

◆ Notes

Madison Square Church

United in Christ as a Diverse Community



December 27, 2009

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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.

◆ Worship

Morning

John 14:15-23

"Home"

Square teaching by Pastor Dave

Ford teaching by Pastor Alton

Evening

No service this evening.

Please join us at our New Year's Eve service, 11 p.m. Dec. 31.

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

"Home"

S=Scripture: John 14:15-23

O=Observation: After reading the text carefully, answer the following questions: What titles are given to the Holy Spirit? Where, in this text, do the three persons of the Trinity show up? How do love and obedience compare or contrast in this text? How is the word "home" used in this text? What might that mean in the context of the very beginning of the chapter? What words of intimacy are used in this text? How might the concept of God living in us as a home be a shocking concept for Jews? For Greeks?

A=Application: Do you think of yourself being a home for God? Why would he have to come to us to make a home instead of us trying to find a home in God? How is Christ in your home at this point in your life? What acts of obedience is God calling you to so that you are a home for the great Trinitarian God?

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

Daily Devotionals

Mon.: Romans 8:1-11

Tue.: John 10:1-18

Wed.: Psalm 23:1-6

Thurs.: Romans 8:31-39

Fri.: Romans 6:1-14

Sat.: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

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14:15-23 (TNIV)

¹⁵ "If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. Anyone who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them." ²² Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, "But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?" ²³ Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them."

◆ Today

Nursery

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

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: Off until Jan. 11

Adult Praise Dance: Off until Jan. 11

Madison Girls: Off until Jan. 5

Cadets: Off until Jan. 5

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: Off until Jan. 6

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

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

Middle School Youth Group: Thanks for coming out to middle school dinner, everyone! Have a blessed Christmas. Winter break is from now till Jan. 7; we'll see you then!

◆ 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.	246	50
10 a.m.	304	93
10 a.m. Ford	114	9
11:30 a.m.	271	17
total	935	169

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: N/A

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Today's morning offerings:

1. General Fund
2. Deacons' Fund

This evening's offering:

There is no evening worship tonight.

Next week's morning offerings:

1. General Fund
2. Christian Education

Next week's evening offering:

There is no evening worship on Jan. 3.

Worshipping Under One Roof

Madison At the Ford's worship service on Jan. 10 will be cancelled. We would like to encourage members from both sites to come to Madison At the Square during our normal services. We will kick off our January Mission series on Madison's mission.

Understanding Racism

Madison's next Understanding Racism workshop will be held March 11 to 13. For more information, contact Kris Vander Stelt at 456-6419 or kris.vanderstelt@gmail.com.

Madison Women

Save the date of Jan. 8 and join us in the Sanctuary for the viewing and discussion of the movie "One Night With the King." The doors open at 6 p.m. and the movie begins at 6:30 p.m. Please bring your favorite pillow to sit on. There will be some chairs for those who would like that option too. Concessions will be sold in the lobby with the proceeds going to Youth Mission trips. For more information, please call Larisha at 452-1504.

◆ Our Ministries

Children's Ministry Holiday Schedule

In order to provide our children's ministry teams a much needed break, there will be no children's ministry programming today or next Sunday, January 3 for Pre-K through 6th grade. All Sunday morning programming will resume on January 10. Madison Girls and Cadets are both off this week and will resume next week.

Urgent Serving Need

We are looking for people with administrative gifts to help with our Adult Education program, or Information Center or Hospitality ministry. Please contact Paula Seales at paula.seales@madisonsquarechurch.org or call 245-7791 ext 212 as soon as possible.

Adult Sunday School Begins

Adult Sunday School Classes begin Jan. 10 including foundational courses and one new option. Beth Moore Bible Study, Focus on the Jewish Rabbi, Newcomers' Class, and Network Spiritual Gifts Training are our classic topics, and Women's Talk is a new way for women to bring issues for discussion in a new social setting. Watch for more details.

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.

Spring Break & College Justice Tour

High School students are invited to consider spending April 5-8 on a college and justice tour in Tennessee. We will visit Christian, public, historically black, and private universities and consider how education and justice are linked. There will also be a visit to the Civil Rights Museum. Email Christy at christy.knetsch@madisonsquarechurch.org.

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. 13 to Jan. 3.

Bulletin Deadline

Please submit all announcements for the Jan. 3 bulletin by 5 p.m. on Dec. 28 to jeremy.ensley@madisonsquarechurch.org.

Office and Staff

The office will be closed on Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 in observance of New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Many staff members will be out of the office during the holidays, for immediate assistance, call the church office at 245-7791.

◆ Joys and Concerns

Diana Riley has recently graduated from Grand Valley State University and God has presented her with an opportunity to travel to Liberia. Please pray for safe travel for her and for God to use this in her growth.

Pray for Betty Medendorf and her family for God's provision as they face financial challenges. Pray for God's grace to be evident through good family relations.

Pray for those without their children and relatives over the holiday season. Pray that they will find good cheer through the love of the family of believers. Pray that God will use this season to communicate his love to all because of Jesus Christ.

Pray for God-strengthening devotional times for families. Pray that it may become a time of sharing, learning from God's Word, and prayer for each other during this season.

Pray for one unsaved person you know. Pray that God will use this time of celebrating Christ's birth to save them.

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.