



Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

May 23, 2010

Prelude

Joel Hammett

Thine is the Glory

Arr. Porter

Our Community Gathers

Rev. Janice Ladd
Mark Eggleston

+ Invocation

Cassandra White

+ Exchange of Peace

Hymn

As a Fire is Meant for Burning

As a fire is meant for burning
with a bright and warming flame,
so the church is meant for mission,
giving glory to God's name.
Not to preach our creeds or customs,
but to build a bridge of care,
we join hands across the nations,
finding neighbors everywhere.

We are learners; we are teachers;
we are pilgrims on the way.
We are seekers; we are givers;
we are vessels made of clay.

By our gentle loving actions, we would show that love is light.
in a humble, listening spirit, we would live to God's delight.

As a green bud in the springtime is a sign of life renewed
so may we be signs of oneness mid earth's peoples many hued.
As a rainbow lights the heavens when a storm is past and gone,
may our lives reflect the radiance of God's new and glorious dawn.

Words: Ruth Duck
Music: From The Sacred Harp, 1844; harm. by Ronald A. Nelson
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Arr. Cassandra White

Pentecost

According to Scriptures in the Book of Acts, the Church came into being on the day of Pentecost. As 120 worshipers, including the Disciples, were fasting and praying in an upper room in Jerusalem, the Holy Spirit descended upon them in a rushing wind that was heard throughout the city. Small flames of fire rested upon their heads, and they began to speak in other languages. As crowds came to investigate the commotion, the Apostle Peter spoke to them about Jesus. From the crowd of Jews and converts, 3,000 realized the truth of his words and became seekers, believers, followers and disciples.

The purest meaning of Pentecost is that of a time of renewal. Through studying the story of Pentecost, many seek and pray for spiritual gifts for the church during this time of holy celebration. There is a renewed focus on evangelism, empowerment from the Holy Spirit, deeper intimacy with God, and fellowship. For Christians, the celebration of Pentecost imparts faith, hope, a sharing of community, and an awareness of a purpose much greater than themselves.

+ Please rise in body or spirit.

**Rev. Dr.
Edgard**

Our guest preacher is Rev. Dr. Edgard Francisco Danielsén-Morales, the Associate Pastor at MCC of New York. Born and raised in Puerto Rico, Edgard found his spiritual home in Metropolitan Community Churches where he reclaimed his call to the pastoral ministry. He was ordained in 2002 and began his pastoral work at MCC Cristo Sanador in San Juan, Puerto Rico. After being called by MCC NY on 2004, he left behind his home church, and his position as a tenured Professor at the University of Puerto Rico.

His work in the wider community of MCC is in the areas of queer theology and preaching, and education and training of clergy and laity. He has participated in a myriad of projects such as teaching the Intensives In The Ministry; leading retreats and training for lay and ordained leaders in Latin America; spiritual direction for pastors; supervision of future clergy; workshops on the integration of spirituality and sexuality; and multiculturalism and the church.

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?'

But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'People of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young ones shall see visions, and your old ones shall dream dreams. Even upon those enslaved, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of our God's great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of God shall be saved."

+ **Second Reading**

Joel Palomares (9 am)
Chris DeJohn (11 am)

Luke 4:14-21

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. Jesus began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 'The Spirit of the Holy One is upon me, because God has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. God has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of God's favor.' And Jesus rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down.

The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

Anthem

Sanctuary Choir

Many Gifts, One Spirit

by Allen Pote

Spiritual Encouragement

Rev. Dr. Edgard Francisco Danielsen-Morales

The (Inclusive) Spirit of God is Upon Us!

Making Ministry Happen

Releasing Our Prayers

Offertory

HeavenSound Handbells

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

Arr. Linda Lamb

Communion

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

Communion Songs

Sweet Sweet Spirit

There's a sweet sweet spirit in this place
And I know that it's the spirit of the Lord

There are sweet expressions on each face
And I know that it's the presence of the Lord

Sweet Holy Spirit

Sweet Heavenly Dove
Stay right here with us
Filling us with your love

And for these blessings
We lift our hearts in praise
Without a doubt we'll know
that we have been revived
When we shall leave this place

Surely the Presence of the Lord

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can feel the brush of angel's wings
I see Glory on each face
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place

**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), prayer ministers are available at the Side Altar during communion. The Fishers Net Prayer Ministry is also 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.

Communion Songs

The Servant Song

Brother, sister, let me serve you
Let me be as Christ to you
Pray that I may have the grace
To let you be my servant, too

We are pilgrims on a journey
We are together on this road
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load

We are Standing on Holy Ground

We are standing on holy ground,
and I know that there are angels all around.
Let us praise the Jesus now,
We are standing in God's presence on holy ground.

+ **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

+ **Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Edgard Francisco Danielsén-Morales

Postlude

Joel Hammett

Llanfair
Arr. Powell

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

If you are in need of prayer support, you can find prayer partners available during our time of communion or after worship in the right wing of the Sanctuary. You can also release your prayers to God by placing them in the wailing wall.

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Worship

Sunday, 9 & 11 am

Children & Youth Worship

Sunday, 11 am

Nursery

Sunday, 9 & 11 am

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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 First-Time Families!

Our nursery staff would love to meet you and your infants & children aged one month through three years! The nursery is located to the right of the Sanctuary entrance and is open during both the 9 & 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 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. Because of our faith we are called to: do justice, show kindness, and live humbly with God (Micah 6:8); explore life's questions with open hearts and minds; raise our voices in sacred defiance against exclusion, whether religious, political or systemic; reach out to those with no hope; equip new generations of remarkable, far-reaching spiritual activists.

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. We embrace four core values:

Core Values

Inclusion

Love is our greatest moral value and resisting exclusion is a primary focus of our ministry. We want to continue to be the conduits of a faith where everyone is included in the family of God, and where all parts of our being are welcomed at God's table.

Community

Offering a safe and open community for people to worship, learn and grow in their faith is our deep desire. We are committed to equipping ourselves and each other to do the work that God has called us to do in the world.

Spiritual Transformation

Providing a message of liberation from the oppressive religious environment of our day or to those experiencing God for the first time is what guides our ministry. We believe that when people are invited to experience God through the life and ministry of Christ, lives will be transformed.

Social Action

Working to talk less and do more, we are committed to resisting the structures that oppress people and standing with those who suffer under the weight of oppressive systems, being guided always by our commitment to Global Human Rights.



Pastoral Search Committee Update

May 13, 2010

Application packets have been sent!

For those of you who attended our open meeting on May 6, thank you so much for your time, interest, support, and questions! We are pleased to announce that our Senior Pastor Application Portfolio and Invitation to Apply have been sent to a select list of candidates. Applications will only be considered if all requested application materials are received by June 30, 2010.

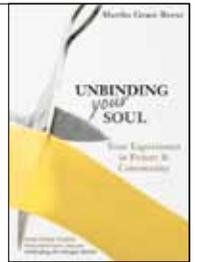
Without a doubt, the greatest opportunity for Resurrection MCC this year is the process of electing a new Senior Pastor! God is calling someone to us!! However, calling a pastor to Resurrection MCC will only be successful if God works not only in the hearts and lives of the Pastoral Search Committee, but also in the hearts and lives of every Resurrection MCC congregant. Our entire pastoral search process must be immersed in prayers. As such, please pray that God will lead our next Pastor to us and pray for your Pastoral Search Committee. Pray for our patience; pray for our discipline as a committee and as individuals; and, most especially, pray for our wisdom and discernment to nominate the right person for election to Resurrection MCC Senior Pastor.

As always, if you have any questions regarding the pastoral search process, please feel free to contact us at PastoralSearchCommittee@ResurrectionMCC.org.

Faithfully,
Resurrection MCC
Pastoral Search Committee

Unbinding Your Soul

Wednesdays, June 2 - June 23
7 - 8:30 pm, Activities Building



Unbinding Your Soul is an incredible 4-week small group study that provides the foundation in Christian friendship, discussion, prayer, and community. The purpose of the small group is to create a fun, safe place for everyone to have significant conversations and think about some big questions – Is there a God? How can I know? How do you pray? What’s true about the world? How can we live together best? How should I spend my life? How can I talk with God, every day, and learn and grow in my faith?

“We trust that God will bless our lives and take us to the next deeper level if we’ll talk honestly with each other, listen carefully and respectfully to each other, study bits of the Bible and pray. God can, and will, do amazing things in our lives and through us if we’ll just pay attention and follow.”

~ from *Unbinding Your Soul* by Martha Grace Reese

If you are interested in participating or facilitating, or if you need more information, contact Rev. Janice at RevJanice@ResurrectionMCC.org or 713-861-9149 x104.



YES WE CAN!

Please Support Our Food Pantry

Non-perishables Needed:
Canned Meats, Vegetables, Fruit, Soup, Pasta, Rice, Beans, Spaghetti Sauce

Please drop off food donations into shopping cart in Welcome Area.

Food available by appointment
713-861-9149 x103

Landscape & Facilities Work Day

Saturday, June 5
9 am - 3 pm

Join in service as we beautify our campus. Projects include gardening and selected interior work, carried out in an atmosphere of great fellowship. Lunch available in Inspirations.

RSVP & Questions to
Joy@ResurrectionMCC.org

Flamin' Flapjacks!

TODAY!

Gathering Place, 8:30 am - 12:45 pm

Enjoy pancakes, bacon or sausage
with juice and coffee.

Proceeds will help support our
Lay Delegates at General Conference.



Bingo Night at Big Tex Bingo!

**Friday
June 18, 7:30 pm**



Bring your friends and family and join
Resurrection for a night of fun! Over \$5,000
given away nightly (bingo prizes and pull tabs).
Big Tex offers a full service snack bar, daily
food specials, beer, margaritas and more.

*Resurrection MCC & Pride Charities
are two of the organizations who share in the profits!*

13030 Veterans Memorial Dr, Houston
www.bigtexbingo.com 281-586-0700



Congratulations, Resurrection MCC!

Many thanks to all those who attended a very special
"Friday" Night OUT on April 29, in participation with
Dining Out for Life. We had 70 in attendance, and half of
total food sales was donated to AIDS Foundation Houston
(AFH). Those dining that evening also had an opportunity
to make a donation in special envelopes for AFH.

I am so excited that out of all 48 restaurants, Baba Yega had
the most in donations! Those dining at Baba Yega's alone
contributed over 14% of the total donations received that
day by AFH.

Our larger community recognizes your generosity!

SEASON OF SERVICE

Sign-Ups & Spiritual Renewal

TODAY!

12:30 - 2 pm, Activities Building

Prepare to Share!

Calling all new and returning volunteers for Connections, First Impressions, Life Development, Youth Ministries Program and Altar Ministries!

All volunteers are invited to sign-up and "prepare to share" their gifts...

- Teachers, Assistants, Nursery Angels
- Welcome Team, Ushers, Concierge, Inspirations
- Communion Servers, Prayer Ministers, Scripture Readers

Join Rev. Janice, Rev. Kristen, and ministry team leads for sign-ups, ministry updates, and a time of spiritual renewal as we commit our time and talents to God's peoples for this Summer!



Friday Night OUT

May 28, 7 pm



Join us for dinner this
month at Chelsea Grill!

**4621 Montrose Blvd
713-942-9857
www.chelseagrill.com**

Join our group on Facebook: Resurrection MCC Friday Night OUT
RSVP to FridayNightOUT@ResurrectionMCC.org

EQUALITY MINISTRY MEETING

Monday, June 7

6:30 pm, Gathering Place

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

Questions or to Sign up:
Equality@ResurrectionMCC.org





2010 Resurrection MCC Special Anniversary Offering

The seeds for Resurrection MCC were planted in the winter of 1971. These seeds took root in December of 1972, when meetings were started on a regular basis in a rented apartment in Preston Villa. Nearly 40 years later, we are a congregation of over 600 members holding two weekly Sunday services, and various mid-week offerings, on a church campus that includes a 25,000 square foot church building and a 12,000 square foot activity center, situated on a 9-acre tract in the beautiful Heights area of Houston.

As you may already know, Resurrection MCC celebrated its 38th anniversary on April 25. This is a tremendous milestone to which we can look forward in thankfulness to and appreciation of our gracious God who has led us over the years. In honor of this auspicious occasion, I'd like to announce the **2010 Resurrection MCC Special Anniversary Offering** entitled "**We're 38 . . . Help Keep Us Great!**" The purpose of this campaign is to celebrate the 38th anniversary of the church, as well as to generate income for the general fund to not only reduce our budget variance, but also build a cash reserve.

In keeping with the "**We're 38 . . .**" portion of the theme: **The campaign goal is \$38,000.** We are asking that you prayerfully consider making an "**over and above**" offering in either denominations of \$38 (i.e., \$38, \$380 or \$3,800) or increments of \$38 (e.g., \$38, \$76, \$114, \$152, etc.) to commemorate the church's 38th anniversary. "Special Anniversary Offering" envelopes will be available at all entrances to the Sanctuary to make your giving as convenient as possible. All you need to do is to place your offering in the envelope provided and drop it in the beautifully decorated "Special Anniversary Offering" donation box.

The special anniversary offering campaign ends today! The donation box will be placed at the front of the Sanctuary during the Sunday services, and your offering may be placed in this box or in the offering basket. You may also make your special anniversary offering online by going to the home page of our Website and clicking on the 38th Anniversary link. While everyone may not be able to give such an offering, we do want to provide the challenge to the entire congregation and friends of Resurrection MCC, and then leave it in the hands of God to provide the funds that we so desperately need to stabilize our church. We look forward to announcing the final results of the special anniversary offering campaign next Sunday, May 30.

In keeping with the "**... Help Keep Us Great!**" part of the theme: Proceeds from this special anniversary offering campaign will be used to reduce our budget variance of over \$16,000 (see Page 11 of the bulletin). As you can see, total income received as of May 16 is \$16,450.54 less than what was projected for this 20-week period, primarily as a result of lower than expected general tithes and offerings. In fact, giving is down 10% from December 31, so that any benefit we may have realized from an income perspective as a result of the reduction in salaries and wages due to the departure of our Senior Pastor has been cancelled out due to the lower giving.

Nearly 40 years ago, the first members of Resurrection MCC had the audacity to imagine that a church of Resurrection MCC's magnitude was possible from such humble beginnings. Through mature faith and commitment, the power of the Holy Spirit, and the grace of God, Resurrection MCC has experienced both numerical and spiritual growth. Resurrection MCC remains committed to its long standing mission to demonstrate God's unconditional love to all people through Christian action, where inclusivity is a nonnegotiable value to be practiced daily. Together, we can continue to do what is necessary to help make our church home a facility that is reflective of the greatness of Jesus Christ.

We're 38 . . . Help Keep Us Great! Please join us in the 38th anniversary celebration of Resurrection MCC and make a special anniversary offering today!

Thank you in advance for your support and generosity!

Yours in Christ,

Elisa J. Vega-Burns
Treasurer, Resurrection MCC Board of Directors

The Chalice

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26

Community Gathering

6:00 - 7:00 pm | Activities Building

*Bring a brown bag or purchase a light meal
from Inspirations Coffee Cafe
while you meet new friends.*

Life Development Offerings

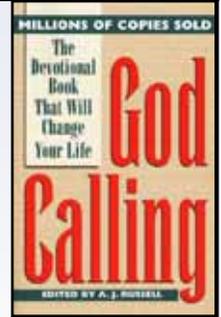
7:00 - 8:30 pm | Activities Building

OFFERING TWO

May 5 - 26

GOD CALLING

In the winter of 1932, two anonymous Christian women – “Two Listeners” – began the simple practice of expectant Listening through companionship with one another and in devotion to Christ. The messages they heard have been formulated into the classic daily devotional *God Calling*. Heed the invitation “Leave Me out of nothing. Love all My ways with you.” (May 1) With *God Calling* as our guide, we will devote ourselves to reading the daily messages, to listening for Christ’s voice in our heart, and to hearing our own soul reply through prayer and journaling. On Wednesday evenings, we will share our journeys through simple practices of reflection and prayer, in response to God’s calling. *Book available at most major bookstores.*



OFFERING ONE

April 28 - May 26

THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE: COMING OUT AS A PATH TO SPIRITUAL INTEGRITY



For many LGBTQ Christians, the liberating experience of “coming out” and embracing our true identities as lesbian, gay, bisexual and/or transgendered or queer brings about another, more painful, “coming out”—a journey away from the churches, beliefs, traditions, and communities that have formed our faith-identities as Christians. What would it mean for us to consider our sexual and gender identities as integral to our Christian identity? To reframe our “coming out” as LGBTQ as rather “coming into” a deeper, more integrated truth of ourselves as faithful disciples of Christ? Grounded in the belief that our Christian discipleship does not preclude, but, in fact, demands, that we live the truth of who we are to the glory of God in Christ, this workshop is designed to facilitate the integration of our sexual, gender, and Christian identities. While a commitment to attend most or all sessions is recommended, you are welcome to attend as you are able.

OFFERING THREE

May 12 - 26

RACE: THE POWER OF AN ILLUSION

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 that “race” is an illusion. Yet, that is exactly what *Race: The Power of an Illusion* claims. Questioning the very idea of race as biology, this provocative three-hour series suggests that a belief in race is no more sound than believing the sun revolves around the earth.



Originally airing on PBS in the spring of 2003, this open series will be presented over 3 consecutive Wednesday nights as a special video screening and follow-up discussion facilitated by The Center for the Healing of Racism. More information is online at www.pbs.org/race

This series is free and open to the public. Registration is required and limited to the first 60 registrants. RSVP to 713-520-8226 and leave your name and contact information.

LGBTQ Solutions for Living Well

Professional Services Provided at
Resurrection MCC Wellness Center

There is hope for change, empowerment and living authentically!

Connections:

A 12-Session

Psychoeducational

Shame-Resilience Curriculum

Saturdays beginning June 5

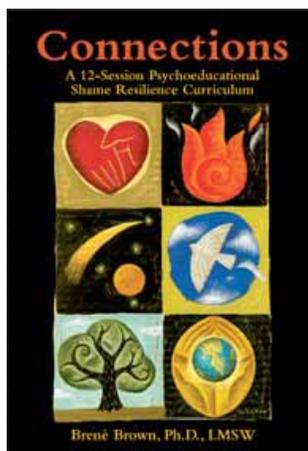
10 - 11:15 am

Facilitated by

Tammy S. Fountain,

LPC, ATR-BC

Call 832-863-8221



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.

The Fundraising Committee



is responsible for organizing special and recurring fundraising events and activities to support the annual operating budget for Resurrection MCC. If you have fundraising experience or want to learn "on the job," we need your assistance. Please send an email to ResourceDevelopment@ResurrectionMCC.org by May 30, 2010.



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



Fishers Net Prayer Ministry

A Dialogue with God by Ron Reeser

Have you ever heard the remarks, "don't push your luck" or "you are going to get caught if you don't stop it!" These phrases are generally associated with a bad or negative intention. Such as a little brother or sister teasing the other or when a child sees just how close they can get to the fire without getting burnt. As adults, we do the same thing by driving just enough over the speed limit we think we won't get caught. So what does happen when we 'push our luck?' The sister hits the brother, the child gets burnt and the adult gets a ticket.

The reactions received are all in natural order, for deep inside, we know that we will 'get caught' and so God answers our unintentional prayers. Why don't we start 'pushing our blessings?' We are God's children for goodness sake. We are told over and over again that when we follow the Word of God, we will be blessed. God knew us in our mothers' womb, so what makes us think God forgot? Looking to the scriptures for an example, we find poor little Jabez. The name Jabez sounds like the word pain in Hebrew as his mother wanted him never to forget her pained labor. But did this stop Jabez from knowing who he really was? No! Jabez knew he was a child of God, deserving of blessings and so I "Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, "Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain." And God granted his request."

Dear Mother, Father, Creator God, we collectively cry out to you oh Lord of Israel and of now – we ask for your blessings to enlarge our territory. Let your hand be with us and keep us from harm so we will be free from pain. Dear God, we thank you for answering our prayers. In your many names. Amen. * 1 Chronicles 4:10

Do you have a prayer request? Send your requests to Prayers@ResurrectionMCC.org. Postings are published each week in a Praise and Prayer alert email, where others around the country are praying collectively with you. To sign up for Praise and Prayer alerts, go to our Web site and click on the "In Need of Prayer?" link.

Growing stronger in Christ and realizing our Prayers together.

Women's Group Psychotherapy

Focused on, but not limited to, the coming out process, improving self-esteem, identity clarification and establishing healthy relationships.

Therapist: Tammy S. Fountain, LPC, ATR-BC
Call 832-863-8221 for an intake appointment.



Men's Group Therapy

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.

Group open, space limited. Mondays, 6:00 - 7:15 pm
Therapist: Michael Mann, LCSW.
Call 713-446-8034 for an intake appointment.

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

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General Fund Financial Report

Week Ending May 16, 2010

		Week	Year
Tithes & Offerings			
05/16/10 9:00 am	116	\$3,401.05	\$64,312.62
05/16/10 11:00 am	314	\$4,412.30	\$129,641.58
05/12/10 6:30 pm	33	\$371.00	\$2,476.70
Special Services			\$1,388.75
Special Anniversary Offerings		\$2,224.00	\$15,901.60
Online Giving		\$1,631.67	\$30,321.08
Other Contributions		\$865.00	\$25,004.42
Total	463	\$12,905.02	\$269,046.75
Other General Fund Income			
Fundraising		\$751.00	\$8,320.85
Miscellaneous		\$3,120.91	\$15,841.49
Total Received		\$16,776.93	\$293,209.09
Projected Need per Budget		\$15,955.77	\$309,659.63
Total Exceeded Need / (Did Not Meet Need)		\$821.16	(\$16,450.54)
Total Imagine Capital Campaign		\$1,294.34	\$40,539.20



This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

SUNDAY MAY 23

8:30 am	Flamin' Flapjacks Pancake Breakfast	<i>Gathering Place</i>
9:00 am	Sunday Worship / Rev. Dr. Edgard Danielsen-Morales	
10:15 am	Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry	<i>Chapel</i>
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	<i>Activities Building</i>
11:00 am	Sunday Worship / Rev. Dr. Edgard Danielsen-Morales	
12:30 pm	Season of Service Sign-Ups	<i>Activities Building</i>
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	<i>Music Room</i>

MONDAY MAY 24

6:00 pm	Board of Directors Meeting	<i>Gathering Place</i>
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TUESDAY MAY 25

7:00 pm	Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal	<i>Music Room</i>
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	<i>Sanctuary</i>
7:00 pm	Houston Bar Assoc. Orch. Rehearsal	<i>Activities Building</i>

WEDNESDAY MAY 26

6:00 pm	The Chalice: Community Gathering	<i>Activities Building</i>
7:00 pm	The Chalice: Coming Out	<i>Activities Building</i>
7:00 pm	The Chalice: Race - Power of an Illusion	<i>Activities Building</i>
7:00 pm	The Chalice: God Calling	<i>Activities Building</i>

THURSDAY MAY 27

6:00 pm	Pastoral Search Committee Meeting	<i>Workroom</i>
7:00 pm	Resurrection Singers Rehearsal	<i>Music Room</i>

FRIDAY MAY 28

OFFICE CLOSED		
7:00 pm	Friday Night OUT (see ad, p. 7)	<i>Chelsea Grill</i>

SATURDAY MAY 29

No Events Scheduled.

SUNDAY MAY 30

9:00 am	Sunday Worship / Rev. Pat Farnan	
10:15 am	Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry	<i>Chapel</i>
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	<i>Activities Building</i>
11:00 am	Sunday Worship / Rev. Pat Farnan	
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