

YES to Madison Place

The Council thanks God for the responsive vote of the congregation Nov. 15. Of 345 votes cast, 76% voted in favor of taking out a loan for renovating Madison Place. The majority "Yes" vote was supported by \$121,733 in additional cash gifts, and net confirmed pledges (previous pledges and new pledges) of \$303,261. In addition, we also have confirmation of \$100,000 pledged by external donors. In summary, about 85% of total projected costs (for Madison Place, multisite, and our 'tithe') are offset by actual cash received and pledges receivable.

In consideration of both the cautions and encouragement of the Nov. 15 vote along with these financial observations, on Nov. 17, Council decided by unanimous vote to move forward with plans for starting construction in March 2010. Although we expect accelerated giving during construction and additional external gifts, at the current pace of congregational giving to the Making Room fund, after construction is complete, we will not need a loan greater than \$450,000. We project that 50% of the expected loan amount is already covered with pledges.

The Council appreciates your continuing prayers for our Making Room effort co-leaders Jay Laninga and Jonathan Wilson, and for other planning groups as they continue their work.

Expect to receive more information and updates in coming weeks.

◆ Notes

Madison Square Church

United in Christ as a Diverse Community



November 29, 2009

- ◆ Madison At the Y J.A.M.
- ◆ Madison School of Worship Arts
- ◆ Yes to Madison Place

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. 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 7:17-24

“Enslaved...Redeemed In Christ”

Square teaching by Paula Seales

Ford teaching by Pastor Alton

Evening

Soul Revival

Matthew 9:18-26

“Desperate for Healing”

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

“Enslaved...Redeemed In Christ”

S=Scripture: 1 Corinthians 7:17-24

O=Observation: After carefully reading this text, answer the following questions: What is Paul's main theme in this section? Paul is writing to a church which is located in the busiest seaport in the ancient world, full of economic opportunity and instability. Why would this section be important in such an environment? What might it mean for Paul to say “he should not become uncircumcised”? Why is the virtue of contentment so important to the Christian life? What does Paul ground his appeal to? See verse 23 and 1 Corinthians 6:20.

A=Application: What is God saying to you about your station in life, your assignment from God? How are you doing with contentment?

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

1 Corinthians 7:17-24 (TNIV)

¹⁷ Nevertheless, each of you should live as a believer in whatever situation the Lord has assigned to you, just as God has called you. This is the rule I lay down in all the churches. ¹⁸ Was a man already circumcised when he was called? He should not become uncircumcised. Was a man uncircumcised when he was called? He should not be circumcised.

¹⁹ Circumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing. Keeping God's commands is what counts.

²⁰ Each of you should remain in the situation you were in when God called you. ²¹ Were you a slave when you were called? Don't let it trouble you—although if you can gain your freedom, do so.

²² For those who were slaves when called to faith in the Lord are the Lord's freed people; similarly, those who were free when called are Christ's slaves. ²³ You were bought at a price; do not become slaves of human beings.

²⁴ Brothers and sisters, all of you, as responsible to God, should remain in the situation in which God called you.

◆ 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.

Men's Addiction Recovery

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

High School Youth Group: 5-7 p.m. 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.

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 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: Meet at church from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thurs.

◆ Our Attendance Last Sunday

<i>Sunday Morning Services</i>	<i>Worship and Children's Church</i>	<i>Sunday School and Nursery</i>
8:30 a.m.	256	34
10 a.m.	373	97
10 a.m. Ford	123	11
11:30 a.m.	292	17
total	1,044	159

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: \$300 under budget

Year to date: \$22,275 under budget

Today's morning offerings:

1. General Fund
2. Making Room

This evening's offering:

Dynamic Youth

Next week's morning offerings:

1. General Fund
2. Christian Education

Next week's evening offering:

Christian Learning Center

Madison at the Y

Nov. 21 was the first J.A.M. at the downtown Y. As Pastor Cisco put it, this event will happen only if God makes it happen! Well, everyone worked hard, you prayed hard, and God made it happen! The next J.A.M. is scheduled for 8 p.m. Dec. 5. Thank you for your love and encouragement. Please keep on praying.

Madison School of Worship Arts

In mid-January we hope to offer training in vocalization, instrumentation, and worship leading for 6th grade through adult.. To make this happen, we'll need three gently used acoustic drum sets and three keyboards. If you can donate these instruments for 10 weeks, please contact Nick Hopkins at 717-1353.

◆ Our Ministries

New Staff

Please help us welcome Victor Perez and Henry Potts to our Building Services team.

Soul Revival

Pastor Dave is preaching on healing at 6 p.m. today. Prayer Servants will pray with you individually for healing in your lives at the end of the service. All are invited.

Serve to Earn

Are you a teen who is looking for a way to give back to the community? Join us every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for Serve to Earn, as we serve our church and neighborhood through meaningful projects. Call Rita Broyles for more info at 452-6963.

Soul Pantry

Are you doing some shopping in Christian book stores this Christmas? If so, please consider checking out our church's bookstore, the Soul Pantry. We have children's and family Advent books, plus many more discounted books and gifts, and we pay the sales tax! Looking for something we don't have? Ask and we will do our best to meet your request.

Lyrics Projectionist

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

In the Company of Angels

Angels are messengers. Sometimes they sing their message, sometimes they shout, sometimes they play instruments, sometimes they whisper. Advent and Christmas stories are filled with angels. During our Christmas sermon series, we will meet these angels through the lighting of our Advent Candles and our sermons. We ask that you look for the angels around you, raise your head and listen. Do you hear the angels singing, "Glory to God in the highest?"

◆ Joys and Concerns

Praise God for the more than 100 men who attended the men's event last Friday. Pray for them to be built up by each other and through God's word empowering them to be righteous men of God. Pray that more men will join in the future.

Pray for our church family to be strengthened in faith as we look to make room at Madison Place and pursue what God has called us to do.

Pray for our ministries as we turn the page to another new calendar. Pray that we will act out of God's wisdom by faith and be obedient to every command and instruction. Pray that many more will be drawn by the Spirit to communities that are loving.

Pray for loved ones and relatives. Pray that we can be witnesses of Christ to them over the holiday season.

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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.