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The size of your shoe...

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No one seems to know for sure the origin of “foot-binding.” But whatever the origin, the practice continued among many Chinese groups for 1,000 years. It was formally outlawed in 1949. Most of the women who experienced foot-binding suffered for the rest of their lives. It is totally unnatural and unhealthy for a shoe to determine the size of one’s foot.

Every parent knows the frustration of buying shoes, only to have the children outgrow them before they are really even broken in much less worn out. But we keep buying shoes, don’t we? We know it’s the right thing to do and we do it, even when it’s inconvenient.

I’m not sure of how “church-binding” originated either. For many years the conventional (often accepted) wisdom has allowed the size of a church building to dictate the size of a church. However, just like our feet, it’s unnatural and unhealthy to allow the size of the box to dictate the size of the contents.

It’s not always convenient to find a bigger shoe, but sometimes it’s necessary. In our case, we are not limited to simply finding a bigger shoe—we can add the number of shoes and create opportunities to continue growing. That’s what we are doing. We’re multiplying the number of opportunities for unchurched people to come into contact with God’s people in worship. We’re increasing the odds of God’s people influencing their neighbors and friends and family for the sake of Christ.

Welcome to the future...

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Song Story

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You may have heard the song “God of This City” by Bluetree on the radio in recent months. These are the lyrics to this song:

You’re the God of this city	You’re the Lord of creation
You’re the King of these people	The Creator of all things
You’re the Lord of this nation	You’re the King above all kings
You are	You are
You’re the light in this darkness	You’re the strength in the weakness
You’re the hope to the hopeless	You’re the love to the broken
You’re the peace to the restless	You’re the joy in the sadness
You are	You are

There is no one like our God
There is no one like our God

Greater things have yet to come
And greater things
Have still to be done in this city
Greater things have yet to come
And greater things
Are still to be done here

Band member Aaron Boyd shares the story behind the composition of this song. You can check it out on YouTube (http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kXh_tgjnYJw); it’s a fascinating story. To briefly summarize, they had the opportunity to play their music in Thailand, and ended up in a city that is known for sex tourism. They were given the chance to play in a bar that was basically a brothel. Boyd started singing what he believed God was speaking over the city, and the song emerged.

This month, we’ll be taking a look at Our Story from the perspective of cities and locations. We’ve been thinking about places like Babel, Sodom, Sinai, Babylon, and Jerusalem, and pondering the acts of God and how He used those places for His purposes. How does Quincy and the surrounding communities fit into The Story? How is God going to use us for His purposes? I believe that great things are yet to come in our city. I believe God is going to use His Church to spread His Story. I’m grateful we’re partners in that process.

If you haven’t heard “God of This City,” check it out. We’ll be singing it together in the weeks to come!



encounter

Experiencing God in worship and in God's people.

BOOST (Encounter for Preschoolers-8th graders)



Our preschoolers will meet from 6:15-7:30pm on Wednesday nights until Feb. 22nd. Each evening will be filled with music, games, snacks and lessons about the life of Joseph from the Old Testament. Children who are 3 through kindergarten are welcome.

1st-4th Grade Explosion meets in the Annex from 6:15-7:30pm on Wednesday nights through Feb. 22nd for high-energy games and team competitions. This is a great place for kids to interact with adult coaches and develop relationships with each other and God. This session's 6-week series is titled "The Lord's Prayer."



5th-8th Grade Effect & Experience meets on Wednesday nights from 6:15-7:30pm now through the end of the school year. These Wednesday night gatherings are designed for middle school and junior high students to be themselves and experience life together. For some, it is a chance to encounter God for the first time. For others, it is a great time to hang out and a place to bring their friends to introduce them to Christ. We meet in the Warehouse. Join us as we dig into God's Word and have fun hanging out! For more information contact kyle@madisonparkchurch.com.



Jr./Sr. High Super Bowl Bash

Students in grades 7-12 are invited to the Annex and Warehouse on Sun., Feb. 5th from 5-9pm for hang out, drinks, snacks, games in the Warehouse, and the Super Bowl on the big screens! The cost for the night is \$2 per student. Contact by email for more info either tyler@madisonparkchurch.com or kyle@madisonparkchurch.com.

Jr. High Believe Conference:



There is still time to register for this year's CIY Believe Conference in St. Louis, MO. The conference takes place Feb. 17th-18th and is one of the best weekend retreats offered for junior high students! It involves about 1500 young people from many different churches throughout the area. We gather in the St. Charles Family Arena and get to witness and participate in a powerful message, worship, dance, media, drama, and so much more. The cost for this year's event is \$80. Believe is just around the corner, so sign up now! For more information or to sign up, contact Kyle Lidtka at kyle@madisonparkchurch.com or 222.2529 ext. 148.

Senior SonShiners Upcoming Events

Senior Sonshiners will meet Tues., Feb. 14th at 11:30am. A carry-in lunch will be followed with a program by Debbie Fitzgerald who will be talking about Youshare.org and Safe Families for Children. Debbie is a member of Madison Park and has heart for youth in the Quincy area. On Feb. 28th, the Senior Sonshiners will be taking a trip to the new Salvation Army Kroc Center. When finished we will have lunch in the new Kroc Cafe which is inside the Kroc Center. The van will leave the church parking lot at 10:45am.

Women's Spring Encounter: "Refresh"

Friday, Mar. 23rd from 5:30-9pm will be an evening focused on friendship. (worship, skit, panel discussion) Registration begins Feb. 26th. The cost is \$15 with a chance to win a special prize if you register within the first week! After Mar. 11th there will be an additional \$5 fee for late registration.



refresh
women's spring encounter



MADISON PARK, COME OUT & ROCK THE KROC!

» INVITE YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS «

SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 6:30-8:30 pm
KROC CENTER, 405 VERMONT STREET

We'll have live music, games in the Gym & dessert for everyone! Madison Park will also have access to the Aqua Center, the Rock Wall and the Game Room.





Sunday Servants:

COMMUNION PREPARATION:

Prepare: Bruce & Jane Gardner Clean-Up: Paul & Phyllis Pogue

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.

9:00 SERVICE: Servers:

Jerry Albsmeyer	Don Berryman	Art Craft	Ron Ehrhardt	Kevin Jobe
Jane Albsmeyer	Sharon Berryman	Penny Craft	Bill Gross	Tom Shear
Joe Anderson	Lanny Bunfill	Carol Cramer	Lee Harris	Eric Stockhecke
David Barta	Diana Bunfill	Ed Cramer	Dale Hess	Ken Treaster

Ushers / Greeters:

David & Linda Barta Bill & Doreen Gross Lee & Jan Harris Pat Shear & Beverly Collins

10:30 SERVICE: Servers:

Glenda Babbs	Jamie Fitzgerald	Sean McClelland	Roger Nicloy	Nancy Schafer
Bruce Duesterhaus	Margaret Hanzel	Mary Miller	Mike Shriver	Monte Rowland
Ethan Duesterhaus	Evan Horner	Tom Miller	Misty Shoop	Chad Smith
Brad Fitzgerald	Eric McClelland	Mary Nicloy	John Schafer	TBA

Ushers / Greeters:

Roger & Mary Nicloy Misty Shoop Tom & Mary Miller Sean & Alisha McClelland

HOME COMMUNION:

05: Tom & Donna Freer (Good Sam) / Kent Speckhart (Other) **19:** Wayne Tallcott (Good Sam) / Kirk Hess (Other)
12: Lee Harris (Good Sam) / Ed Esselman (Other) **26:** Roger Nicloy (Good Sam) / Tim Lyons & Roy Shepherd (Other)

CENTER VOLUNTEERS:

Guest Center / Guide

9:00 am Gary & Danelle Nall
 10:30 am Kelsey Harrison & Tina Garkie

Van Driver:

Rich Bouchez

EXTERIOR DOOR GREETERS: Entrance B

9:00 Norman & Marilyn Wittler
 10:30 Bruce & Angela Duesterhaus

Entrance C

Robert & Amy Vaughn / Bob & Terri Brewer
 Pat Orr / Scot & Judy Wheeler

Entrance D

LuAnn Kleemeyer & Don Hummel
 Matt Davis

Entrance I

TBA

Early Childhood & Children's Workers:

If you're unable to serve at your designated time, please switch with someone else serving this month or call Lindi Horner (223.5896 / 222.2529 ext. 119)

NURSERY:

Supervisors:

Debbie Guthrie / Penny Craft / Michelle McQueen

05:	9:00 am:	Mary Hill / Mary Jeffries / Jenny Hayden / Larry McNett
	10:30 am:	Stevie Bainter / Sherry Hess / Kelli Larson / Alyssa Larson / Ryan & Lori Platt
12:	9:00 am:	Kevin & Joanna Hochgraber / Brent & Margaret Roe
	10:30 am:	Colleen Lung / Linda Lung / Mary Ann Weisenborn / Toni Stone / Nicholas & Melissa Skinner
19:	9:00 am:	Susie Wallace / Mark Dedert / Mary Cummings / Diana Bunfill
	10:30 am:	Christina Daniel / Nancy Dreyer / Olivia Dreyer / Marcia Job / Deb Haydon / Lisa Campen
26:	9:00 am:	Chad & Paula Maynard / Michael & Bridgette Northern
	10:30 am:	Glenn Baker/Tiffany Witt / Madison Witt / Cindy Smith / Leigh Ann Riney / Paula Cutsinger

PRESCHOOL WORSHIP:

Supervisors:

1st: Toni Smith / Kathy Duffy / 2nd: Sara Stone / 5's & 6's: Janet Anderson

2 years:

1st Service Teacher: Margaret Roe

1st Service

05: Maacah Heberlein / Heidi Snyder **19:** Maacah Heberlein / Angie McColez
12: Maacah Heberlein / Jordan Sutter / Ed & Carol Cramer **26:** Maacah Heberlein / Amber Sill

2nd Service

Sheila Laurich / Robyn Sprenger-5th & 26th / TBA

3-4 YEARS: 1st Service Wee Worship:

Teacher: Lindi Horner

1st Service Wee Worship:

05: Emily Ehresman **19:** Emily Wheeler
12: Dale & Brenda Hess **26:** Brian & Carrie Trowbridge

2nd Service Bible School Class:

Teacher: Deanna Speckhart

Stephanie Collins / Franny Cookson / Judy McHone / Olivia Dreyer **12:** Kayci Lyons **19 & 26:** Bella Caley

5-6 YEARS:

1st Service Wee Worship:

Teacher: Lindi Horner

05: Emma Hoyt / Alisha McClelland **19:** Curtis & Rachel Lee
12: Suzanne Dohm **26:** Julia Fitzgerald / Dana Dawson

2nd Service Bible School Class:

Andrea Eckhardt / Todd & Linda Haverstock

05: Katie Vogler

KIDZ CHECK-IN & CHECK-OUT

05: TBA
12: Jennifer Cifaldi / Jill Wilson

19: Jeff & Mary Hull
26: Shawn & Jackie Steckler

FEBRUARY 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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			9:00 am Aerobics 5:30 pm Cancer Support Group 5:30 pm BOOST Meal 6:15 pm BOOST Groups 6:15 pm Women's Connect Group	9:00 am Women's Connect Group 5:15 pm Step Combo/Pilates 6:30 pm Women's Connect Group 6:30 pm FPU 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:30 pm Epoch	9:00 am Aerobics 5:00 pm Framework Class Party	8:00 am Men's Connect Group
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connect

Growing through study of God's word with God's people.

MUMs (Moms Uplifting Moms)

Inviting all moms to MUMs (Moms Uplifting Moms) on Feb. 20th at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendar and invite a friend to come with you! We will be taking a look at both "kindness & goodness" from Galatians 5:22. If you will be in need of childcare please call Michelle McQueen at 217.242.3343 by Sunday evening, Feb. 19th.



EPOCH: College Age & 20s

College & 20s will be investigating the BASICS of the Christian faith on Thursday nights in the Annex from 7:30-9pm (7:30-8 hangout, 8-9 discussion, 9-? hang out & games). EPOCH is a great place for college & 20s to connect with each other and God's Word. Our desire is to live life together in a way that helps each of us understand the Truth... and ultimately live out that Truth in this journey we know as life. Join us... you might be surprised what God is up to! If you have questions check out the Epoch facebook page or contact Tyler Myers: 816.294.7129 or tyler@madisonparkchurch.com.



Sunday Morning Adult Connect Groups

- 9:00 Classes**
 - Women of the Word** (a.k.a. "W.O.W."): This group is led by Marilyn Mehaffy. It consists of women of all ages.
 - Framework**: This group is led by Jamie & Debbie Fitzgerald. It consists of adults 30-50's.
 - Fishing for Truth**: This group is led by Keith Haydon and Eddy Sanders. It is made up of adults from early 20's-40's.
 - Cornerstone**: This group is led by Mike Nobis. People of all ages attend this group.
 - 10:30 Classes**
 - EverReady**: This group is led by Mike Duffy, an elder at Madison Park. It is made up of people from 60 and up.
 - Renewing Minds**: This group is led by Mike Seaver. It is made up of adults 40s-50s and discusses the sermon most weeks.

ECHT: Grades 9-12

Echt Student Connect Groups meet Sunday nights in the Annex from 6:30-9pm (6:30-7 hangout, 7-8 Echt, 8-9 hangout & games). If you have questions, check out the Echt facebook page or contact Tyler Myers: tyler@madisonparkchurch.com or 816.294.7129.



general announcements

Thank You:

Dear Madison Park Christian Church,
On behalf of the entire board and staff of Horizons, I would like to thank you for your commitment to financially support God's mission and ministry here at Horizons. We are also extremely grateful for the many hours of service your volunteers have worked to help run our programs. It is so humbling to see this congregation offer back to God the gifts that God has given to them. We are able to nourish both the body and the soul of the poorest and most disadvantaged individuals in our community because of your support. 2011 has been a year of testimony to God's faithfulness to His ministry here at Horizons. Please take a moment and reflect upon the following highlights from 2011:

- We served over 22,000 hot meals to 2,600 different individuals in need.
- We gave food assistance to over 4,800 individuals in the food pantry.
- We donated several thousand clothing items at no cost to individuals in need.
- We employed 23 individuals in the Horizons Work program and helped 8 Work Program participants find long term employment.
- Our volunteers dedicated over 9,000 hours of service to aid our programs.
- We united 14 Quincy evangelical churches to serve the poor and needy in the name of Christ.

It would be impossible to forge ahead without the support of our partner churches. I'm certain God's vision for Horizons is far beyond what our finite minds can comprehend! It is a privilege to serve alongside Madison Park Christian Church in our quest to advance God's Kingdom here in Quincy. We look forward to a long and fruitful partnership!
In His Service,

Sarah Stephens
Executive Director
Horizons Social Services

Sympathy:

- The Amy Vaughn family on the passing of her mother, Joyce Ross.
- The Pete Keane family on the loss of his dad, Mike Keane.
- The Maynard family on the loss of their mother and grandmother, Mary Maynard.
- The Mark Goodwin family on the loss of his father, Steve Goodwin.
- The Pat Gaines family on the loss of her brother, Virgil "Bud" Schaffer.

New Arrivals:

- Jared, Crystal, Jordan and Taylor Sutter welcomed Chandler Jacob (CJ) into their home Jan. 4th.
- Eddy, Cheryl, and Janna Sanders welcomed Luke Edward into their home Jan. 9th.

New Members:

- Maacah Heberlein
2423 South Brook
Quincy, IL 62305
- Austin Brown
3232 Gross Gables
Quincy IL 62305
- Daniel Fross
3620 Overlook Dr
Quincy IL 62305



serve

Meeting needs to demonstrate and develop a servant's heart.

Washington School Clean-up

Madison Park Church will once again be deep cleaning Washington School, Thurs. Feb. 16th at 6:30pm. If you would like to serve, please sign up at the Encounter Station or on the website.

McDonald Receipts & HyVee UPC Codes

The dollar amount of the McDonald receipts are converted to points and then Washington School uses the points to purchase items of the school. We are still collecting HyVee and Country Fare (754) UPC barcodes. Bring them to the Foyer on Sunday mornings, or in the office during the week.

Men's Ministry 2012 Calendar

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:
Jan. 21st-Feb. 25th | 8:00am | Men's Study and Breakfast
March 24th | GAP | 7:30am

Friendship Circle

Mon., Feb. 6th, we will be cleaning the kitchen. We can use all the help we can get. You can come any time after 4pm to help. We will be serving soup, veggies and dessert.

Hostesses are Penny Craft and Rebecca Lubbert.

Mon., Mar. 5th, Mary Ann Weisenborn will show and tell us about her button collection. All women are invited to attend. Hostesses are Mary Ann Weisenborn and Pat Gaines.

Horizons Empty Bowls

The guests of Horizons Empty Bowls are invited to a simple meal of soup and bread on Sun., Mar. 18th from 11am-2pm at Quincy Senior High School. Tickets are \$10 each or a \$50 family maximum. Tickets are available starting Feb. 19th in the church office.

Elder Recommendations:

Selecting elders at Madison Park is one of our most important practices. If you know a godly man currently serving in some area of ministry in which he provides spiritual care to our people. Please pick up the Elder Recommendation form at the Guest Center in the foyer. Submit your recommendations by Feb. 19th. Roger Nicloy and Lynn Fross have completed their 3-year service as elders. Both are eligible to be recommended to serve an additional 3 years. We have no one who is taking their year off this year.

Area Men's Fellowship

Camp Point First Christian Church is hosting the South Area Men's Fellowship on Feb. 13th, at 7:00pm. Men of all ages are invited to come for a time of fellowship and food. Also, come to learn more about what is happening at LaMoine Christian Service Camp.

January Offering & Attendance

Jan. 01, 2012 Worship: 824 Encounter Sunday	Jan. 01, 2012 Received: \$23,214.92 Budgeted: \$23,951.00 Difference: (\$736.08)
Jan. 08, 2012 Worship: 1060 Connect Groups: 450	Jan. 08, 2012 Received: \$23,679.00 Budgeted: \$23,951.00 Difference: (\$272.00)
Jan. 15, 2012 Worship: 1034 Connect Groups: 445	Jan. 15, 2012 Received: \$27,640.13 Budgeted: \$23,951.00 Difference: \$3,689.13
Jan. 22, 2012 Worship: 918 Connect Groups: 386	Jan. 22, 2012 Received: \$ 21,732.02 Budgeted: \$23,951.00 Difference: (\$2,218.98)
Jan. 29, 2012 Worship: 1108 Connect Groups: 422	Jan. 29, 2012 Received: \$31,355.11 Budgeted: \$23,951.00 Difference: \$7,404.11



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