



Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

9th Sunday After Pentecost

August 2, 2009

Our Community Gathers

Rev. Dwayne Johnson,
Jason Wood & Cassandra White

+ Exchange of Peace

+ Opening Praise & Worship

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord;
we are Christ's new creation by water and the word;
From heaven Christ came and sought us in love to set us free;
with precious love Christ bought us for all eternity.

Baptized in one confession, one church in all the earth,
we bear Christ's own impression, the sign of second birth:
One holy people gathered in love beyond our own,
by grace we were invited, by grace we make you known.

Yet we on earth have union with God, the Three-in-One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! God, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

O Christ, the great foundation on which your people stand
to preach your true salvation in every age and land:
Pour out your Holy Spirit to make us strong and pure,
to keep the faith unbroken as long as worlds endure.

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS BY OUR LOVE

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:
chorus And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: *repeat chorus*

We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
we will work with each other, we will work side by side,
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride: *repeat chorus*

+ 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

Love is neither theoretical nor abstract but is the glue of community; it is what knits the body together. The tools for this body are humility, gentleness, and patience. Humility keeps us grounded in the reality of who we are as creatures formed from the dust by God. Gentleness reminds us of our corporate identity.

Because we are essentially part of the body, we are called to build up the body by attending to one another. Finally, we are patient because we live in time. The realm of God is a gift from God, not a work achieved by humans. The Christian life is one of expectation for the new Jerusalem which gives us hope in the here and now.

Jesus' yoke is easy because he bears it with us and because as we take it upon us and bear one another's burdens, we come closer to him.

~ G. Porter Taylor
from *Feasting on the Word, Year B, Volume 3*, 306, adapted.

Invocation

Roger Ward (9 am)
Pam Jefferson (11 am)

Baptism

CC (11 am)

First Reading

Denise Junious

Psalms 51:6-12

⁶ You desire truth to live in my innermost being. Teach me your wisdom!
⁷ Purify me with hyssop until I am clean; wash me until I am purer than new-fallen snow. ⁸ Instill some joy and gladness into me; let the bones you have crushed rejoice again. ⁹ Turn your face from my sins, and wipe out all my guilt.
¹⁰ O God, create a clean heart in me. Put into me a new and steadfast spirit.
¹¹ Do not banish me from your presence. Do not deprive me of your Holy Spirit!
¹² Renew my joy of your salvation. Keep my spirit steady and willing.

Sung Response

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS BY OUR LOVE

All praise to the Mother, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

+ Second Reading

Bill O'Rourke (9 am)
Aaron Capps (11 am)

Ephesians 4:1-16

¹ I plead with you, then, in the name of our Redeemer, to lead a life worthy of your calling. ² Bearing with one another in love, treat one another with humility, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. ³ Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit through the peace that binds you together. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called into one hope when you were called. ⁵ There is one Savior, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and creator of all, who is over all, who works through all and is within all.

⁷ Each of us has received God's grace in the measure in which Christ has given it. ⁸ Thus you find scripture saying, "You ascended on high, leading captives in your train, and giving gifts to people." ⁹ "You ascended"—what does this mean but that Christ first descended into the lower regions of the earth? ¹⁰ The One who descended is the very One who ascended high above the heavens in order to fill the whole universe.

¹¹ And to some, the gift they were given is that they should be apostles; to some, prophets; to some, evangelists; to some, pastors and teachers. ¹² These gifts were given to equip fully the holy ones for the work of service, and to build up the body of Christ—¹³ until we all attain unity in our faith and in our knowledge of the Only Begotten of God, until we become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

¹⁴ Let us then be children no longer, tossed here and there, carried about by every wind of doctrine, or by human trickery or crafty, deceitful schemes. ¹⁵ Rather, let us speak the truth in love, and grow to the full maturity of Christ, the head. ¹⁶ Through Christ, the whole body grows. With the proper functioning of each member, firmly joined together by each supporting ligament, the body builds itself up in love.

Anthem

Gospel Ensemble

Just Having Chu'ch

Words & Music by Chester D.T. Baldwin

Spiritual Encouragement

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

Joined at the Heart

Making Ministry Happen

Mark Eggleston & CC

Offertory

Jules Czarnik

God Speaking

Communion

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini & Jason Wood

Introduction to Communion

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Invitation to the Feast

Communion Songs

LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER

Let us break bread together on our knees,
Let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
My God, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees,
Let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
My God, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees,
Let us praise God together on our knees,
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
My God, have mercy on me.

IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness scorned by the ones he came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died the plan of God was satisfied;
For every sin on Him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by shadows slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath. Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of death, no scheme or plan can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Til He returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

**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 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.

chorus 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**

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**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

+ **Benediction**

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

+ **Singing 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!





Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor New Enrollment Period for 2009!

The *Neighbor to Neighbor* program allows Resurrection MCC the opportunity to earn a portion of \$1 million that will be donated annually. The program earning period is July 1, 2009 through April 30, 2010. During the last program period, Resurrection MCC earned almost \$2,000!

To participate in the program, simply take this printed page on your next shopping trip and have the cashier scan it at the beginning of the order.

Below are a few frequently asked questions of the program:

Can a household “link” their Kroger Plus Card to more than one organization at a time?

No, the system allows for one organization per household. To change organizations, you must present your Kroger Plus Card and the new organization's barcode to the cashier.

Do I have to enroll each program year?

YES, all organization's and participants must re-enroll for each new enrollment period. The current *Neighbor to Neighbor* Program is effective July 1, 2009 through April 30, 2010.

Do I have to scan the organization letter each time I shop?

No, once the barcode is scanned with your plus card, you are enrolled for the remainder of the program year, ending on April 30, 2010.

How much can my organization earn?

The Kroger *Neighbor to Neighbor* Donation Program will donate \$1 million annually. Each organization will earn a percentage of the \$1 million equal to the percentage of total earned contributions attributable to that organization.

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Additional information available at
www.krogerneighbortoneighbor.com

Kroger cashier: Please scan customer's KrogerPlus Card at the beginning of the order, and then scan the above barcode. The customer's KrogerPlus Card is now enrolled in the Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor Donation Program.

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

We Can Do It!

I Want You!

Do you have a smile, a hello, and 20 minutes a month?
That's all it takes to be a part of the Welcome ministry.

Contact Jason at
Welcome@ResurrectionMCC.org

Second Sunday Friend-Raiser Brunch

NEXT Sunday, August 9
Activities Building, 12:30 pm

**Enjoy burgers and hotdogs
and meet some new friends.**

*Mark your calendars now.
Second Sunday Friend-Raiser Brunch
will be held on the Second Sunday of each
month from August to December!*



Proceeds benefit Imagine Campaign

Friday Night OUT August 28, 7 pm



Join us for dinner this month at
Champps Americana!

**1121 Uptown Park Blvd, Houston
713-627-2333
www.champps.com**

*Join our group on Facebook: RMCC Friday Night Out
RSVP to FridayNightOUT@ResurrectionMCC.org*

Food Pantry
Mondays & Wednesdays
11:30 am - 1:30 pm
Appointment Necessary:
713-861-9149 x103

**NONPERISHABLES
NEEDED:**

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



Acts of Kindness....



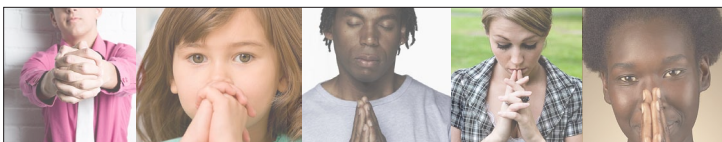
Ever feel "prompted" to bless someone but don't really know what to do? Well, the Inspirations Book Store has one option for you. You can purchase a \$1.50 gift card which can be redeemed at the book store before or after services for a beverage of choice. What a nice thing to do for one of your Church family -- and it's as easy as walking into the Inspirations Book Store, purchasing one or more cards, and handing them out to the individual you'd like to bless. Buy a few to keep on hand -- who knows when you will be "prompted." It's quick, it's easy, it's a way of bringing a smile to someone's face and letting them know that you care, and that Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church is a place where small acts of kindness can be experienced!

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!





Fishers Net Prayer Ministry: A Dialogue with God

Intercession is when one person intercedes for another. It is to act as a liaison between ourselves and God our Creator. It is an act of compassion, honor and faithfulness to Christ, our selves and others. We need intercessory prayer when we ourselves are unable to pray and fully communicate with God our Creator and or when we need assistance to pray and communicate. We are intercessors for those around us and perhaps not even realizing. We intercede when we communicate with God on behalf of others.

Praying for the needs of others, for our church, our family, friends and yes our enemies. We intercede as we are disciples (followers) of Christ and since Christ intercedes for us, we are called to intercede for one another.

Would you like to openly intercede for others? The Fishers Net Prayer Ministry invites you to openly join us. We say 'openly' as we know many are praying already, but this request is to join us physically between services in the Chapel and being available after the 11 am service in front of the Alter. The only commitment is the commitment to be present for one another and present for God our Creator to work in and through us.

Dear Mother Father God, I thank you for true communications with you. Thank you for Jesus Christ, my Savior and intercessor. I thank you for those you send to intercede for me. Dear God, am I ready to openly intercede and become present for others? Please guide and direct me. Amen.

You can also email your intentions to Prayers@ResurrectionMCC.org. Growing stronger in Christ and realizing our Prayers together. Need Prayer? Email Prayers@ResurrectionMCC.org



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*®.

W.C. Woodrow Memorial Dedication

Sunday, August 16, after 9 am Service

Fishers Net Prayer Ministry will dedicate a memorial tree and marker in honor of W.C. Woodrow's commitment to intercessory prayer. In spite of his life-long health challenges, he remained a passionate prayer beacon on behalf of the members and friends of Resurrection MCC. All are invited to join us after the 9 am service, on the bayou side of the church, near the side door that leads to the Chapel.

Do you Have a Need?

Pastoral Care Ministers Available to Listen & Pray!

In his excellent book, *Can the Pastor Do it Alone*, Melvin Steinbron asserts emphatically that "there is no way we can build a staff large enough to put love with skin on for every one of our members if we continue to proceed in the traditional way."

One method by which God's love can be given concretely, specifically and continually to all of our members is through recruiting, training, and commissioning a sizable team of Pastoral Care Ministers.

At Resurrection we believe that building up the body of Christ in love is central to the purpose of the church. In order to facilitate this goal, 37 people have been trained and commissioned to care for our congregation.

At the conclusion of their training these ministers began developing flock care lists. The Pastoral Care Ministers are committed to praying regularly for the people on their flock list, to being available to assist them in appropriate ways, and to contacting the members of their flock regularly to encourage them.

The Pastoral Care Ministers make contact with their flock list to make congregants aware of their availability. As our ministry grows the goal is to reach out to every person in our expanding community of faith. In the meantime, Pastoral Care Ministers are available to pray with and encourage anyone who would like to receive ministry. If you have not yet been contacted directly, but would like someone to talk or pray with you, please email or give us a call. Your prayers and support are greatly appreciated.

From Jesus the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and build itself up in love, as each does its work (Eph. 4:16)

If you have questions, ask! You will see the Pastoral Care Ministers wearing a button indicating they are Pastoral Care Ministers. If you need someone to talk or pray with you, please let them know. That is what they are available for. If you would like a minister to come and visit you in the hospital or at home please feel free to call our 24-hour prayer and care line at 713-861-9149 x105 or email Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org

In Christ Love and Care,
Jason Wood, Director of Connections

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.

WORSHIP ARTS

Resurrection MCC is so blessed to have a number of groups to minister at our worship services. Solo or professional quality voices are not necessary to be a part of these groups. Auditions are not required, but a desire to worship and share is. Below is a list of the groups and when they meet. The first step to becoming a part of any of the groups is checking out what they do, so feel free to come visit the rehearsals and see which group might be the right place for you to serve.

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.

RESURRECTION SINGERS

Mondays • 6:30 pm

Directed by Jace Hill, this small vocal ensemble serves as both a corporate worship leadership team for congregational song, and sharing through a wide variety of styles of music. Reading music is very helpful and regular rehearsal participation is required.

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.

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

Second Family Care Team Ministry

Is looking for caring, loving, helping people just like you!

The CareTeam is ministry developed in partnership with Interfaith Care Partners and other congregations. Team members serve on this in-home support program as extended family and friends with Care Partners from congregation and community.

Care Partners are those members of the congregation or community with special needs. Needs include respite care for caregiver, emotional support during personal family crisis, assistance after hospitalization, or any other time of need in the Care Partner's life.

Our vision is to communicate God's unconditional love to all people through simple acts of kindness to members or our church family and community who have a need and seek our help. We believe the Christian community should reach out with loving hearts and helping hands to serve our community and church family members. We believe that by providing emotional, practical and spiritual support with an attitude of love and grace, we can create a positive change in the lives of individuals and their families. Through this form of Christian action, we envision a renewed hope in Christ and in the Christian community.

If you would like be a ministry team member, we meet on the first Sunday of each month, following the 11 am service in the Activities Building for lunch, training, and fellowship care and planning.

If you would like to be a Care Partner and have a special need please fill out a request sheet that is available at all the entrance to the sanctuary and place it in the box labeled, Care Team. For more information on giving or receiving care, contact Jason Wood, Director of Connections by email at Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org or call 713-861-9149 x105.



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Resurrection Wellness Center

\$40 per group

Group is still open - Space limited.

Tuesdays, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Call Michael to sign up: 713-446-8034

Therapist:
Michael Mann, LCSW

Couples Group

Evening/Weekend. 1.5 hour session

Scheduled based on participant
availability. Resurrection Wellness

Center \$55 per couple weekly

Call Tammy to sign up: 832-863-8221

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
Tammy S. Fountain, LPC, ATR-BC



Adult Mixed Group

Wednesdays, 5:00 - 6:25 pm

Resurrection Wellness Center \$40 per group

Call Tammy to sign up: 832-863-8221

Co-Therapists:
Tammy S. Fountain, LPC, ATR-BC
Michael Mann, LCSW

Individual, family and couples therapy available.
Request MCC Rates.

Michael Mann, LCSW / 713-446-8034
Adolescents & Adults

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

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

*Once you have learned to love,
you will have learned to live.*

~ Unknown

Board Members on Duty

Wayne Wiggins & Flo Perry

Board Minutes Available Upon Request.

Increase OUR Imagine Campaign Fund



How can **YOU** increase **OUR** Imagine Campaign Fund?

Here's how...

Simply refer or use my services as your Realtor, to Buy or Sell a home. Once the transaction is complete a donation in your name will be made to the Imagine Campaign.

Together we can make a difference!

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Pamela Efferson, Realtor

Serving Christ through Song & Worship!

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.

*Tickets on sale after
9 & 11 am services
Today & Next Sunday
in the Gathering Place*



Kindred Spirits Dance
August 15, 2009 / Tickets \$20

It's not just a dance, it's a re-union

Flowers in the Sanctuary

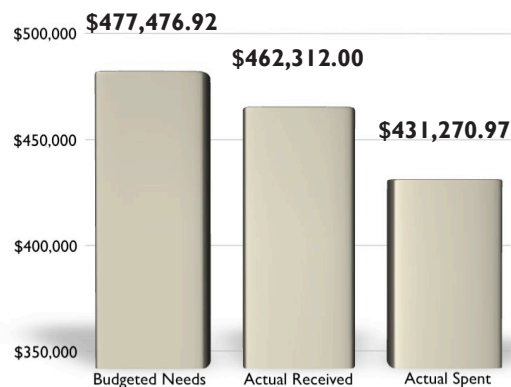
Consider donating flowers in memory of a loved one
or to celebrate a special day.

Sign up on the Flower Chart in the Welcome Area.

General Fund Financial Report

Week Ending July 26, 2009

Tithes & Offerings			Week	Year
7/26/09	9:00 am	109	\$2,221.00	\$94,167.45
7/26/09	11:00 am	344	\$3,996.48	\$198,239.95
7/22/09	6:30 pm	30	\$39.00	\$3,556.05
* Opportunity Challenge			\$21,312.16	\$33,759.49
Special Services				\$4,430.64
Online Giving			\$1,240.00	\$33,584.59
Other Contributions			\$1,480.00	\$56,825.73
Total		483	\$30,288.64	\$424,563.90
Other General Fund Income				
Fundraising				\$2,203.69
Miscellaneous			\$78.75	\$35,544.41
Total Received			\$30,367.39	\$462,312.00
Budgeted Need			\$17,653.85	\$477,476.92
Total Surplus / (Deficit)			\$12,713.54	(\$15,164.92)
Total Imagine Capital Campaign			\$303.00	\$73,851.54



* Opportunity Challenge total includes the \$15,000 matching contribution.

This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

SUNDAY AUGUST 2

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*

MONDAY AUGUST 3

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

TUESDAY AUGUST 4

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

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 5

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

THURSDAY AUGUST 6

5:30 pm Yoga for Bears (www.yogaforbears.com) *Activities Building*
 7:00 pm Yoga for Bears (www.yogaforbears.com) *Activities Building*
 7:00 pm AA Steps Study (Open) *Chapel*

FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED AUGUST 7

No Events Scheduled.

SATURDAY AUGUST 8

10:00 pm Board of Directors Retreat *Gathering Place*
 1:00 pm Angels in Motion Rehearsal *Sanctuary*

SUNDAY AUGUST 9

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 First Impressions Team Lunch *Activities Building #104*
 12:30 pm Second Sunday Friend-Raising Brunch *Activities Building*
 1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Music Room*