

Madison Christian Church MESSENGER

May 13, 2010

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 14-18

Angus



The theme is: **Pair- of- Bulls**

Chuck



Ages are: 2 years old - 5th grade

The time is: 6:30 pm - 8:15 pm

Madison Christian Church
Children's Center

Volunteers are still needed
Sign up at the Booth in the Lobby

Sunday Events

Worship Services.....9:00/10:30 am
Adult Bible Fellowship.....9:00/10:30 am
"Hour of Power" Prayer Time.....6:00 pm
High School Youth Group.....6:00pm

Wednesday Events

Evening Dinner.....5:30 pm
"KidCity" (2yrs.-6th grade).....6:30 pm
Jr. High Youth Group.....6:30 pm
Adult "Disciple U" Classes.....6:30 pm
(Programs run September through April)

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Paul's Perspective

One of the things that is very important in the church is that people feel connected to the Lord, the church, and certainly to each other. Because of that, we are going to begin some Connection Groups (small groups) that will meet once a week for 6 weeks during the weeks of June 13 – July 18. Here are some important details:

Where and when will these Connection Groups meet?

The leader of the group will determine the time, which can be anytime that is convenient during that week. Many of these groups will meet in the home of the leader. Rooms are also available at the church building.

What will happen at a Connection Group? First, the groups are for connecting. There will be ample time to get to know others in the group. It is an opportunity to share the good things that the Lord is doing in our lives. It is also an excellent place to share problems, needs, and prayer requests. These will be "sermon-based" small groups. The lesson/discussion will be about a list of questions and applications from the previous Sunday's sermon. It is a chance to talk it through, make application of the message, etc. (Even if you miss the sermon, it is posted on the website and available on CD.) There are usually some light refreshments – and members of the group often take turns being the provider.

Why will these groups last for only 6 weeks?

Summer is a busy time. Athletic schedules, vacations, church camp, mission trips, etc., make the time very precious. We also view this as a time to gear up for the fall – and having many more of these groups up and functioning.

What do we need most for these Connection Groups to succeed?

The two things most important are prayer and leaders. **PLEASE** pray that we successfully begin a number of these groups. **We need Connection Group Leaders.** Please call or e-mail me if you would like to lead a group! I am eager to talk to you!

As we determine leaders, it is our intent to publish where and when each group will meet. You will also have the opportunity to sign up at a booth for a particular group.

Please give this some serious thought and prayer. Connection Groups can be a very important part of the velcro that helps people "stick" in our church and become more involved. Diane and I will be starting a group at our house---and we are praying that many will join us in leading and attending these groups.

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Music and Worship



ICE CREAM and JULY 4!!

The 2010 MADISON PATRIOTIC CELEBRATION is on Sunday, July 4. We will have **ONE** service that morning at 10 am. Preparations are beginning now for the big music preview and **ICE CREAM** kick-off, Sunday, May 16, from 5-6:30 pm. We began handing out preview CD's in the lobby on Sunday, May 9. **UNCLE SAM NEEDS YOU** (in the MPC choir!!). Celebrate our **HOMELAND**, by joining us for the kick-off on Sunday, May 16. (Let me know what flavor of ice cream and toppings you like and I'll do my best to have it there.) Yes, that's a huge bribe!!

EVENING OF PRAISE II !!

After you check out the music for the Patriotic celebration, you are invited to enjoy the **EVENING OF PRAISE II**, at 7 pm, as our own singers and musicians entertain and lead us in worship. A love offering will be lifted to go toward the Zimbabwe mission trip in August. I am looking forward to hearing many of you this Sunday.

GRADUATION SUNDAY, MAY 23

If you are a High school, College, or Grad School graduate for 2010 please contact Justin Olson. He will be leading the recognition time for all grads on Sunday, May 23, at the end of first service, and the beginning of second. Please join us for this special time

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MCC Children's Ministry



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

I hope all of you are thinking about VBS this year. We have a great week planned and we are looking forward to seeing our kids grow in the Lord.

I have a few things that I want to make you aware of for this year at VBS. First, we are offering a 2 and 3 year-old class. I am excited for this to happen. This year during KidCity we offered this class and the kids had a wonderful time. Since it was a major success in KidCity we have decided to offer it during VBS. Please share this with everyone you know!

This Sunday you will be able to register your kid(s) for VBS. Just go to the booth in the Worship Center lobby and fill out a VBS registration form for your kids. As you can see on the front page of the newsletter, we need volunteers to help us run a successful VBS. It takes a lot of people to put on an event like this. And, yes, we can use anyone. So if you are thinking that we don't need you, think again! **YES!** We need your help.

One last thing, we need people to sign up to bring cookies. If you would like to make or buy cookies for VBS, please let Jason know! One thing we would ask is that there be **NO** nuts or peanut butter in the cookies! We do have some kids who are allergic to these items! Thanks for your help!

6th Grade Lock-In

We will be having a 6th Grade Lock-In on May 21 from 7:00 pm to 8:00 am. The event will cost \$20 per person. The evening will consist of unlimited playtime at Magic Mountain and a bonfire with smores and hot-dogs! If you are going to attend this event please sign up with Jason!

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MCC Youth Ministry

CIY REGISTRATION

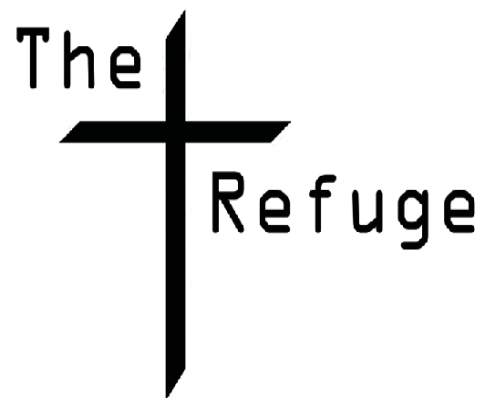
CIY this year is at Lee University in Cleveland, TN! The dates are July 12-16. Total registration is \$200 and a deposit of \$50 is due by June 13th. All students must fill out both a MCC Teens Medical Release Form and a CIY medical release form. See Justin or go online to www.mccrefuge.org for both forms. The forms are due when we leave on July 12th and do not need to be turned in with the \$50 deposit. If you have any questions see Justin.

GRADUATION SUNDAY

We will be honoring our students who are graduating from High School, College, or any Graduate studies on May 23rd. If you are anticipating graduating at the end of this school term please contact the church office to let them know. Please include your name, school you will be graduating from, and future plans.

SPONSOR MEETING

The next meeting for Youth Ministry volunteers is on Sunday, July 25th.



*The Refuge at Madison Christian Church;
Getting Together and Growing Deeper...*

Justin Olson, Youth Minister
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**SENIOR ADULT POTLUCK DINNER
THURSDAY, MAY 20, 6:00 PM**

www.madisonchristian.org



Noted author and speaker Glen Wheeler will be our guest speaker that evening as he shares memories and stories of his 65 years in Christian Ministry.

The awards and recognitions given him over the years are numerous and impressive. His inspiring article "**Hold Onto Your Fork**" has been widely published in print, often quoted by other ministers and circulated on the web and e-mail.

The latest among his many writings is Glen's book "**Widower's Hurt Too,**" and will be followed by his soon to be released, "**Bed Pan Devotions.**"

Glen will have you laughing one minute, and perhaps misty-eyed the next. Don't miss this special evening.

MADISON 101

The Madison 101 Class will be offered on Monday, May 24, at 6:30 pm in the Fireside Room. Anyone interested in the basic foundational class at Madison is welcome to attend!

PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES

Pictorial Directories are still available at either the Welcome Center or on the wall by the office. Please pick up one of these important ministry tools.

ADDRESS CORRECTION

**Bill / Rosemary Brown
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MISSION TRIP FUND RAISERS

KURTZ BROTHERS, INC.

Check out Kurtz Brothers for all of your landscaping material needs. Please mention Madison Christian Church, and they will donate 10% of your purchase. They are located at 2850 Rohr Road in Groveport, and their phone number is 491-0868.

"SO WE CAN".....CELEBRATION

Join us as we celebrate the goodness of the Lord and his blessing on the "So We Can...." campaign. A celebration with homemade ice cream and cake, will take place "under the portico" on Sunday, May 23, at 4:00 pm. Everyone is invited to exalt the Lord and recognize the great response of the congregation!

Newsletter Deadline

The next Messenger will be published on May 27, 2010. Please have all articles to the church office by May 24, 2010. The Messenger will be available at the Welcome Center on Sunday, May 30, or you can view it on the web at www.madisonchristian.org.

Newsletter Subscription

If your e-mail address has changed make sure to unsubscribe your old address and subscribe with your new address. Go to our home page and select the "Newsletter" option on the menu then choose "subscribe" to make your changes.



Madison Church Family,
 We want to thank everyone at Madison for their love, prayers, cards, food, visits, phone calls and communion for us during these difficult months. Special thanks to Paul Barnes, Kirk and Emily Olney and Janet Sisko. It makes it so much easier to get through difficult times when you turn to the Lord and all those who serve Him. We have a wonderful church family.
 In His Name, John, Sharon & Liz Whitten



MADISON NIGHT AT HUNTINGTON PARK

Friday, July 23, Madison is going to the ballpark to watch the Columbus Clippers play the Pawtucket Red Sox. Game time is 7:00 pm.

The cost for this event is \$6 for adults and \$3 for kids 12 and under. Sign up and pay for your tickets at the booth in the Worship Center by June 6. We hope to see your family at the ballpark!

OPEN HOUSE

There will be an OPEN HOUSE for Jean White on Monday, May 31, from 1:00 to 6:00 pm at the home of Ken and Connie Heiberger, 8394 W. Bowling Green Ln. NW. **Stop in** and express your appreciation to Jean for her work in the ministry of our church!

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



The bloodmobile will be here on Monday, May 17 from 1:00 - 7:00 pm for blood donations. Please call the Church Office at 491-3232 or 1-800-GIVE-BLOOD to sign up.

CONNECTION GROUPS

Small Groups will be forming for the six-week period from the week of June 13 to the week of July 18. Paul Barnes is recruiting leaders for these sermon-based small groups. Please contact, call, or e-mail him if you would like to form a group.

“HONOR FLIGHT”

We have applications available for Honor Flight. **Honor Flight Columbus** recognizes veterans for their sacrifices and achievements by flying them to Washington, D.C. to see their memorials, at no cost. Currently, we are accepting applications from WW II and terminally ill veterans from all wars. Guardians fly on every flight, providing assistance and support as needed. **Honor Flight Columbus** provides this trip to WW II veterans in gratitude for their service and sacrifice. If you would like an application, please stop at the office, or call Gene Bussard 836-3378 for more information.

“OPERATION POCKET CHANGE”

The Tuesday morning Bible Study is launching “Operation Pocket Change” this month. We will use our loose change to help offset the cost of shipping of CARE packages to our Military Troops in remote war zones, including our hospitals and chaplains. Our objective is to support our troops. This makes a huge difference in the lives of so many. The jar will be at the Welcome Center.

May 2, 2010 Attendance Morning Worship 530 ABF/Sunday School 86 2010 Decisions 11 Wednesday Night Activities 238 Sunday Evening Senior High 17 Sunday Morning Stewardship \$17,459.83	May 9, 2010 Attendance Morning Worship 564 ABF/Sunday School 79 2010 Decisions 13 Wednesday Night Activities 78 Sunday Evening Senior High N/A Sunday Morning Stewardship \$13,542.92
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Madison Christian School

The Madison Journal

THREE GRADUATIONS: K/6TH/SENIORS

There are three end of the year graduations scheduled for different ages and levels of accomplishment at Madison Christian School. Please know that you are welcome to join us in congratulating these students.



SENIOR CLASS OF 2010

Our commencement for the graduating seniors is scheduled for Friday, May 28 at 7:00 pm in the MCC Worship Center. Please come support our graduating seniors as they leave MCS and begin their career preparation in various colleges and universities for post secondary education.

SIXTH GRADE GRADUATION

During our final combined chapel for K-6, our "senior 6th graders" will be featured and recognized on Wednesday, June 2 at 9:30 am in the MCC Worship Center. Each student was asked to write out their personal testimony, and 10-12 students will be asked to share them during the graduation.

KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION

This has been our first year of all day kindergarten, and the students are ready to "shine" by reciting Bible verses for each letter of the alphabet. All of our students will be featured in an evening kindergarten graduation in the Children's Worship Center. Some special awards and diplomas will be presented. Please join us on Thursday, June 3 at 7:00 pm.

Ill John 1:4 "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth."



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