



Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

13th Sunday After Pentecost

August 30, 2009

Our Community Gathers

Rev. Dwayne Johnson &
Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

+ Exchange of Peace

+ Opening Praise & Worship

O HOW I LOVE JESUS

There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;
it sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest name on earth.

O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus,
O how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!

It tells me of a Savior's love, who died to set me free;
it tells me of his precious love, the sinner's perfect plea.

O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus,
O how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!

It tells of one whose loving heart can feel my deepest woe;
who in each sorrow bears a part that none can bear below.

O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus,
O how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!

YOU ARE GOOD

Lord, You are good, and Your mercy endureth forever;
Lord, You are good, and Your mercy endureth forever.

People from every nation and tongue, from generation to generation:

We worship You, Hallelujah, Hallelujah! We Worship You for who You are!
We worship You, Hallelujah, Hallelujah! We Worship You for who You are,
and You are Good!

bridge You are good all the time; all the time you are good! (*repeat 4 times*)

+ Invocation

Rev. Mona Lopez

We Gather

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

+ Please rise in body or spirit.

We Hear the Word

The scripture from Song of Songs celebrates and perhaps even creates the feelings of passionate desiring and knowing oneself to be passionately desired. While loving and being loved are not the only goals of human existence, they can be transformative experiences that not only lead us to praise the One who makes joy possible but also exercise our capacities for love. Glimpsing oneself not as perfect but perfect for someone, wanted, sought after, is a cause for singing both secular love songs and hymns.

~ Julia M. O'Brien,
Feasting on the Word
Year B, Volume
4 Season After
Pentecost 2, 7.

First Reading

Vicki Hopper (9 am)
Angelo Hernandez-Sias (11 am)

Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9

¹ My heart is stirred with this sweet melody; I serenade you with my verse, my leader: my tongue is like the pen of a skillful poet. ² Over all the earth, you are the most stately in manner. Gracious words stream from your lips. God has blessed you forever. ⁶ Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever. Your royal scepter is a scepter of justice. ⁷ And because you love justice and hate corruption, God, your God, has set you above your companions and anointed you with the oil of gladness. ⁸ Your robes are all fragrant with myrrh, aloes and cassia. Stringed instruments make you glad in ivory palaces. ⁹ Daughters of dignitaries are in your entourage, and at your right hand stands the queen in gold from Ophir.

Response to the Word

LET IT RISE

Let the words of the Lord rise among us.
Let the words of the Lord rise among us.
Let the messages we hear rise among us. Let it rise.
Oh, let it rise. Oh, let it rise.

+ Second Reading

Karla Johnson (9 am)
Jules Gauvin (11 am)

Song of Songs 2:8-13

⁸ The voice of my beloved! Look, my beloved comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. ⁹ My beloved is like a swift gazelle or a young deer. Look, there my beloved stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. ¹⁰ My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; ¹¹ for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. ¹² The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. ¹³ The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away."

Anthem

Resurrection Singers

With All My Heart

arr. Camp Kirkland

Spiritual Encouragement

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

God's Love Song

Making Ministry Happen

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

Offertory

Anne Dittmar

Love Story

Communion

Jason Wood

Introduction to Communion

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Invitation to the Feast

Communion Songs

DRAW ME CLOSE

Draw me close to you, Never let me go.
I lay it all down again to hear you say that I'm your friend
You are my desire, no one else will do
'Cause nothing else can take your place to feel the warmth of your embrace
Help me find the way, bring me back to you.

You're all I want, You're all I've ever needed.
You're all I want, Help me know you are near.

WHEN LOVE IS FOUND

When love is found and hope comes home, sing and be glad that two are one.
When love explodes and fills the sky, praise God and share our maker's joy.

When love has flowered in trust and care, build both each day, that love may dare
to reach beyond home's warmth and light, to serve and strive for truth and right.

When love is tried as loved ones change, hold still to hope though all seems strange,
till ease returns, and loves grows wise through listening ears and opened eyes.

When love is torn and trust betrayed, pray strength to love till torments fade,
till lovers keep no score of wrong, but hear through pain love's Easter song.

Praise God for Love, Praise God for life, in age or youth, in peace or strife.
Lift up your hearts, let love be fed through death and life in broken bread.

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.

THE WONDERFUL CROSS

When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of Glory died;
My richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.
See from his head, his hands, his feet sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did ever such love and sorrow meet or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Oh, the wonderful cross, Oh, the wonderful cross;
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.
Oh, the wonderful cross, Oh, the wonderful cross
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name.

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small:
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

Oh, the wonderful cross, Oh, the wonderful cross;
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.
Oh, the wonderful cross, Oh, the wonderful cross
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name.

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.

+ **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Jason Wood

+ **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,
Jesus lifted me.

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.

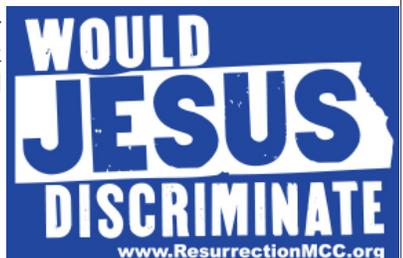
We believe in the saving grace of Jesus Christ and the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit.

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!



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 • 12:30 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, 12:30 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

Beginning in June and running through August our Wednesday evenings at Resurrection came alive with our Summer in the Spirit series: creative worship experiences imagined, fashioned and facilitated by Worship Teams led by members of our community in discernment for the ministry!

Thanks to ALL who brought us an amazing Summer in the Spirit during this Season: leading us in deepening our faith and exciting spiritual adventuring!

Please note that we will have a brief break in our Wednesday evening celebrations as we prepare for The Chalice: 2009-2010.

No Wednesday evening worship services will be held September 2, 9, or 16.

Looking forward to lifting The Chalice with you again on the **September 23!**

Exciting details coming SOON!



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.

Get Connected to a First Impressions Ministry

Stop by the Gathering Place after services and find out more about exciting volunteer opportunities!

Concierge Desk

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 Ana Tarver

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.



Our Fall Season of Service Workshops were offered on Saturday, August 22 for all who wish to share time and talent with our kids one Sunday a month, September – November!

We still need 12 new Teaching Team Partners for this Fall who will offer 3 Sundays total to support our families!

Grab a friend and experience the joy of this ministry with our kids! Email Joel or Rev. Kristen TODAY!:

Joel@ResurrectionMCC.org or

RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org

Or call 713-861-9149 x107. It's About All of Us!

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 today. 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!



What are Your Gifts? Board of Directors Positions Available

Application Deadline: September 25

Calling all members who have the gifts of Administration, Creative Communication, Leadership, Discernment and/or Vision to prayerfully consider applying to serve on Resurrection's Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors is responsible for the financial health of the church and for administering our resources in support of Resurrection's Vision 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.

If you have a passion for financial administration, fundraising, and community building outside our walls, and strategic planning for our future, you may be a blessing to our community of faith. Please consider applying for one of several open positions. Position descriptions available through the Nominating Committee; application packets available at all Sanctuary entrances.

For more information, contact the Nominating Committee at Nominating@ResurrectionMCC.org

Eve Messina
Board of Directors
Assistant Clerk



What gift do you want to bestow on the congregation?

I would like to bestow my gifts of loyalty, dedication, and compassion upon our congregation. I believe that these gifts will help our church grow and prosper in this world in order to be the church that God is calling us to be.

What motivated you to join the BOD?

I am always looking for ways in which to “give back” to my church. For several years, I felt the calling to run for the BOD and finally followed that voice. I am highly motivated to be part of the miracles that are occurring here at Resurrection! Together, we can change the world!

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

I would suggest that potential Board applicants get involved in an area that generates personal passion or an area that they would like to learn more about. Step out of your box, get to know new people, and listen to what is occurring in our congregation and our community.

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

I am highly experienced at working with groups of adults and do it on a daily basis in my career. This Board is the most talented, dedicated group that I have ever been associated with! We are fortunate as a congregation to have such a skilled, passionate Board.

Wayne Wiggins
Board of Directors
Resource Development and Legacy Gifts



What turns you on creatively, spiritually or emotionally?

One of the things that turn me on both spiritually and emotionally is seeing God’s work in people. I’ve seen God shining through both in ‘ah-ha’ moments, and over a period of time. Some call this process maturing, but we are being molded only by the hands of our Creator.

What motivated you to join the BOD?

Single word—SERVICE.

What was your greatest fear about joining the BOD?

My greatest fear about joining the BOD is the same as my greatest fear about many opportunities that I’ve been given--Failure. Note the key word here is opportunities. Fortunately, time and experience has given me FAITH to accept opportunities. There are so many gifts and rewards just waiting to be received if we just “dive in”. Sometimes the water chiiiiiiills our bodies, but cannot touch your soul--it’s all part of “The Plan”.

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

There are only two suggestions for potential Board applicants: 1) Adopt a mentor from the current or past BOD members, and 2) Attend Board Meetings.

Len Shelton
Board of Directors
Benevolent Activities



What gifts do you want to bestow on this congregation?

After my time, I want to know that my service has contributed to the molding of a church that will forever be a model of grace to the human spirit of decency and dignity.

What motivated you to join the BOD?

Once I caught the MCC vision I knew I wanted to serve in a role that was responsible for articulating that vision and making it become a reality for all people everywhere. It’s a Jesus thing!

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

Everyone has something to offer. One just has to fully believe in oneself and fully believe in the vision of the church. I would suggest as a way to do that is to fully immerse oneself in understanding the mission of this denomination. Once that solidifies one will come to know how in harmony this church is with the life of Jesus Christ.

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

Resurrection MCC is in good hands! This is a team of skilled, dedicated Christians. At times service can be a bear. Time and time again I've seen the Board struggle to come up with the most appropriate solution. That said, I can never remember having regretted our position once accord was reached. We all fully understand that God also serves on this Board!



Fishers Net Prayer Ministry:
A Dialogue with God

Happiness is.....

Ecclesiastes 2:24 (CEV) "The best thing we can do is to enjoy eating, drinking, and working. I (Solomon) believe these are God's gifts to us." As a child of God, I too believe we are made to be happy, prosperous and full of life; but full of what? Too many times we place God in a box and an image of our own. This, my friend, is when we fall into trouble, spiritually, morally and sometimes ethically.

Yes, God wants us all to be happy, but above all to be holy, holy in and within our Creator. In I Peter 3:10-12 (CEV), we learn that if we really want to be happy, we must "...then stop saying cruel things and quit telling lies. Give up your evil ways and do right" for as when we following the teachings of Christ, Christ then "watches over everyone who obeys and Christ listens to our prayers."

What is your prayer for yourself and others? Dear Sovereign Creator God, please fill me with your Spirit and cover me with your Grace so when the ways of the world trick me, I will hold to your word, loving you, myself and others as myself and living a holy, happy life. Amen

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.

Growing stronger in Christ and realizing our Prayers together.

~ Fishers Net Prayer Ministry ~

Everyone
Invited!

**Fishers Net
Prayer Ministry Breakfast**
TODAY! 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!

LGBTQ Solutions for Living Well

*Professional Services Provided at
Resurrection MCC Wellness Center*



**New Men's Group Therapy
The Gentlemen's Club**

Are you stressed out, worried, or depressed? Struggling to balance a job and a family without everything falling apart? This group provides a safe space to talk about issues affecting men today, ranging from relationships/family issues, financial/job related stress, depression, anxiety, grief, and major life changes.

\$40 per group.

Group open, space limited.

Mondays, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Call Michael at 713-446-8034

Therapist: Michael Mann, LCSW

Couples Group

10-week closed group for 4-6 couples focused on improving communication, conflict resolution, empathy and intimacy.

\$55 per couple.

Tuesdays, 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Begins in September.

Call Tammy at 832-863-8221

Co-Therapists:

Takis Bagdanos, LPC-I

Tammy S. Fountain, LPC, ATR-BC



Adult Mixed Group

\$40 per group. Wednesdays, 5:00 - 6:25 pm

Call Tammy at 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



Life Changing - Spiritually Renewing -Christ Focused

Excel's focus is "Living in Union with Christ," and holds to the belief that all of God's children are welcome into a relationship and communion with God.

Come and learn that through prayer we all can experience God, through study we learn more about God and through our actions we share the love of Christ with the world by making friends, being a friend and sharing Christ with our friends.

October 30 – November 1, 2009
Friday 6:00 p.m. thru Sunday 3:00 p.m.
The Christian Renewal Center, Dickinson, Texas.
 Registration at www.excelofthearmadillo.org or email excelinhouston@yahoo.com

Total cost is \$100.00 per person, which includes two nights lodging, six full meals, and memories to last a lifetime.

Stewardship Thought for the Week

Love is that which is given.

~ Ada Davidson Muller

Board Members on Duty

Vicki Hopper & Karla Johnson
Board Minutes Available Upon Request.

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



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

DRUMMING CIRCLE

Saturday, September 5, 3:00 - 4:30 pm
Gathering Place

This group is open to ALL, and requires no prior experience with drumming. Join us! For more information, contact Denise Junious, DrummingCircle@ResurrectionMCC.org.

Drumming Circle is hosted monthly on the first Saturday.

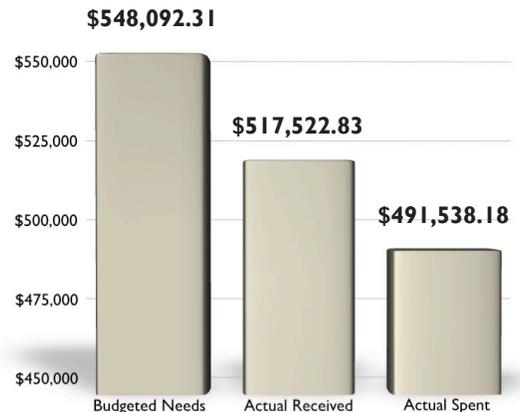
Flowers in the Sanctuary

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 23, 2009

			Week	Year
<i>Tithes & Offerings</i>				
8/23/09	9:00 am	107	\$3,597.14	\$109,625.59
8/23/09	11:00 am	378	\$5,625.89	\$222,323.52
8/19/09	6:30 pm	21	\$33.00	\$3,684.05
	* Opportunity Challenge			\$34,909.49
	Special Services			\$4,430.64
	Online Giving		\$750.00	\$38,808.70
	Other Contributions		\$1,645.00	\$62,800.73
	Total	506	\$11,651.03	\$476,582.72
<i>Other General Fund Income</i>				
	Fundraising			\$2,429.40
	Miscellaneous		\$300.00	\$38,510.71
	Total Received		\$11,951.03	\$517,522.83
	Budgeted Need		\$17,653.85	\$548,092.31
	Total Surplus / (Deficit)		(\$5,702.82)	(\$30,569.48)
	Total Imagine Capital Campaign		\$785.00	\$80,789.38



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

This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

SUNDAY AUGUST 30

- 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 Praise Band Rehearsal *Sanctuary*
 1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Music Room*
 2:00 pm Memorial Service *Chapel*

MONDAY AUGUST 31

- 6:30 pm Anointing Rehearsal *Sanctuary*

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 1

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

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 2

- 7:00 pm Houston Pride Band Rehearsal *Activities Building*

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 3

- 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 SEPTEMBER 4

OFFICE CLOSED

No Events Scheduled.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 5

- 3:00 pm Drumming Circle *Gathering Place*

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 6

- 9:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson**
 10:15 am Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry (Everyone Welcome) *Chapel*
 10:45 am Youth Ministries Program *Activities Building*
11:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson
 12:30 pm Second Family Care Partners Luncheon *Act Bldg #104*
 12:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal *Sanctuary*
 1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Music Room*