

THANK YOU:

◆ Dear Madison Park Congregation: Washington School staff, children, and families would like to thank you for your generous donation of funding and time. With your help Washington School was able to host a Thanksgiving meal for the students and their families. This encouraged precious family discussions. With the congregation's help we also had a successful Santa's Workshop. Your interactions with our children and families left a positive impression that will last a lifetime. Thank you for your support! God Bless,

Mrs. Cramer/Washington School Principal

◆ Friends at Madison Park Christian Church: Thank you for your generosity to Young Life. We appreciate your donation and partnership in reaching teens for Jesus. May God continue to bless your church. Gratefully,

Mike Price, Young Life Director

◆ Dear Madison Park Christian Church: Words can't express how much we appreciate your generosity with the Christmas offering and your faithful monthly support. Thank you!

The staff at Quincy Christian School

◆ We would like to deeply thank our church family for all their kind words, cards and prayers on the passing of my mother. It is truly a blessing to be in a caring congregation.

The Whittaker Family

◆ I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, phone calls, cards, and memorials for my brother, Floyd Akers.

Pauline Hess & Family

◆ Dear Friends: Thank you so much for your on-going support to Quanada programs which provide services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Your continued effort in supporting our services does much to enable Quanada's staff and volunteers to provide the services available around the clock to all who find themselves in need. On behalf of the Quanada Board of Directors and myself, our deep appreciation and thanks for your generosity,

Jerry Gille, Executive Director/Quanada

◆ Dear Friends: Although we have already mailed out our thank you letters for donations received for 2009, I wanted to personally thank you for your ongoing support throughout the year. There were only a couple of churches that recognized the need for our mission through monthly donations. Madison Park Christian Church helped provide a safe and comfortable environment for men from our community to develop closeness to Jesus Christ, and for that we are eternally grateful. Thank you once again and God Bless,

Bill Hahn, Acting Director/New Start Rescue Mission

OUR SYMPATHY TO THE FOLLOWING:

◆ Scott & Elizabeth Arrowsmith on the passing of her mother, Marlene Husted.

◆ Curtis Farr on the passing of his mother, Eugenia Farr.

◆ Pauline Hess on the passing of her brother, Floyd Akers.

◆ Roger & Sandy Whittaker on the passing of his mother, Virginia Whittaker.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

◆ Ivan & Jessica Town on the birth of their daughter, Carly Delaine.

AREA MEN'S FELLOWSHIP:

The February South Men's Fellowship will be held at First Christian Church of Camp Point at 7pm.

FAMILY LIFE MARRIAGE SEMINAR 2010:

The Family Life "Improving Communication in Your Marriage" seminar is to be held at the Quality Inn in Hannibal on Fri. evening, Feb. 26 and Sat., Feb. 27. It addresses critical issues such as God's purpose for marriage, expressing intimacy, developing teamwork, resolving conflict and improving communication. For more information, call 573.221.6090 or e-mail kliner@mywdo.com.

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE:

Friendship Circle's March meeting will take place March 1 at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall.

SENIOR SONSHINER UPCOMING EVENTS:

Do you have the "Winter Blah's?" Come to the Sonshiner's meeting February 9th at 11:30am to enjoy the fellowship of our Seniors; anyone 55 plus is invited to attend the carry-in lunch. Also, John Mott will entertain us with some magical moments. At 12:15pm all preschool children and their parents are invited to attend. Feb. 18 we will leave the church at 11am to travel to Camp Point and eat at the Railroad Park Eatery and then visit Windsong Acres owned by the Rasche family. They will have dessert for us in their remodeled barn which serves as a community center in Camp Point.

STEWARDSHIP:

Received Jan. 3, 2010: **\$20,165.66**

Weekly Budget: \$21,720.00

Difference: (\$1,554.34)

Capital Campaign: \$970.00

Received Jan. 10, 2010: **\$23,457.75**

Weekly Budget: \$21,720.00

Difference: \$1,737.75

Capital Campaign: \$1,337.00

Received Jan. 17, 2010: **\$19,593.47**

Weekly Budget: \$21,720.00

Difference: (\$2,126.53)

Capital Campaign: \$972.00

Received Jan. 24, 2010: **\$21,953.21**

Weekly Budget: \$21,720.00

Difference: \$233.21

Capital Campaign: \$997.00

ATTENDANCE:

	Worship	Discipleship
Jan. 3	776	362
Jan. 10	853	389
Jan. 17	830	334
Jan. 24	909	412

Received year-to-date: **\$85,170.09**

Ministry Plan '09 year-to-date: \$86,880.00

Difference year-to-date: (\$1,709.91)

Capital Campaign-received-to-date: \$733,131.65



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Life Styles

I'm learning a fancy new (to me) application in my word processor. It's called *Styles*. *Styles* are pre-set format options that you can apply to a document which you are writing. Instead of having to stylize each individual component of a document, you simply utilize an existing set of formatting options (or create your own). Then you highlight the text and click a button. Voile, the changes are made.

I wish I had a *Style* template marked *Christian*. Then I could simply select a portion of my life, say, "being a husband," and click a button. Suddenly, and with little effort, "being a husband," would become "**being a husband.**" By selecting which parts of my life I wanted to bring into conformity to Christ, I could become whatever I needed to be.

Unlike the Easy Button© (from Staples' advertizing) which doesn't exist, *Styles* do exist. They are right there in my formatting ribbon at the top of the page. Unfortunately, they only apply to written text. Actual life requires the hard work of submission and discipline. If I want to become *Christian* in all I do, I have to submit myself to Christ's values. I have to train myself in godliness. I have to work at it.

The formatting options are available. They are there in the pages of Scripture. The application is easily understood: submit your life to Christ's lordship. The process is clearly laid out: study the life and teaching of Jesus and His apostles and apply them to your life.

In the end, *Christian* will become the default setting of your life.



Chuck

Chuck Sackett | Preaching Minister
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Worship Styles

I'm a big fan of classical music. I like Mozart and Debussy; I like opera. I'm also a big fan of folk music, and every now and then, I prefer jazz. My tastes have also turned favorably to rock, with a special bent towards really good electric guitar (thanks to my husband!) I guess, for me, style isn't really important. More than anything, I just want the music to be good.

In some reading, I came across this statement: "Worship styles are one of the most significant reasons that people choose to join a given congregation. Correspondingly, they are central to the identity of most congregations."

I suppose this statement is truer than I would like it to be. We can all fall into the "style trap" at times- you know, the one where you're more focused on how an instrument is being played or what the sound is like than you are on Jesus.

Style, in fact has nothing to do with worship. I'm incredibly thankful for the people who have carefully crafted the lyrics to the songs that we sing. From Fanny Crosby and Charles Wesley to Matt Maher and Joel Houston, the words we're voicing to God carry much more significance than the style of music to which they are set. Worship that is focused on the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit- worship that comes from our hearts and our minds- worship that offers praise and thanks for the salvation that we've received- now that's what I call good.



May Christ always be the center of our worship,

Lacey Phillips | Worship Minister
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ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

WINTER SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES:

9:00AM CORE CLASSES

- ◆ **Women of the Word** (a.k.a. "W.O.W." is typically comprised of women of all ages and taught by Marilyn Mehaffy) meets in room #31.
- ◆ **Framework** (typically comprised of 30s-40s and taught by Jamie and Debbie Fitzgerald) meets in room #3 (Fellowship Hall).
- ◆ **><ing 4 truth** (typically comprised of 20s-30s and taught by Eddy Sanders) meets in room #1019.

10:30AM CORE CLASSES

- ◆ **Cornerstone** (typically comprised of 40s-60s and taught by Mike Nobis) meets in room #14.
- ◆ **EverReady** (typically comprised of 60s-70s and taught by Mike Duffy) meets in room #32.
- ◆ **Renewing Minds** (typically comprised of 40s-60s and taught by Mike Seaver) meets in Rm 1020.

If you have any questions about how or when to give one of our adult classes a try, please contact Eddy Sanders: eddy@madisonparkchurch.com



Co-Sponsored by WGCA and Hosted by Bethel Assembly of God
8:30am-3:30pm | Cost: \$20 (includes lunch) | Childcare available: \$5
Register at www.experiencebethel.com or call 217.222.4501

CHECK OUT CHUCK'S BLOG at www.madisonparkchurch.com/category/chuck-sackett, where he posts things that he's working on, writing and thinking about. Here's a recent entry:

Haiti Relief Effort... Monday, January 25th, 2010

I would have never imagined the community response to our Haiti Relief effort. We initially planned to fill a half dozen suitcases to send in some emergency medical supplies. Once the word got out we ended up with people from all around the community and eventually the region providing resources. Just a moment ago I looked out and saw someone carrying in more supplies.

Chrissy and Shaina are in Carriess, Haiti now. They arrived safely with eight suitcases of supplies and some cash to help cover immediate expenses.

We've made contact with Western Union and are seeking ways of getting additional relief funds transferred to Haiti.

Our first shipment to the container was over 4 tons of supplies. We now have a semi-trailer over half filled to send. These supplies will be part of a second container to be shipped within the next week or so. This container is actually twice as long as the first one. I also just learned the containers will take approximately one week to get there.

We've collected boxes and boxes of food, clothing, shoes and medical supplies. We're sending dozens of crutches and walkers. There are pallets of water and many bags and boxes of rice. There's a set of tires being sent for the truck that is in use there.

This afternoon we loaded several boxes of "kid's gifts" from the students at Ellington School. They collected stuff and made small boxes of supplies and treats for Haitian children. What a great way to learn generosity and compassion.

A Gator will be put on the truck first thing tomorrow morning and we're looking at a skidloader. That part of the project is still under way. \$34,715 in cash has been received. The first \$8,000 of the cost of equipment has also been collected.

God is indeed good and the need is clearly great. Many, many thanks for your help and your prayers.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES UPCOMING EVENTS

MUMs: MOMS UPLIFTING MOMS

February: the month of hearts, passion, love. At MUMs this February, we will travel to the bedroom of our hearts: the room of peace, solace and love. Join us as we discuss how God expects us to relate to others who are important in our lives. Meeting date is Monday, February 15, from 6:30-8:30pm. Childcare is provided. Please call Tammy Ehresman at 222.4699 by 5pm if you are in need of childcare. MUMs offers the opportunity for mothers of school-age children to find God's peace, purpose, and perspective for themselves as they experience encouragement, friendship, and support.



AWAKENING 2010

Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 27th and be ready to "Jump for Joy" at MPCC's Awakening 2010! Join many other women for a day of fun, food, fellowship, and most importantly, a day of renewal. Rhonda Graham will be traveling from her home of Louisville, Kentucky to share with us as our keynote speaker. Rhonda has written many Bible studies, has spoken in many different churches and conferences throughout the U.S. and Canada, and teaches at Southeast Christian Church in Louisville. You'll also find many useful workshops to attend including one led by Chuck Sackett: "Where is God When It Hurts?" The day will begin at 8 a.m. and conclude at 3:30. Registration begins Feb. 28th. Information will be coming your way soon, so watch for the "joyful" details!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE:
5:30 - 6:15 Meal
6:15 - 7:15 Connecting Points
Small Groups

Adult Choir
Kidz Activities:
Explosion: 1st-4th Grades
Effect: 5th-6th Grades

ALSO FOR YOUR KIDS -- SUNDAY EVENING PROGRAMMING:
Experience: 7th-8th Grades
Doors Open at 4:44pm | Begins: 5:05pm | Ends: 6:06pm
Echt: 9th-12th Grades
Sundays @ 6:30pm

EPOCH: COLLEGE AGE & 20's THURSDAY NIGHTS @ 7:30 IN THE ANNEX

Our desire is to seek TRUTH! We believe that when we find and understand truth we will then know best how to live out our lives on this earth. If you are curious what your purpose in this world is or think you could help contribute to the discussion, please join us on this journey. If you have questions, contact Tyler Myers: tyler@madisonparkchurch.com | 816.294.7129.



SAVE YOUR HY-VEE UPC'S!

Don't forget to clip and save all of your Hy-Vee brand UPC codes and bring them in to the church office or the Ministry Center! MPCC receives 5 cents for EVERY Hy-Vee UPC to contribute to our missionaries!

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN COLLEGE'S MEN'S & WOMEN'S BANQUETS:

Central Christian College Men's Banquet: "Following the Footprints of Jesus" is to take place Thursday, Mar. 11. The Men's Day will feature Randy Gariss as the worship leader and banquet speaker. Randy and his wife, Julie, are involved in the missions work of the church and have traveled extensively to overseas mission points to teach, counsel, and encourage. On the menu is roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy carrots, green beans, rolls & cake. Cost: \$12. Call 888.263.3900 x110 or e-mail publicrelations@ccc.edu by March 8 to register.

Central Christian College Women's Day: "Flip Flops, Faith & Friends: Let the Son Shine In" is Saturday, Mar. 27. The Women's Day will feature Julie Gariss as the main speaker and morning worship leader. She has a passion for teaching the Word of God, and has spoken at women's retreats and conventions across the United States. The menu includes Hawaiian chicken, rice pilaf, California medley, spinach salad, rolls, & cream pies. Cost: \$12. Call 888.263.3900 x110 or e-mail publicrelations@ccc.edu by March 22 to register.

CHRISTIAN PUBLIC EDUCATION

Christian Public Education is in need of office volunteers Thursday & Friday mornings from 9am to noon. You can volunteer one to six hours per week. For more information call Beth Derbyshire at 217.222.9033. CPE's office is located at 2200 N. 12th in Quincy.

WOMEN'S SCRAPBOOK RETREAT

LaMoine Christian Service Camp presents its annual Women's Scrapbook Retreat March 19-21. Registration is \$65 and includes lodging, meals, and ample workspace. Register online only at www.lamoinecamp.org starting Feb. 1. Spaces fill up QUICKLY!

DAVE RAMSEY'S FPU: THE SEVEN BABY STEPS

Begin your journey to financial peace through Financial Peace University

FPU is a Connecting Point that's going on right now at Madison Park. Sign-up has ended for the current course, but MPCC will offer FPU again later this year. Here's the process that you'll have the opportunity to learn about:

Baby Step 1: \$1,000 Emergency Fund

An emergency fund is for those unexpected events in life that you can't plan for: the loss of a job, an unexpected pregnancy, a faulty car transmission, and the list goes on and on. It's not a matter of if these events will happen; it's simply a matter of when they will happen.

Baby Step 2: Pay off all debt using the Debt Snowball

List your debts, excluding the house, in order. The smallest balance should be your number one priority. Don't worry about interest rates unless two debts have similar payoffs. If that's the case, then list the higher interest rate debt first.

Baby Step 3: 3 to 6 months of expenses in savings

Once you complete the first two baby steps, you will have built serious momentum. But don't start throwing all your "extra" money into investments quite yet. It's time to build your full emergency fund. Ask yourself, "What would it take for me to live for three to six months if I lost my income?" Your answer to that question is how much you should save.

Baby Step 4: Invest 15% of household income into Roth IRAs and pre-tax retirement

When you reach this step, you'll have no payments—except the house—and a fully funded emergency fund. Now it's time to get serious about building wealth.

Baby Step 5: College funding for children

By this point, you should have already started Baby Step 4—investing 15% of your income—before saving for college. Whether you are saving for you or your child to go to college, you need to start now.

Baby Step 6: Pay off your house early

Now it's time to begin chunking all of your extra money toward the mortgage. You are getting closer to realizing the dream of a life with no house payments.

Baby Step 7: Build wealth and give!

It's time to build wealth and give like never before. Leave an inheritance for future generations, and bless others now with your excess. It's really the only way to live!



SERVE AT MPCC: FEBRUARY 2010

Communion Preparation: Bruce & Jane Gardner / Paul & Phyllis Pogue

ATTENTION OFFERING/COMMUNION SERVERS: Please remember to be ready to serve 15 minutes before each service. For a replacement, call Larry Wellman at 217.656.4447 or 217.653.0816 or Rusty Miller at 217.593.7346 or 217.653.0977.

1st Service: Servers:

Tom Aden	Donna Freer	Bill Gross	Bob Maynard
Carol Bent	Thomas Freer	Neal Hemming	Chad Maynard
Chuck Bent	Lyn Fross	Toni Hemming	Tom Shear
Kyle Cookson	Bruce Gardner	Garry Higley	TBA

Ushers / Greeters: Kyle & Bobbette Cookson Bruce & Jane Gardner Bill & Doreen Gross Tom & Pat Shear

2nd Service: Servers:

	Bill Irvin	Rob O'Dear	TBA
	Erma Irvin	Lincoln Smith	TBA
Dan Heberlein	Mick McCollum	Andy Vogler	TBA
Chris Huseman	Tim Moore	Larry Vogler	TBA

Ushers / Greeters: Dan & Anita Heberlein Chris & Julie Huseman Bill & Erma Irvin Rob & Barb O'Dear

Home Communion: 07: TBA / Kent Speckhart 14: Ed Esselman / Lee Harris
21: Kirk Hess / Wayne Tallcot 28: Roger Nicloy / Ivan Town

Center Volunteers: **Ministry Center** 9:00am Shirley Dedert 10:30am Pat Gaines
Guest Center / Guide 9:00 am Roger & Sandy Whittaker 10:30am Nancy Barry
Van Driver: Rich Bouchez

Greeters:	Entrance B	Entrance C	Entrance D	Entrance I
9:00	Norman & Marilyn Wittler	Lyn & Penny Fross/ LuAnn Kleemeyer	Margie Rousch	Robert & Amy Vaughn
10:30	Art & Penny Craft	Pat Orr/ Sandy Whittaker	Brent & Margaret Roe	Roger Whittaker

ATTENTION NURSERY WORKERS: If you are unable to serve at your designated time, please switch with some one else serving this month or call Lindi Horner (223.5896 or 222.2529 ext. 119)

NURSERY:

Supervisors: Debbie Guthrie / Nikki Wilson

07: 9:00 am: Mary Hill / Debbie Limkemann / Larry McNett / Kobi Blair / Susie Wallace
10:30 am: Rochelle Bouchez / Toni Stone / Glenda Babbs / Laurie Duesterhaus / Sherry Hess

14: 9:00 am: Chad and Paula Maynard / Mark Dedert / Ailyn & Sandy Conover
10:30 am: Kelli & Alyssa Larson / Deb Haydon / Larry & Becky Crane

21: 9:00 am: Michael & Bridgette Northern / Mary Cummings / Diana Bunfill / Pat Gaines
10:30 am: Gina Scott/ Stacy Juette/ Anita & Courtney Heberlein/ Mary Ann Weisenborn

28: 9:00 am: Merry Ann Maynor / Kim Maynor / Sheila Laurich / Dale & Brenda Hess
10:30 am: Ed Esselman / Tony & Danya Cunningham / Tom Busse / Lisa Campen

PRESCHOOL WORSHIP:

Supervisors: **1st:** Gina Nottingham / **2nd:** Sara Stone / **5's & 6's :** Janet Anderson

2 years: 1st Service Teacher: Margaret Roe

1st Service: **07:** Lisa Campen/Megan Klingele/Todd&Jen Nelson **14:** Lance & Bridget Ormond
21: Ed & Carol Cramer **28:** Andy & Steph Wilcox

2nd Service: Kathy Boyer/Shane & Trudy Widmer/Lisa Liesen(Feb. 14 & 28)/Jennifer Maple(Feb.14)

3-4 years: 1st Service Wee Worship: Lindi Horner

1st Service Wee Worship: **07:** Emily Ehresman **14:** Dale & Brenda Hess
21: Emily Wheeler/Kristen Liesen **28:** Tim & Andrea Eckhardt

2nd Service Bible School Class: Brian & Chrissy Cox/Travis & Pam Friye

5-6 years: 1st Service Wee Worship: Lindi Horner

1st Service Wee Worship: **07:** Kay Seaver/Emma Hoyt **14:** Cindy Peter
21: Ruth Keppner / Julia Fitzgerald **28:** Toni Smith

2nd Service Bible School Class: Leslie Vigor/Tony & Danya Cunningham/ Katie Vogler (Jan. 3)

