

One Church, Regional Impact!

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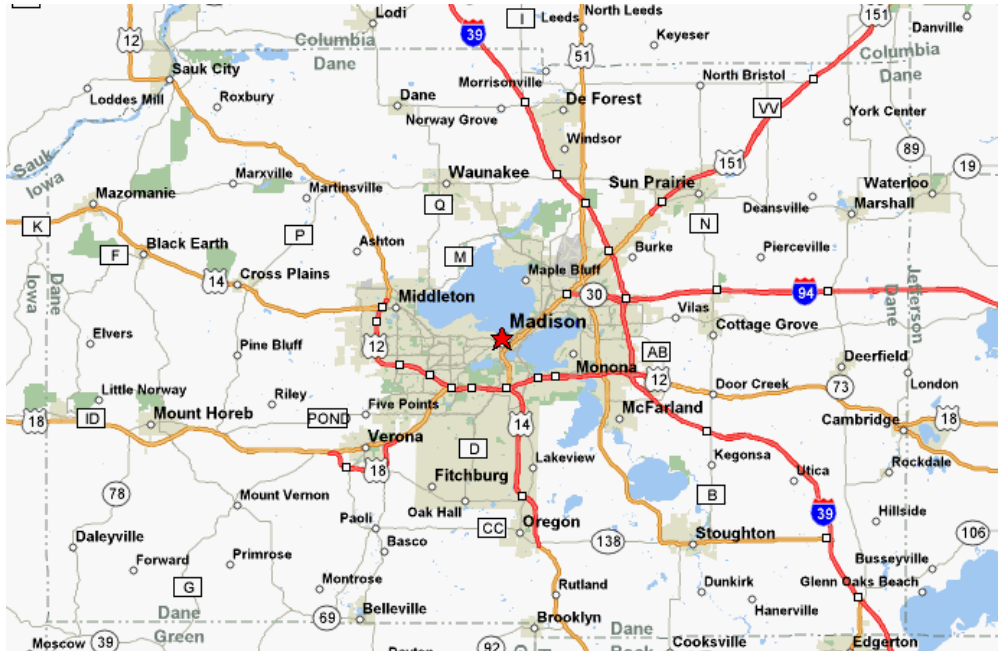
"One Church, Regional Impact" You'll be hearing this phrase frequently in the coming days, weeks, and months. In a short, memorable way, these four words paint an exciting and compelling picture of our future. This picture fits nicely into our frame (*Vision Frame*) that Dan describes in his article on page 3. In short, God is leading us to be a church that is united in connecting people to life in Jesus and will commit to doing that by distributing ourselves throughout the greater Madison area.

Imagine with me for a few moments an exciting future. **"God is leading us to see a prevailing, multi-location church emerge that will transform the spiritual landscape of Madison. This church will convene in hundreds of *lifeGroups* with *lifeWorship Centers* strategically located in geographical regions throughout Greater Madison."**

Consider this...

"One Church, Regional Impact" is designed for us. It is tailor made for us. It has God's finger prints all over it. Here are a few signs that God has been leading us toward **"One Church, Regional Impact"** all along. *(If you are new to Christ Memorial I hope you can get a sense of God's blessing throughout our history.)*

- 1976 relocation to current Raritan Road facility
- Ongoing struggle over the past 5 or so years with how to expand our impact with facility limitations at Raritan Road.
- "Community of Life" church plant in Oregon
- Ongoing intentional, independent partnership with "Community of Life" to plant more churches.
- *lifeGroups* distributed literally throughout and beyond Dane County (check out the blue dots on the map in the Fellowship Hall).
- Emphasis on Cultivating Spiritual Friendships in our neighborhoods.
- 5 Nursing Home services conducted every week.
- Hispanic Ministry happening on Saturday Nights, Sunday afternoons and Thursday Nights in our facility.
- Vacation Bible School transitioned to parks and backyards over the last three years, and this year in Cottage Grove. We've also included the Hispanic Community.
- Work and active partnership with Allied Drive.



Imagine the...

...expanded Impact as we connect people to life in Jesus through **"One Church, Regional Impact."**

...expanded Ownership as more and more people invest time, energy, skill, and money to connect people to life in Jesus through **"One Church, Regional Impact."**

...expanded Accessibility as **"One Church, Regional Impact"** makes it easier for people to come.

...expanded Reach of connecting people to life in Jesus through **"One Church, Regional Impact."**

...expanded Resources that will emerge as we connect people to life in Jesus through **"One Church, Regional Impact."**

"One Church, Regional Impact" is a picture that is worthy of the frame that God has given us! It is a compelling picture of a prevailing, multi-location church that will transform the spiritual landscape of Madison. It is a picture of a church that will convene in hundreds of *lifeGroups*, with *lifeWorship Centers* strategically located in geographical regions throughout Greater Madison."

We dream of the day when **"One Church, Regional Impact"** becomes a reality and many more people are connected to life in Jesus!

As **"One Church, Regional Impact"** unfolds and plans become apparent let's keep asking ourselves: Does this seem to be where God is leading us? Are their signs that He has been leading us here all along? If so, will I trust Him with the future of this church? And will I work toward this future with my own personal investment of time, energy, gifts, and finances?

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