



Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

12th Sunday After Pentecost

August 23, 2009

Our Community Gathers

Rev. Dwayne Johnson & Craig Felderhoff

+ Exchange of Peace

+ Opening Praise & Worship

ALL MY DAYS

You know my words, before they're said. You know my need and I am fed.
You give me life. You know my ways, my strength, my path, for all my days.
My strength, my path, for all my days.

If I should fly beyond the dawn, the darkness will not overcome.
If I lie down in deepest night, still you are there, my Lord, my light,
still you are there, my Lord, my light.

Our every thought, each word we say, the whole of time, the present day,
are held within your mighty hand, too wonderful to comprehend,
too wonderful to comprehend.

O mend my heart and free my voice. From sin released, I will rejoice.
O search me, Lord, my spirit cries, and let my song of praise arise,
and let my song of praise arise.

VICTORY IN JESUS

I heard an old, old story, how a Savior came from glory,
How He gave His life on Calvary to save a soul like me;
I heard about His groaning, of His precious love's atoning,
then I repented of my sins and won the victory.

chorus O victory in Jesus, my Savior forever.

He sought me and bought me with His redeeming love;
He loved me ere I knew Him and all my love is due Him,
He plunged me to victory Beneath the cleansing flood.

I heard about His healing, of His cleansing power revealing.
How He made the lame to walk again and caused the blind to see;
And then I cried, "Dear Jesus, Come and heal my broken spirit,"
And somehow Jesus came and brought to me the victory. *repeat chorus*

I heard about a mansion He has built for me in glory,
And I heard about the streets of gold beyond the crystal sea;
About the angels singing, and the old redemption story,
And some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of victory. *repeat chorus*

+ Invocation

Rev. Janice Ladd

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.

+ Please rise in body or spirit.

We Hear the Word

People who are tired of hearing God invoked to justify military ventures are likely to be put off by the militaristic imagery of Ephesians 6:10-20. The language of "spiritual warfare" can also easily slide into obsessions with paranormal entities.

However, this imagery can be seen as a move to subvert our inherent tendencies toward warfare and violence. Consider an exchange in the movie "Jeffrey."

Jeffrey, a gay man, is accosted by gay bashers who threaten to kill him. He says, "You have weapons?"

So do I...irony, adjectives, eyebrows."

The weapons in Ephesians are truth, righteousness, peace, faith, salvation, and the Spirit. Like Jeffrey, those of us who are marginalized must often rely on such intangibles to respond to attacks. We do, furthermore, contend not just with "blood and flesh" but with principalities and powers in the forms of homophobia, heterosexism and patriarchy. There is the concern that combat imagery, even when "spiritualized" can still encourage us to see the goal as one of destroying what threatens us. The goal however is not destruction but transformation and reconciliation.

~ *Out in Scripture*,
Twelfth Sunday after
Pentecost Year B,
Ephesians 6: 10-20

First Reading

Georgette L. Monaghan (9 am)

Goldie Brown (11 am)

Psalm 84: 1-7a

¹ How lovely is your dwelling place, O God Almighty! ² I long, yes, I faint with longing to enter the courts of God. With my whole being, body and soul, I will shout joyfully to the living God. ³ The sparrow has found its home at last, the swallow a nest for its young -- on your altars, Yahweh, my Sovereign, my God! ⁴ Happy are those who live in your house, always singing your praises. ⁵ Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion. ⁶ As they go through the Valley of the Weeper, they make it a place of springs, clothed in blessings by the early rains. ^{7a} From there they go from strength to strength.

Response to the Word

AS THE DEER

You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.

+ Second Reading

Jerry Reitz (9 am)

Tim McCullough (11 am)

Ephesians 6: 10-20

¹⁰ A final word: be strong in the powerful strength from Christ. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God so that you can stand firm against the tactics of the devil. ¹² We are not fighting against humans. We are fighting against forces and authorities and against rulers of oppression and powers in the spiritual world. ¹³ Therefore put on the whole armor of God that you may be strong on the evil day and, having done all you can, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand fast then, with truth as the belt around your waist, and justice as your breastplate. ¹⁵ Your desire to tell the good news about peace should be like shoes on your feet. ¹⁶ In all circumstances hold faith up before you as your shield; it will help you extinguish the fiery darts of the evil one. ¹⁷ Put on the helmet of God's saving power, and carry the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸ Never stop praying, especially for others. Always pray by the power of the Spirit. Pray constantly and with perseverance for all God's holy people. ¹⁹ Pray also for me. Pray that I'll know what to say and have the courage to say it at the right time, boldly making known the mystery of the gospel. ²⁰ I was sent to do this work, and that is the reason I am in jail. So pray that I will be bold and speak as I must speak.

Anthem

Sanctuary Choir

A Time For Everything

by Mark Hayes

Living Boldly from Strength to Strength

Reflection on the Word

VICTORY IN JESUS

O victory in Jesus, my Savior forever.
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He loved me ere I knew Him and all my love is due Him,
He plunged me to victory Beneath the cleansing flood.

Making Ministry Happen

Jason Wood

Offertory

HeavenSound Handbells

Our Song Shall Rise to Thee

by Sandra Eithun

Communion

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

Introduction to Communion

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Invitation to the Feast

Communion Songs

AS WE GATHER AT YOUR TABLE

As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's victory known.

Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as your forgave;
may we still behold your image in the world you died to save.

Gracious spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast
where the triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy bind us nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

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.

YOU ARE MY ALL IN ALL

verse 1 You are my strength when I am weak, You are the Treasure that I seek,
You are my All in All.
Seeking you as a precious jewel, Lord, to give up I'd be a fool.
You are my All in All.

chorus Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name.
Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name.

verse 2 Taking my sin my cross my shame, rising again I bless your name
You are my All in All.
When I fall down, You pick me up; When I am dry, You fill my cup
You are my All in All.

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. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

+ **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

Joel Hammett

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.

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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.

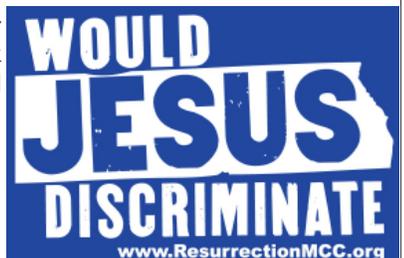
We believe in the saving grace of Jesus Christ and the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit.

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!



WORSHIP ARTS

Resurrection MCC is so blessed to have a number of groups to minister at our worship services. Auditions are not required, but a desire to worship and share is. Feel free to visit any rehearsals to 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

Thursdays • 7:00 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.

ADESTE PRAISE BAND

Sundays • 1:00 pm

Directed by Jace Hill, this group will provide corporate leadership in worship through accompanying congregational song and pieces from other ensembles. Moderate to advanced level of proficiency on your instrument required. For information about current openings contact Jace Hill.

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

Adeste Praise Band

Sundays, 1 pm, Sanctuary

The Worship Arts Department announces its newest ensemble, the Adeste Praise Band. This group will provide corporate leadership in worship through accompanying congregational song and pieces from other ensembles. We currently have several talented musicians with wonderful spirits who are excited about sharing the gifts they have been blessed with. And, we still have openings!

Adeste is Latin for "Come." We are inviting you to come join us. We are currently seeking a lead/electric guitar player and a Hammond organ player. If you are interested in serving as a sub when needed and you play acoustic guitar, bass guitar, drums or keyboard/piano, let us know. We are also open to and have a need for other instrumentalists joining us from time to time so let us know if you would like to share in that capacity.

For more information, contact Jace Hill, Director of Worship Arts, at Jace@ResurrectionMCC.org or 713-861-9149 x109.

Worship Arts Department Open House



September 19
6 - 8:30 pm
Gathering Place
OPEN TO ALL!



Come and find out information about the many groups in the Worship Arts Department while sharing in food and friendship.



We will be previewing this year's Christmas Musical
Come! Celebrate Christmas



Worship Arts Department Ministries include
Gospel Ensemble, Sanctuary Choir,
HeavenSound Handbells, Angels in Motion,
Adeste Praise Band, JAM Children's Choir, Drama,
Praisin' Puppets, Drumming Circle, Resurrection Singers



Come! Celebrate Christmas

Worship Arts Department Christmas Musical

All of our Worship Arts Ministries will be working together to present this powerful musical during both services on Sunday, December 20th. An open invitation is extended to anyone who enjoys singing to join us in the music room for this season to sing in the musical.

Rehearsal Dates

Tuesdays, October 6 - November 24, 7:45 - 8:45 pm

Tuesdays, December 6 & 13, 7:20 - 8:45 pm

Saturday, December 12, 2:00 - 5:30 pm

Saturday, December 19, 6:30 pm - ???

Anyone interested in working on the coordination/backstage/production side of the musical is invited to come be a part of the visioning process. We will be meeting in the music room September 13 & October 11th, 3:00 - 4:30 pm.



Praisin' Puppets

raisin' hands & reachin' hearts

Join the Worship Arts Department's brand new Puppet Ministry!
Rehearsals held Sundays, 3 pm in the Activities Building, starting October 25.

Ages 14 and over, adults preferred.



JAM! Children's Choir (Joy & Music!)

The JAM! choir will be singing in the Christmas Musical, *Come! Celebrate Christmas*. Keep your eye out for more information on how our young members can get involved with the Worship Arts Department.

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

EVERYONE IS INVITED

NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT "CHALICE" OFFERING

DISCOVERING MY MINISTRY SPIRITUAL GIFTS

PRESENTED BY JASON WOOD

WEDNESDAY NIGHT | AUGUST 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

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**



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 collected.



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. E-mail 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 30. 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!



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

Elisa Vega-Burns
Board of Directors
Community Presence



What gift do you want to bestow on this congregation?

The gifts that I possess, which have served me well both personally and professionally, and that I believe will add value to the undertakings of the Board, are my focus and commitment. When applying myself to a task, I am steadfast in my commitment to its completion and success. My ability to analyze, problem solve, and multi-task are well honed. Add to that my passion for our church home, and I am confident in my ability to leverage these gifts in a way that will enable Resurrection MCC to move closer to its vision for the future, while helping to maintain its current viability.

What turns you on creatively, spiritually or emotionally?

When I think about what “turns me on” creatively, spiritually and emotionally, I am compelled to think about what motivates me -- whether that motivation is to be in a relationship, buy a car or join a church. The thing that motivates me creatively is a challenge. I enjoy figuring things out and discovering a solution when there doesn't appear to be a one. Spiritually I am turned on by a sense of fellowship; that is, knowing that my burdens are not my own, and that by the sharing of my love and care, a community can be enriched. Emotionally I am motivated by honesty and sincerity. I have little tolerance for what I perceive to be dishonesty or deception, even as I challenge myself to seek the facts.

What motivated you to join the BOD?

I was motivated to join the Board by an overwhelming desire to give back to a church home that has, and continues to, enrich my life. Since Gemma and I started attending services at Resurrection MCC a little over a year and a half ago, we have been steadfast in our commitment to give back to the church. We do so in a number of ways, including the offering of our time and financial resources. Given my gifts and disposition, joining the Board seems the perfect way for me to share myself with the church community and contribute to our collective goals.

What do you want the congregation to know about its BOD?

As a new member of the BOD, I would like to help the congregation understand the extent to which participating on the Board is a labor of love. The women and men who serve on the Board now, and served in the past, give freely of their time and talents, while seeking nothing in return beyond the health and well-being of our church community ... a community we all love and support. I would like to applaud my colleagues on the Board, and publicly express my desire to serve with them and continue their tradition of selfless giving and steadfast commitment to our Resurrection MCC church family!

Mary Wagner
Board of Directors
Administrator



What motivated you to join the BOD?

I was motivated by the desire to serve, and the still small voice inside me said it was my time. I've attended this church for many years and several of the people that I know, love and respect have taken their turns in the past – and I just knew it was my time to serve. I've been approached in the past about running for the board, but the timing never seemed right. This time there were many openings, not enough people coming forward, and I was at a very slow point in my career that allowed me the time to do it.

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

My greatest fear about joining the board was that it would consume all my free time and would require me to live at the church! That fear was a hang-over from younger years when I didn't know how to say “no” to anybody who asked anything of me. Now, while there is a fair time commitment to be on the board, I am mature enough to say “no” once in awhile without any guilt or fear of ill consequences. I honor my commitments and responsibilities assigned to me on the Board, but I manage my time and do not over-commit.

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

First, I suggest potential board applicants come and observe several BOD meetings to get a feel for the process. It takes two or three to get a feel for the process, to see what goes on and why, and to review the monthly reports each board member is required to provide at each monthly meeting. Next I would suggest talking to several current and former board members about it and find out how they discerned their calling/ministry to serve on the board and to get a feel for what will be expected of you.

What do you want the congregation to know about its BOD?

I want the congregation to know that this is not the same old BOD. While I've not served on the Board before; my impression is that this is a very pro-active, motivated, and gifted set of professionals that are enthusiastic and goal driven. Our board is heavily weighted with members who are passionate about this church and who are committed to growing this church to the next level. We are a board that holds itself accountable, that's sets goals, and that makes a plan to achieve those goals. We are “action” oriented and are striving to change things for the better of the church.



Fishers Net Prayer Ministry:
A Dialogue with God

Can we see the Forest through the Trees or do we just see the Trees? This statement reflects on how we get so focused on the details in life or perhaps just one detail we miss out on God's larger picture. The reality is God is all around and within us, no matter what the situation we find ourselves. We have so many things to be thankful, yet many times we focus on just one aspect of our life and usually an aspect that is not Godly or fortunate, turning our entire world up-side-down. In Joshua 1:5, Jesus tells us point blank, "No one will be able to stand up against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you".

Dear Creator Mother Father God, thank you for your promise. Thank you that when I feel down, I can be assured you are with me. Help me focus this week on your goodness and acknowledge the love of Christ and God's grace protecting me. Amen.

*** You are invited *** August 30! 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 team. 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.

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 ~

Everyone
Invited!

**Fishers Net
Prayer Ministry Breakfast**

NEXT 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!

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:
Takís 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 we don't change, we don't grow.
If we don't grow, we aren't truly living.*

~ Gail Sheehy

Board Members on Duty

Debbie Skelly & Wayne Wiggins

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Flowers in the Sanctuary

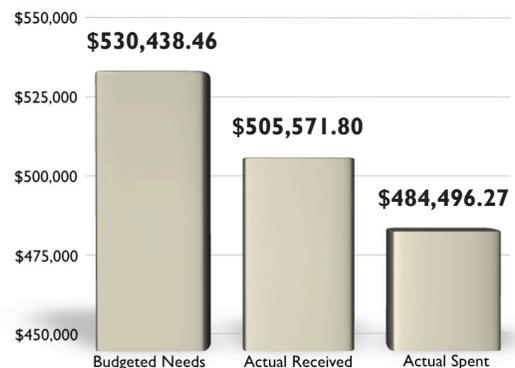
On my day of birth, I celebrate the life and death of my best friend, Chris Karnes, who gave birth through art - every day of his life.

-- Charles Clark II

General Fund Financial Report

Week Ending August 16 2009

Tithes & Offerings			Week	Year
8/16/09	9:00 am	130	\$2,960.00	\$106,028.45
8/16/09	11:00 am	337	\$4,043.00	\$216,697.63
8/12/09	6:30 pm	30	\$27.00	\$3,651.05
* Opportunity Challenge				\$34,909.49
Special Services				\$4,430.64
Online Giving			\$1,640.39	\$38,058.70
Other Contributions			\$915.00	\$61,155.73
Total		497	\$9,585.39	\$464,931.69
Other General Fund Income				
Fundraising			\$136.46	\$2,429.40
Miscellaneous			\$541.40	\$38,210.71
Total Received			\$10,263.25	\$505,571.80
Budgeted Need			\$17,653.85	\$530,438.46
Total Surplus / (Deficit)			(\$7,390.60)	(\$24,866.66)
Total Imagine Capital Campaign			\$1,829.34	\$80,004.38



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

This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

SUNDAY AUGUST 23

- 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
 1:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal *Sanctuary*
 1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Music Room*

MONDAY AUGUST 24

- 6:00 pm Board of Directors Meeting *Gathering Place*

TUESDAY AUGUST 25

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

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 26

- 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 27

- 8:00 am Nonprofit Consulting Services *Gathering Place*
 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*
 7:00 pm Resurrection Singers Rehearsal *Music Room*

FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED AUGUST 28

- 7:00 pm Friday Night OUT (see ad, p. 8) *Champps Americana*

SATURDAY AUGUST 29

- 11:30 am Future Clergy Meeting *Gathering Place*

SUNDAY AUGUST 30

- 9:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson**
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