



# Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

7th Sunday After Pentecost

July 19, 2009

## Our Community Gathers

Rev. Dwayne Johnson &  
Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

### + Exchange of Peace

### + Opening Worship

#### *Let It Rise*

Let the glory of the Lord rise among us.  
Let the glory of the Lord rise among us.  
Let the praises that we sing rise among us. Let it rise.  
Oh, let it rise. Oh, let it rise.

Let the songs of the Lord rise among us.  
Let the songs of the Lord rise among us.  
Let the joy that we sing rise among us. Let it rise.  
Oh, let it rise. Oh, let it rise.

#### *All are Welcome*

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,  
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;  
Here the love of all shall end divisions: All are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone  
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;  
Let us bring an end to fear and danger: All are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard  
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace;  
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: All are welcome in this place.

### + Invocation

Rev. Mona Lopez

### Baptism

Gavin Alexander Berrospe (11 am)

+ Please rise in body or spirit.

## 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

In the first century, some thought that in order for a Gentile to become a Christian, they had to first become a Jew, to be circumcised. Some persons today think that before a lesbian,

gay or bisexual person can become a Christian they must first become heterosexual, they must circumcise their sexual orientation.

The good news is that no one has to be circumcised; no one has to give up who they are. No one has to adopt a different culture or orientation or gender identity in order to be a Christian.

~ *Out in Scripture for Year B, July 19, 2009.*

### First Reading

Kedric Brown

#### *2 Samuel 7:8-14a*

<sup>8</sup> Now then, tell my servant, David, this is what Yahweh says:

"I took you from the pastures and from following sheep to be the leader of my people Israel. <sup>9</sup> I have been with you wherever you went, and destroyed all your enemies in your path. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. <sup>10</sup> I will provide a place for my people Israel. I will plant them where they will have a home of their own -- a place where they will never be disturbed. Never again will the sinners oppress them as they did in the past <sup>11</sup> ever since the time I appointed judges to lead my people Israel. I will give you rest from all your enemies.

"Furthermore, I declare to you that I will make you a house. <sup>12</sup> And when your time comes and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you. Your successor will come from your own body, and I will establish your legacy. <sup>13</sup> It is you who will build a house to honor my name, and I will establish your throne for an eternal realm. <sup>14</sup> I will be mother and father to you, and you will be my child."

### Sung Response

#### *Let It Rise*

Let the words of the Lord rise among us.

Let the words of the Lord rise among us.

Let the message that we hear rise among us. Let it rise.

Oh, let it rise. Oh, let it rise.

### Second Reading

Sharon Maudlin

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#### *Ephesians 2:11-22*

<sup>11</sup> Bear in mind that at one time the men among you who were Gentiles physically -- called "the uncircumcised" by those who call themselves "the circumcised," all because of a minor operation --<sup>12</sup> had no part in Christ and were excluded from the community of Israel. You were strangers to the covenants of promise; you were without hope and without God in the world.

<sup>13</sup> But now in Christ Jesus, you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup> For Christ is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of hostility that kept us apart. <sup>15</sup> Christ abolished the law, with its commands and ordinances, to create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus establishing peace <sup>16</sup> and reconciling us all to God in one body through the cross, which put to death the hostility between us. <sup>17</sup> Christ came and announced peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; <sup>18</sup> for through Christ, we all have access in one Spirit to our God.

<sup>19</sup> This means that you are strangers and aliens no longer. Now, you are citizens with God's saints and are members of the household of God. <sup>20</sup> This household is built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets, with Christ Jesus as the capstone. <sup>21</sup> In Christ the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in our God; <sup>22</sup> in Christ you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

### Anthem

Gospel Ensemble

#### *Gratitude*

Words & Music by Dennis Reed

*A Household of God for All*

Reader 1: We commit from this day forward to do our best to stand against prejudice and to stop those who, because of hate or ignorance, would hurt anyone or violate their civil rights.

Reader 2: We will try to make new friends even if they seem different from us. We will include them and try to understand them to set a good example so others can see that they are okay.

Reader 1: We are one in Christ.

**All: We are a Household of God for All.**

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Reader 2: It is the responsibility of each of us to treat all people with fairness and respect.

Reader 1: We are one in Christ.

**All: We are a Household of God for All.**

**Making Ministry Happen**

Rev. Janice Ladd

Offertory

HeavenSound Handbells

*Capriccio*

by Kevin McChesney

**Communion**

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

Introduction to Communion

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Invitation to the Feast

**Communion Songs**

*For Everyone Born*

For everyone born, a place at the table,  
For everyone born, clean water and bread;  
A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,  
For everyone born, a star overhead.

*And God will delight when we are creators  
of justice and joy, compassion and peace;  
Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy.*

For woman and man, a place at the table,  
revising the roles, deciding the share;  
with wisdom and grace dividing the power,  
for woman and man, a system that's fair.  
*repeat chorus*

**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.

During Communion you will be offered bread and cup with a brief blessing.

We use grape juice for the cup so that all may participate.

If you desire a deeper partnering in prayer (intercessory prayer), our Fishers Net Prayer Ministry team is available following both services to pray with you.

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

For young and for old, a place at the table,  
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,  
for young and for old, the right to belong.  
*repeat chorus*

For just and unjust a place at the table, abuser, abused, with need to forgive,  
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,  
for just and unjust, a new way to live.  
*repeat chorus*

For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be,  
to work, to speak out to witness and worship,  
for everyone born, the right to be free.  
*repeat chorus*

### *As a Fire is Meant for Burning*

We have failed to love our neighbors, their offences to forgive,  
have not listened to their troubles, nor have cared just how they live,  
we are jealous, proud, impatient, loving overmuch our things;  
may the yielding of our failings be our constant offerings.

We are hasty to judge others, blind to proof of human need;  
and our lack of understanding demonstrates our inner greed;  
we have wasted earth's resources; want and suffering we've ignored;  
come and cleanse us, then restore us; make new hearts within us, Lord!

As a fire is meant for burning with a bright and warming flame,  
so the church is meant for mission, giving glory to God's name.  
Not to preach our creeds or customs, but to build a bridge of care,  
we join hands across the nations, finding neighbors everywhere.

### *Amazing Love*

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken. I'm accepted, You were condemned.  
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me because You died and rose again.

Amazing love, how can it be that You, my friend, would die for me?  
Amazing love, I know it's true. It's my joy to honor You.

Amazing love, how can it be that You, my friend, would die for me?  
Amazing love, I know it's true. It's my joy to honor You. In all I do, I honor You.

You're Amazing. You're Amazing.  
You're Amazing. You're Amazing.

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

### + **Benediction**

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

### + **Sending Forth**

### *For Everyone Born*

And God will delight when we are creators  
of justice and joy, compassion and peace;  
Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy.

### **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!**





## Opportunity

I keep a quote posted near my computer: "In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity." This quote is encouragement for the difficult moments that come each day. I also remember that the Chinese symbol for "crisis" and the Chinese symbol for "opportunity" are the same symbol.

One difficulty is the global economic downturn. Most individuals, families, businesses and organizations are facing this difficulty. Some are hunkering down like when facing a hurricane, waiting for it to pass, hoping to survive.

Others, in the midst of this difficulty, see an opportunity. That's us. At Resurrection MCC, financial difficulty is an opportunity to see who we are . . . what we're made of. The difficulty becomes an opportunity when God is in it and we're open to what God wants to do through us.

At Resurrection MCC, our ministry responds to difficulty. We know that our ministry is needed now more than ever. People need listening ears, open hearts, inspiring worship, places to connect, learning options, prayer, projects that help others, and participation in goodness.

Even as we minister to those facing difficulty, we too have been impacted by the global economic downturn. Giving has been impacted by the economy, making it more difficult to minister to those who need us most.

As good stewards, we are managing our cash flow carefully, and are spending below budget. At the June meeting, your Board of Directors reduced the budget by 5%, acknowledging projects and ministry that we did not do for the first six months of 2009. Those opportunities are now missed. Yet scripture says, "As for the past, forget all that. Move forward and seize the prize before you" (Philippians 3:13-14). Missed opportunities of the last six months do not mean we need to miss great opportunities for the next 6 months.

Here are some key goals we can accomplish in the next 6 months which will stimulate growth and increase our ability to minister.

For Outreach, one goal is to produce a high quality commercial to post on YouTube, Facebook, our Web site and beyond. The result: people will see how our ministries transform lives and will be drawn to enter a personal relationship with God.

For Life Development, one goal is to get the word out about our great spiritual growth offerings for all ages, with multiple options to meet people where they are on the spiritual journey. We seek to create a "Life Development at Resurrection" catalogue so that our offerings will be advertised in advance and marketed within our congregation and the community we serve.

For Connections, meeting our budget goal will result in seasonal Connection Groups. These groups will increase the opportunity for people to find a place where they really fit . . . where they can grow in friendships, learn and pray together, and support each other.

For Operations, two of our greatest assets are our campus and our strategic location. We have long range goals to maximize this asset. Yet in the next six months we can begin the work towards converting the Activities Building into a Life Development Center that will buzz with the energy of ministries for all ages and many interests.

For Worship, we are poised to become a world class, world changing church. We have great talent, and Jace Hill has just arrived to support and lead our dynamic talent to new levels of joy and unity. With a passion for congregational song, our worship of God will be known throughout the community as a dynamic home for everyone. One highlight of the next six months will be a glorious Christmas production to impact our community and inspire hope, even through difficult times.

What a vision . . . and this is just for this budget period, the next six months.

Yet how do we meet this challenge?

One Resurrection MCC couple is ready to meet the challenge with a challenge: a \$15,000 matching gift to close the budget gap and meet the opportunity. This is beyond their regular giving. Their only request is that the congregation match them. Gifts of any amount will go towards this matching gift.

If you've not heard of the matching gift concept this is how it works: if you give \$10 this couple will match you with another \$10 . . . thus, your \$10 becomes \$20. Or, if you offer \$1,000 -- it will double before your eyes as this couple matches your \$1,000 and transforms it into \$2,000. Someone or another couple may feel called to match the full amount. For others it may be \$5 or \$50. All gifts matter. With all of us participating, we will surpass our goal and create even greater opportunity.

If you're ready to meet this opportunity, offer your gift (above and beyond your regular giving) today or July 26 at 9 or 11 am and simply write "opportunity" on the memo line of your check or on the envelope containing your gift.

There is so much that God wants to do through us. We see the difficulty. God is turning it into opportunity.

Now, get ready: watch your giving double before your eyes.

Faithfully,

Rev. Dwayne Johnson



## HeavenSound Handbells Concert TODAY! 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!

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

## 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](mailto:Equality@ResurrectionMCC.org)*

## Friday Night OUT July 24, 7 pm



Join us for dinner this month at  
Cafe Adobe!

**2111 Westheimer, Houston 77098**  
**713-528-1468**  
[www.cafeadobe.com](http://www.cafeadobe.com)

*Join our group on Facebook: RMCC Friday Night Out  
RSVP to [NightOUT@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:NightOUT@ResurrectionMCC.org)*



## Bingo Night!

**THIS 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](http://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!*



## Adopt a Bed!

The recent workday has beautified our campus! There are a few beds that need to be adopted so they'll stay maintained.

Email [Craig@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Craig@ResurrectionMCC.org)  
if you would like to help!

## Vacation Bible School for Children & Youth!

**THIS Friday, July 24:**

**Family dinner 6 - 7 pm / Movie 7 - 9 pm**

**THIS 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!

**Register** your infants through 12-year-olds, by sending an email to Youth Ministries Coordinator, Joel Palomares, at [Joel@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Joel@ResurrectionMCC.org)

## Adult Vacation Bible School

THIS Friday, July 24, 6 - 9 pm

THIS Saturday, July 25, 10 am - 2 pm

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

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.

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](mailto:RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org)**

# Gospel Cafe Dinner Theatre

**Friday, July 31, 2009  
6:30 - 9:30pm**

**Activities Building  
\$25.00 per person**

**Fund Raiser to acquire Choir Robes for Gospel Ensemble**

*To our precious son,*

*From the moment that we found out we were expecting you, our lives changed, as you were a special miracle from God. We vow to love you and raise you so that you may know unconditional love from your family, but most importantly - from God. As you are baptized today son, may you feel His love, and all the love of those around you. Gavin, we pray that you will always follow in His way. The light of God's truth surrounds you, the love of God encompasses you, the power of God protects you, the presence of God watches over you, and wherever you are son, God is always with you! God, let your presence bless our son today.*



*1 Peter 3:21 – “and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you – not the removal of dirt from your body but the pledge of a good conscience toward God. It saves you by the Resurrection of Jesus Christ”*

*We love you Gavin Alexander Berrospe.*



**Fishers Net Prayer Ministry: A Dialogue with God**

Can you hear me now? Hello. Are you listening? Do you hear me? Why don't they let me speak? Every time we get into a conversation, they control it and speak over me, maybe next time.

Does this dialogue remind you of anyone in your life? You get on the phone or in person and they just won't let you speak. How frustrating!

I wonder if this is how God feels. We call upon God with our moans and groans and just don't stop. We call upon God to praise and give thanksgiving for the great things happening in our lives and yet we fail to listen for the... I am here... I love you... Thank you... You are welcome.

Prayer is a two way form of communication. Listening is required to hear God's direction and nurturing. Maybe not auditable, but with our heart and soul. Listen to the small voice inside. Listen. Listen. Listen.

The Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry invites you to spend some time listening to God. Finding a quiet place may be difficult, so try a couple tricks like driving to/from work with no radio. After giving thanks for a meal. Pause and listen for the "You are welcome." After making a request for guidance, listen for the answer.

The Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry is here providing intercessory prayer for you and with you. May your life be filled with wonderful conversations with God!

Need prayers? Contact the Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry where together we will grow stronger in Christ and realize good and our Prayers together. Prayers@ResurrectionMCC.org

**COMMUNITY OF RESPECT**  
A NO PLACE FOR HATE® PROGRAM OF THE ADL

By signing this Resolution of Respect (available in the Gathering Place after services today) you are taking personal responsibility for standing up against all forms of

prejudice and discrimination and committing yourself to creating a world that is a *Community of Respect*®.

I pledge from this day forward to do my best to combat prejudice and to stop those who, because of hate or ignorance, would hurt anyone or violate their civil rights.

I will try at all times to be aware of my own biases and seek to gain understanding of those who I perceive as being different from myself.

I will speak out against all forms of prejudice and discrimination. I will reach out to support those who are targets of hate.

I will think about specific ways my community members can promote respect for people and create a prejudice-free zone.

I firmly believe that one person can make a difference and that no person can be an "innocent" bystander when it comes to opposing hate.

I recognize that respecting individual dignity, achieving equality and promoting intergroup harmony are the responsibilities of all people.

By signing this pledge, I commit myself to creating a community that is a *Community of Respect*®.



Calling all teens-to-twenties for some  
**REAL TALK**

about your place at Resurrection!  
We would really like to hear directly from at least 10 - 15 young people on Saturday, July 25 from Noon - 1:30 pm in the Music Room. What would YOUR idea of really great teen/young adult programming through Resurrection look like? Come, eat some lunch, and let's share some REAL TALK and get something good going! RSVP to RealTalk@ResurrectionMCC.org. Questions? Contact Rev.Kristen@ResurrectionMCC.org or 713-861-9149 x107



**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  
713-524-6706

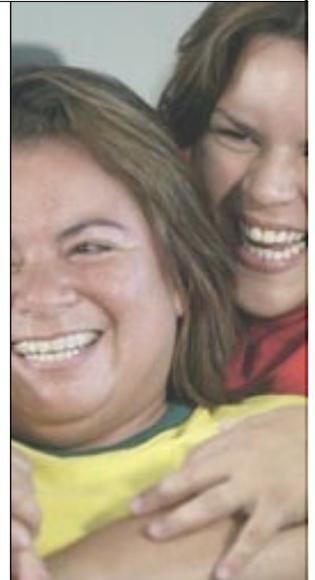
**GLBT Solutions for Living Well**  
Professional Services Provided at Resurrection MCC



**New Men's Group Therapy**  
*Introducing The Gentlemen's Club, a place for guys to talk.*  
Resurrection Wellness Center  
\$40 per group  
Begins July 28, 6:00 - 7:30 pm  
Therapist:  
Michael Mann, LCSW

**Couples Group**  
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



Individual, family and couples therapy available.  
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Michael Mann, LCSW / 713-446-8034  
Adolescents & Adults

Tammy S. Fountain, LPC, ATR-BC / 832-863-8221  
Children, Adolescents & Adults

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## 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.**

### Stewardship Thought for the Week

*The highest things in our civilization are a sense of personal responsibility, a spirit of benevolence, and holding up the lamp of voluntary action.*

~ Herbert C. Hoover

#### Board Members on Duty

Karla Johnson & Flo Perry

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The Anointing, a non-profit ministry, is seeking individuals who have a desire to share their gifts and talents. Membership in the organization involves a minimal to moderate travel commitment within the State of Texas and various adjoining states. Participation is voluntary and there is no monetary compensation for time or service. Instrumentalists are expected to provide their own instruments. Practices are held on a regular basis every other week on Monday evening at 6:30 pm at Resurrection MCC and are a mandatory component of membership. The following positions are available: pianist, electric and acoustic guitar, alto voice and sound person. Other instruments would be considered. Please contact Steve Day at 832.455.3534 if you would like more information or to inquire.

#### Flowers in the Sanctuary

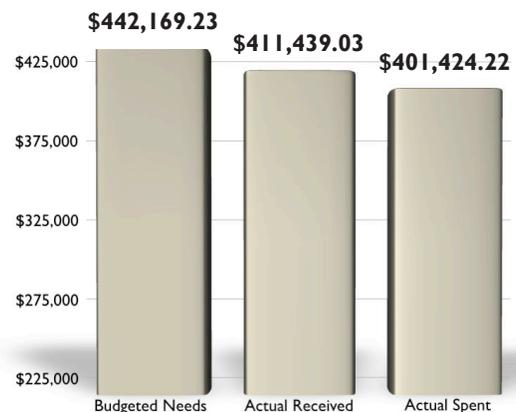
Consider donating flowers in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special day.

Sign up on the Flower Chart in the Welcome Area.

## General Fund Financial Report

Week Ending July 12, 2009

|                                  |                                       | Week       | Year                |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------|---------------------|
| <i>Tithes &amp; Offerings</i>    |                                       |            |                     |
| 7/12/09                          | 9:00 am                               | 134        | \$1,608.00          |
| 7/12/09                          | 11:00 am                              | 368        | \$4,433.60          |
| 7/08/09                          | 6:30 pm                               | 24         | \$72.15             |
|                                  | Opportunity Challenge                 |            | \$4,780.08          |
|                                  | Special Services                      |            | \$3,966.03          |
|                                  | Online Giving                         |            | \$1,015.00          |
|                                  | Other Contributions                   |            | \$1,124.00          |
|                                  | <b>Total</b>                          | <b>526</b> | <b>\$13,032.83</b>  |
| <i>Other General Fund Income</i> |                                       |            |                     |
|                                  | Fundraising                           |            | \$173.36            |
|                                  | Miscellaneous                         |            | \$910.00            |
|                                  | <b>Total Received</b>                 |            | <b>\$1,083.36</b>   |
|                                  | <b>*Budgeted Need</b>                 |            | <b>\$17,653.85</b>  |
|                                  | <b>Total Surplus / (Deficit)</b>      |            | <b>(\$3,516.66)</b> |
|                                  | <b>Total Imagine Capital Campaign</b> |            | <b>\$2,401.00</b>   |
|                                  |                                       |            | <b>\$70,614.20</b>  |



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

# This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

## SUNDAY JULY 19

**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 Equality Ministry Meeting *Activities Building #108*  
 1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Music Room*  
 4:00 pm HeavenSound Handbells Concert *Sanctuary*

## MONDAY JULY 20

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

## TUESDAY JULY 21

7:00 pm Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal *Music Room*  
 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal *Sanctuary*

## WEDNESDAY JULY 22

6:30 pm *Summer in the Spirit* Worship *Chapel*  
 7:00 pm Houston Pride Band Rehearsal *Activities Building*

## THURSDAY JULY 23

7:00 pm AA Steps Study (Open) *Chapel*

## FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED JULY 24

6:00 pm VBS: Family Dinner (see ad, p. 6) *Activities Building*  
 7:00 pm Friday Night OUT (see ad, p. 7) *Cafe Adobe*  
 7:00 pm VBS: Movie Time (see ad, p. 6) *Sanctuary*  
 8:00 pm VBS: Children & Youth (see ad, p. 6) *Activities Building*  
 8:00 pm VBS: Adults (see ad, p. 6) *Gathering Place*

## SATURDAY JULY 25

10:00 am VBS: Children & Youth (see ad, p. 6) *Activities Building*  
 10:00 am VBS: Adults (see ad, p. 6) *Gathering Place*  
 12:00 pm Real Talk (see ad, p. 10) *Music Room*  
 1:00 pm Angels in Motion *Sanctuary*  
 7:30 pm Bingo Night (see ad, p. 7) *Big Tex Bingo*

## SUNDAY JULY 26

**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*