most countries anywhere. Yes, there are certain 'freedoms' we do not hold, yet. But as Children of God, we are free, and as directed in Isaiah 61:1 and Luke 4:18, the Lord has anointed us to preach good news to the poor to proclaim freedom to the captives, and to call forth all God's children from shadow to light!

Oh how amazing the true freedom which comes through relationship with Jesus Christ! True and everlasting freedom, starting with true, one-on-one communications with our Creator. This week, spend some time thanking God for the freedoms we hold true now and the freedoms yet to come.

"Dearest Creator God and Almighty, Our Sovereign Parent, I thank you and praise you for true freedom from all that would have me turn away from your love. Thank you for your Light, which holds and protects me. Thank you for this beautiful land in which we live for freely. Thank you for ME, for you made me fully in your image. Amen.

Would you like to become connected? If you already receive the Mobilizer, simply open the most recent one and click on "Update profile / Email Address" at the bottom of the Mobilizer. Then make sure the box next to "Prayers and Praises" is checked. Click Save Profile Changes and you'll be set.

If you don't receive the Mobilizer, we don't have your email address in our system. Simply enter your email address on the home page of our Web site (www.ResurrectionMCC.org) under "Sign Up for Our Email Newsletter." Make sure to check both boxes on the next page to sign up for the Mobilizer, as well as the Prayers & Praises email.

Once you do, you will soon begin receiving prayer requests and can join in the dialogue with God and with each other.

Growing stronger in Christ and realizing our Prayers together.

~ Fishers Net Prayer Ministry ~

Need Prayer?
Prayers@ResurrectionMCC.org

Adult Vacation Bible School

Friday, July 24, 6 - 9 pm
Saturday, July 25, 10 am - 2 pm

"The Well is Deep": Our Unquenchable Thirst and the Living Water of Christ

Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give will never thirst. – John 4

An introduction to the 12-Steps for those journeying the Christian path, open to all!

Engaging both Scripture and 12-Step materials, this workshop is aimed to facilitate personal and spiritual reflection upon those places within each of us that ache with an "unquenchable thirst" – a desire for a sense of ease and wellness within which often feels just out of reach.

While many of us find we may soothe our longing with things of this world for a time, we often discover our "thirst" eventually returns more fiercely than ever.

Many of us seek relief for this ache with food and drink, or spending and relationships, or worry and work – anything which can distract us from our inner emptiness for a time.

For those of us who bear this "unquenchable thirst," Jesus beckons; drawing near to the well of Living Water one Step at a time will be the practice introduced during this adult VBS workshop.

Please join us for
Family dinner Friday, July 24 from 6 - 7 pm, followed by
our initial workshop session from 7 - 9 pm;
our Saturday session continues the next day
from 10 am – 2 pm!

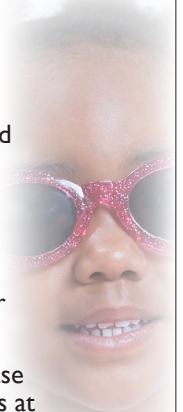
**To ask questions or register
please email Rev. Kristen at
RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org**

Vacation Bible School for Children & Youth!

Friday, July 24:
Family dinner 6 - 7 pm / Movie 7 - 9 pm
Saturday July 25: 10 am - 2 pm

Our children and youth ages 4-12 years are invited to join us in the Activities Building as we journey through the Bible with interactive stories brought to life through drama, cooking, song, arts and crafts, puppets and much, much more! Nursery care available for infants through children aged 3 years as well! The fun starts soon! Write it in your memories... Today!

To register your infants through 12-year-olds, please email Youth Ministries Coordinator Joel Palomares at Joel@ResurrectionMCC.org





Bingo Night!

Saturday, July 25

7:30 pm

(Doors open at 5:30 pm)

Join your Resurrection Family for a Night of Fun!

13030 Veterans Memorial Dr.

www.bigtexbingo.com 281-586-0700

Over \$5000 given away nightly (bingo prizes and pull tabs).

Bring your friends and family to enjoy the fun!

Friendly staff, 8-liners, bingo, pull-tabs,
full service snack bar, beer, margaritas, and more!
Beautiful, new hall - come out and see.

*Resurrection & Pride Charities
are two of the five organizations who share in the profits!*

Food Pantry

Mondays & Wednesdays, by appointment

Nonperishables Needed:

**Canned Meats, Vegetables,
Fruit, Juice, Soup, Pasta,
Rice, Beans**



SEASONS IN THE SUN... A CELEBRATION OF JACQUES BREL

International Chanteuse Deborah Boily heads a talented cast including **Rob Flebbe, Terry Jones** and **Bethany Shapiro**.

"never has a composer been translated and recorded like Brel, attracting artists from Frank Sinatra to David Bowie, Judy Collins to Cindy Lauper, Ray Charles to Rod McCuen, all eager to tell his stories. If you remember the 60's hits 'Seasons In the Sun' or 'If You Go Away,' you have heard Jacques Brel."



July 10th through August 1st
Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 - Sundays at 5:00

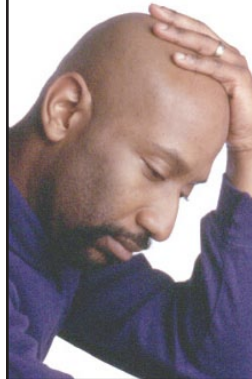
Ovations Nightclub

2536 Times Blvd. at Kirby

Tickets on sale June 1st at Main Street Theater Box Office
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Resurrection Wellness Center

\$30 weekly. Begins July 1.

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Therapist:

Tammy S. Fountain, LPC, ATR-BC

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Thursdays, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Resurrection Wellness Center

\$55 per couple weekly

10-week closed group for 5-6 couples focused on improving communication, conflict resolution, empathy and intimacy.
Begins when group is filled.

Co-Therapists:

Takis Bagdanos, LPC-I

Theresa Allen, LPC-I



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James Martinez

Saturday July, 18th

8:00 PM

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- 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
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Please return in offering basket or by mail.**

Stewardship Thought for the Week

The full joy of giving can't be experienced by watching someone else do it. We need to live out the example Christ gave us in living a life more characterized by giving than receiving.

~ Dave Farquhar

Board Members on Duty

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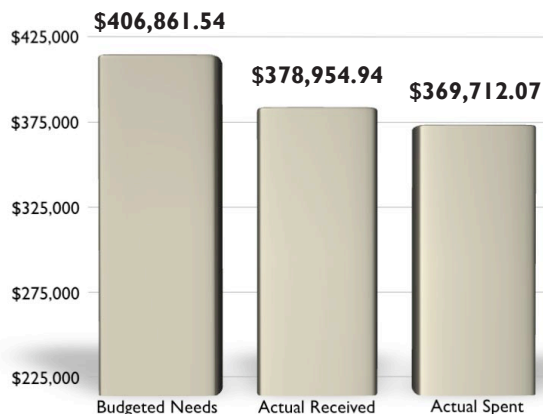
Celebrating our 3rd Anniversary!

-- Carole Wiseman & Edna Wright

General Fund Financial Report

Week Ending June 28, 2009

Tithes & Offerings			Week	Year
6/28/09	9:00 am	105	\$2,946.00	\$83,247.45
6/28/09	11:00 am	329	\$6,026.80	\$175,234.03
6/24/09	6:30 pm	32	\$39.00	\$3,363.21
Special Services				\$3,966.03
Online Giving			\$855.00	\$27,695.48
Other Contributions			\$130.00	\$51,776.73
Total		466	\$9,996.80	\$345,282.93
Other General Fund Income				
Fundraising				\$1,728.43
Miscellaneous			\$65.00	\$31,943.58
Total Received			\$10,061.80	\$378,954.94
*Budgeted Need			\$17,653.85	\$406,861.54
Total Surplus / (Deficit)			(\$7,592.05)	(\$27,906.60)
Total Imagine Capital Campaign			\$1,855.00	\$66,397.20



* Board of Directors approved a 5% reduction to the operating budget lowering the deficit by \$45,900.

This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

SUNDAY

JULY 5

- 9:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson**
 10:15 am Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry (Everyone Welcome) *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 *Activities Building*
 1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Music Room*

MONDAY

JULY 6

- 6:30 pm Anointing Rehearsal *Sanctuary*
 6:30 pm Resurrection Singers Rehearsal *Music Room*

TUESDAY

JULY 7

- 11:30 pm OWLS Luncheon *Gathering Place*
 6:30 pm Lesbian Health Initiative Board Meeting *Gathering Place*
 7:00 pm Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal *Music Room*
 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal *Sanctuary*

WEDNESDAY

JULY 8

- 6:30 pm *Summer in the Spirit* Worship *Chapel*

THURSDAY

JULY 9

- 8:00 am Nonprofit Consulting Services *Gathering Place*
 6:00 pm Budget Committee Meeting *Gathering Place*
 7:00 pm AA Steps Study (Open) *Chapel*

FRIDAY

OFFICE CLOSED

JULY 10

No Events Scheduled

SATURDAY

JULY 11

- 8:00 pm Future Clergy Meeting *Gathering Place*
 9:00 am New Members Class *Gathering Place*
 12:00 pm Teen Programming Discernment *Workroom*
 1:00 pm Angels in Motion Rehearsal *Sanctuary*

SUNDAY

JULY 12

- 9:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson**
 10:15 am Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry (Everyone Welcome) *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*