



Artist Meditation on Reach In!

By Sharon Featherly

Often when our pastors are preaching, they will extend the Bible in their hand. Speaking truth through these gifted men and women is the primary tool the Lord uses to build up the body of Christ at Madison and had to be the central focus in my painting.

Lord, thank you for pouring your grace on us through leaders who are not ashamed of the gospel and who boldly teach, challenge, and encourage us with humility and vulnerability.

God works His power through each of us as well. Worshipping with a diverse body of believers in freedom of the Spirit builds my faith. The colors are rich and lively to represent the blending of our cultural heritages into one family of God. We belong to each other (Romans 12:5). I am so thankful for my spiritual family at Madison!

Lord, we pray you will amplify the gifts in the body, so freely given to all who love you and are called according to your purposes. Whether teaching, singing, playing instruments, serving, testifying, praying, counseling, painting, or presenting dance or drama... may it all be for your glory. As we serve each other in love, as family, may you be pleased and exalted. Amen.

Urgent Need in Children's Ministry

Because some people discontinuing in their positions, we need more people to serve in the following ministries:

- Nursery Assistants
- Pre-K, K ministry
- Children's Church – small group leaders, assistants.
- Children's Music Team
- Special Needs ministry
- Dickinson Bible Club
- Nursery Hospitality/Registration

Contact Ken Schripsema, Director of Children's Ministry at 245-7791 ext. 214 or at ken.schripsema@madisonsquarechurch.org

Madison Square Church

United in Christ as a Diverse Community



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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

Romans 12:3-8

"Reach In"

Square teaching by Pastor Joy

Ford teaching by Pastor Brad

Evening

Immigration Prayer Service for Reconciliation and Action

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

S.O.A.P. Bible Study

"Reach In"

S=Scripture: Romans 12:1-8

O=Observation: Note the command that Paul gives in verse 3. According to the beginning of the verse, what prompts him to say this? "Sober judgment" is a way of describing sound, right thinking. What does grace-shaped "right-thinking" about ourselves look like? How is it related to the statement at the end of verse 5? What does it mean to belong to each other? Why is "belonging to each other" not optional for the church? How are we held together and how do we grow? See Ephesians 4:11-16.

A=Application: What are the frustrations that go along with "belonging to each other"? What are the joys? Are the two mutually exclusive? In what ways is "belonging to each other" a means of grace in our lives?

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

Daily Devotionals

Mon.: Acts 2:42-47

Tue.: Ephesians 4:1-16

Wed.: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31

Thurs.: Hebrews 10:19-39

Fri.: Galatians 6:1-10

Sat.: Colossians 3:12-17

Sun.: Psalm 10:1-2, 7-18

Romans

12:1-8 (TNIV)

¹ Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is true worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. ³ For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. ⁴ For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷ if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸ if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

◆ Today

Nursery

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

Kindergarten and Preschool 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. Jamie Hinojosa leads discussion on "Every Picture Tells a Story".

Men's Addiction Recovery

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

High School Youth Group: 5-7:30 p.m.

We'll meet for D groups and then head to the evening service to worship together. Please the note time change.

◆ 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 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. Your life counts! We'll be looking at 1 Timothy 4:12 where God challenges us to set an example in faith, life, love, speech, and purity.

◆ Our Attendance Last Sunday

<i>Sunday Morning Services</i>	<i>Worship and Children's Church</i>
8:30 a.m.	217
10 a.m.	458
11:30 a.m.	316
total	991

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.

◆ December Offering Update

Dec. 09	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Actual Prior YTD
Offerings	\$635,559	\$663,409	\$638,849
Expense	\$648,260	\$661,160	\$682,022
Net Results	-\$12,701	\$2,249	-\$43,173

This year's offerings are less than budget but only slightly less than last year. This year's Expenses are also less than budget and much less than last year. Net Results, therefore, are much better than last year.

◆ Our Giving

Year to date giving for General Fund:

Last week: \$3,530 under budget

Year to date: \$28,653 under budget

standUP! – Profess Your Faith

If you have never gone public with your faith in Jesus and would like to, or if you are curious about what it means to be a Jesus-follower, you are invited to attend a "standUP! – Profess Your Faith" class or to meet one on one with a standUP mentor. You may contact the appropriate staff person or sign up at the information desk in the lobby:

For Children (2nd through 6th grade):

Contact Ken Schripsema at 245-7791 ext. 214.

For Middle School Teens:

Contact Brad Knetsch at 481-1291

For High School Teens:

Contact Christy Knetsch at 340-3742

For Adults:

Contact Audrey Laninga at 245-0855.

Classes for standUP! begin 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Jan. 24.

Today's morning offerings:

1. General Fund
2. Christian Education

There will be no offering this evening.

◆ Our Ministries

Soul Pantry

We are looking for people who like books and helping others to serve at our Soul Pantry bookstore. For more information, call Theresa Postma at 647-5639 or stop in the Soul Pantry to sign up.

Blood Drive

Madison's next Blood Drive is scheduled from 3 to 7 p.m. Feb. 2. We need 10 new donors. Will you be one of them?

Budgeting Coaches Needed

Coaches are needed for the spring session of Financial Freedom at Restorers. The session is 6 to 8 p.m., starts Feb. 15, and lasts 12 weeks. Training will be provided. Call Debbie at 243-1984.

Men of God

How are you serving God? Others are watching you to determine how they should get involved. "Do it. And let them see you do it." ~ Mel Gibson as William Wallace in the movie Braveheart.

Women's Mid-Winter Retreat

Save the date of Feb. 27 to create space for God at Little Pine Island's Great Lake Center at 8:30 a.m. Register for \$10 by Jan. 31, or \$15 after the deadline. For information, email Larisha at Larishad@hotmail.com.

High School Youth Group Parent Meeting

Our Youth Group, in partnership with Oakdale Park Church, will be focusing on sexual purity from Jan. 24 to Feb. 21. Parents will meet at 8:30 or 11:30 a.m. today in Room 203 to discuss the content of this study and get your input.

College and Justice Tour

This year, our High School Youth Group will tour colleges and universities in Tennessee and explore the intersection of justice and education. Each student must raise \$325 and will need your help. For more information, email christy.knetsch@madisonsquarechurch.org.

Winter Youth Group Retreat

High school students, mark your calendars for the retreat at the Christian Reformed Church Conference Grounds Feb. 5 to 6. The cost is \$21. For more information, email christy.knetsch@madisonsquarechurch.org.

E-mail Down

Laura Carpenter's e-mail has been down recently. While we are working to fix the problems, please contact her at lauracerese@yahoo.com.

Office Closed

The church office is closed Jan. 18 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

◆ Joys and Concerns

Pray for the upcoming J.A.M. 8 to 10 p.m. Jan 23 at the downtown YMCA. Also, please pray for workers (Matthew 9:38) for this outreach ministry. If you would like to lend a hand, or commit to weekly prayer and fasting for Madison at the Y, contact Pastor Cisco for more information at 745-2875.

Thanks for the brave volunteers that served for our Demolition Day event at 1401 Madison. The next Demolition Day is scheduled for Feb. 13.

Cheryl Docherty requests prayer for her husband, Dennis. He has been admitted to Spectrum Health with pneumonia.

Pray for the people of Haiti in the aftermath of a severe earthquake. Pray that survivors will be found quickly, families reunited, the nation healed and rebuilt through aid and a faith in Jesus Christ.

Pray for our Liberian sister church, Providence Baptist. Pray that they will continue to witness growth and transform lives, and our visit in February will continue to strengthen this relationship.

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.