# SOUL PANTRY

The Soul Pantry will be having another used book sale running from April 11-25. We welcome donations, especially devotionals and children's books. Also good used Christian CDs or DVDs.

Jackson Beelen's "Brick by Brick" CD is available in the Soul Pantry bookstore for $12.

# YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The **College and Justice Tour** is $2,018 away from being a reality. If you've been thinking of supporting our youth, now is the time! 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 Carlin-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. Counting pledges yet to be received, 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.

February's **General Fund** offerings are less than budget but more than last year. This year's expenses are less than budget and less than last year. Our results, therefore, are worse than budget but better than last year.

| ***General Fund as of Feb. 10*** | *Actual Year to Date* | *Budget Year to Date* | *Actual Prior Year to Date* |
|---|---|---|---|
| Offerings | $860,431 | $901,859 | $857,206 |
| Expenses | $853,780 | $867,400 | $915,577 |
| Results | $6,651 | $34,459 | -$58,371 |

## GET IN TOUCH!

Madison Square Church
Monday - Friday, 9:30 am – 5 pm 616.245.7791
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# WELCOME

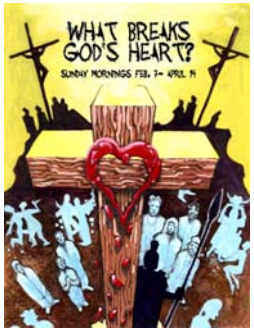
March 21, 2010

## MORNING WORSHIP

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

### *Jesus' Love Never Fails*

1 Corinthians 13
Square: Pastor Dave




### *Urban Hope*

Ford: Pastor Alton

OUR GIVING
Today: General Fund and Christian Education
Next Week: General Fund and Deacons' Fund

## EVENING WORSHIP

Square: 6 pm

### *Experiencing God's Love through Lament*

Psalm 13

Square: John Eigege

OUR GIVING
Today: Roosevelt Park Ministries
Next Week: Grand Rapids Area Center for Ecumenism

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# 1 Corinthians 13 TNIV

[1] If I speak in human or angelic tongues, but do not have love, I am only a re-
sounding gong or a clanging cymbal. [2] If I have the gift of prophecy and can
fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move
mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. [3] If I give all I possess to the poor
and give over my body [to hardship] that I may boast, but do not have love, I
gain nothing.

[4] Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.
[5] It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it
keeps no record of wrongs. [6] Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the
truth. [7] It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

[8] Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there
are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. [9]
For we know in part and we prophesy in part, [10] but when completeness comes,
what is in part disappears. [11] When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought
like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of child-
hood behind me. [12] For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall
see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully
known.

[13] And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is
love.

## PRAYER

- **Prayer servants** are available after the worship 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.

## LISTEN TO THE HAMMER GOOD FRIDAY

6:30 and 8 pm Friday, April 2 (doors open 15 minutes early, nursery provided)
God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. God cancelled the record with its charges against us by nailing them to the cross of Christ. Come, listen to the hammer and know that the mallet and spikes were in our hands, but by his shed blood our sins are forgiven.

S.O.A.P.

## SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 13

## OBSERVE

After reading the text carefully, answer the following questions: What activities does Paul use as illustrations of the Corinthians' proof that they are true believers? How, specifically, does Paul define love? This text is often read at weddings. Is that the first application of this text? Notice that this text comes between chapter 12 and chapter 14. What point might Paul be making about spiritual gifts by placing this chapter on love here? How many times is the endurance or perseverance of love hinted at in this chapter?

## APPLY

Since Christ loves you by hanging in with your life, by continuing to forgive you, and by being gracious to you, who is God calling you to stay put with? Who is God calling you to forgive? Who is God calling you to be gracious with?

## PRAY

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

## S.O.A.P. SCRIPTURE

M: John 3:16-21
T: John 3:1-17
W: Psalm 103
TH: Luke 10:25-37
F: Galatians 5:16-26
SA: Proverbs 10
SU: 1 Corinthians 14

# UPCOMING

### Smile for the Camera

Cameras may be recording at your ministry over the next week for a new video project.

### 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!

### High School Youth Group

Guest Darren Williamson shares at 5 pm about the power of words.

### Christian Education Assistance

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

### Worshipping Well

"Planning a Worship Service" workshop for potential worship leaders is 2-3:30 pm March 28. Contact Audrey Laninga at 245-0855.

### Making Room Grants

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

### Upcoming Youth Ministry Dates

- Where U At? – April 23-25
- Pittsburgh Project – June 24-July 3
- Kids Across America – July 10-18

### Spiritual Gifts Assessment

Attend the May 15 one-day Network workshop to find out about your spiritual gifts and passions. Register by calling Paula Seales at 245-7791 ext. 212.