



Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

May 30, 2010

Prelude

Joel Palomares (9 am)

Remember Me
by Mark Shultz

John Allen (11 am)

Jesus Loves Me

Based on Claire de Lune. Arr. Fred Bock (Bradbury/Debussy)

Our Community Gathers

Rev. Janice Ladd
Mark Eggleston

+ **Invocation**

Rev. Mona Lopez

+ **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

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 Listen

In Today's reading from Proverbs, Wisdom (or "Woman Wisdom" as translated from her Hebrew name Hochma) can be found in public places – the city gates, the crossroads – telling everyone who is alive of her presence at creation, her delight in the human race, and God's delight in her. This image of wisdom in the Old Testament strongly resembles our understanding of the Holy Spirit in the New Testament. Many scholars have understood Hochma to be a female personification of God's creative and saving actions in the world.

Rev. Pat

Rev. Pat Farnan served in the United States Navy for 24 years. She earned a Bachelor of Technical Education and a Master of Science in Educational Counseling Degree from National University in San Diego, California and she received her Master of Divinity Degree from the Virginia Union University School of Theology in Richmond, Virginia in 2005. She was ordained by the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, and came to Galveston as the planting pastor of Harbor MCC in October, 2005. Rev. Pat immediately began the process of preparing the congregation for public worship and becoming a fully affiliated church in the UFMCC. Harbor MCC was fully affiliated in July, 2006 and Rev. Pat was officially called to continue on as the Pastor of the newly affiliated church. The church was destroyed by Hurricane Ike and, with few members left to rebuild, Harbor MCC voted to disband in the spring of 2009. She is currently a member of Resurrection MCC and a facilitator for "Creating a Life That Matters".

First Reading

Brandon Jolley-Samples (9 am)
Destiny Negron (11 am)

John 16:12-15

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, she will guide you into all the truth; for she will not speak on her own, but will speak whatever she hears, and she will declare to you the things that are to come. The Spirit will glorify me, because she will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that Abba God has is mine. For this reason I said that the Spirit will take what is mine and declare it to you."

+ Second Reading

Trey Dreher (9 am)
Kendall Phillips (11 am)

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: 'To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live.'

The Lord created me at the beginning, the first of God's acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth — when God had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. When God established the heavens, I was there, when God drew a circle on the face of the deep, when God made firm the skies above, when God established the fountains of the deep, when God assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress God's command, when God marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside God, like a master worker; and I was daily God's delight, rejoicing before God always, rejoicing in God's inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

Anthem

Forever Blest

Where Could I Go? / I Go to the Rock

by James B. Coats / Dottie Rambo

Spiritual Encouragement

Rev. Pat Farnan

A Passionate Presence

Making Ministry Happen

Joel Palomares

Offertory

Resurrection Singers

Moving Forward

Communion

Rev. Janice Ladd

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

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

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. Janice Ladd

+ Benediction

Rev. Pat Farnan

+ Postlude

John Allen

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 parteciate.

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.

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.

Executive Team

Rev. Janice Ladd

Executive Pastor

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Mark@ResurrectionMCC.org (x106)

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Joy@ResurrectionMCC.org (x102)

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Gospel Ensemble Director

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Joel@ResurrectionMCC.org

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Gospel Ensemble Pianist

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Jose@ResurrectionMCC.org

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RevMona@ResurrectionMCC.org

Worship

Sunday, 9 & 11 am

Children & Youth Worship

Sunday, 11 am

Nursery

Sunday, 9 & 11 am

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www.ResurrectionMCC.org

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.



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

The Chalice

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2

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

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



Bingo Night at Big Tex Bingo!

Friday
June 18, 7:30 pm

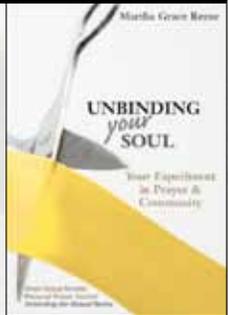
Bring your friends and family and join Resurrection for a night of fun! Over \$5,000 given away nightly (bingo prizes and pull tabs). Big Tex offers a full service snack bar, daily food specials, beer, margaritas and more.

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

UNBINDING YOUR SOUL

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.”

~ 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



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



Win an Olivia Caribbean Sun Cruise and help your Lay Delegates and MCC!

Raffle tickets are available for \$5 per ticket or 5 tickets for \$20. Half the proceeds will assist our Lay Delegates with travel expenses as they journey to Acapulco to represent our congregation. The other half will help our denomination defray the cost of MCC's General Conference, June 28 - July 2. The **Olivia Sun Cruise for Two** features a lovely stateroom with private balcony, and departs from Florida on October 30 for ports of call in the Bahamas, St. Martin and other islands, returning to Florida on November 2. **This is a \$5,998 value.**

The winning ticket will be drawn July 2, 2010, at General Conference. You do not need to be present to win!

*Raffle tickets available in
Inspirations Coffee Cafe & Gift Shop*

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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!

Get Connected to a First Impressions Ministry

Concierge Desk

Donna McRoberts

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

Kecia Bullock

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.

Ushers

Milton Ressmann

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

Donna McRoberts

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 Rev. Janice at RevJanice@ResurrectionMCC.org or 713-861-9149 x104.

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 pm

Directed by Elijah Carroll, 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

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

This group provides corporate leadership in worship through accompanying congregational song and pieces from other ensembles. Moderate to advanced level of proficiency on your instrument required.

If you have interest in any of these groups, please email our interim Director of Worship, Cassandra White, Cassandra@ResurrectionMCC.org



Thank you for contributing to the Resurrection MCC 2010 Special Anniversary Offering Campaign: "We're 38 ... Help Keep Us Great!"

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 know, Resurrection MCC celebrated its 38th anniversary on April 25. On April 11, I announced the six-week 2010 Resurrection MCC Special Anniversary Offering Campaign entitled "We're 38 ... Help Keep Us Great!" The purpose of this campaign was to celebrate the 38th anniversary of the church, as well as to generate income for the general fund in order to reduce our budget variance.

In keeping with the "We're 38 ..." portion of the theme: The campaign goal was \$38,000. We asked that congregants 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, etc.) to commemorate the church's 38th anniversary. While we did not achieve 100% of the campaign goal, special anniversary offerings totaled nearly \$19,000 and our budget variance was reduced by \$2,173 during the six-week special anniversary offering campaign period. **For those of you who made a special anniversary offering, thank you so much for your kindness, support and generosity!**

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 over the last 38 years. 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 are doing what is necessary to help make our church home a facility that is reflective of the greatness of Jesus Christ!

Again, thank you so much for your support and generosity!

Yours in Christ,

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

Resurrection
Inspirations
Coffee Café & Gift Shop

Friendly Volunteers Needed!

Please contact Kecia Bullock at
Inspirations@ResurrectionMCC.org

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 on Sundays in the Activity Building after Children's Church, or email Joel@ResurrectionMCC.org



We Can Do It!



I Want You!

Do you have a smile, a hello, and 20 minutes a month?
That's all it takes to be a part of the Welcome ministry.

Contact Donna at
Welcome@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.

General Conference



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ACAPULCO 2010 EPHESIANS 3:20

Now to The One who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine

Registration

To register today, visit our website for more details and further information

Location

Fairmont Acapulco Princess
www.fairmont.com/acapulco
800.441.1414
506.863.6301

Group Name: UFMCC 2010 General Conference

Contact Information

conferences@mccchurch.net
Jennifer Justice, 213.447.2953
Carlos Chavez, 310.489.3899

2010

JUNE 28 - JULY 2



www.generalconference.mccchurch.org

Legacy Tree Donations



Please consider donating towards the planting of memorial trees at Resurrection MCC. These memorial trees will help beautify our campus and provide ecological benefits while honoring our loved ones. Contact Joy Jolley at Joy@ResurrectionMCC.org for pricing and more information.



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



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

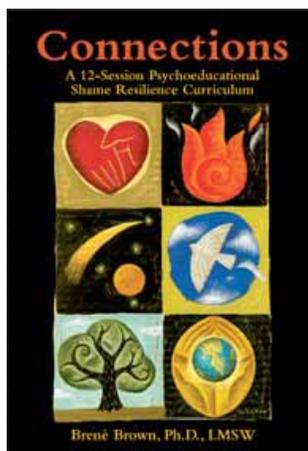
10 - 11:15 am

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.

Save the Date! Give yourself a Spiritual Boost!



Spiritual Weekend Retreat / September 3 – 5, 2010
The Christian Renewal Center, Dickenson, Texas, \$125.00 pp

Life Changing ~ Spiritually Renewing ~ Christ Focused

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Fishers Net Prayer Ministry

A Dialogue with God by Ron Reeser

"... it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Luke 18:25

When I was a child, I was afraid my grandparents would not be allowed into heaven, as I perceived them to be very rich. As I grew, this verse still perplexed and at times haunted me until I heard a sermon explaining the 'eye' was actually a door where a camel must be on their knees and not carrying a load, in order to enter the city of Jerusalem. Wow, was I relieved, the eye is just a door so rich people could make it to heaven! I have not thought of this verse until recently when a friend asked about the verse. I promptly told them about the door and they too were relieved.

However, after a little research of my own, I discovered there are many interpretations to the camel passing through the needle and through prayer was directed to the correct interpretation. The interpretation shown to me is that Jesus meant what he said in that rich or poor, whosoever, cannot save themselves, but through God all things are possible! Yes, all things are possible through and in God and it is through Prayer in which we communicate and commune with God for our direction, assurance, enlightenment and leading us to correct interpretation of the scriptures.

Dear Mother, Father, Creator God, we collectively cry out to you in praise for your abundant goodness, in knowing you provide, sustain, fulfill us in all aspects of life. Help me remember, oh Lord, all things are possible and nothing is out of your control. Dear God, we thank you for answering our prayers. In your many names. Amen.

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.

Michael Mann, LCSW / 713-446-8034
Adolescents & Adults

Tammy S. Fountain, LPC, ATR-BC / 832-863-8221
Children, Adolescents & Adults



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Scenic Décor,
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Stewardship Thought for the Week

Every single one of us has the power for greatness, because greatness is determined by service - to yourself and to others.

~ Oprah Winfrey



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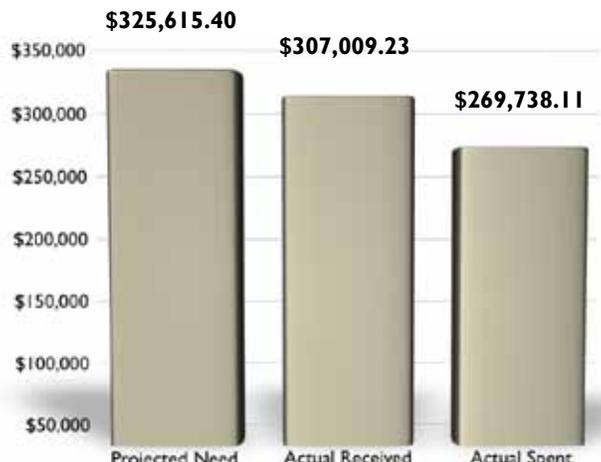
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Board Minutes Available Upon Request.

Flowers in the Sanctuary

Happy BIG Birthday Joy!

-- I Love You, Kecia

General Fund Financial Report				Week Ending May 23, 2010	
Tithes & Offerings		Week	Year		
05/23/10 9:00 am	115	\$3,901.00	\$68,213.62		
05/23/10 11:00 am	338	\$3,926.53	\$133,568.11		
05/19/10 6:30 pm	32	\$20.00	\$2,496.70		
Special Services			\$1,388.75		
Special Anniversary Offerings		\$3,034.00	\$18,935.60		
Online Giving		\$1,311.61	\$31,632.69		
Other Contributions		\$575.00	\$25,579.42		
Total	485	\$12,768.14	\$281,814.89		
Other General Fund Income					
Fundraising		\$1,002.00	\$9,322.85		
Miscellaneous		\$30.00	\$15,871.49		
Total Received		\$13,800.14	\$307,009.23		
Projected Need per Budget		\$15,955.77	\$325,615.40		
Total Exceeded Need / (Did Not Meet Need)		(\$2,155.63)	(\$18,606.17)		
Total Imagine Capital Campaign		\$840.00	\$41,379.20		

This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

SUNDAY MAY 30

9:00 am	Sunday Worship / Rev. Pat Farnan	
10:15 am	Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry	Chapel
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	Activities Building
11:00 am	Sunday Worship / Rev. Pat Farnan	
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	Music Room

MONDAY OFFICE CLOSED MAY 31

No Events Scheduled.

TUESDAY JUNE 1

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

WEDNESDAY JUNE 2

6:00 pm	The Chalice: Community Gathering	Activities Building
7:00 pm	The Chalice: Connection Groups	Activities Building

THURSDAY JUNE 3

7:00 pm	Resurrection Singers Rehearsal	Music Room
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FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED JUNE 4

No Events Scheduled.

SATURDAY OFFICE CLOSED JUNE 5

9:00 am	Landscape & Facilities Work Day	
9:00 am	Houston Bar Assoc. Orch. Rehearsal	Activities Building
3:00 pm	Imani Vida Drum Circle	Gathering Place

SUNDAY JUNE 6

9:00 am	Sunday Worship / Rev. Janice Ladd	
10:15 am	Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry	Chapel
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	Activities Building
11:00 am	Sunday Worship / Rev. Janice Ladd	
12:30 pm	Pastoral Care Ministers Meeting	Activities Building
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	Music Room