



Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

11th Sunday After Pentecost

August 16, 2009

Our Community Gathers

Rev. Dwayne Johnson
Rev. Janice Ladd

Presentation from the Anti-Defamation League

Mark Eggleston
La Monica Yarbrough

+ Exchange of Peace

+ Opening Praise & Worship

WE WORSHIP YOU, GOD

We worship you, God; your power and your love
are blazoned abroad, around, and above:

Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?

It breaths in the air, it shines in the light;

It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

We tell of your might, we sing of your grace,

whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;

Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,

Our Maker, Defender, redeemer and Friend.

YOU'RE WORTHY OF MY PRAISE

repeat each line of the verse after the worship leader

verse 1 I will worship (*repeat*) with all of my heart. (*repeat*)

I will praise You (*repeat*) with all of my strength. (*repeat*)

I will seek you (*repeat*) all of my days. (*repeat*)

I will follow (*repeat*) all of your ways. (*repeat*)

chorus I will give You all my worship, I will give You all my praise.

You alone I long to worship, You alone are worthy of my praise.

verse 2 I will bow down (*repeat*) and hail You as King. (*repeat*)

I will serve You (*repeat*) give You everything. (*repeat*)

I will lift up (*repeat*) my eyes to Your throne. (*repeat*)

I will trust You, (*repeat*) trust in You alone. (*repeat*)

repeat chorus

+ Invocation

Rev. Mona Lopez

+ Please rise in body or spirit.

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.

I commit myself to creating a community that is a *Community of Respect*®.

We Hear the Word

The overall thrust of this passage is the exhortation to put ourselves where the wisdom is, to court the experience of the Spirit through abstention from what dulls the senses and through disciplined courting of ecstasy in song and thanksgiving. For the overwhelming majority of the world's Christians, the chief act of their worship is the great corporate act of thanksgiving, the making of Eucharist. The passage before us reminds us that, like all good ritual, the pattern of words and actions we use in worship are meant to shape our individual and corporate lives. The passage before us informs those words and urges the practicality of inhabiting them.

~ Paul V. Marshall
Feasting on the Word
Ephesians 5: 15-20

First Reading

Loyal Kletzien (9 am)
Elisa Vega-Burns (11 am)

Psalm 111

¹ Alleluia! I will thank you, God, with all my heart in the meeting of the just and their assembly. ² Great are your works, to be pondered by all who love them.

³ Majestic and glorious are your works, and your justice stands firm forever.

⁴ You make us remember your wonders -- you are compassion and love.

⁵ You give food to those who revere you, keeping your covenant ever in mind.

⁶ You reveal to your people the power of your actions by giving them the lands of the nations as their inheritance.

⁷ The works of your hands are truth and justice, and all your precepts are sure. ⁸ Your precepts are established forever and ever, and carried out uprightly and faithfully. ⁹ You have sent deliverance to your people and established your covenant forever. Your name is holy and awe-inspiring!

¹⁰ Reverence for God is the beginning of wisdom -- and those who practice it prove themselves wise. Your praise will last forever!

Response to the Word

YOU'RE WORTHY OF MY PRAISE

I will give You all my worship, I will give You all my praise.
You alone I long to worship, You alone are worthy of my praise.

+ Second Reading

DeJuana Jernigan

Ephesians 5:15- 20

¹⁵ Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise. ¹⁶ Make the most of your time, for these are evil days. ¹⁷ Don't continue in ignorance, but try to discern the will of God. ¹⁸ Don't destroy yourself by getting drunk. Instead be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ meditating on psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making music to God in your hearts. ²⁰ Always give thanks to God for everything, in the name of our leader Jesus Christ.

Anthem

Gospel Ensemble

Total Praise

words and music by Richard Smallwood

Spiritual Encouragement

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

Making the Most of Our Lives

Reflection on the Word

YOU'RE WORTHY OF MY PRAISE

I will give You all my worship, I will give You all my praise.
You alone I long to worship, You alone are worthy of my praise.

Making Ministry Happen

Mark Eggleston
Elisa Vega-Burns

Offertory

HeavenSound Handbells

Freely, Freely *arr. Susan Geschke*

Communion

Rev. Janice Ladd

Introduction to Communion

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Invitation to the Feast

Communion Songs

SHOUT TO THE LORD

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like You;
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love.
My Comfort, my Shelter, Tower of refuge and strength,
Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing;
Power and majesty, praises we bring!
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your name.
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands,
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand;
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You!

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, Creator; there is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not.
As Thou has been Thou forever wilt be.

chorus Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, springtime and harvest,
Sun moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. **repeat chorus**

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide.
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow --
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside! **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.

IN REMEMBRANCE

In remembrance of Me, Eat this bread. In remembrance of Me, drink this wine.
In remembrance of Me, pray for the time when God's own will is done.

In remembrance of Me, heal the sick. In remembrance of Me, feed the poor.
In remembrance of Me, open the door and let your neighbors in, Let them in.

Take, eat, and be comforted; drink and remember too,
That this is My body and precious blood shed for you, shed for you.

In remembrance of Me, search for truth. In remembrance of Me always love.
In remembrance of Me, don't look above, but in your heart look for God.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Janice Ladd

+ **Benediction**

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

+ **Singing Forth**

I'M SO GLAD JESUS LIFTED ME

I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me, I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me,
I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah, singing glory, hallelujah,
singing glory, hallelujah, Jesus lifted me.

Postlude

John Allen

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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.

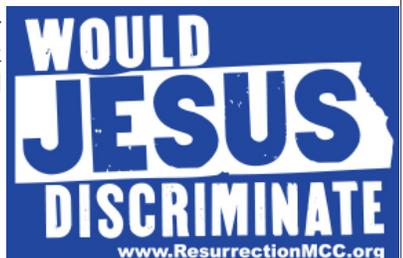
We believe in the saving grace of Jesus Christ and the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit.

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!



*Connections First Impressions
Life Development Youth Ministries Programs
Worship & Altar Ministries*

Fall "Season of Service"
(September, October, November)

Season of Service WORKSHOPS

Saturday, August 22

Multiple Ministry Opportunities
Offered 10 am - 5 pm
Gathering Place

Workshop: 10 am - Noon

Youth Ministries Programs Volunteers

Teachers & Assistants for a 3-Person Teaching Team

- Serve 1 Sunday a Month for 3 Months
- All Age Groups Available (Infants-Tweens)
- Training & Teaching Materials Provided

Workshop: 1 pm - 3 pm

First Impressions Volunteers

Welcome Team, Usher Team, Concierge Desk Hosts, Inspirations Gift Store

Workshop: 3 pm - 5 pm

Worship & Altar Ministries Volunteers

Altar Preparation, Communion Servers, Scripture Readers. All training provided.

0 - 100 years of experience welcome!

**RSVP to Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org
713-861-9149 x105**

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!

EVERYONE IS INVITED

NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT "CHALICE" OFFERING

DISCOVERING MY MINISTRY SPIRITUAL GIFTS

PRESENTED BY JASON WOOD

**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS | AUGUST 19 & 26
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM | GATHERING PLACE**

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

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

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

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

In Christ's Love,

Jason Wood
Director of Connections
Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org
713-861-9149 x105

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 Look To You

Did you know? At Resurrection, we have served over 150 children in the Children & Youth Program in the past year. However, each season we scramble to find enough committed adults to serve in meaningful ways in our program. Search your heart. Can you devote one to two hours a month to make a difference in our children's lives? Say "yes" to our kids.

Join us on August 22 for our seasonal training. E-mail me at Joel@ResurrectionMCC.org if you will be the one to make the difference. We look to you.

Kids Communicate God's Love Every Fifth Sunday!

Come allow your kids to experience the joy of giving! Sign up your kids to serve at the Fifth Sunday services in the Sanctuary on August 30th. Every fifth Sunday our students will have the opportunity to serve as ushers, greeters, and eucharistic ministers. Experience the greatness of our kids! Sign them up in the Activity Building after Children's Church!



Volunteers Make VBS A Success!

The Children's Ministry would like to thank all those who gave up their time and talents to serve our Resurrection families during Vacation Bible School. Volunteers made bible stories come alive for kids with music, puppets, magic, games, costumes, and fun! Special recognition goes to: Wendy Rea, Jennifer Riley, Billy Stevens, Bill O'Rourke, John Taylor, Nicole Mai, Denise Lippy, Goldie Brown, Dr. Jacqueline Chambers, Clarence Leneer, Dale Goodrum, Milton Ressmann, Alicia Ressmann, Robert Silepka, Wendy Hand, Jose Zuniga, Debbie Mansfield, Joel Palomares, Rev. Kristen, Mark Eggleston, Jason Wood, Craig Felderhoff, and Jace Hill. Your love for our Resurrection families made miracles and lasting memories happen on this special day!

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

W.C. Woodrow Memorial Dedication TODAY! 10:15 am

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.



Breakfast with the Board

NEXT Sunday, August 23, 9:30 – 10:30 am

Would you like to sit down and have breakfast with our Board? Here is your opportunity! The board will host a series of breakfasts this year so that you can get to know us better. The first breakfast with the board is open to the first 30 people who RSVP to BoardDevelopment@ResurrectionMCC.org

We will get you in the sanctuary in time for the 11 am service!!



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: Resurrection MCC 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



Everyone
Invited!

Fishers Net Prayer Ministry Breakfast

Sunday, August 30, 10:15 - 11:00 am
Chapel

Learn more about prayer, and discover more ways of how God wants abundance in your life and how we are all connected through Prayer!

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 if you would like to help!

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



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

Vicki Hopper
Board of Directors
Clerk



What gift do you want to bestow on this congregation?

The gift that I would like to bestow on our congregation as a part of the board would be the gift of financial security for the future of the church. In saying that, I believe that if we are diligent in our endeavors as a Board, that we will make the correct decisions financially for the future of our congregation. With the economy in a downward turn, it becomes more important that we find safer and more secure ways of financing our projects and renovations. It is also important that we educate the congregation about the realism of the financial atmosphere and the difference that each of us as individuals can make with our contributions to the bottom line of the church's financial balance sheet by giving what we can.

What motivated you to join the BOD?

I was motivated to join the BOD by a deep seated calling placed upon my heart. Although it took several years before I actually ran for the Board, I believed that God was preparing me for my service on the Board. It seemed that for several years that roadblocks were placed in my path to keep me from running, and then when it was time I was given affirmations that I should run and the roadblocks that had kept me from being able to run were no longer in my path. For me the most important thing about running for the Board was to know that I was called by God, had the gift set that would be an asset to the Board and then have the time and energy that would also serve as a positive on the Board creating a positive atmosphere with which the financial decisions of the church could be made. I also believe that my service on the Board is preparing me for future ministry in the church. I have wanted to serve the congregation in any capacity that would further stabilize us financially so that our dreams for ministry in the community can be realized. I want our church to be a place that anyone can feel welcomed, affirmed and energized in their personal relationship with Christ.

What would you suggest potential board applicants do to prepare for joining the Board?

For anyone considering joining the Board I would suggest several things. First and foremost I would suggest that they pray about serving on the Board. The Board responsibilities are more than one meeting a month and serving several Sunday's a quarter as the Board member on duty. In the past year the Board has changed the Director positions on the Board, and I feel that it will be important to have people with gift sets that will work well with the new positions on the Board. That being said, I think it is important that any prospective applicants read the Board responsibilities and duties and understand the focus of the new positions. Persons applying for the Board should have a willingness to make the tough decisions, apply their knowledge to better find ways of financing our ministry projects and retiring the debt of our mortgage. I also believe that a person should not apply for the Board in order to accomplish or promote a personal agenda; they need to come with the health of the whole as a focus not just a small group or special interest.

What do you want the congregation to know about its Board of Directors?

I would like the congregation to know that their Board is a group of people that are passionately involved with the wellbeing and financial stability of the church. Each member of the Board brings a unique gift set that works in unison with the other members on the Board. The Board works closely with the Executive Team in our joint goal of providing ministry opportunity that allows for an all-welcoming church that all people may call a spiritual home, a place where they are a part of the family and body of Christ. The Board has struggled and continues to struggle with the best ways to meet the budget deficit and how to best reduce the financial strain on the congregation. Although the executive team makes the cutbacks in ministry, the Board attempts to create financial support that will reduce the need for cutbacks in ministry projects. Each member of the Board is dedicated to the financial wellbeing of the church and focuses on finding the best means to secure financial security for the church's future.

Karla Johnson
Board of Directors
Assistant Treasurer



What motivated you to join the Board of Directors?

I am a strong voice to be heard throughout the Church. I wanted to be of service to the Church not only as a Choir Member or Songstress but as a working member of the Church. I wanted all of my efforts for the Church to not only be seen or heard but to be felt. I wanted my efforts to be felt behind the scenes as well on the front lines. I wanted to get my hands in the dirt planting seeds of creativity, giving and stewardship and watching the flowers bloom.

What was your greatest fear about joining the Board of Directors?

My greatest fear would be that I wouldn't make a difference. People wouldn't hear or value me and what I had to say as important; That I was just a little person in the scheme of things. But I've come to realize that I am important and I do have something important to say. We're all important here and what I/we have to say does count and it is important for the Board to hear as well the congregation. We make up this church as a whole, the people, not just the Pastors or the Executive Team but all of us together, working, and making decisions together for the good of the church.

What would you suggest to potential Board applicants to prepare for joining the Board?

I would suggest you attend some Board of Directors meetings to see what exactly goes on and what they are discussing. They are open to the congregation. I would suggest you take interest in the figures you see in the weekly bulletins, ask questions if you don't understand. The figures in the bulletin inform the congregation as to where we are according to our budget and where we need to be, and what it's going to take financially to get us there as a whole. This is your/our Church. I would suggest you take an active role in its success.



Fishers Net Prayer Ministry:
A Dialogue with God

Are we in the closet? The closet I refer is the Prayer closet. No, Jesus does not proclaim nor suggest we pray out verbosely and never to bring attention to oneself and tells us in Matthew 6:5 “And when you make your prayers, be not like the false-hearted people, who take pleasure in getting up and saying their prayers in the Synagogues and at the street turnings so that they may be seen by all. Truly I say to you, they have their reward.” What Jesus does proclaim in Matthew 22:39 is to... “Love your neighbor as yourself” and what better way to love one another than to reach out the ultimate hand of prayer interceding for one another?

My Ultimate Sustainer and Giver of Grace, Please direct me this week in my waking and sleeping hours. May your hand be present in all I do. May my thoughts, become words becoming actions be pleasing to you. I thank you, oh God. Amen.

*** You are invited *** August 30th the Fishers Net Prayer Ministry will hold a prayer breakfast and everyone is invited. During this time, you can meet the Fishers Net Prayer Ministry. Learn more about prayer and how you can receive and give prayer. Join us and be awed, become aware, become revived and lifted up through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Would you like someone to pray with and over you? The Fishers Net Prayer Ministry is available for you in the chapel between services and at the Alter after the 11 am service. You can also email your intentions to Prayers@ResurrectionMCC.org or place them in the Prayer box located in the Narthex.

To sign up for Praise and Prayer alerts, simply open the most recent Mobilizer 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.

Growing stronger in Christ and realizing our Prayers together.

~ Fishers Net Prayer Ministry ~

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
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

If you think you are too small to have an impact, try going to bed with a mosquito.

~ Anita Roddick

Board Members on Duty

Karla Johnson & Mary Wagner

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!

suzanne anderson PROPERTIES

713-822-8555

www.SellingHomesInHouston.com

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.

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Flowers in the Sanctuary

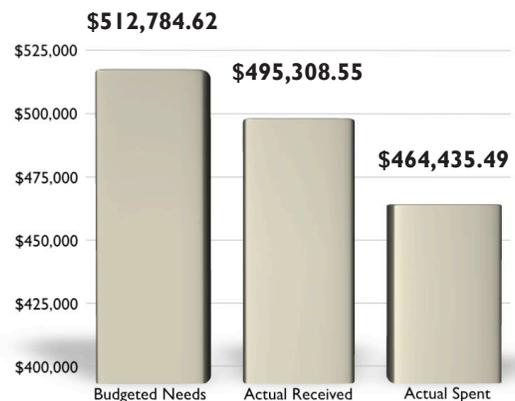
Consider donating flowers in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special day.

Sign up on the Flower Chart in the Welcome Area.

General Fund Financial Report

Week Ending August 9, 2009

Tithes & Offerings			Week	Year
8/09/09	9:00 am	126	\$4,046.00	\$103,068.45
8/09/09	11:00 am	430	\$5,995.43	\$212,654.63
7/29/09	6:30 pm	28	\$46.00	\$3,624.05
	* Opportunity Challenge		\$150.00	\$34,909.49
	Special Services			\$4,430.64
	Online Giving		\$1,370.00	\$36,418.31
	Other Contributions		\$1,805.00	\$60,240.73
	Total	456	\$13,412.43	\$455,346.30
Other General Fund Income				
	Fundraising			\$2,292.94
	Miscellaneous		\$1,650.00	\$37,669.31
	Total Received		\$15,062.43	\$495,308.55
	Budgeted Need		\$17,653.85	\$512,784.62
	Total Surplus / (Deficit)		(\$2,591.42)	(\$17,476.07)
	Total Imagine Capital Campaign		\$1,962.50	\$78,175.04



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

This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

SUNDAY AUGUST 16

- 9:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson**
10:15 am W.C.Woodrow Memorial Dedication *Lawn near Chapel*
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 17

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

TUESDAY AUGUST 18

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

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 19

- 8:00 am Nonprofit Consulting *Gathering Place*
6:30 pm *Summer in the Spirit* Worship *Chapel*
7:00 pm Houston Pride Band Rehearsal *Activities Building*
7:30 pm Spiritual Gifts Class *Gathering Place*

THURSDAY AUGUST 20

- 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 21

No Events Scheduled.

SATURDAY AUGUST 22

- 10:00 am Season of Service Workshop *Gathering Place*
1:00 pm Angels in Motion Rehearsal *Sanctuary*

SUNDAY AUGUST 23

- 9:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson**
9:30 am Breakfast with the Board *Activities Building*
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
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