

JOYS and CONCERNS

Rachel and Reuben Sportel gave birth to a baby girl, Alena Rae, Feb. 26. She was 7 lbs. 11 oz. and 19.5" long. The family is doing well. Pray for them as they adjust to their new life together.

Please pray for **Jeannie Wiarda** as she recovers from foot surgery. Lord, help her to dance again soon.

College & Justice Tour participants would like to thank you for all of your support at the dinner and movie night. So far, we have raised \$3,633. We still need \$3,167. You can still support us by placing a donation in the offering plate or mailing it to the church office. Please put "College Tour" in the memo line of checks made out to Madison Square Church. You can also purchase a coupon book for \$20 by contacting Christy Knetsch at 340-3742. Thank you!

Praise God as we give thanks to **those who fulfilled pledges** to Making Room . In January and February you gave \$94,000. We have only \$225,000 remaining to pay off the Madison Place loan. We appreciate your willingness to meet your pledges and continue giving sacrificially.

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 confidential prayer chain, contact Marty Meyne at meynman@sbcglobal.net or 241-5027.

GET IN TOUCH!

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One Church in Many Locations: Madison at Ford and Madison at the Square

WELCOME

March 14, 2010

MORNING WORSHIP

Square: 8:30, 10, 11:30 am
Ford: 10 am

Placed by God

1 Corinthians 12:12-26

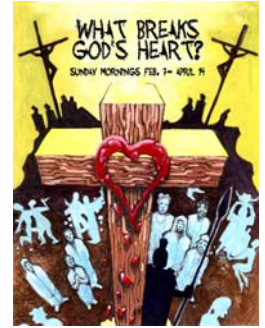
Square: Pastor Joy

Ford: Pastor Brad

OUR GIVING

Today: General Fund and Missions

Next Week: General Fund and Christian Education



EVENING WORSHIP

Square: 6 pm

Choir Concert

Be blessed and worship God!

Square: led by Nick Hopkins

OUR GIVING

Today: Grand Rapids Area Service Project

Next Week: Roosevelt Park Ministries

UNITED IN CHRIST AS A DIVERSE COMMUNITY



I Corinthians 12:12-26

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Unity and Diversity in the Body

12 Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For we were all baptized by [a] one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. 14 Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

15 Now if the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. 16 And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? 18 But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. 19 If they were all one part, where would the body be? 20 As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

21 The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" 22 On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, 23 and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, 24 while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, 25 so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. 26 If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

NEWCOMERS' CLASS

If you're new to Madison and wonder what makes us unique, check out the one-day Newcomers' Class from 9 am to 1 pm March 20 at Madison At the Square. This will be a combined class for Madison At the Square and Madison At Ford attendees.

MEMORY VERSE

The apostle Paul encouraged the Corinthian church, as well as us, to exercise love in all circumstances. A way to put the Word into our hearts and live it out, is through scripture memory. We encourage all of you to commit 1 Corinthians 13:1-12 to memory by March 21. Go Madison!

SCRIPTURE

I Corinthians 12:12-26

OBSERVE

What does this passage teach about diversity (gifts, interests, backgrounds, cultures, personalities, etc)? What are the two divisive attitudes that Paul addresses here? How do they cause division? What is Paul's response to those who would say, "I'm not needed"? See verse 18. What is his response to those who would say "I don't need you"? See verse 24. What hope does this give? According to verse 25, what is the opposite of division? Give some examples, from the text and your own life, of how this gets lived out. How is it possible to live like this? See verse 13.

APPLY

In what areas of your life are you prone to withdraw and say "I'm not needed"? In what areas are you prone to distance yourself by saying "I don't need you"? What is God speaking to you about yourself and your relationships through this passage? Consider sending a note to someone in this congregation telling them why you need them.

PRAY

Write out a prayer based on your meditation on this passage:

S.O.A.P. SCRIPTURE

M: Acts 6:1-7
T: Acts 9:36-43
W: Acts 18:1-4, 18-28
TH: Colossians 4:7-8
F: Ephesians 4:1-6
SA: Romans 12:1-8
SU: I Corinthians 13

UPCOMING

Smile for the Camera
Cameras may be recording at your ministry over the next two weeks for a new video project.

Christian Education Assistance
We support families with Christian school tuition costs. Pick up an application from the church office this week.

New Community Living
Dinner and discussion on transracial adoption. 6-9 pm Mar. 18 in Room 305-306.

Donations Request
Madison Moms' Psalm 23 Day is March 17. It's a day of God's goodness for busy moms who need a break. Consider donating meals, services, gift certificates, or handcrafts for moms on tight budgets. Please call Martie Bradley at 560-3414 to help.

Hungering After God
Join us for a time of worship, prayer and communion at 10 am March 20.

Coffee and Donuts
The Orphan Care Ministry is hosting fellowship for adoptive/foster parents at 9 am March 21 in Room 307-308. Come for support and ask questions!

Making Room Grants
Proposals are due by 5 pm March 31. For grant application, criteria, or info, email info@restorersinc.org.