



Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

18th Sunday After Pentecost

October 4, 2009

Our Community Gathers

Rev. Dwayne Johnson & Jason Wood

+ Exchange of Peace

+ Opening Praise & Worship

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

How firm a foundation for you has been laid,
by God in the Word, in the sacrifice paid!
What more can God say than to you has been said,
to you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,
for I am your God, I will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you and cause you to stand
upheld by my gracious, omnipotent hand."

"When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of woe shall not over you flow;
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
delivering you from your deepest distress."

"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace all-sufficient shall be your supply;
the flame shall not hurt you' for I have designed
your soul to make pure just as gold is refined."

MY HOPE IS BUILT

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' love and righteousness.
I dare not trust this earthly frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

chorus On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.

When shadows veil my Savior's face, I rest upon unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.
repeat chorus

Christ's oath, his covenant and blood, support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.
repeat chorus

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Love be found.
Dressed in God's righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.
repeat chorus

+ Invocation

Jace Hill

+ Please rise in body or spirit.

World Communion Sunday

Since 1936 churches have been celebrating World Communion Sunday on the first Sunday in October. World Communion Sunday is a time to be in communion with Christians all over the world and to enable us to press on toward the goal of serving God in life-changing ministries. The day has taken on new relevancy and depth of meaning in a world where globalization often has undermined peace and justice – and in a time when fear divides the peoples of God's earth. On this day we celebrate our oneness in Christ, the Prince of Peace, in the midst of the world we are called to serve – a world ever more in need of peacemaking.

How do we choose our scriptures for each week?

Generally we choose from the *Revised Common Lectionary*, © 1992 Consultation on Common Texts. The lectionary provides four readings - one from the Hebrew Scripture, one psalm or song, and two from the New Testament. Some congregations use all four readings on Sundays and Holy Days. Others use only one reading which provides the theme for the Sunday. At Resurrection MCC, we usually select two of the four readings.

These inspire the focused theme that is extended throughout our worship service in song and word. Thus, much of what we sing is determined by what we speak, and conversely. The *Revised Common Lectionary* is widely used in Mainline Protestant and Anglican churches and increasingly in Evangelical Protestant churches. Roman Catholic congregations also use a lectionary with many similarities to the *Revised Common Lectionary*. That means that every Sunday, Christians of many traditions throughout the world are literally on "the same page" - a powerful symbol of our unity in Christ.

First Reading

Ron Drumm (9 am)
Joe Davis (11 am)

Psalm 26

¹ Do me justice, O God! For I have walked in integrity and I have trusted in you without wavering. ² Search me, God, and test me; examine my heart and my mind. ³ For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in faithfulness to you.

⁴ I don't sit with deceitful people, nor do I consort with hypocrites. ⁵ I avoid places where troublemakers gather, and have nothing to do with violent people. ⁶ I wash my hands in innocence and minister at your altar, God, ⁷ singing aloud a song of thanksgiving, and telling all your wonders.

⁸ God, I love the house in which you dwell, the dwelling place of your glory. ⁹ Don't sweep me away with sinners, or take my life along with the mean and brutal! ¹⁰ They hatch terrible schemes with their left hand, and take bribes with their right. But as for me, I walk in integrity; redeem me, and be gracious to me. My foot stands on level ground; in the assemblies I will bless God.

Response to the Word

MY HOPE IS BUILT

On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.

+ Second Reading

Aileen North (9 am)
Elizabeth Conyer (11 am)

Job 1:1; 2:1-10

¹ One upon a time, one named Job lived in the land of Uz. Job was honest and upright, honored God and turned away from evil.

¹ One day the heavenly court gathered to present themselves before God, and the Accuser was among them. ² God said to the Accuser, "Where have you been?"

The Accuser replied, "Here and there. I have been going all over the earth."

³ God said to the Accuser, "Have you noticed Job, my faithful one? There's no one on earth like him! He is unlike anyone else in the world, honest and upright, honors God and turns away from evil! His integrity is intact -- even though you incited me to ruin him without cause!"

⁴ The Accuser replied, "There's no pain like your own! A person will give away every possession just to stay alive. ⁵ Try striking Job's own body with pain, and he'll curse you to your face."

⁶ So God said to the Accuser, "All right. Make Job suffer as much as you want, but just don't kill him."

⁷ Then the Accuser left God's presence. . .and afflicted Job with painful boils from the soles of his feet to the crown of his head. ⁸ Job would take a piece of broken pottery to scrape his skin with as he sat among the ashes.

⁹ Job's spouse said to him, "So you're still holding onto your integrity? Curse God, and die!"

¹⁰ Job replied, "Only foolish people talk like that. If we accept happiness from God, we should also accept adversity."

Through all this, Job never sinned with his words.

Anthem

Gospel Ensemble

Halleluya! Pelo Tsa Rona

Sotho South African spiritual

*translation: Halleluyah! We sing Your praises, all our hearts are filled with gladness.
Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hunger.
Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt, to proclaim the joyful Gospel.*

Spiritual Encouragement

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

STANDING FAST: When Integrity is Shaken

Reflection on the Message

HOLD TO GOD'S UNCHANGING HAND

Trust in God who will not leave you. Whatsoever years may bring.
Build your hopes on things eternal. Hold to God's unchanging hand.
Hold to God's hand, God's unchanging hand.
Hold to God's hand, God's unchanging hand.
Build your hopes on things eternal. Hold to God's unchanging hand.

Making Ministry Happen

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

Offertory

Forever Blessed

Midnight Cry

Communion

DeJuana Jernigan & Sharri McGlauthing

Introduction to Communion

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Invitation to the Feast

Communion Songs

SANTO, SANTO SANTO

Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart, adores you!
My heart knows how to say to you: "You are Holy, Lord."

¡Santo, santo, santo, mi Corazón te adora!
Mi Corazón te sabe decir: "Santo eres Dios."

**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.

Jesu Tawa Pano

(Jesus, we are here)
Is a Hymn from Zimbabwe, transcribed and prepared for use by congregations throughout the world by Patrick Matsikenyiri of Africa University in Zimbabwe.

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.

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many throughout the earth, We are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman and man, no more.

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many throughout the earth, We are one body in this one Lord.

Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all.

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many throughout the earth, We are one body in this one Lord.

Grain for the Fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all.

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many throughout the earth, We are one body in this one Lord.

JESU TAWA PANO *JESUS, WE ARE HERE*

Jesus, we are here; Jesus, we are here;
Jesus, we are here; we are here for you.

Jesu tawa pano; Jesu tawa pano;
Jesu tawa pano; tawa pano, mu zita renyu.

EAT THIS BREAD

Eat this Bread, drink this Cup, come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this Bread, drink this Cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

DeJuana Jernigan

Sending Forth

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

+ **Benediction**

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

+ **Singing Forth**

WE ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST

One heart, one Spirit, one voice to praise you, we are the body of Christ.

One goal, one vision: To see you exalted. We are the body of Christ.

And to this we give our lives to see you glorified.

One heart, one Spirit, one voice to praise you, we are the body of Christ.

One goal, one vision: To see you exalted.

We are the body, we are the body, we are the body of Christ.

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.

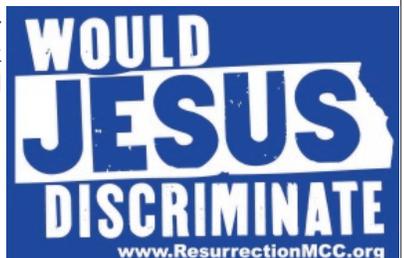
We believe in the saving grace of Jesus Christ and the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit.

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!



New Members' Class

Saturday, October 10

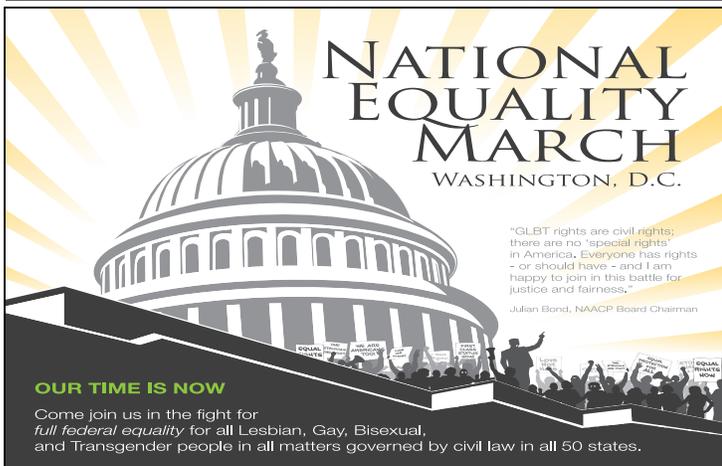
9 am - Noon

Chapel / Breakfast Served

Join us to discuss the mission, vision, and values of Resurrection MCC, to discover our connection to the world through our affiliation with the Metropolitan Community Churches, and to join this family of faith in purpose, service, and fellowship!

To register, contact Jason Wood,
Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org
or 713-861-9149 x105.

Download the Spiritual Gifts Assessment
from www.ResurrectionMCC.org



**NATIONAL
EQUALITY
MARCH**
WASHINGTON, D.C.

"GLBT rights are civil rights; there are no 'special rights' in America. Everyone has rights - or should have - and I am happy to join in this battle for justice and fairness."
Julian Bond, NAACP Board Chairman

OUR TIME IS NOW
Come join us in the fight for full federal equality for all Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender people in all matters governed by civil law in all 50 states.

OCTOBER 10-11, 2009
WASHINGTON, D.C.
www.nationalequalitymarch.com

If you are planning to attend, please let us know!
Email Equality@ResurrectionMCC.org

Houston's National Equality March Celebration

Sunday, October 11, 2:30 - 4:30 pm, Sanctuary

Join your Resurrection friends and family as we co-sponsor this celebratory event with the Houston GLBT Community Center. In addition to the National Equality March, the Houston event recognizes National Coming Out Day, GLBT History Month in October, the 40th anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion, and the 30th anniversary of the first GLBTQ March on Washington.

Participants include: Ray Hill, the Houston activist who was one of the organizers of that first D.C. march. Poet and artist Lesa Jackson, who will read an original work. Singer and composer Agustin Paz, who will perform an original composition. Unhinged Productions, the GLBT theater company. Gay Men's Chorus of Houston.

The Chalice

opening...receiving...offering
Life in Fullness

WEDNESDAYS

*The Promise of the Cup:
Seeking the Presence of God
we become that which we seek.*

Community Meal

6:00 - 6:30 pm | Activities Building
simple supper, open to all

Spiritual Deepening

6:30 - 7:00 pm | Activities Building
*new & ancient practices of prayer,
meditation & worship*

Life Development Offerings

7:00 - 8:30 pm
*three classes, many paths . . .
where will you journey?*

Exciting Fall Offerings Through The Chalice

Race: The Power of an Illusion

Sep 23 - Oct 7

The division of the world's peoples into distinct groups - "red," "black," "white" or "yellow" peoples - has become so deeply imbedded in our psyches, so widely accepted, many would promptly dismiss as crazy any suggestion of its falsity. Yet, that's exactly what this provocative, three-hour series claims. By asking "What is this thing called race?" - a question so basic it is rarely asked - "Race - The Power of an Illusion" helps set the terms that any further discussion of race must first take into account. Originally aired on PBS in the Spring of 2003, this open series will be presented as a special video screening and discussion facilitated by The Center for the Healing of Racism over 3 consecutive Wednesday nights.

Soul Expressions Workshop

Sep 23 - Oct 28

We are all creative. We are all artists. We are all holy. The Soul Expressions workshops will include guided imagery, body awareness, collage and other forms of visual expression as well as opportunities for journaling and contemplation. NO PREVIOUS ART EXPERIENCE IS REQUIRED. The first session of this 6-week series facilitated by Spiritual Director Cathleen Sheil will be open to all. Come and join us and decide whether you want to commit to the next 5 weeks.

Living the Questions II

Sep 23 - Nov 18

LtQ2 is an open-minded and progressive video-based conversation exploring what's next for Christianity. Segments include conversations with leading voices of faith, sermon and lecture clips, digital stories illustrating aspects of an evolving faith, and concrete spiritual practices and disciplines. Featuring such exciting and influential theological voices as John Shelby Spong, Yvette Flunder, Matthew Fox, and Mel White this series includes An Invitation to Journey, Taking the Bible Seriously, Thinking Theologically, Stories of Creation, Lives of Jesus, A Passion for Christ: Paul, Out into the World: Challenges Facing Progressive Christians. This ongoing series facilitated by members of the Spiritual Growth and Education Team can be experienced as independent segments or as an ongoing conversation - open to all!

ACHIEVING CHANGE: COMMUNITY PARTNERS SERIES

Wednesdays
7 - 8:30 pm
Activities Building

October 14: Equality Texas
October 21: PFLAG
October 28: HRC
November 4: HATCH



Making a difference in the world, living love into the world by making justice and practicing peace - this faithful passion is shared by many within and beyond our community of faith. Each of the four weeks of our Achieving Change: Community Partners Series will be hosted by an organization in our extended community which is committed to creating a more just and peace-filled world for all – and specifically for those of us in the Queer community.

Join us for one or all of this series to learn about the people who are achieving change for us. Enjoy the presentations, be inspired by the personal stories, engage with opportunities for Q & A, and who knows? You might discover a new venue to share your passion for justice! This open offering will be facilitated by Director of Outreach Mark Eggleston in partnership with organizational leaders for this series.

EVERYONE IS INVITED

NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT "CHALICE" OFFERING

DISCOVERING MY MINISTRY SPIRITUAL GIFTS

PRESENTED BY JASON WOOD

WEDNESDAY NIGHT | OCTOBER 21 & 28
7 - 8:30 PM

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 Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org.

CREATING A LIFE THAT MATTERS



MCC's Transformational Spiritual Development Curriculum

Creating a Life that Matters is a three-course curriculum which explores ways to rediscover relationship with the Sacred, with my Self, and with my Passion. These three courses correspond to the spiritual experiences of being changed, gifted and called. Graduates of Creating a Life that Matters will have been challenged to broaden their understanding of all that is Sacred; integrate their self-awareness into being authentic, aware leaders; and live their passion intentionally through the life and work of the church.

Creating a Life that Matters integrates art, scripture, music, film, journaling, and diverse spiritual resources to augment our exploration of the Christian path.



A Program of Metropolitan Community Churches
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Register Today! Class size is limited to 25.

Cost is \$100 and covers curriculum, workbook, and other materials. We ask that you make a commitment to attend all 18 classes. Classes held Saturdays from 10 am - Noon. The first 25 individuals to submit this form, with payment, to *Inspirations Coffee Cafe & Gift Shop* will be secured a spot in the class.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Session I
Rediscovering Relationship with Sacred
October 10, 17, 24 / November 7, 14, 21

Session II
Rediscovering Relationship with Self
December 5, 12, 19 / January 9, 16, 23

Session III
Rediscovering Relationship with Passion
February 6, 13, 20 / March 6, 13, 20

For more information, please pick up a brochure from the Concierge Desk, or contact
Rev. Kristen at 713-861-9149 x107
or by email at RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org



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

Rehearsals Each Sunday:
Oct 4 - Dec 12, 10:45 - 11:00 am

Mandatory Rehearsals:
Dec 12, 3:30 - 5:30 pm & Dec 19, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

All children ages 4-12 are invited!

The JAM! Children's Choir will be singing in the Christmas Musical on Sunday, December 20.

Children and parents must commit to attend at least 50% of the Sunday rehearsals and both of the mandatory rehearsals.

Directors: Jules Czarnik & Eve Messina



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 13 - November 24, 7:45 - 8:45 pm
Tuesdays, December 1 - 15, 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 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.

Semi Annual Congregational Forum TODAY!

Immediately following 11 am Worship
Sanctuary

Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, October 18

Immediately following 11 am Worship
Sanctuary



SABBATH SATURDAY

Saturday, October 24
10 am - 2 pm
4501 Woodway
Houston, 77024

www.houstonarboretum.org

"Sabbath is more than the absence of work; it is not just a day off, when we catch up on television or errands. It is the presence of something that arises when we consecrate a period of time to listen to what is most deeply beautiful, nourishing, or true. It is time consecrated with our attention, our mindfulness, honoring those quiet forces of grace or spirit that sustain or heal us." – Wayne Muller, Sabbath

Refresh your soul each quarter with a special time spent nourishing your relationship with God! Participants will gather by 10 am at the entrance to the Houston Arboretum. From there we will walk to a selected area for a brief time of Breath Prayer and simple instruction in the ancient contemplative practice of Lectio Divina – meditation with the Divine Word, facilitated by Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini.

This time of opening will be followed by an hour of silent individual contemplative practice in the beauty of the Arboretum, after which we will reconvene to break silence with shared prayer and insights until Noon. Those wishing to continue in Sabbath community will return to Resurrection for a simple lunch accompanied by an introduction to the mystical teachings of Teresa of Avila (1515-1582) offered by Spiritual Director Cathleen Sheil.

Contact Rev. Kristen at RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org to register or get more information.

EQUALITY MINISTRY MEETING

**TOMORROW - October 5
6:30 pm, Gathering Place**

Join our new team lead, Ryan Rolston, as we discuss recent accomplishments and exciting upcoming activities!

Questions or to Sign up:
Equality@ResurrectionMCC.org



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.



Fishers Net Prayer Ministry: *A Dialogue with God*

We have all seen photos, usually images of nature, mostly clouds, where we may see hands, a face or full images of Jesus. Of course, once we see these photos, we are expected to be in such awe of the photograph as we have seen Jesus! But have we? More often than not, these photos are false; they have been modified or completely computer generated. How can we be sure when we are seeing an un-manipulated photo? How can we be sure when we hear the word of God for direction and not unsound advice from a distracter? Are we in such a mind-set that if we do not 'see' with our physical eyes or 'touch' with our physical being, we can not believe when we do see Jesus?

When we are in a true authentic relationship with God, we will hear, see and touch clearly. And with this authentic relationship, we will see, hear and touch Jesus all around us and we will become Jesus for others. Prayer is our communication link and relationship builder. Prayer is the direct line to our creator and sustainer. No texting, no voice-mail; a simple direct line, never busy and no call-waiting. Prayer; try it today. The results just might be inspiring and real.

To sign up for Praise and Prayer alerts, simply open the most recent Mobilizer and edit your profile or email Prayers@ResurrectionMCC.org and request to be added.

Growing stronger in Christ and realizing our Prayers together.

~ Fishers Net Prayer Ministry ~

CELEBRATE THE SAINTS CONCERT

All Saints Day Concert
featuring Rev. Carolyn Mobley



Sunday
November 1
6 pm
Sanctuary

Join us as we celebrate the lives of those whose love has made us who we are. Rev. Carolyn Mobley will be leading us in worship along with many of our musicians from Resurrection's Worship Arts Department.

We'll be displaying photos of loved ones who have joined the great cloud of witnesses. If you have a photo you would like included, please email to Mark@ResurrectionMCC.org by Monday, October 26.



featuring Clay Hardy,
Rosemary Smith, and
Strange'

Sunday
November 8
3 pm

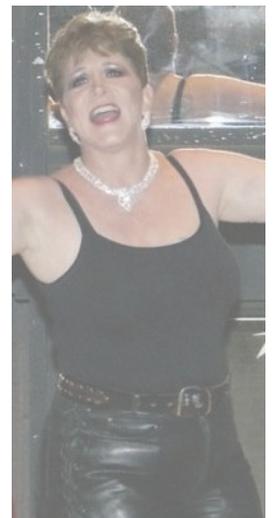
Bayou City Bar & Grill
2409 Grant St
Houston, 77006
www.bayoucitybar.com

A fabulous concert featuring great live performers, drag entertainers and more. You won't want to miss this exciting afternoon of fun and prizes!

\$50 Raffle Tickets available in Inspirations Coffee Cafe & Gift Shop

Grand Prize: \$2,500
(Odds of winning 1:299)

Second, Third, Fourth, & Fifth Prize: \$250
(Odds of winning 4:299)



LGBTQ Solutions for Living Well

Professional Services Provided at
Resurrection MCC Wellness Center

Connections

A 12-Session
Psychoeducational
Shame-Resilience
Curriculum



Revised and Expanded
Brene Brown, Ph.D., LMSW

*Are you broken?
Do you feel a need to be fixed?*

**There is hope for change,
empowerment and living
authentically!**

Connections:

A 12-Session Psychoeducational Shame
Resilience Curriculum

Facilitated by Tammy S. Fountain,
LPC, ATR-BC

Mondays

October 5 - December 21, 6 - 7:15 pm

Course developed by Brene Brown, PhD, LMSW, researcher,
educator & writer. Learn to identify and overcome shame
through exercises, handouts and lecture.

In order to provide a safe place for discussion and healing
from experiences unique to people of
sexual orientation or gender identity difference,
group limited to LGBTQ participants.

Fee: \$520 in installments, \$480 in full



Adult Mixed Group

\$40 per group. Tuesdays beginning September 15.

5:30 - 7:00 pm

Call Tammy at 832-863-8221

Co-Therapists:

Tammy S. Fountain, LPC, ATR-BC

Michael Mann, LCSW

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

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

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Adolescents & Adults

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Children, Adolescents & Adults

Second Sunday Friend-Raiser Brunch

NEXT Sunday, October 11
Activities Building, 12:30 pm

**Enjoy a delicious meal
and meet some new friends.**



Proceeds benefit Imagine Campaign

offering from members and friends:

ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR

Saturday, October 31

10 am - Noon

Gathering Place



**Get Real! Protect yourself and the ones you
love with Estate Planning that works for you!**

Are you worried:

- That Texas laws will not protect your partner?
- About who can LEGALLY make your medical decisions for you if you cannot?
- About your partner having to fight over an inheritance from you?
- About your partner losing that inheritance to predators (such as creditors, lawsuits, etc.)?
- That your partner will pay more taxes upon your passing because the marital deduction is not available?

Are you ready to take action?

Listen to what attorney Al Vacek has to say about Real Time Estate Planning! He has practiced law in Houston for over 38 years and is Board Certified in Estate Planning and Probate Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. He has prepared estate plans for more than 9,000 people, many of whom are members of the LGBTQ community who were concerned about protecting themselves and their families.

Remember:

Exceptional Estate Planning = Peace of Mind

Providing Spiritual
Direction for individuals
and groups at
Resurrection MCC.

Sliding Scale fees available
for Resurrection
members and friends.

First session is free.

Cathleen Sheil, MA
Certified Spiritual Director
sacredjourney2@aol.com
713-304-9913



Guys, isn't it time to find out how yoga fits you? Come join Yoga for Bears



Yoga for Bears

Thursday, 5:30P & 7P
Saturday, 10:00A & 11:15A
—at Resurrection MCC

www.yogaforbears.com

*Non bears always welcome



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October 30 - November 1, 2009
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Contact Chair **Becky Earle** becksterj@aol.com

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Stewardship Thought for the Week

Charity must be built upon justice.

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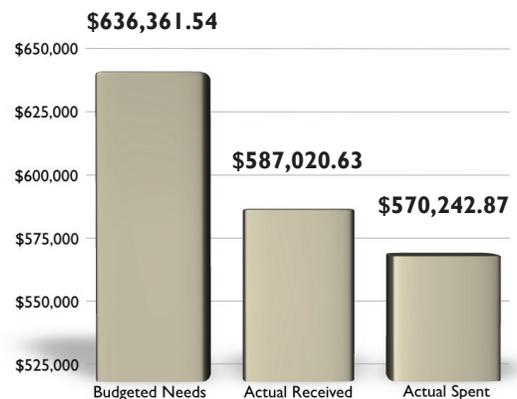
Flowers in the Sanctuary

In memory of Dee Lamb, Joe Grantham, Herb Pruett, Steve Zeller, James Waling, Howard Wells and many other friends and family members who have completed their journey. --- Annette & Carolyn

General Fund Financial Report

Week Ending September 27, 2009

			Week	Year
<i>Tithes & Offerings</i>				
9/27/09	9:00 am	118	\$1,494.00	\$121,454.54
9/27/09	11:00 am	368	\$4,729.62	\$251,047.03
9/23/09	6:30 pm	45	\$76.00	\$3,785.05
	* Opportunity Challenge			\$34,909.49
	Special Services			\$4,430.64
	Online Giving		\$1,720.84	\$46,666.88
	Other Contributions		\$1,715.00	\$72,125.73
	Total	531	\$9,735.46	\$534,419.36
<i>Other General Fund Income</i>				
	Fundraising		\$50.00	\$2,560.65
	Miscellaneous		\$1,416.10	\$50,040.62
	Total Received		\$11,201.56	\$587,020.63
	Budgeted Need		\$17,653.85	\$636,361.54
	Total Surplus / (Deficit)		(\$6,452.29)	(\$49,340.91)
	Total Imagine Capital Campaign		\$775.00	\$87,787.72



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

This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

SUNDAY OCTOBER 4

- 9:00 am **Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson**
 10:15 am Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry (Everyone Welcome) *Chapel*
 10:15 am Adeste Praise Band Rehearsal *Sanctuary*
 10:45 am Youth Ministries Program *Activities Building*
 11:00 am **Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson**
 12:30 pm Semi-Annual Congregational Forum *Sanctuary*
 1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Music Room*

MONDAY OCTOBER 5

- 6:30 pm Equality Ministry Meeting *Gathering Place*
 7:00 pm Houston Pride Band Rehearsal *Activities Building*

TUESDAY OCTOBER 6

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

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 7

- 8:00 am Nonprofit Consulting *Gathering Place*
 6:00 pm The Chalice: Community Meal *Activities Building*
 6:30 pm The Chalice: Spiritual Deepening *Activities Building*
 7:00 pm Soul Expressions Workshop *Activities Building*
 7:00 pm Race: The Power of an Illusion *Activities Building*
 7:00 pm Living the Questions II *Activities Building*

THURSDAY OCTOBER 8

- 8:00 am Nonprofit Consulting *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 Resurrection Singers Rehearsal *Music Room*

FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED OCTOBER 9

No Events Scheduled.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 10

- 9:00 am New Members' Class *Chapel*
 10:00 am Creating a Life That Matters *Gathering Place*
 10:00 am Yoga for Bears (www.yogaforbears.com) *Activities Building*
 11:15 am Yoga for Bears (www.yogaforbears.com) *Activities Building*
 1:00 pm Angels in Motion Rehearsal *Sanctuary*

SUNDAY OCTOBER 11

- 9:00 am **Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson**
 10:15 am Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry (Everyone Welcome) *Chapel*
 10:15 am Adeste Praise Band Rehearsal *Sanctuary*
 10:45 am Youth Ministries Program *Activities Building*
 11:00 am **Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson**
 12:30 pm Second Sunday Friend-Raising Brunch *Activities Building*
 1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Music Room*
 2:30 pm Houston's National Equality March *Sanctuary*
 3:00 pm Christmas Production Meeting *Gathering Place*