

# SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

## Clean Up Day

Come out for a morning of service, fellowship, snacks, and fun as we rake and trim from 8 am- 12 pm May 8. Make Madison's light shine brighter! To sign up or for info contact MarkNieboer at 245.7791 ext 203 or mark.nieboer@madisonsquarechurch.org.

## Nursery— Madison Moms

Can you cuddle a baby, play with a toddler, or read with a preschooler? We need caregivers for the child care program during Madison Moms meetings. The commitment is from 9-11:30 am April 28, May 5, 12, 19. Call Twyila Dykhous (204-8172) to volunteer.

## Children's Ministries— We Need Your Help

Please contact Ken Schripsema at ken.schripsema@madisonsquarechurch.org or 245-7791 ext. 214 if you will serve in our Children's Ministries.

- ✦ Children's Church – Steering Team and Staff— **immediate need**
- ✦ Nursery – Coordinators, Supervisors and Assistants
- ✦ Dickinson Elementary – Bible Club and Tutors
- ✦ Summer Outreach – Wiffleball Teams

## Musicians and Vocalists— Worship

We invite you to join our worship teams and choir in the following areas. Contact Audrey Laninga at 245-7791 ext. 210 or audrey.laninga@madisonsquarechurch.org.

- ✦ Vocalists on a worship team or in the choir
- ✦ Musicians: playing strings, wind, guitar, or percussion instruments

## Technology— Worship Behind the Scenes

Like music and have some computer skill? Contact Jeremy Ensley at 245-7791 ext. 218 or jeremy.ensley@madisonsquarechurch.org to become a lyrics projectionist.

# STAFF POSITION

Madison Square Church is seeking to fill a TEMPORARY part-time custodial position. This is an evening and weekend position open to members and regular attendees of Madison. Job description and employment applications are available at the church office. Applications will be accepted until 5 pm May 14.

## 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 25 2010

## MORNING WORSHIP

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

### *Stand Together*

Ephesians 6:10-18

Square: Paula Seales

Ford: Pastor Alton Hardy

#### OUR GIVING

Today: General Fund and Deacons' Fund

Next Week: General Fund and Christian Education



## EVENING WORSHIP

Square: 6 pm

### *Listening, Really Listening to the Holy Spirit*

Psalms 40:5-10

Square: Pastor David Beelen

#### OUR GIVING

Today: House of Prayer

Next Week: Inner City Christian Federation

UNITED IN CHRIST AS A DIVERSE COMMUNITY



# Ephesians 6:10-18

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## The Armor of God

<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. <sup>11</sup> Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. <sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. <sup>13</sup> Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. <sup>14</sup> Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, <sup>15</sup> and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup> Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

<sup>18</sup> And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6:10-18

## OBSERVE

After reading the text carefully, answer the following questions: Where do we get the power and courage to be strong? What is Paul referring to when he speaks of principalities and powers? See Ephesians 1:21 and 3:10 to help you. How many times does Paul use the word "stand"? How many of the parts of the armor are defensive and how many offensive? What did Jesus use to help him defeat Satan? See Matthew 4:1-11. All the verbs in this section are in plurals, that is, Paul is speaking to them not as individuals but as a group. How does that help you understand this passage?

## APPLY

How are you doing at handling temptation and the battle with evil? What weapons do you need to use to help you fight Satan?

## PRAY

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

## USE S.O.A.P. DAILY

M: Romans 8:31-39  
 T: Colossians 2:8-15  
 W: Ephesians 2:1-10  
 TH: Job 1  
 F: 1 Peter 3:18-22  
 S: Matthew 13:1-23  
 SU: Revelation 12:9-12

# UPCOMING

## Where U At?

Thanks to all the teens and helpers who came to the Urban Youth Conference this weekend. Lives were definitely transformed!

## 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

Book Study on "The Shame of the Nation" began April 18. Square 10 am at Restorers, Ford 9 am in south hall.

## 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.

## 20s and 30s Simple Dinners

Informal meals are hosted April 26-28. Please bring something to contribute to the meal. Contact Sarah at skoeze@gmail.com.