

## No Fear Here

The Children's Ministry with your help will once again host the annual Halloween alternative for the children of our neighborhood and church family on Oct. 30.

We need the following:

A team to coordinate this great event.

A few people to help the week before.

Bunches of people to serve during the event.

People who are willing to donate candy. You can drop off candy at the bin in the lobby.

If you are interested, please sign up at the Information Center or contact Ken Schripsema at 245-7791 ext. 214 or [ken.schripsema@madisonsquarechurch.org](mailto:ken.schripsema@madisonsquarechurch.org).

## ◆ Notes

# Madison Square Church

*United in Christ as a Diverse Community*



**October 4, 2009**

- ◆ Music Audition Jam
- ◆ Care Groups
- ◆ No Fear Here

Our Vision: To build a community of diverse people who are being transformed by Christ.



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## ◆ Welcome Guests

We're glad you're worshiping with us today. Pick up your welcome gift at the Guest Care desk in the lobby. Questions about Madison? Please call the church office Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 245-7791. For more information go to [www.madisonsquarechurch.org](http://www.madisonsquarechurch.org).



Sermon Series: In Recovery-In Christ  
Foolish: Chosen in Christ

## ◆ Worship

### Morning

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

“Foolish....Chosen in Christ”

Square teaching by Pastor Dave

Ford teaching by Pastor Alton

### Evening

Ephesians 5:1-10

“Living in the River of Thanks”

Teaching by Paula Seales

Worship at 8:30, 10, 11:30 a.m., and 6 p.m. at the Square; 10 a.m. at Ford

## S.O.A.P. Bible Study “Foolish....Chosen in Christ”

**S=Scripture:** 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

**O=Observation:** After reading the text carefully, answer the following questions: What are the contrasts that Paul draws out in this passage? What do Jews demand? What do Greeks look for? What, exactly, is the “foolishness of God” and the “weakness of God”? Notice how many times the words “called” and “chosen” or “chose” are used. What does the teaching of God’s choosing (doctrine of election) have to do with the divisions that Paul has become aware of in this church? What has Jesus become for us?

**A=Application:** What is it about the doctrine of election that helps you overcome the kind of divisive spirit that leaks into all families and churches? To whom or about what does God want you to humble yourself?

**P=Prayer:** Write out a prayer based on your meditation on this passage:

\* If you were challenged through this Bible study, go deeper with the daily study guide at the Information Center today to connect further with God’s word.

# 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 (TNIV)

<sup>18</sup> For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate." <sup>20</sup> Where are the wise? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup> For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength. <sup>26</sup> Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. <sup>28</sup> God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no one may boast before him. <sup>30</sup> It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. <sup>31</sup> Therefore, as it is written: "Let those who boast boast in the Lord."

## Prayer Request Form

Please check. I would like to:

- Give my life to Christ  
 Recommit my life to Christ

Please Pray for: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you wish to have your request in:

- The Bulletin  
 The confidential Prayer Chain

If you would like us to, how can we best reach you? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please tear off and place in the offering basket. You may also call Paula Seales at 245-7791 ext. 212.

## ◆ Joys and Concerns

Pray that as we experience challenging and difficult situations, we will trust God, and faithfully follow the prompting of the Holy Spirit as he guides us.

Praise God for his unconditional love towards us with all our imperfections. Pray that we return that love by following Him.

Pray that we open up and reach out to others with care and concern, without judging.

Pray that we would turn to the Lord for our comfort and not to our addictions.

Prayer servants are available after the service at the altar. You may also pray privately in the Prayer Room off the Lobby.

If you have prayer requests for the prayer chain, contact Marty Meyne at [meynman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:meynman@sbcglobal.net) or 241-5027.

## ◆ Our Attendance Last Sunday

<i>Sunday Morning</i>	<i>Worship and Children's Church</i>	<i>Sunday School and Nursery</i>
8:30 a.m.	220	19
10 a.m.	395	99
10 a.m. Ford	103	6
11:30 a.m.	301	11
total	1,019	135

Invite a friend or neighbor to our 8:30, 10, or 11:30 a.m. services At the Square or 10 a.m. At Ford. We have plenty of room for new faces.

## ◆ Our Giving

Year to date giving for General Fund:

Last two weeks: \$557 under budget

Year to date: \$14,059 under budget

Today's morning offerings:

1. General Fund      2. Christian Education

This evening's offering:

Bethany Christian Services

Next week's morning offerings:

1. General Fund      2. Christian Education

Next week's evening offering:

Southeast Community Association

## Music Audition Jam

If you play an instrument or are a vocalist and desire to use your gifts to lead us in worship, you are invited to come to our music audition jam from 2 to 3 p.m. today at Madison at the Square. For more information, contact Audrey Laninga at 245-0855.

## Care Groups

Find a place to belong, become, and be blessed by joining a care group. Meet in the sanctuary 6 p.m. Oct. 25 to meet new people, hear stories of God's Grace, and get connected.

## ◆ Our Ministries

### 20s and 30s

Please join us at Restorers at 11:30 a.m. Oct. 11 for some coffee, treats, and fellowship after church. Come meet and mingle with other people from Madison. See you there!

### Newcomers' Class

Would you like to learn about becoming a member? Join us from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct 17 in the Multipurpose Room for our Newcomers' Class. Brunch and Daycare are available. Call Nicole at 245-7791 ext 204 to register.

### Children's standUP!

The Children's standUP! profession of faith class begins today at 11:30 a.m. in room 304. If your child is interested in attending, you can still get in today.

### Transportation Needs

We are looking for transportation for a few of our college students who are trying to serve in ministry here at Madison. If you live near Calvin College and are available to pick up students on Sunday mornings, contact Ken Schripsema at 245-7791 ext. 214 or [ken.schripsema@madisonsquarechurch.org](mailto:ken.schripsema@madisonsquarechurch.org).

### Lyrics Projectionist

Do you love to worship at Madison? Our worship teams are in need of people to help project song lyrics during services. No experience is necessary; anyone can do it. If you are interested, call Jeremy Ensley at 245-7791 ext. 208.

### Exciting Moms' Ministry

Madison Moms got off to a great start Sept. 23. About 20 moms from different parts of town and various ages came, including 8 first-timers. Join us Wednesday from 9 to 11 a.m. for this exciting ministry.

### Service Opportunity

We need folks to serve as child care providers during Madison Moms' meetings on Wednesday mornings from Sept. to May. All are encouraged to help; flexible and shared positions are available. For more information, call Martie Bradley at 560-3414.

### Staff

Pastor Dave will be out of the office Oct. 5 to 12. Joy Bonnema, Pastor of Congregational Life, will be out of the office from Oct. 5 to 11 and Audrey Laninga, Director of Worship and Arts, will be out of the office from Oct. 9 to 13.

## ◆ Today

### Nursery

For newborn through 3 years old at 8:30, 10, and 11:30 a.m. downstairs.

### Four and Five Year Old Ministry

Downstairs in Room 104-105 at 8:30 and 10 a.m. There is no 11:30 a.m. session.

### Children's Church (8:30 and 11:30 a.m.) Sunday School (10 a.m.)

1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> graders meet in the MultiPurpose Room.

### Special Needs Ministry

Trained staff provides your child with one-on-one attention in Room 314. Call Ken at 245-7791 ext. 214 for reservations.

### High School Sunday School

10 a.m. in Room 203.

Adult Sunday School: All classes start at 10 a.m. For more information, check at the Information Center in the lobby.

### Men's Addiction Recovery

Meets at 8:30 a.m. in room 307.

High School Youth Group: 5-7 p.m. in the MultiPurpose Room. Call Katie at 269-330-4963 by 3 p.m. if you need a ride.

## ◆ This Week at Madison

Children's Praise Dance: 5:30-6:30 p.m. Mon.

Adult Praise Dance: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Mon.

Drum Circle: 6:30-8 p.m. Mon.

Madison Girls (for all 2<sup>nd</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls.): 6:30-8:30 p.m. Mon.

Cadets (for all 2<sup>nd</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys): 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tues.

Men's Addiction Recovery: 8-9 p.m. Tues.

Men's Bible Study: 8-9 p.m. Tues.

Fresh Fire Prayer Service: 6 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Wed., Noon Thurs.

Madison Moms: 9-11 a.m. Wed.

Midweek Bible Teaching: 7-8:30 p.m. Wed.

Women's Addiction Recovery: 7-9 p.m. Wed.

Women's Bible Study: 7-8:30 p.m. Wed.

Middle School Youth Group: Welcome back Middle Schoolers! Come back for a teaching on "for-real wisdom" based on 1 Corinthians 2:6-16. Meet at church from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 8.