

# Madison Christian Church Messenger

**February 18, 2010**

## Ticket Information

Groups 15 plus - \$ 13.00

General Admission - \$ 15.00

Limited number of Artist Circle tickets available.

Call 1-800-965-9324

Go online: [www.itickets.com](http://www.itickets.com)

Tickets are also available at Madison Christian Church and Columbus Area Lifeway Christian Bookstores  
For more information, call the Church office at 614-491-3232



**Sunday, March 21, 2010**  
**Madison Christian Church**  
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[www.madisonchristian.org](http://www.madisonchristian.org)

### 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

In November of 2008, toward the beginning of a crushing economic recession in our country, we began a campaign called, "So We Can....." We knew we needed to attack the debt of Madison Christian Church. We said it was important to do this SO WE CAN do great ministry. Despite the economic conditions, this message resonated with people.

The 18-month campaign concludes on Easter Sunday, April 4. Thus far, **\$416,000.00** has been given toward reducing our total debt of \$750,000.

Here is some exciting news:

- Our Administrative/Finance Committee is going to be meeting to examine the results of the campaign and to make certain that, moving forward, we are in the most advantageous position to continue to allow us to pay down our debt AND allow us to have maximum cash flow SO WE CAN do great ministry. We are excited about the expertise this group always brings to our situation.
- We want to have a great offering on Easter for "So We Can....." We began the campaign with a first fruits offering, and the Easter offering can be another great "shot in the arm" for the program. Some people will be completing their pledges on Easter Sunday. If you can, please bring an offering over and above your regular giving on Easter (4/4) for "So We Can..."
- A CELEBRATION is being planned on Sunday, May 23. It will include homemade ice cream and outstanding fellowship. We want to honor the Lord for what he has done through this campaign. It is impossible to adequately express how grateful we are for the **Lord's blessing** and **your participation** in this campaign. Thank you so much.

*Paul Barnes, Senior Minister  
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## Music and Worship

### A Minute With Matt



**NATALIE GRANT and PHIL STACEY**  
(**American Idol**) kick-off our Concert Ministry!!

Sunday evening, March 21, at 6:00 pm, the Madison Concert Ministry will host **NATALIE GRANT**, a top-40 Christian recording artist, and **PHIL STACEY**, a Christian performer made famous by American Idol. With them is a new up-and-coming artist named **Britt Nicole**.

*You can volunteer and be trained to participate in our Concert Ministry.*

If you were not able to attend one of the two interest meetings February 7 or 14, **PLEASE** contact me via email to get job description forms, and indicate the areas where you desire to serve. Dozens of volunteer positions will be available, but you must contact (me) Matt if you have a desire to help. I need you to fill out a contact sheet. Training meetings will be soon, so do it this week.

God has placed before us an awesome opportunity to facilitate bringing many unchurched people into our facility. There is a huge segment of Christian music "fans" that do not attend ANY church ANYWHERE, that need desperately to find a place to worship. We think we can help those folks find a church home, and hopefully the concert ministry will be one of those avenues to grow physically and spiritually for our church body.

Just wanted to get some dates on your calendar for SPRING. Don't you LOVE that word!! Palm Sunday is March 28, Good Friday is April 2, and Easter Sunday is April 4. Oh to see a spring flower pop through the snow right now would be heart-warming!!

*Matt Archibald, Minister of Music and Worship  
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marchibald@madisonchristian.org*

## MCC Children's Ministry

### SuperStart!

I am totally excited about going to SuperStart and look forward to spending the weekend with a lot of 4th-6th graders. (I believe that there will be about 2,000 young people at SuperStart.)

If you are going to SuperStart and haven't received a letter from me yet, please see me on Sunday so you will have all the information that you need. This information is vital in allowing you to participate at SuperStart.

#### MEMORIES

I don't know if you have been enjoying this weather or not, but the kids have loved it! They are telling me story after story of their snow adventures. It is awesome seeing their excitement and watching them enjoy the weather.

A couple of days ago I was asked by some of the college students to go sledding. At first I wasn't so sure that I really wanted to go, but when they told me that they had found the best hill in central Ohio, I knew I had to go! There are three things that I figured out pretty quickly:

1) I am not as daring as I once used to be, 2) I am so out of shape, and 3) God's beauty is amazing! As I was sledding, I kept remembering times when I went sledding with my family. We would sled so much that we could barely move by the time we were done.

So, if I can make a suggestion...go out and make some winter memories with your family. You might just find out that the snow and cold aren't that bad when you're having fun with your family. And while you are making those memories, don't forget to look around and see the beauty of God!



Jason Hauser, Children's Minister  
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## MCC Youth Ministry

#### CIY DATES!

For **CIY MOVE** this summer we will be going to Lee University in Cleveland, TN. The dates are July 12th-16th. Make sure to save these dates for what should be a life changing week!

#### CAMP DATES

Save these dates for camp this summer-  
Senior High Camp- June 13th-18th  
Junior High Camp- August 8th-13th

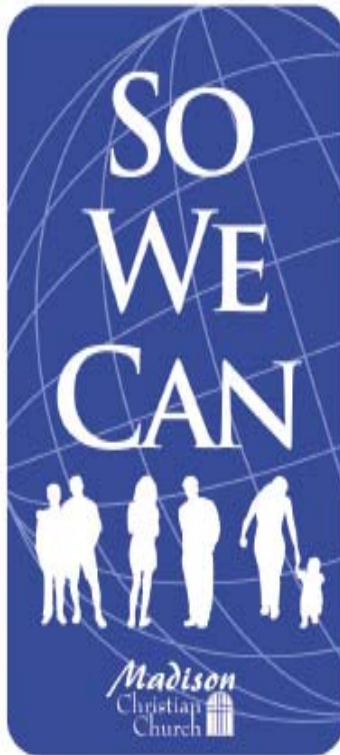
#### OHIO TEENS FOR CHRIST

This year's OTFC is April 2nd-3rd and the theme this year is "Distracted." OTFC this year looks to be stacked with comedian Tim Jones, Rob Shoaff from Hillsboro Church of Christ preaching, the Matt Brent Band leading worship, and a concert from Christian rock band, "The Fold". Registration is \$45 and is due by March 29th. Contact Justin for more info.

# The Refuge

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

Justin Olson, Youth Minister  
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jolson@madisonchristian.org



**Goal \$ 750,000**  
**Total Pledges**  
**\$ 464,216.00**

**Total Giving Received**  
**as of 2/14, 2010**  
**\$417,829.92**



The Madison Mens Ministry (MMM) is having its monthly pancake breakfast on Saturday March 6, at 8 am in the Fireside Room.

Last months' breakfast was canceled due to all of the snow. This was our first time to cancel, and we may have missed contacting a few of the men. We will try to make a better effort in the future to get the word out if a cancellation is necessary.

John Connett will be speaking at this months breakfast. When the schedule allows, we plan on having "The Pastors 3" at a future breakfast,

Thanks to Connie Heiberger and Canal's Gourmet Kitchen and Cafe, the Valentines dinner was a success. It was a packed house with great food. We plan on doing this event again next year.

If you have any ideas for events the Men's Ministry can host, please contact Dave Graham, Russ Herr, or John Connett.



Our next Blood drive will be on March 22, 1:00 - 7:00 pm. Please call the Church office at 491-3232 to make an appointment, or call 1-800 GIVE LIFE.



I'd like to thank the church family for the lovely fruit basket you gave to me. Thanks also for thinking of me each year.  
Virginia Schlaegel

#### Newsletter Deadline

The next Messenger will be published on March 4, 2010. Please have all articles to the church office by March 1, 2010. The Messenger will be available at the Welcome Center on Sunday, March 7, or you can view it on the web at [www.madisonchristian.org](http://www.madisonchristian.org).

#### Newsletter Subscription

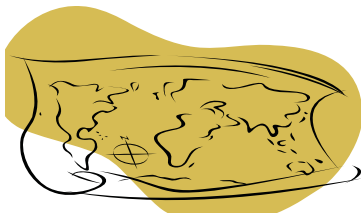
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**Spaghetti Dinner/Silent Auction  
Saturday, March 6  
Activity Center Gym**

- Auction begins at 5:30 p.m.
- Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m.
- All proceeds to support the 2010 Senior Class Trip ministry to the "Coalition for the Homeless" in Orlando
- Tickets are available in the high school office (497-3310) or at the door on March 6
- Adults \$6
- Senior Adults \$3
- Children (ages 3-14) \$5
- Family Pack \$20

Bring your friends and family for an evening of fun and fellowship!



**THE AMAZING SURVIVOR FACTOR**

Who: Ages 15 and Up  
 What: Games based on the Amazing Race, Survivor, and Fear Factor.  
 When: Saturday, March 27th, 9:00 am  
 Where: Madison Christian Church  
 Why: All money going to the "Zimbabwe Mission Trip"  
 How much: \$ 5.00 per person  
 We will be serving breakfast and lunch. We will also have baked goods for sale.

**GIRLFRIENDS' DAY AND STYLE SHOW  
FEBRUARY 27, 9 - 3  
"A HEART AT PEACE"**

Covering subjects like  
 Mirror, mirror on the wall who's  
 the fairest of them all?  
 Check out this body!  
 What's in your wallet?  
 Yes, my feet are killing me, but don't these shoes  
 look great?  
 A style show like you have never seen before!  
 Two for \$20 / includes lunch.  
 Bring a friend.  
 (Coffee and Donuts served @ 8:30 am)

**JOB OPPORTUNITY**

Jean White has announced her intention to retire as an employee in our church office, effective May 31, 2010. We are grateful beyond words for Jean's dedicated service to Madison Christian Church.

We have created and are taking applications for the position of Administrator of Madison Christian Church. The Position Description for this important position of ministry can be obtained by e-mailing Paul Barnes at [pbarnes@madisonchristian.org](mailto:pbarnes@madisonchristian.org). Resumes of those interested, after praying about the Position Description, should be sent to the same e-mail address.  
Resumes will be accepted until March 10, 2010

February 7, 2010	Attendance	February 14, 2010	Attendance
	Morning Worship 473		Morning Worship 498
	ABF/Sunday School 90		ABF/Sunday School 98
	2010 Decisions 8		2010 Decisions 8
	Sunday Sr. High Youth Group 23		Sunday Sr. High Youth Group 25
	Wednesday Night Activities 228		Wednesday Night Activities Cancelled
	Sunday Morning Stewardship \$15,548.40		Sunday Morning Stewardship \$16,066.50
	"So We Can..." Giving \$11,898.00		"So We Can..." Giving \$1,151.00

# Madison Christian School

*The Madison Journal*



## TILEAGD CHILDREN’S CHOIR FROM ROMANIA

Students in K-6 are looking forward to hearing this group of Romanian students sing on Monday, February 22, at 8:40 a.m. in the MCC Worship Center. Please join us if you are available.

## PROSPECTIVE NEW STUDENT OPEN HOUSE

Please encourage your friends, family members, neighbors or anyone you know who might be interested in visiting MCS, talking to the teachers, and viewing the curriculum and materials. Join us on **Thursday, February 25 from 7-8 p.m.** for our annual P-12 Open House for prospective new families.

## ENROLLMENT FOR THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR

Current students may register in advance through **February 19**.  
Siblings of current students may register the week of **February 22-26**.  
New families may apply for enrollment beginning **March 1**.

**I Thessalonians 1:6** “You became imitators of us and of the Lord; in spite of severe suffering, you welcomed the message with the joy given by the Holy Spirit.”



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