



# Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

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## Our Community Gathers

Rev. Dwayne Johnson &  
Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

Resurrection Singers

### *You Are My God*

Words & Music by Billy Foote  
Arranged by Dan Galbraith

## + Exchange of Peace

## + Call to Worship

ANTHEM

### *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

Lift every voice and sing, Till earth and heaven ring,  
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;  
Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies,  
Let it resound loud as the rolling seas.  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,  
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;  
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, Bitter the chast'ning rod,  
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
Yet with a steady beat, Have not our weary feet  
Come to the place for which our people sighed?  
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;  
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered;  
Out from the gloomy past, Till now we stand at last  
Where the bright gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;  
Thou who hast by thy might, Led us into the light,  
Keep us for ever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee,  
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;  
Shadowed beneath thy hand, May we for ever stand,  
True to our God, true to our native land.

## Instrumental Invocation

HeavenSound Handbells  
Kedric Brown, clarinet

### *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

Traditional Folk Song  
Arranged by Bruce Greer

+ Please rise in body or spirit.

## We Worship

This hymn is known as the African American National Anthem. It places emphasis on the history of people of African descent, inclusive of their many triumphs and struggles. This great song is known across the world, but the history behind the song's creation and first performance is often unknown.

Publicly performed first as a poem as part of a celebration of Lincoln's Birthday on February 12, 1900 by 500 schoolchildren at the segregated Stanton School in Jacksonville, Florida.

Principal James Weldon Johnson wrote the words to introduce its honored guest, Booker T. Washington.

The poem was later set to music by Mr. Johnson's brother, John, in 1905. Singing this song quickly became a way for African Americans to demonstrate their patriotism and hope for the future.

## Congregational Singing

### *Bless the Lord*

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!  
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!  
God has done great things, God has done great things,  
God has done great things, bless God's holy name!  
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!

Text: Psalm 103:1  
Tune: Andrae Crouch, Arr. by Nolan Williams  
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## + Scripture Readings

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

### *2 Kings 2:1-6*

When God was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here. God is sending me to Bethel."

Elisha said, "As God lives and as you live, I will not leave you."

So they departed together for Bethel. The disciples of the prophets there approached Elisha, asking, "Do you know that God is going to take Elijah from you today?"

Elisha replied: "Yes, I know. Now, be silent."

Then Elijah spoke, "Stay here, Elisha. God is sending me to Jericho."

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Elisha replied: "Yes, I know. Now, be silent."

Then Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here. God is sending me to the Jordan."

Elisha replied: "As God lives and as you live, I will not leave you."

So the two of them walked on.

Vickey Gibbs

### *2 Kings 2:7-12*

Fifty disciples of prophets stood off at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha stopped at the Jordan. Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry land.

Once across, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me, what may I do for you before I am taken from you?"

Elisha replied, "Let me inherit a double share of your spirit."

"You ask a difficult thing," Elijah said. "If you see me when I am taken from you, it will be granted you - otherwise not."

As they were walking along and talking with each other, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. Elisha saw this and cried out, "My father! My father! The chariot and cavalry of Israel." And Elisha saw nothing more. Then he took hold of his clothes and tore them apart.

## We Hear the Word

While the primary theme of the passage is the ascent of Elijah, other themes are also important. First is the matter of prophetic succession. Elisha was chosen by Elijah; he did not assume that role independently. Though chosen, he had to prove his mettle, withstanding rejection, resisting inappropriate acclaim of others (the company of prophets), and standing humbly yet steadfastly in the presence of God."

~ Dianne Bergant,  
*Feasting on the Word*,  
439

**Special Music**

Sanctuary Choir

*Give Me Jesus*  
Arranged by Hal Hopson

**Spiritual Encouragement**

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

*Each One Everyone:  
A Community of Mystery*

**Making Ministry Happen**

Rev. Janice Ladd

Offertory

Cassandra White

*My People*  
Music by Ricky Ian Gordon and  
Lyrics by Langston Hughes

**Communion**

Rev. Janice Ladd

Introduction to Communion

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Invitation to the Feast

**Communion Songs**

*God Has Done Great Things for Me*

God has done great things for me. Great things, great things.

God has done great things for me.

God has made a way for me. Made a way, made a way.

God has made a way for me.

God will give you victory. Victory, victory.

God will give you victory.

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**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. We use grape juice for the cup. After you are served you will receive a blessing from the server. If you are in need of further prayer, our Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry team is available following both services to pray with you.

**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.

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God, with us always,  
let us welcome you.

With these gifts  
receive a full measure  
of grace in Christ  
this day.

## Communion Songs (continued)

### *In the Beauty of Holiness*

Come let us worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.  
Come let us worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.  
Give God the honor. Give God the praise.  
Come let us worship the Lord; Let's give God the praise.  
Worship God. Worship God.  
Give my God the glory. Give my God the praise.  
Worship God. Worship God.  
Come let us worship the Lord; Let's give God the praise.

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### *Holy Ground*

We are standing on holy ground,  
And I know that there are angels all around;  
Let us praise Jesus now.  
We are standing in God's presence on holy ground.  
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+ **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Rev. Janice Ladd

+ **Benediction**

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

**Postlude**

Joel Hammett

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## Worship

Sunday, 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Children & Youth Worship, Sunday, 11:00 am

Nursery

Sunday, 9:00 am & 11:00 am

The Chalice: Spiritual Deepening

Wednesday, 6:30 pm

## Resurrection MCC

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# Welcome!

If you are attending Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church for the first time, we are glad to have you here! We invite you to join us each week as we worship God and learn more about Christian living in an inclusive way. All are welcome.

**Make sure to visit the Concierge Desk, located in our Welcome Area, to receive a gift from us.** You will find friendly volunteer hosts waiting to greet you.

## Worship Services

Resurrection MCC is proud to offer a variety in our worship services. Our two Sunday services, at 9 & 11 am, are identical in form, however they contain different elements from diverse religious traditions each week.

## A Special Welcome to our First-Time Families!

Our nursery staff would love to meet you and your infants & children aged 1-3 years! The nursery is located to the right of the Sanctuary entrance and is open during both the 9 am & 11 am services.

Children and youth aged 4-12 years are invited to join our Youth Ministries Program during the 11 am service in the Activities Building (located across the breezeway from our main parking lot). Sign-in begins at 10:45 am. All children must be registered and signed-in to attend. Parents are welcome to join the children for Communion at 12 noon in the Activities Building. Snack & sign-outs begin at 12:15 pm.

## About Us...

Resurrection MCC is a Christian church with a primary outreach to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer community. We are a part of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, founded by Rev. Troy D. Perry in Los Angeles, California on October 6, 1968. Metropolitan Community Churches are on a bold mission to transform hearts, lives, and history. We are a movement that faithfully proclaims God's inclusive love for all people, and proudly bears witness to the holy integration of spirituality and sexuality.

The **Mission** of Resurrection MCC is to demonstrate God's unconditional love to all people through Christian action.

The **Vision** of Resurrection MCC is to **ATTRACT** people into a relationship with God through radical **INCLUSION** into God's family, transform them to Christ-like **MATURITY**, and **MOBILIZE** them for their life purpose.

At Resurrection MCC, every member and friend is a minister of the church. We envision a Christian community that values diversity and is as diverse and all-encompassing as creation. Through salvation, service, study, and tithing, each member and friend will live and grow in faith and be spiritually fed. To that end, we embrace five core beliefs:

**We believe** in God's unconditional love for everyone.

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

**We believe in** including everyone and excluding no one.

**We believe in** joyfully providing access to Christ-centered spiritual nourishment and Biblical truths.

**We believe that** each of us will discover our spirituality through active participation in the work of God and in the pursuit of health, wholeness, and justice for everyone.

**Again, welcome!**



# Dialogue: Racism

**WINTER TWO-DAY 2009 SESSION**

**Saturdays, February 28 & March 7**

**9:00 am to 4:30 pm (2929 Unity Dr, Houston)**

*"[People] hate each other because they fear each other, and they fear each other because they don't know each other, and they don't know each other because they are often separated from each other."*

-Dr. Martin Luther King

*Dialogue: Racism* provides a safe, respectful and loving atmosphere for individuals to learn new information, share their experiences, and ask questions to dispel the fears, to get to know one another, and to stop the separation.

## TOPICS FEATURED OVER THE TWO DAYS:

**Defining Various Types of Racism**  
**How Racism is Perpetuated**  
**Unaware Racism and White Privilege**  
**Stereotypes and how they affect us**  
**Cultural Racism**  
**Internalized Racism**  
**Institutionalized Racism**  
**Race is a Human Invention**  
**My Next Steps, Finding Allies**



The sessions are free and open to the public; registration is required by calling the Center's office at 713-520-8226 and leaving the name(s) and phone numbers of person(s) attending.

[www.centerhealingracism.org](http://www.centerhealingracism.org)

## What are Your Gifts?

### Board of Directors Positions Available

**Application Deadline: TODAY!**

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

For more information, contact the Nominating Committee at [Nominating@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Nominating@ResurrectionMCC.org) or speak to one of the committee members: Chair - Rose Wall, Win Boyd, Dr. Jacqueline Chambers, Dr. Gary Chamness, and Ron Drumm.

# DRUMMING CIRCLE

**Saturday, March 7, 3:00 - 4:30 pm**  
**Activities Building**

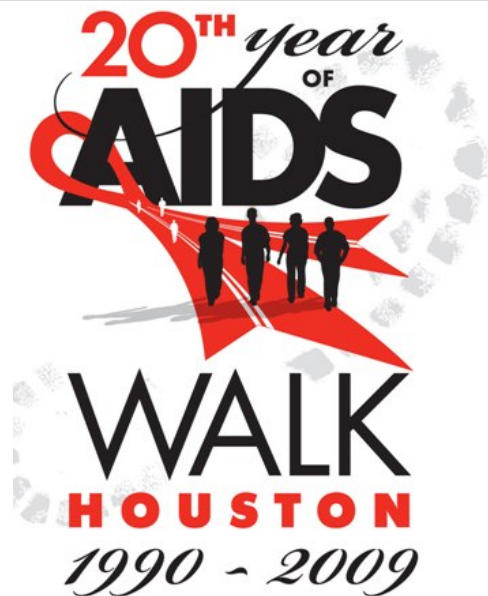
From a distance, it may sound like music from a car stereo. But as you draw near, you realize that there is no melody, just a pulsating rhythm. Close inspection reveals a group of a dozen or so people playing drums of all kinds: big and little ones, both primitive and high-tech.

This is a drumming circle! Gaining popularity across the country, some circles celebrate Native American customs and heritage or other ethnic traditions, but all are outlets for people expressing a primal urge that drives their spirit, as they drum amidst camaraderie and fun.

Drumming is not only fun, it induces deep relaxation, lowers blood pressure, and reduces the stress which contributes to nearly all disease and life-threatening illnesses. Drumming puts the mind, body and spirit in a place of rest and strengthens wellness!

Resurrection hosted a drumming circle workshop a few weeks ago and it was a huge success! The drumming circle is open to ALL, and requires no prior experience with drumming. Join us! If you want more information, contact Denise Junious, [DrummingCircle@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:DrummingCircle@ResurrectionMCC.org).

*Drumming Circle is hosted monthly on the first Saturday.*



**Join Team Resurrection MCC!**

**Sunday, March 15, 9 am**

Go online today. Sign up to walk and raise funds for our HIV / AIDS Benevolence Fund. Get your t-shirt in *Inspirations* Coffee Cafe & Gift Shop today!

For questions, or to volunteer, email [AIDSWalk@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:AIDSWalk@ResurrectionMCC.org)

# The Chalice

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

**FEBRUARY 22 - No Chalice**

## A Sip from The Chalice

**Spiritual Deepening Practice:  
Reflecting on Sacred Stories**

*Then those who revered God talked with each other, telling stories of their spiritual journeys and God listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in God's presence concerning these who spoke of their walk with God and how they honor God's life with their own. "They will be mine," says the Holy One, "in the day when I make up my treasured possession. I will uplift them, just as in compassion a parent holds fast to beloved children. And you will again see the distinction between the lives of those who turn to God and the lives of those who turn away, between those who serve God and those who do not.*

*-- Malachi 3:16-18, adapted*

Reflecting upon the witness of Malachi in the Hebrew Scriptures, devout practitioners of the Jewish faith say that when pious people sit and tell holy stories, God comes and listens. Generations of people of African descent have marked the "way out of no way," from despair into faith and from bondage into freedom, with words lifted in song and story. LGBTQIA peoples have for years braved violences of all kinds to bring story from silence, to speak our truth into life. Faith ... freedom ... life ... God-with-us is proclaimed in the Sacred Stories we share and in the death-defying, life-affirming, community/ies we form, rooted in stories of faith. Bill Moyers writes: "Once in East Africa, on the shores of an ancient lake, I sat alone and suddenly it struck me what community is. It is gathering around a fire and listening to someone tell us a story." The meditative practice of Sacred Storytelling involves receiving a faith-story in such a way that when listening, even if others are present, a person should assume that on a spiritual level the story is being told "just for me," and should ask, "Why would God intend for me to hear this particular story at this particular time?" Listen - what is God intending for you to hear through it's telling at this time? Read the story aloud. Listen to the words.

*Her son had always been a lovely child: inquisitive, sensitive, compassionate. In the past year, however, a change had risen in him: agitated, selfish and even angry – she was beside herself with concern. It is the sugar, it doesn't agree with him! her mother would tell her. It's the sugar, it is like poison in the boy! her grandmother agreed. So she tried to keep the sugar from him, but he would be a young man soon and he challenged her: That is stupid! he would proclaim, What do you know about such things? She determined to make the days journey with him, have him see the Wise One; her son would listen to him ... And so, rising early in the morning they set out from the village: she, resolute; the soon-to-be-young-man who was her son, surly and shuffling at her side. The day of walking was dusty and tedious, the line to see the Wise One long. At last, in the late afternoon, the woman brought her son before the Wise One. She explained that he was a lovely child – inquisitive, sensitive, compassionate – but that the sugar was poisoning him, changing him into someone untrue to his own spirit. Tell him to stop eating sugar! she begged. The Wise One looked upon them both quietly. Please – I ask of you: tell him to stop eating sugar! she repeated. Again, the Wise One considered them both silently. Eventually he spoke, saying only Return in 3 weeks. The woman was beside herself, but the Wise One turned to the next person in line. She took her son and began the long walk home. Three weeks later the woman and her son again made the journey. Arriving at their second meeting with the Wise One, he welcomed the woman and her son and he spoke to the soon-to-be-young-man solemnly, with both compassion and conviction: My son, the sugar is poison to your spirit; you cannot be truly free or deeply happy until you let it go. This is an important time in your life – and it is time for you to stop eating sugar. The woman wept as she saw understanding and acceptance dawn within her son's eyes. Thank you, beloved teacher, thank you! she whispered. As they turned to go, the woman paused. Can you tell me, Wise One: why could you not have spoken these valuable words to my son when we made the journey three weeks ago? The Wise One bowed once before her, and answered: Three weeks ago I was still eating sugar ...*

Relax. Listen inside yourself for God's word within you. After 3-5 minutes of spiritually receptive listening note anything you may have received for your journey...

## Get Connected to a First Impressions Ministry

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

### Concierge Desk

**Eliot Perez**

[Concierge@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto: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

**Dawn Ashbrook**

[Inspirations@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Inspirations@ResurrectionMCC.org)

Looking for new friendly faces and volunteers for this ministry! Provide outstanding customer service in an atmosphere of fellowship for people to make connections.

### Second Family Care Partners

**Kristia Ammerman**

[SecondFamily@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:SecondFamily@ResurrectionMCC.org)

This care team acts as extended family and friends, offering emotional, practical, and spiritual support. Meets for lunch 1st Sun. at 12:30 pm.

### Ushers

**Dave Mathis**

[Ushers@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Ushers@ResurrectionMCC.org)

We need ushers for 9 & 11 am Sunday Worship Services. Teams serve one service (either 9 or 11 am) each month. Remember, "No one is *JUST* an usher."

### Welcome Team

**Jason Sowders**

[Welcome@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Welcome@ResurrectionMCC.org)

*Do you like helping people feel special and welcome the moment they arrive to the church?*

We want to welcome people to the church and help them get to where they need to go. Team members are positioned at every door and sidewalk, greeting people with a smile and kind word, offering directions or answering questions.

**If you have questions or would like to join any of these teams, email the team lead (listed above) or contact Jason Wood at [Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org) or 832-971-0354.**

## MUSIC MINISTRY

Resurrection MCC is so blessed to have a number of music groups to minister at our worship services. Solo or professional quality voices are not necessary to be a part of these groups. Below is a list of the groups and when they meet. Please take some time to consider being a part of Resurrection MCC's music ministry.

### 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

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

Mondays • 7 pm

This is our newest group. Reading music would be very helpful and being comfortable on a separate microphone.

### ANGELS IN MOTION

Second & Fourth Saturdays • 1 pm

This group is a dance troupe that ministers through dance and movement. This group has its own choreographers. Experience in dance is not necessary, if one has the willingness to learn.

### HEAVENSOUND HANDBELLS

Sundays • 1:30 pm

Currently there are several open spots in the handbell choir. Interested people need to have some music reading skills. Experience in ringing is not required. The director, Jim Winslett, will teach anyone the techniques of ringing.

### RESURRECTION ORCHESTRA

Weekly rehearsal day has not been determined. We currently have about 6 people interested in beginning this new group, however, we need a few more to have a balanced instrumentation. Reading music is essential, as is having your own instrument (other than percussion).

If you have interest in any of these groups, please email [Worship@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Worship@ResurrectionMCC.org)



## Parents Lunch Social TODAY!

12:30 pm, Activities Building

Parents, Parents-To-Be, or those interested in becoming parents, are invited to join us for lunch!



If you aren't able to join us today, but would like to receive announcements about future events, email [Parents@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Parents@ResurrectionMCC.org)

Care for our environment by recycling newspapers, magazines, catalogs and junk mail in the containers in our parking lot.



In 2008, we recycled 30 tons of paper, a 12% increase over 2007.

We now have two collection bins as this program grows. We receive cash based on the weight of the paper collected.

# FINDING OUR WAY

Giving Up Control to Receive Direction

Giving Up Illusions to Receive Greater Clarity

Giving Up Agendas to Receive Surprises

Giving Up Compulsion to Receive Unlimited Love

Worship Services  
Sundays, 9 & 11 am. Wednesdays, 6:30 pm.

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Handicap Accessible  
Sundays • Nursery Available 9 & 11 am  
Signed for the Deaf 11 am  
Children & Youth Program 11 am



## Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor replaces Share Card

The new *Neighbor to Neighbor* program (which is replacing the *Share Card*) launched on May 1, 2008 and allows Resurrection MCC the opportunity to earn a portion of \$1 million that will be donated annually. The program earning period is May 1, 2008 through April 30, 2009.

To participate in the program, simply take this printed page on your next shopping trip and have the cashier scan it at the beginning of the order.

Below are a few frequently asked questions of the program:

### Can a household “link” their Kroger Plus Card to more than one organization at a time?

No, the system allows for one organization per household. To change organizations, you must present your KrogerPlus Card and the new organization's barcode to the cashier.

### Do I have to enroll each program year?

Yes, all organization's and participants must re-enroll for each new enrollment period. The current *Neighbor to Neighbor* Program is effective May 1, 2008 to April 30, 2009.

### Do I have to scan the organization letter each time I shop?

No, once the barcode is scanned with your plus card, you are enrolled for the remainder of the program year, ending on April 30, 2009.

### How much can my organization earn?

The Kroger *Neighbor to Neighbor* Donation Program will donate \$1 million annually. Each organization will earn a percentage of the \$1 million equal to the percentage of total earned contributions attributable to that organization.

Additional information available at [www.krogerneighbortoneighbor.com](http://www.krogerneighbortoneighbor.com)

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Kroger cashier: Please scan customer's KrogerPlus Card at the beginning of the order, and then scan the above barcode. The customer's KrogerPlus Card is now enrolled in the Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor Donation Program.

## Second Family Care Team Ministry

*Is looking for caring, loving, helping people just like you!*

The CareTeam is ministry developed in partnership with Interfaith Care Partners and other congregations. Team members serve on this in-home support program as extended family and friends with Care Partners from congregation and community.

Care Partners are those members of the congregation or community with special needs. Needs include respite care for caregiver, emotional support during personal family crisis, assistance after hospitalization, or any other time of need in the Care Partner's life.

Our vision is to communicate God's unconditional love to all people through simple acts of kindness to members or our church family and community who have a need and seek our help. We believe the Christian community should reach out with loving hearts and helping hands to serve our community and church family members. We believe that by providing emotional, practical and spiritual support with an attitude of love and grace, we can create a positive change in the lives of individuals and their families. Through this form of Christian action, we envision a renewed hope in Christ and in the Christian community.

If you would like be a ministry team member, we meet on the first Sunday of each month, following the 11 am service in the Activities Building for lunch, training, and fellowship care and planning.

If you would like to be a Care Partner and have a special need please fill out a request sheet that is available at all the entrance to the sanctuary and place it in the box labeled, CareTeam. For more information on giving or receiving care, contact Jason Wood, Director of Connections by email at [Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org) or call 713-861-9149 x105.

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

For more information, contact the Nominating Committee at [Nominating@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Nominating@ResurrectionMCC.org) or speak to one of the committee members: Chair - Rose Wall, Win Boyd, Dr. Jacqueline Chambers, Dr. Gary Chamness, and Ron Drumm.

## Food Pantry Ministry

Open Mondays & Wednesdays

*by appointment*

**Team Lead: Marty Williams**

*Food Pantry fund is very low.  
Please make a donation today.  
Write "Food Pantry" on your check  
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# Owls

**Tuesday  
March 3, Noon  
Gathering Place**

Join us for a special presentation by Dignity Funeral Homes on preparing final arrangements.

RSVP & Questions to Pat Walker, Team Lead, at  
[OWLS@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:OWLS@ResurrectionMCC.org)

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## 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. They may be returned in the offering basket or by mail.**

### Stewardship Thought for the Week

*Love is that which is given.*

~ Ada Davidson Muller

### Board Members on Duty

Eve Messina & Jerry Reitz

Board Minutes Available Upon Request.

## Attention all EXCEL Weekend Graduates!

The Excel in Faithfulness Abunchovum team would like to cordially invite any graduate from the original EXCEL weekend retreat exercise to prayerfully consider attending the next step on our journey in EXCEL by registering to attend our next retreat March 6-8, 2009 at the Christian Renewal Center. To register and to find out more please visit our booth in the Gathering Place.

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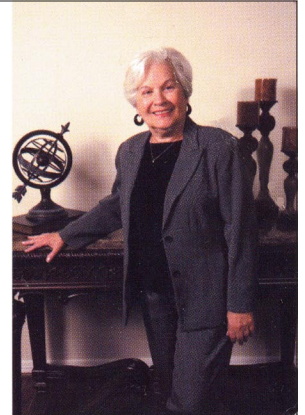
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### Flowers in the Sanctuary

Celebrating Our 25th Anniversary & The Anniversary of Lexie's Adoption.

- Connie Gray & Roxy Headington

## General Fund Financial Report

## Week Ending February 15, 2009

			Week	Year
<i>Tithes &amp; Offerings</i>				
2/15/09	9:00 am	128	\$2,936.00	\$24,411.95
2/15/09	11:00 am	309	\$7,240.56	\$44,814.26
2/11/09	6:30 pm	34	\$60.00	\$691.00
	Special Services		\$0.00	\$354.00
	Online Giving		\$562.91	\$5,685.05
	Other Contributions		\$6,560.00	\$14,092.93
	<b>Total</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>\$17,359.47</b>	<b>\$90,049.19</b>
<i>Other General Fund Income</i>				
	Fundraising		\$0.00	\$1,139.13
	Miscellaneous		\$156.00	\$2,530.56
	<b>Total Received</b>		<b>\$17,515.47</b>	<b>\$93,718.88</b>
	<b>Budgeted Need</b>		<b>\$17,653.85</b>	<b>\$117,338.46</b>
	<b>Total Surplus / (Deficit)</b>		<b>(\$138.38)</b>	<b>(\$23,619.58)</b>
<b>Total Imagine Capital Campaign</b>			<b>\$1,845.00</b>	<b>\$16,140.00</b>



# This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

## SUNDAY FEBRUARY 22

<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson</b>	
10:15 am	Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry	<i>Chapel</i>
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	<i>Activities Building</i>
<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson</b>	
12:30 pm	Board of Directors Application Deadline (see page 10)	
12:30 pm	Parents' Lunch Social	<i>Activities Building</i>
12:30 pm	Unbinding Prayer	<i>Chapel</i>
12:45 pm	Pastoral Care Ministers Monthly Meeting	<i>Act Bldg #104</i>
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	<i>Music Room</i>

## MONDAY FEBRUARY 23

6:00 pm	Board of Directors Meeting	<i>Gathering Place</i>
6:30 pm	Resurrection Singers Rehearsal	<i>Music Room</i>
6:45 pm	Pride Band - Small Group Rehearsal	<i>Chapel</i>

## TUESDAY FEBRUARY 24

7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous	<i>Gathering Place</i>
7:00 pm	Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal	<i>Music Room</i>
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	<i>Chapel</i>

## WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 25

	No Chalice Service Tonight (see page 7)	
<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson</b>	
7:00 pm	Pride Band Rehearsal	<i>Activities Building</i>

## THURSDAY FEBRUARY 26

*No Events Scheduled.*

## FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED FEBRUARY 27

*No Events Scheduled.*

## SATURDAY FEBRUARY 28

1:00 pm	Angels in Motion Rehearsal	<i>Sanctuary</i>
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## SUNDAY MARCH 1

<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson</b>	
10:15 am	Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry	<i>Chapel</i>
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	<i>Activities Building</i>
<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson</b>	
12:30 pm	Second Family Care Partners Luncheon	<i>Act Bldg #104</i>
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	<i>Music Room</i>