



Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

May 5, 2013

+ Call To Worship

Mark Eggleston

ALL: Give us a king! We want to be like the other nations.

One: But God is your sovereign.

ALL: Give us a king! To govern us like the other nations.

One: But a king will take your sons for chariots.

ALL: Give us a king! To go before us and fight our battles.

One: But a king will take from your fields, from you your beasts.

ALL: We must be like the other nations. Give us a king!

Preparing Our Hearts

Forever Blest

Sweeter As The Days Go By
by Geneser Smith

Our Community Gathers / Nuestra Comunidad Se Reúne

Rev. Troy Treash

Announcements / Anuncios

Joy Jolley

Baptism

Jordan Lynn Conyer-McCorkle (11 am)

+ Exchange of Peace / Saludo de Paz

Rev. Troy Treash

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.

Saul

After a time of confusion and lack of direction, the people demand a king. In First Samuel 9, Saul is anointed as king by the prophet Samuel and is at first adored by the people. Throughout his life, though, he bumps heads with the people, with Samuel and later, his son Jonathan and daughter Michal as they aid his rival David for the kingship of Israel. The people wanted a king but their idea of a king was something Saul could never fulfill. Have you ever wished for someone (a king-like God, a perfect partner, a perfect parent, etc.) to come into your life and make it all better? Were you dismayed when your "king" couldn't fulfill your ideal expectations?

+ You are invited to rise in body or spirit.

Cruel

In dark comedic fashion, the music video "Cruel" by the band St. Vincent portrays a mom-starved family who desperately wants another parental figure. Even when the mother goes above and beyond trying to please everyone, the family shows no appreciation but spite. The mother continues to serve with all sincerity, only to be treated cruelly. Similar to King Saul, no matter what she did, it wasn't good enough.

(lyrics)

Bodies, can't you see what everybody wants from you?
Forgive the kids, for they don't know how to live, Run the alleys casually cruel, Cruel, cruel

Bodies, can't you see what everybody wants from you?
For you could want that, too, They could take or leave you, So they took you, and they left you, How could they be casually cruel?

Cruel, cruel, oh
Cruel, cruel, oh

Bodies, can't you see what everybody wants from you?
If you could want that, too, then you'll be happy

You were the one waving flares in the air so they could see you
And they were laughing, blowing past ya, blowing fastly so they can see ya

Cruel, cruel, oh
Cruel, cruel, oh

+ Opening Song / Apertura Canción

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 they feel the presence of our 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 know that we have been revived
When we shall leave this place.*

by Doris Akers

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Enter the Story

Pat Farnan

After a time of lawlessness, the peoples of Israel demanded from God, "Give us a king to rule and fight for us, just like everybody else!" God gave them a king, a very tall and courageous warrior named Saul. "Long live the king!" the people said. Saul successfully defended Israel against outside invasions, and even spared the lives of a few who openly doubted him, showing them the mercy of God.

Once when the prophet Samuel failed to show up at the appointed time to offer God thanksgiving, Saul took it upon himself to give offerings to God. Samuel despised Saul for this and told him, "That was a foolish thing to do. Now God will punish you and instead of you ruling for years on end, God will soon appoint another king in your place." Can you imagine how Saul must have felt? How cruel can life be sometimes?

After Saul led his armies in a victory over the Amalekites, he spared the foreign king, a few others, and their sheep and cattle. Furious, the prophet Samuel sarcastically yelled to Saul, "Is that sheep I hear? Are cattle still grazing? Saul, you fool! You were supposed to kill every living thing according to God—men, women, infants, and animals. The kingdom of Israel is now taken away from you and given to someone better." Saul thought he was a good king. He didn't understand yet apologized. Can you imagine how Saul must have felt? How cruel can life be sometimes? Oh, how cruel...

This is where we enter the story.

Contemporary Video

"Cruel" by St. Vincent Video

+ Scripture Lesson / Escritura Lección

Wayne Wiggins

First Samuel 15:13, 17-20

After the defeat of the Amalekites, Saul saw Samuel and said, "May you be blessed by God. I have carried out what you commanded." Samuel replied, "Don't try it, Saul! Though you are little in your own eyes, you are supposed to be the king of the tribes of Israel! After this day, you will be king no more. You were sent on a holy mission to utterly destroy those sinners until everyone is consumed. Why did you not listen and do just that?"

Saul didn't understand. He told Samuel, "But I thought I did obey the words of God from you." After their conversation, Saul turned and worshiped God.

Anthem

Gospel Ensemble

Be Blessed
by Kurt Carr

Engage / Sermón

Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz

Saul: Finding Hope When Life is So Cruel

Moment of Silence

We Offer Ourselves

Mark Eggleston

Offertory / Ofertorio

Gospel Ensemble

Let Go

Communion / Comunion

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini
Rev. Troy Treash

Communion Songs / Cantos de Comunion

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, Let me stand
I'm tired, I am weak, I am worn,
Through the storm, through the night
Lead me on to the light:
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear precious Lord linger near
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, Hear my call, Hold my hand lest I fall
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

When the darkness appears and the night draws near
And the day is past and gone
At the river I stand guide my feet, hold my hand
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home.

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Change My Heart Oh God

by Eddie Espinosa
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Communion

As we gather, break bread, and tell stories of hope through prayer, song and ritual in the practice we call "communion," we bear witness that "Life is stronger than death. People can change with God's help. And God is worthy of our thanks and praise." All are welcome at the table: you do not need to be a member of this or any church to gather as God's children at the table of Life.

A brief blessing is offered with bread and juice, available to all. Gluten-free bread is offered at the far right; Spanish blessing offered at the far left.

Please honor this time of sacred community with singing, quiet meditation or prayer that we might each receive the spiritual nourishment we seek ...

Comunion

Al reunirnos, partir el pan, y contar historias de esperanza a través de la oración, el canto y el ritual en la práctica que llamamos "comunion", damos testimonio de que "la vida es más fuerte que la muerte. Las personas pueden cambiar con la ayuda de Dios. Y Dios es digno de nuestro agradecimiento y alabanza. "Todos están invitados a la mesa: no es necesario ser miembro de esta iglesia o cualquier reunir como hijos de Dios en la mesa de la Vida.

Una breve bendición se ofrece con el pan y el jugo, al alcance de todos. Pan sin gluten se ofrece en el extremo derecho; bendición españoles ofrecen en el extremo izquierdo.

Por favor respetar este tiempo de comunidad sagrada con canto, la meditación o la oración silenciosa para que podamos recibir cada uno el alimento espiritual que buscamos ...

Santo, Santo, Santo

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There Is A Balm In Gilead

African-American Spiritual
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Nada Te Turbe

Nada te turbe, Nada te espante.
Quien a Dios tiene, Nada le falta.
Nada te turbe, Nada te espante.
Solo Dios basta.

Nothing can trouble, Nothing can frighten.
Those who seek God, Shall never go wanting.
Nothing can trouble, Nothing can frighten.
God alone fills us.

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It Is Well With My Soul

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

*It is well with my soul,
it is well, it is well with my soul.*

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

(Chorus)

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.

(Chorus)

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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.

+ **Prayer of Thanksgiving / Acción de Gracias**

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

+ **Benediction / Bendición**

Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz

Postlude / Postludio

Joel Hammett

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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 - 17 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 that follows God's call to justice for all people. We build on a rich history of social justice for, and on behalf of, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer people. Since its founding in 1968, Metropolitan Community Churches have been at the vanguard of civil and human rights movements as an international advocate for vulnerable people in places where religious orthodoxy, sexism, transphobia and homophobia can result in violence and death. MCC has been on the forefront in the struggle towards marriage equality in the US and other countries worldwide and continues to be a powerful voice in the LGBTQ equality movement. MCC's ministry reaches over 43,000 members in over 250 churches in 22 countries worldwide.

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.

Worship | Sunday, 9 & 11 am
Children & Youth Worship | Sunday, 11 am
Nursery | Sunday, 9 & 11 am

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ENTER THE STORY: BIBLE STUDY



WEDNESDAYS
MAY 8, & 15
7 - 8:30 pm, Gathering Place

Beginning with the Spirit which hovered over the water and drew day from night, Creation from chaos, and the first Human from the dust of the earth, God's Story is a living story! Throughout 2013 we will experience Scripture anew as we engage God's Story through the unique bible study process of "storying": entering the Scripture with experiential reading and interactive reflection designed to bring God's Story to life in our lives! All are welcome for one, some, or all of these small group studies!

Details and RSVP: www.bit.ly/rmcc-events
RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org



DINNER & A SHOW

FRIDAY
MAY 10
7 - 9:30 pm, Gathering Place

The Landscape and Facilities Team will host this summer version of Friends by the Fire. Since it's too hot to sit around a campfire, we'll have hot dogs ready to eat and watch "Finding Nemo" in the Gathering Place. Movie starts at 7:30. Hot dogs provided. Bring water or soda. Details and RSVP on Facebook or Joy@ResurrectionMCC.org.

FRIDAY NIGHT OUT NORTH



FRIDAY
MAY 10
7 pm

Wang's Asian Fusion
3335 College Park Dr
The Woodlands, TX 77384
(936) 242-0044
www.wangasianfusion.com

Join your Resurrection friends on the North side of town for a night filled with good food, good friends and good conversation!

FridayNightOUTNorth@ResurrectionMCC.org



Celebration Choir

Sundays
May 12 & 26
June 9 & 23
10:15 - 10:50 am
Activities Building #104

All our young friends ages 6-14 are invited to join in celebration singing Praise & Worship music. This new group will be lead by Jules Czarnik and Eve Messina. Questions to CelebrationChoir@ResurrectionMCC.org.

FRIDAY NIGHT OUT SOUTH



FRIDAY, 7 pm
MAY 17

Spring Creek BBQ
2710 Gulf Fwy S
League City, TX 77573
(281) 534-7873

Join our NEWEST social dinner gathering for our friends South of Houston!

These monthly dinner gatherings are a great way to reconnect with those you may already know and is an opportunity to meet new folks and friends.

To ensure seating is available for all, please RSVP to [Facebook.com/ResurrectionMCC/events](https://www.facebook.com/ResurrectionMCC/events)
FridayNightOUTSouth@ResurrectionMCC.org



*Join the 2013
Pastoral Care Ministry Team!*

INITIAL 2013 TRAINING

FRIDAY • MAY 17 • 6 - 9 pm
SATURDAY • MAY 18 • 9 am - 9 pm

Lifeline Chaplaincy Conference Center
1415 Southmore Blvd.
Houston, Texas 77004

Are you called to be a source of strength and comfort when a life event occurs? Are you a good listener with a prayerful heart? If so, then consider becoming a Pastoral Care Minister and provide prayerful and spiritual support to congregants who are homebound or in the hospital. For more information or to fill out an application, email our Pastoral Care Coordinator Rev. Johnna Faber at PastoralCare@ResurrectionMCC.org.



"AVE MARIA"
RESURRECTION MCC
SANCTUARY CHOIR
C O N C E R T
FRIDAY
MAY 17
7 pm, Sanctuary

This concert is a tribute to the blessed Virgin Mary and a testament to love through song. There are so many arrangements of the prayer to Mary that we couldn't sing just one! You'll have the unique opportunity to experience five different settings of the Ave Maria text. While in no way is this a definitive collection, it is a glorious one. You'll hear unison singing, handbells ringing, and complex, and mixed choir arrangements.

Two of the most well-known arrangements are included in the performance. The first is by Franz Schubert which is often sung at Christmas. The second is by French composer Charles Gounod, and is based on a tune by Johann Sebastian Bach. We are also excited to present a new arrangement, written especially for us, by local composer Peter Johns. It is a beautiful piece and Peter has graciously agreed to accompany us for the premier.

Concert is free. Donation accepted.



MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE:
HANDBELL RINGING CLASSES
WEDNESDAYS, BEGINNING MAY 15
7 PM, SANCTUARY

If you've wanted to play handbells but were afraid to try, now is your opportunity to learn without the pressure of a sudden performance. Doug Hill, one of our handbell soloists, will provide free instruction on the proper ringing technique and styles to anyone who can read music (you should be familiar with note lengths and positions). If you are interested or have questions, please email Handbells@ResurrectionMCC.org or call Mark C. Brown at 281-254-8009.

TRANSITIONS



Over the past three years our flowers have bloomed bigger, our campus has shined brighter, and our joy has surely been increased . . . because of Joy! Join in celebration of three wonderful years of ministry with our beloved Joy Jolley as she concludes her service as Director of Operations and Joy Jolleysteps out in faith into whatever God has in store for

her next! She will be in transition from full-time for the first two weeks of May to half-time during the last two weeks of this month. Joy and Brandon will continue to be part of our church family and she looks forward to rejoining the Gospel Ensemble as soon as possible. Whether bringing us the Sunday announcements, orchestrating the beautification of our campus, or keeping the books, Joy's infectious smile and passion for hands-on service has inspired us all to "walk the talk" of our faith with joy! We will love on her with hugs and gratitude at the "Feed-My-People" Friendraiser Brunch on Sunday, May 19, at 12:30 pm in the Activities Building.



We are also grateful for Reed Hoke, our Sanctuary Choir Director, who has served for the past year and a half. His impeccable work and kind, loving spirit has touched many. Reed and his partner, Joseph Guerrero, are preparing to move to New Braunfels to become the primary caregivers for Joseph's mother. Join us in praying for all of their

family during this time. His last Sunday with us will be May 12 and we'll host a reception following each service in the Gathering Place. Reed will direct the "Ave Maria" Sanctuary Choir Concert on Friday, May 17, at 7 pm in the Sanctuary.



We welcome Steven Shannon to serve as the Interim Director for the Sanctuary Choir as we begin a search for a permanent Director during the Summer. Steven will serve in this role from June through Reed Hoke August. He has choral directing experience and is a wonderful Baritone soloist that many have experienced during Sunday

Worship. Steven and Mark C. Brown have put together a show, "Strictly Showtunes," that will be performed this Friday at 8 pm in the Activities Building. Steven is widely known for his Broadway vocals and is a classically trained singer with a degree in Music. We hope you will come out this Friday and see them in action. \$20 tickets support the ministries of Resurrection MCC and help cover travel costs as the Bayou City Performing Arts and Steven travel to perform at Carnegie Hall later this month.

"Feed My People" **Friendraiser Brunch & Celebration of Joy**

Sunday, May 19
12:30 pm, Activities Building

***Listen. God may speak...
(and what you hear may surprise you!)***

Harold Spencer, a member of our Loaves and Fishes Ministry, was listening in church one Sunday...

"I was thinking all through the sermon on how I could serve the Lord better. The sermon had finished and we paused for a moment of reflection. The chime sounded and I was suddenly surrounded by a warm, safe feeling. A voice said 'Feed my people.' My response was What? When? I saw a meal, smelled the food, and knew what the menu was. The voice said 'Friend-raiser.' The chime sounded and I was back at church."

Joy Jolley, our Director of Operations, was listening in her office last week...

"I, too, heard the voice of God last Tuesday and knew it was time to be open for what God has in store for me next. A day before, I would have told you I wasn't going anywhere and meant it! Spirit spoke very loudly and let me know that God had other plans!"

You may asking, "What's on the menu?" Well, join us on May 19, and find out what God told Harold to serve! As for Joy, she's still checking out the buffet!

Enjoy lunch for a suggested donation of \$6 and a time to celebrate Joy and her ministry as our Director of Operations over the last three years.



CHURCH SIZE THEORY WORKSHOP

Featuring Rev. Elder Ken Martin

SATURDAY

MAY 18

10 am - 2:30 pm, Gathering Place

This is a must for all church leaders and will be enlightening for everyone who is involved in the life of the church! We know that churches often get stuck at certain predictable plateaus and that the only way for them to move forward is by making specific changes which affect the role of the Pastor, the necessity for multiple Staffing, the way the Board of Directors functions, the way Programming is done, the style and content of Worship, and what Facilities are needed. These six aspects of congregational life MUST be in alignment in order for healthy and sustainable growth to occur both numerically and spiritually. Join us for this important and engaging 1-day workshop as we get together, get informed, and get growing!



SURVIVING YOUR ADOLESCENTS!

How to Manage and Let Go of Your 13-18 Year-Olds

SATURDAY

MAY 18

10 am - 1 pm, Activities Building

Parenting is one of the most joyful - and challenging - experiences of our lives! And when our kids hit the pre-teen and teen years we often ask God why they don't come with an instruction manual! If you are a parent of a pre-adolescent or an adolescent, come join family therapist, certified family life educator, and mom, Leslie Guditis, Ph.D., for this workshop on the ins and outs of parenting pre-teens and teens. With many years of experience working with families, Leslie Guditis' workshop will instruct, inspire and encourage parents on the way to Surviving Your Adolescents! \$12 registration requested - no one turned away. Light lunch provided.

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GENERATION FAITH TEENS

BUY YOUR OWN BRUNCH

1 - 3 PM

MAY 19

DENNY'S

7300 Washington Avenue • Houston, TX 77007

Our Generation Faith Teens will "Buy Your Own Brunch" together after church every third Sunday. Our Teen Ministry Facilitators will drive the 13-17 year-olds to and from a nearby restaurant as we share a monthly social brunch with Generation Faith. All Teens are welcome and families may attend (at nearby tables). Signed release forms required.

Details and RSVP: www.bit.ly/rmcc-events
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THE FIRESTARTER SESSIONS

WEDNESDAYS

MAY 22 - SEPTEMBER 18

7 - 8:30 pm, Gathering Place

Consider yourself specially invited to SHINE! Danielle LaPorte's wild and wonderful "training course for taking the leap of your life," The Firestarter Sessions is all about discovering what success really means to you! It's full of startling questions, illuminating challenges, and passionate permission to rethink your assumptions about what will make you happy! Join us throughout the summer for one, some, or every session of this "soulful and practical guide to creating success on your own terms"! Materials provided each session. Book optional. Learn more at www.bit.ly/RMCC-FSS

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JOEL HAMMETT

Celebrating
30 Years of Ministry!

SUNDAY

MAY 26

Following Each Service, Gathering Place

Joel Hammett, our beloved organist and accompanist, is celebrating 30 faithful years of service! In speaking with him recently, he said, "It's the people and the church that keeps me here." We are blessed to have this masterful organist and pianist in our community. He may be quiet and sometimes shy, but when he has something to say, people listen. Joel is an inspiration and true blessing to this congregation. We wish him tremendous gratitude for his commitment to excellence in worship and his consistent participation in this community

Thank you, Joel!

TEEN GROUP
13-17 years

Youth Ministry also includes:
SPROUTS • 4 - 6 years
FAITH BEGINNINGS • 7 - 9 years
FAITH EXPLORERS • 10 - 12 years

Sign up in Activities Building
starting at 10:45 am



CRITICAL MASS BIKE RIDE - GOT LOVE?

FRIDAY

MAY 31

6:45 pm - 9:30 pm

Market Square Park, 301 Milam, Houston

Calling all Bicyclists!

Join fellow Resurrection MCC bikers for a Critical Mass Bike Ride - a casual mass bike ride around the city, intended to raise awareness and advocate a bicycle-friendly urban environment. All bikes and skill-levels are welcomed. The ride will last around 2 hours - about 20 miles. Meet at 6:45pm on the corner nearest Congress Ave and Travis St. in Downtown Houston. Look for the GOT LOVE? Resurrection MCC Shirts!

FAQs - www.houstoncriticalmass.com/faq

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CHILDREN & YOUTH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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**Our Youth school age kids ages 5 - 12 years
would love your attention!**

**Our Teens ages 13 - 17 years
would love your company!**

Our families would love your love!

Please consider volunteering to become a Nursery Angel, Teacher's Assistant, or Teen Facilitator Assistant today! Our committed Coordinators and Lead Teachers need your eyes, ears, hands and hearts in ministry with them.

**Contact Nursery@ResurrectionMCC.org,
Youth@ResurrectionMCC.org, or
Teens@ResurrectionMCC.org and join us today -
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Your Blessing! Questions to RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org.**

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Flowers in the Sanctuary

Consider donating flowers in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special day. Email the date and message to Sara@ResurrectionMCC.org or call 713-861-9149 x112.

Board Member on Duty

Dr. Jackie Marshall and Elisa Vega-Burns
Board Minutes Available Upon Request.

General Fund Giving Report

For Week and YTD Ended April 28, 2013

Giving (Tithes and Offerings)	Week Ended	YTD Total
Total Amount Received	\$22,254.52	\$301,986.51
Total Amount Anticipated	\$17,980.77	\$296,682.70
Total Giving Variance		(\$5,303.81)
Weekly Giving Comparison		
Average Amount Received	\$18,302.21	
Cash Flow Need	17,980.77	(A)
Ministry Plan Need	\$17,980.77	(B)
Attendance	Week Ended	YTD Average
Worship	535	544
Programming	381	163
Total Weekly Attendance	916	707

Cash Flow Need

is the minimum amount needed each week to fund our basic ministry obligations: staff, property, operations and debt (i.e., the minimum amount needed to keep the doors open each Sunday)

Ministry Plan Need

is the weekly amount needed per the budget approved by the congregation to achieve our 2013 ministry plan goals and strategic growth initiatives (i.e., the amount needed to make ministry happen)

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SUNDAY MAY 5

9:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:15 am	Fisher's Net - Prayer Time	Chapel
10:15 am	Celebration Choir Rehearsal	Activities Building
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	Activities Building
11:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
12:30 pm	Jubilee Theater Meeting	Music Room
12:30 pm	Newcomers Welcome Reception	Gathering Place
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	Sanctuary

MONDAY MAY 6

6:00 pm	Music Rehearsal	Music Room
6:30 pm	Joyful Singing 102: Getting in the Sandbox	Chapel
6:30 pm	Facilities Committee Meeting	Gathering Place

TUESDAY MAY 7

4:30 pm	Jubilee Theater Leadership Meeting	Gathering Place
6:00 pm	Praise & Worship Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal	Music Room
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Rainbow of Hope NA Group	Gathering Place
7:00 pm	Yoga	Activities Building

WEDNESDAY MAY 8

6:00 pm	Music Rehearsal	Music Room
6:30 pm	Joyful Singing 104: Beyond the Showcase	Chapel
7:00 pm	Enter the Story: Bible Study	Gathering Place

THURSDAY MAY 9

6:00 pm	Music Rehearsal	Music Room
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FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED MAY 10

7:00 pm	Dinner and a Show!	Gathering Place
7:00 pm	Friday Night OUT North	Spring Creek BBQ

SATURDAY OFFICE CLOSED MAY 11

No Events Scheduled

SUNDAY MAY 12

9:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:00 am	Reed Hoke Farewell Reception	Gathering Place
10:15 am	Fisher's Net - Prayer Time	Chapel
10:15 am	Celebration Choir Rehearsal	Activities Building
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	Activities Building
11:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:00 am	Reed Hoke Farewell Reception	Gathering Place
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	Music Room
3:00 pm	Houston Heights Orchestra Concert	Sanctuary

NEWCOMERS WELCOME RECEPTION



SUNDAY
MAY 5

12:30 pm, Gathering Place

Are you new to Resurrection MCC? If you have begun attending within the past few months, or have returned after hiatus, welcome home! You are cordially invited to attend a reception immediately following the 11 am Worship service with refreshments provided. You'll have the opportunity to meet new folks and some of the ministry leaders and clergy, learn more about Resurrection MCC, and ask any questions you might have.

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SE INTERPRETA
EN ESPAÑOL
A LAS 11 AM.

Sunday Worship
now interpreted into
Spanish at 11 am.