

## 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*



**December 6, 2009**

- ◆ Evening Worship
- ◆ Soul Pantry
- ◆ Madison School of Worship Arts

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 worshipping 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](http://www.madisonsquarechurch.org).



Sermon Series: In the Company of Angels

## ◆ Worship

### Morning

1 Corinthians 6:12-20, 7:7-8

“Singleness”

Square teaching by Pastor Dave

Ford teaching by Pastor Brad

### Evening

The Tabernacle Progression Through Drumming

Led by Eric Nykamp

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

### “Singleness”

**S=Scripture:** 1 Corinthians 6:12-20, 7:7-8

**O=Observation:** After reading the text carefully, answer the following questions: In 1 Corinthians 6:12, Paul says that we should not be mastered by anything. He then goes on to talk about two hungers of the body. How are these two hungers comparable and how are they contrasted? To whom does the body belong? What does it mean that we were bought with a price? See 1 Corinthians 6:20. How is this price tied to our body? In 1 Corinthians 7:8-9, how does Paul suggest that we deal with the power of sexual desire? How does he speak about the single and abstinent life? What clues do we have about how we ought to deal with the issue of sexual fantasy and masturbation?

**A=Application:** According to this passage, how important is it for us to treat the body with respect? What do you have to ask God for the power to change in order for you to honor God with your body (eyes, hands, sexual organs)?

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

# 1 Corinthians

6:12-20,  
7:7-8 (TNIV)

<sup>12</sup> "I have the right to do anything," you say—but not everything is beneficial. "I have the right to do anything"—but I will not be mastered by anything. <sup>13</sup> You say, "Food for the stomach and the stomach for food, and God will destroy them both." The body, however, is not meant for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup> By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also. <sup>15</sup> Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! <sup>16</sup> Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, "The two will become one flesh." <sup>17</sup> But whoever is united with the Lord is one with him in spirit. <sup>18</sup> Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins people commit are outside their bodies, but those who sin sexually sin against their own bodies. <sup>19</sup> Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; <sup>20</sup> you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

<sup>7</sup> I wish that all of you were as I am. But each of you has your own gift from God; one has this gift, another has that. <sup>8</sup> Now to the unmarried and the widows I say: It is good for them to stay unmarried, as I do.

## ◆ 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: 10 a.m.

### Men's Addiction Recovery

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

High School Youth Group: No Youth Group this Sunday. Thanks for the awesome Praise and Worship Night on Friday night! See you next Sunday for a special night with our guest Mr. Ron Boes, who will retell the Christmas Story to us from the eyes of Joseph, Jesus' Dad.

## ◆ 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 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade girls.

Cadets: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tues. for 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> 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.	209	24
10 a.m.	322	78
10 a.m. Ford	96	9
11:30 a.m.	267	31
total	894	142

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: \$3,530 under budget

Year to date: \$28,653 under budget

Today's morning offerings:

1. General Fund
2. Christian Education

This evening's offering:

Christian Learning Center

Next week's morning offerings:

1. General Fund
2. Missions' Fund

Next week's evening offering:

World Communion of Reformed Churches

## Evening Worship

We invite everyone to experience the Tabernacle Progression through drumming, singing, dancing, and the Word during tonight's evening worship. We will be led in worship by Eric Nykamp and our Homeschool Dance Troupe, as we worship through the playing of rhythm instruments, dance, and the reading of the Word.

## Soul Pantry

Are you doing some shopping in Christian book stores this Christmas? 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.

## Madison School of Worship Arts

In late January we hope to offer training in vocalization, instrumentation, and worship leading for 6<sup>th</sup> 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

### Middle School Youth Group

All families of middle schoolers are invited to attend a great night of food and fellowship from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Dec. 17. RSVP with Marisol by calling 245-7791.

### 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.

### Sunday School Teacher Needed

Our winter semester is approaching and our High School Students would love to have a Sunday School Teacher. Can you help? Call Christy at 340-3742 for more information.

### Guest Speakers

The Business With a Mission class will be joined by guest speakers for the next three weeks. Today, Mike Lancer from Innotec will be speaking. On Dec. 13, Doug Seebeck, author of "My Business, My Mission", will speak and on Dec. 20, Lou Haveman from Partners Worldwide.

### Orphan Care Ministry Potluck

The Dec. 13 potluck has been re-scheduled to Jan. 13. For more info, contact Gayle Knibbe at [gayleknibbe@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gayleknibbe@sbcglobal.net).

### Youth Ministry

Our youth will hold a fundraiser for youth mission trips on Jan. 8 and they need help gathering donations of food to sell. We are asking for: cases of canned soda, candy for concessions, bottled water, and a popcorn machine. Call Larisha at 452-1504 for more information. Please place your donations on the lobby table marked "Youth Ministry Donations" from Dec. 6 to Jan. 3.

### 20s and 30s

Please join us for two holiday events in December! Our annual Ugly Christmas Sweater/White Elephant gift exchange party will be at Sarah Koeze's home at 7 p.m. on Dec. 11. We will also have a Christmas Cookie Coffee time at Restorers' at 11:30 a.m. on Dec. 13. For more information, contact Sarah Koeze at [skoeze@gmail.com](mailto:skoeze@gmail.com).

### Homeschool Ministry

Come see what the Homeschool Ministry has been doing. There will be an arts showcase with dancing, drama, artwork, Spanish, and Lego Robotics on Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. in the MultiPurpose Room. All are welcome.

### 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.

## ◆ Joys and Concerns

Dear Madison Square Church Family,

Words cannot express how thankful we are for your prayers, visits, acts of kindness, gifts of money, flowers and cards of sympathy during this time of earthly loss of our husband and father. We will miss him here but look forward to our reunion with him in heaven.

Sincerely, The Hammond Family

Pray that we remember the real reason for the season, that is, the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and that we tell everyone we meet about His saving grace.

Pray for those who will be homeless and hungry in this season of giving. Pray for those who are without family and our young men and women who are serving the country in the Middle East.

Pray for those who will visit our church. Pray that their hearts will be warmed to the gospel and they will be transformed. Pray for our eyes to be opened as well to those who are in need over the season.

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.

## Prayer Request Form

Please check. I would like to:

- Give my life to Christ  
 Recommit my life to Christ

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

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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? \_\_\_\_\_

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Name

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Address

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Phone

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E-mail

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Date

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