

CLEAN UP DAY MOVED TO May 22

Come out for a morning of service, fellowship, snacks, and fun as we rake and trim from 8 am- 12 pm Saturday, May 22. Make Madison's light shine brighter! We hope you can make the new date. Please contact Mark Nieboer to let us know at 245.7791 ext 203 or mark.nieboer@madisonsquarechurch.org.

YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Proposed Budget for 2010-2011

The proposed church budget for 2010-2011 is available from the Ushers and at the Information Center today. Check it out for a full report on God's movement at Madison over the last year and how we hope He'll move over the next fiscal year which begins in July.

Budget Q & A

You are invited to come ask questions after the morning services on Sunday, May 23. Feel free to take your time and visit the Volunteer Celebration reception before stopping in. We'll still be there. Location is TBA.

Budget Votes

After reviewing our Proposed Budget and praying, you are welcome to vote your heart to advise Council to approve the budget or not. Absentee ballots will be available at the Information Center May 23 and at the Budget Q & A sessions. Open voting will take place during morning worship services June 13.

General Fund

Offerings so far this year are less than budgeted and less than received at this time last year. This year's expenses are less than budget and much less than last year. When comparing our collected offerings to our expenses, we are falling behind our budget, but still making an improvement over last year's results at this time.

General Fund	<i>Actual Year to Date</i>	<i>Budget Year to Date</i>	<i>Actual Prior Year to Date</i>
Offerings	\$1,070,839	\$1,113,759	\$1,138,697
Expenses	\$1,080,077	\$1,108,941	\$1,171,387
Results	-\$9,238	\$4,818	-\$32,690

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

May 16, 2010

MORNING WORSHIP

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

Honor Your Marriage

Malachi 2:10-16, Ephesians 5:31-33

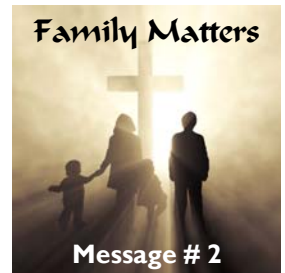
Square: Pastor David Beelen

Ford: Pastor Alton Hardy

OUR GIVING

Today: General Fund and Christian Education

Next Week: General Fund and Deacons' Fund



EVENING WORSHIP

Square: 6 pm

Our Lord Reigns

Psalms 97

Square: Pastor Cisco Gonzalez

OUR GIVING

Today: All County Church Emergency Support System

Next Week: Guiding Light



UNITED IN CHRIST AS A DIVERSE COMMUNITY

Malachi 2:10-16

TNIV

Breaking Covenant Through Divorce

¹⁰ Do we not all have one Father? Did not one God create us? Why do we profane the covenant of our ancestors by being unfaithful to one another?

¹¹ Judah has been unfaithful. A detestable thing has been committed in Israel and in Jerusalem: Judah has desecrated the sanctuary the LORD loves by marrying women who worship a foreign god. ¹² If anyone does this, whoever he may be, may the LORD - remove him from the tents of Jacob—even though he brings an offering to the LORD Almighty.

¹³ Another thing you do: You flood the LORD's altar with tears. You weep and wail because he no longer looks with favor on your offerings or accepts them with pleasure from your hands. ¹⁴ You ask, "Why?" It is because the LORD is the witness between you and the wife of your youth. You have been unfaithful to her, though she is your partner, the wife of your marriage covenant.

¹⁵ Has not the LORD made the two of you one? You belong to him in body and spirit. And why has he made you one? Because he was seeking godly offspring. So be on your guard, and do not be unfaithful to the wife of your youth.

¹⁶ "I hate divorce," says the LORD God of Israel, "and I hate it when people clothe themselves with injustice," says the LORD Almighty.

So be on your guard, and do not be unfaithful.

Ephesians 5:31-33

TNIV

³¹ "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." ³² This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. ³³ However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

FAMILY MATTERS STAGE SET for May 9 - June 6

God designed us to live in relationship with one another. The woven wall tapestries on either side of the cross with intertwining strands, represents our lives beautifully weaving in and through one another relying on our relationship with our heavenly Father for his strength and wisdom.

YOU LIGHT UP THE WORLD

Please join us May 23 for our special celebration service for all volunteers. We wish give honor to God in thanks for all you do. Light refreshments will be served after each service on the front lawn.

SCRIPTURE

Malachi 2:10-16, Ephesians 5:31-33

OBSERVE

After reading the text carefully, answer the following questions: What actions have been taken by God's people that are described as making them unfaithful? Why is God no longer accepting their sacrifices and hearing their cries? How many times does the phrase "be on your guard" occur? Read Isaiah 54:5-8. What light does this shed on why God would call them to marital faithfulness? What is the reason given in Malachi 2:15 that God wants couples to be faithful to each other? In Ephesians 5:31-33, what is the intimate act of marriage a sign or symbol of?

APPLY

How does the faithfulness (or lack thereof) affect your trust in God and your understanding of God's faithfulness to us as his bride? How does faithfulness and tenderness with your spouse (if you are married) affect our children and their understanding of the gospel?

PRAY

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

USE S.O.A.P. DAILY

M: Ephesians 5:21-32
T: Colossians 3:12-21
W: Genesis 3
TH: Hebrews 13:1-8
F: 1 Corinthians 13
SA: Galatians 6:1-10
SU: Acts 2

UPCOMING

Home School Ministry

We are looking for teachers to teach classes in the fall. Please contact Dawn Niewenhuis at 458-9229 or niew.dawn@sbcglobal.net.

High School Senior Appreciation

On May 16, we'll have great fellowship to send our seniors off with blessings for the future. We'll leave at 4 pm for the Feenstra family farm, 8300 Walnut Lane, Alto.

Madison Moms

Join us for our last brunch of the year May 19.

Construction News

Road work on Madison is nearly finished. Decorative curb "bump-outs" to provide landscape areas in front of Madison Place and pending sidewalk replacement will be the final step.

Pentecost

This is the day that the Holy Spirit gave his followers gifts. We're using those same gifts today to serve and build His kingdom. Celebrate what God is doing in us on May 23 during our Light of the World volunteer celebration.

J.A.M. at the Y

Madison at the Y's next Jesus and Me event with music and fun is from 8-10 p.m. May 22 at the downtown YMCA.

The Gospel of the Exodus

Adult Sunday School: How God saved Israel compared to how God saves us. 10 am Room 305-306.