

# Madison Square Church

## Middle School Youth Group: 2010 January-May Calendar

*YOUR LIFE COUNTS—DON'T WASTE IT*

"You were once darkness. Now you are light. So walk in the light of the Lord."  
*Ephesians 5:8*

### **Need a Ride to Youth Group?**

Call Mr. Aaron at 616-443-3663  
by 4pm on Thursdays.  
Our Address is: 1441 Madison Ave SE

### **Need more info?**

Call Mr. Brad at 616-481-1291  
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**Feb 26** - "Feb 21: Pando Field Trip. First Off—DRESS WARM. We don't want you freezing! Join us for an evening of riding tubes down the best hill in Michigan! Be at church at 6:00. We'll be back at 9:30. Bring \$12 and permission slip. Contact Mr. Brad if you want to do Serve to Earn. If no snow, an alternative will be announced."

**March 4** – Tonight, Jason Botbyl will be coming in to share his testimony with us. God has moved mightily in the life of this brother.

**March 11** – 1 Corinthians 9 talks about running a race and in a race, only one gets the prize. You know that, don't you? That's why he says, "Run your race in a way that will win the prize." Tonight, we'll also hear a presentation on orphans around the world and how we, as middle schoolers, can help those who live around the world in orphanages.

**March 18** – Temptation is tough! Tonight, we'll be looking at a difficult passage from 1 Corinthians 10:1-13. God is faithful. He will not let you be tempted more than you can take. Come out tonight and know that when you are tempted, God will give you a way out!

**March 25** – D Group field trips! This year, each student has been linked to one of our ten discipleship leaders. D-group leaders will be heading out from 6:30-9:00. Before leaving, all leaders will contact each student's parent or guardian to tell them what they are doing for this creative and team-building night.

**April 1** – Continuing on through 1 Corinthians 10:23-33, we'll be learning about freedom. Freedom is a tricky thing because on the one hand we have choices, but often our choices cause others to fall. We're challenged not to do

anything that causes someone to trip and fall—whether that person is your sister, brother, friend, or total stranger. + Lydia from Camp Tall Turf and Brandon

**April 8** – Spring Break! No Youth Group.

**April 15** – Multi-Church Gospel Skate – Details to follow in a handout!

**April 22** – For the three last weeks of youth group, we'll be looking at important issues to consider as the summer roles out. This night will be a night on "Choosing Friends." God cares about choosing the right friends for the right reasons.

**April 29** – "Keeping In Touch" How do you keep in touch with your friends? Do you use the internet, maybe notes, or cell phone? One way how we can encourage our friends is to keep in touch with them in consistent and even surprising ways. This night is built off of the "Choosing Friends" night because whether it's the school year or the summer break, keeping in touch with the right friends is actually a way to stay close to God. Come out tonight to hear why.

**May 6** – "Reaching Out" is something that many of you do. God has brought a ton of students through the doors of Madison over the year. One student this year brought more than a dozen students! God calls us to be the light of the world. Eph 5:8 says, "So, walk in the light of the Lord." God has a purpose for each of you to impact the world to be his disciples and tonight, we'll be learning how.

**May 13** – Bounce Party – Details to follow in a handout!

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## KEY INFORMATION

### ***Sunday School—10:00AM at Madison Square Church, Room 203***

As your church family we want to walk your child through the basics of reading and applying the Bible into life. Tim Jousma will be leading the Sunday School using a great resource called *Faith Weaver*. In Luke 10:41-42, Jesus said, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed." Every lesson will help students focus on this one thing, a growing relationship with Jesus. By looking at scripture, students will be challenged to grow closer to Jesus every week.

***Stand Up—Profess Your Faith***

We want to step with students so that our students step up and profess Christ to the whole congregation. We are offering one-on-one mentoring to walk you through understanding what it means to be a Christ follower as you discover your testimony and learn to share it on your own way. You can also be baptized if you haven't already! Call or email Mr. Brad to sign up!

***Serve to Earn—Every Saturday from 10AM-2PM***

Do you need cash for the youth group activities we do? You can sign up to earn money by doing various service projects, earning \$5/hour towards activities, mission trips, and events. Call Ms. Rita @ 452-6963!