

CELEBRATE SQUARE BAPTISMS

Laura K. Baygboe, daughter of Rachel Baygboe
 Caris Camille Beurkens, daughter of Bill and Nicole Beurkens
 Adelyn Antje Feenstra, daughter of John and Lindsay Feenstra
 Anna Grace Grabowski, daughter of Phil and Christa Grabowski
 Javion Amir Hall, son of Acacia Beelen and Jarvis Hall
 Luke Matthew Koets, son of Matt and Barbie Koets
 Salvador William Padilla, son of Michel and Christine Padilla
 Ezra Dirk Pegman, son of Timothy and Laura Pegman
 Eli Garrison Shane, son of Robert and Kathryn Shane
 Alena Rae Sportel, daughter of Reuben and Rachel Sportel
 Benjamin Brady Williams, son of Benjamin and Kristin Williams.

CELEBRATE FORD BAPTISMS

Isabella Jade, daughter of Kara and Marques Beene
 Tiona Zanu Emelia, daughter of Valerie and Tala Sakala
 Luke Samuel, son of Michele and Sam Williamson

YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

March's **General Fund** offerings are less than budget and 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 March 10	<i>Actual Year to Date</i>	<i>Budget Year to Date</i>	<i>Actual Prior Year to Date</i>
Offerings	\$958,179	\$1,004,309	\$1,028,421
Expenses	\$953,293	\$978,101	\$1,025,593
Results	\$4,886	\$26,208	\$2,828

✦ For a complete listing of regular Sunday and weekday ministries that happen throughout the month, ask at the Information Center or check our web calendar.

GET IN TOUCH!

Madison Square Church

Monday - Friday, 9:30 am - 5 pm 616.245.7791

www.madisonsquarechurch.org



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

WELCOME

April 18, 2010

MORNING WORSHIP

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

Footholds

Ephesians 4:25-5:1

Square: Pastor Dave Beelen

Ford: Pastor Alton Hardy

OUR GIVING

Today: General Fund and Christian Education

Next Week: General Fund and Deacons' Fund



EVENING WORSHIP

Square: 6 pm

Life that Counts

Psalms 90

Square: Pastor Joy Bonnema

OUR GIVING

Today: Safe Haven

Next Week: House of Prayer



UNITED IN CHRIST AS A DIVERSE COMMUNITY

Ephesians 4:25-5:1

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²⁵ Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. ²⁶ "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, ²⁷ and do not give the devil a foothold. ²⁸ Those who have been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.

²⁹ Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. ³² Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

¹ Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children

SPIRITUAL WARFARE STAGE SET

Satan is a great deceiver and the Prince of Darkness. Only through Christ do we have the victory over sin and Satan's schemes. The iridescent panels set off by the black drapes capture the allure of Satan's deceptiveness, while the red drape over the cross proclaims our victory is in Christ alone.

SUMMER CAMP

Send your child or teen to camp. Pick up a camp brochure at the Information Center. We still have spots available to Kids Across America for ages 10 and up and Spring Hill scholarships for 2nd through 6th graders. Camp Tall Turf forms are also available. Deadline is May 1. Call Ken Schripsema (245-7791 ext. 214) with questions for kids' camps or Christy Carlin-Knetsch (245-7791 ext. 209) about teen camps.

standUP! PROFESS YOUR FAITH

If you have not 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! class or to meet one on one with a standUP mentor. Contact a staff member: Ken Schripsema at 245-7791 ext. 214 for children (class for 2nd thru 6th grade begins April 25); Brad Knetsch at 245-7791 ext. 207 for middle schoolers; Christy Carlin-Knetsch at 245-7791 ext. 209 for high schoolers; Audrey Laninga at 245-7791 ext. 210 for adults.

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 4:25-5:1

OBSERVE

After reading the text carefully, answer the following questions: The first part of verse 26 is a quote from Psalm 4:4. Look that up and reflect on how it helps you understand God's attitude toward anger. Since anger may not be the only foothold that the devil uses, what other sins mentioned in this passage could be used by him for a foothold? How is the Holy Spirit involved in this battle against Satan? See verse 30. What specific sins are we called upon to get rid of in verse 32? How does forgiveness fit into all of this?

APPLY

How are you doing at handling anger? What footholds are you providing in your life and soul for the devil to use as an opportunity? When is your anger appropriate and when does it turn into a foothold?

PRAY

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

USE S.O.A.P. DAILY

M: Genesis 4:1-16

T: Matthew 5:17-26

W: James 3

TH: Romans 12:9-21

F: Proverbs 29:8-11

SA: Psalm 30

SU: Ephesians 6:12

UPCOMING

Used Book Sale

Check out the Soul Pantry bookstore through April 25 for great devotionals, children's books, CDs, or DVDs.

Softball

Sign up for the Tuesday men's team by emailing john.a.swart@gmail.com. Women's slow pitch on Monday nights. Call Sharon at 735-1945 to sign up.

Sunday School

From Sabbath to Sunday: 10 am April 18 in Room 305-306. Book Study: "The Shame of the Nation" begins April 18. Square 10 am at Restorers, Ford 9 am.

Grabowski Celebration

Family and friends are invited to Room 305-306 to celebrate the baptism of Anna Grace after the 10 am service.

HS Youth Group Guest Speaker

Alfield Reeves, East Kentwood Senior and youth group member, shares the word with us April 18. Don't miss it!!

Coffee and donuts

The Orphan Care Ministry is hosting fellowship for adoptive/foster parents at 10 a.m. April 25 in Room 301. Come for support and ask questions.

Spiritual Gifts Assessment

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