

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.

Thanks for the great response last week, we still need the following:

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.

Make Room for Community

Potluck

1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 1

MultiPurpose Room at Madison At the Square

This will be a great time to meet someone new and catch up with old friends. Everyone from Madison At the Square and Madison At Ford is invited. You'll also have an opportunity to learn more and ask questions about the upcoming Nov. 15 vote to take a loan, incurring around a 4 year debt, to renovate Madison Place. Please bring a dish to pass according to the first letter of your last name as shown below.

A-J bring a dessert

K-R bring a main dish

S-Z bring a side dish



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October 18, 2009

- ◆ Thanksgiving Baskets
- ◆ No Fear Here
- ◆ Make Room for Community Potluck

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

◆ 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.



Sermon Series: In Recovery-In Christ

◆ Worship

Morning

1 Corinthians 3:1-17

“Independent....God Dependent”

Square teaching by Pastor Joy

Ford teaching by Pastor Brad

Evening

Psalm 1

“Study of Psalm 1”

Teaching by Pastor Dave

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

“Independent....God Dependent”

S=Scripture: 1 Corinthians 3:1-17

O=Observation: According to verses 1-4 what are the Corinthians arguing about? How is this section of Paul's letter related to what he wrote in chapter 1:10-17? In verses 3:5-9 and 3:10-15 Paul uses two metaphors or analogies. In what ways are they similar? What common point is he trying to make? What evidence of the Gospel do you see in these verses? In Greek, the word “you” in verse 16 is plural. How is that significant to the meaning of this text?

A=Application: In what areas of your life or the lives of those you love are you longing to see growth? What hope do you find in this text?

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

* If you were challenged through this Bible study, go deeper by picking up a daily study guide at the Information Center today to connect further with God's word.

1 Corinthians 3:1-17 (TNIV)

¹ Brothers and sisters, I could not address you as spiritual but as worldly—mere infants in Christ. ² I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. ³ You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere human beings? ⁴ For when one says, “I follow Paul,” and another, “I follow Apollos,” are you not mere human beings? ⁵ What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. ⁶ I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. ⁷ So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. ⁸ The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. ⁹ For we are God's co-workers; you are God's field, God's building. ¹⁰ By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care. ¹¹ For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹² If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay, or straw, ¹³ their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person's work. ¹⁴ If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved—even though only as one escaping through the flames. ¹⁶ Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst? ¹⁷ If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for God's temple is sacred, and you together are that temple.

◆ 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.)

1st through 6th 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: 10 a.m. For more information, check at the Information Center.

Men's Addiction Recovery

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

Communion

We will be serving communion at our 6 p.m. service this evening.

◆ 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: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Mon. for 2nd-6th grade girls.

Cadets: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tues. for 2nd-6th grade boys

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. and 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.

Middle School Youth Group: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thurs. Megan Ciha will speak on how God has transformed her life. We'll leave at 5:45 p.m. sharp Oct. 29 for Post Family Farm. Pumpkins, hayrides, donuts, corn and hay mazes, apple cider--this trip will be amazing! You will need \$8 and a permission slip to come. You can use Serve to Earn money, too.

◆ 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.	238	30
10 a.m.	330	165
10 a.m. Ford	82	13
11:30 a.m.	240	21
total	890	155

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 week: \$9,639 under budget

Year to date: \$15,411 under budget

Today's morning offerings:

1. General Fund 2. Christian Education

This evening's offering:

Safe Haven Ministries

Next week's morning offerings:

1. General Fund 2. Deacons' Fund

Next week's evening offering:

In the Image

Thanksgiving Baskets

Thanksgiving is coming and we are planning to give away food. We are looking for any non-perishable food items and plastic bags. Please drop off your donations in the food pantry bin located in the lobby at Madison at the Square, we are also in need of volunteers to help make and distribute baskets on Nov. 23 and 24. To sign up to serve, or if you have questions, please contact Nicole Simpson at 245-7791 ext. 204.

Installation

Madison Square Church and Calvin College invite you to the installation of Rev. Dr. Mary Hulst as College Chaplain of Calvin College at 3:30 p.m. Oct. 23 in the Calvin College chapel.

◆ Our Ministries

Understanding Racism

As part of Madison's commitment to build a diverse body of believers being transformed by Christ, we will be providing another "Understanding Racism: The Power to Change" 2.5 day workshop on Oct. 29 to 31 at Church of the Servant. For more information contact Kris Vander Stelt at 456-6419 or kvanderstelt@comcast.net.

Rise to the Challenge

For _____ who have struggled with what it means to be a _____ of integrity and vision; _____ who want to be good _____, good workers, good husbands, good fathers; _____ who want to share what they've learned with other _____: Nov. 20 is coming. Watch for details. Will you fill in the blank?

High School Youth Group: 5-7 p.m. today in the MultiPurpose Room. Bring your Bibles to talk about 1 Corinthians 3:1-23 and dress to get messy and play the cheese ball game! Also, don't forget to bring your permission slips tonight for the photo scavenger hunt! Call Katie at 269-330-4963 by 3 p.m. if you need a ride.

Urgent Needs-Youth

Middle School and High School Youth Group are under way and kids are coming through the doors! We need just a few more hands on deck. Middle School needs one more Sunday School leader and two more female youth leaders. High School needs two male youth leaders and two female youth leaders. Contact Christy at 340-3742.

Ordination

The ordination ceremony for Brad Knetsch as Assistant Pastor of Madison At Ford will take place at 6 p.m. Nov. 1 at Madison At the Square.

Ride for Refugees

The Ride for Refugees was a huge success. At our location, 387 people on 24 teams rode for our work in Uganda! We thank and praise God for all of you who got involved. For more information, contact Tim and Angie Sliedrecht at sliedrechts@hotmail.com.

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 are available to pick up students on Sunday mornings, contact Ken Schripsema at 245-7791 ext. 214 or ken.schripsema@madisonsquarechurch.org.

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 eight first-timers. Join us Wednesday from 9 to 11 a.m. for this exciting ministry.

Get Connected Fair

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

◆ Joys and Concerns

Pray for Judy King who is recovering well from surgery that she will be completely healed and grateful for God's care and love through family and friends.

Pray for Terri Hughes who has not been well over the past few weeks. Pray that she may experience God's supernatural healing and be encouraged to persevere and trust him like never before. Pray for others who are ill, that they will be healed and comforted by His presence and care from others.

Pray for those from Madison, including staff, and others who will be attending the CCDA conference later this week. Pray that they will have safe travel, understand the principles of Christian community development and be enlightened by fresh ways to serve people's needs.

Pray for growth in the number of volunteers and participants in our various ministries, so that we can become a church that is strong in faith, creating disciples, equipping for service, and finding fulfillment in ministry and community.

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 or 241-5027.

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.