



# Make A Difference MINISTRIES

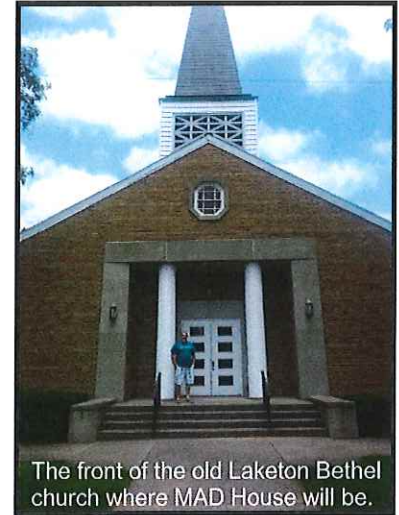
M.A.D. House...M.A.D. in the Middle...M.A.D. Grads  
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## M.A.D. HOUSE HAS A NEW LOCATION

by: Dave Nordstrom

Over the past 28 years M.A.D. House has been blessed with some great locations (Dalton Baptist Church, Ferry Memorial Church, Twin Lake Civic Center). For the past 20 years, we have been blessed by CrossWinds Fellowship Church with a great place. Thousands of students came to know it as M.A.D. House. When CrossWinds dissolved as a church, M.A.D. House again found itself in a transition looking for a new location. There were many things that went in to a decision as to where to move. And being dependent on blessings of others, the main one was, "is there another church or group with a building willing to let us use their facility". There were a few churches interested in helping us with a facility. As things unfolded, two churches became our main options. The Evangelical Covenant Church(in Whitehall) and Laketon Bethel in the North Muskegon area. After considering many, many things and both church boards giving us the thumbs up to use their facilities, we made a decision to use Laketon Bethel Church for our high school M.A.D. House ministry and do some Middle School Ministry(M.A.D. in the Middle) at the Covenant Church in Whitehall (pictures of that facility are coming in another newsletter).



The front of the old Laketon Bethel church where MAD House will be.

We are very excited about both facilities and the generosity of the people of these 2 churches. Thanks also to a number of other churches that were willing to offer facilities, but for one reason or another it didn't work out.

This is a new chapter in the journey and ministry of M.A.D. House. The new location that will be used for M.A.D. House(high schoolers) is very close to the old facility, so it will be easy for students to find. It's near a stop light and it's a moderate speed limit. There is a spacious parking lot and we will be given a good amount of storage space. It's a facility that the church outgrew and added on a new meeting place.



The New M.A.D. House(High School) meeting room at Laketon Bethel(from back of room). Soon to be transformed into a real M.A.D.House.

The Whitehall facility has some of the same characteristics with a gym, extra rooms for small groups and a kitchen all contained and compartmentalized with an exit to the outdoors. Perfect for a middle school ministry.

We are so grateful for these facilities that God, through His generous people, has provided. Sort of like having a "New Beginning".



New M.A.D. House meeting room at Laketon Bethel(Pic taken from stage).

## UNITY MUSIC FESTIVAL 2015

[www.unitymusicfestival.com](http://www.unitymusicfestival.com)



Another Unity Music Festival is almost here. M.A.D. Ministries will be a Ministry Partner for the first time. We will have a M.A.D. Ministries booth on the Ministry Partners Walkway. So, come over and say HI and meet some of our awesome Mad House leaders and Core Students.

On Thursday, Friday & Saturday there is a special way you can help both those in need and M.A.D. Ministries. If you give blood at the bloodmobile at Unity any of those days, you can designate M.A.D. Ministries to get a \$10 donation. When you check in to give blood you will be given paperwork. If you check M.A.D. Ministries, we will get \$10 for your blood donation.

**UNITY IS AUGUST 5-8 AUGUST 5TH IS THE FREE NIGHT GEARED TOWARDS THE YOUTH**

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# A PARENTS POINT OF VIEW

by: Kristine Lee

From my husband Brian and my perspective, M.A.D. House has helped us with bringing our children closer to God. It has taught our children to be more tolerant towards others that are different from them. Our oldest daughter as a mother at 16 and without Carole and the "Teen Parents" staff she would not have finished school. Carole would pick up her and her baby and take them to a program that also provided Day Care so the young moms could still go to school, giving them a better chance to get their education and make a better life for them and their children. I am happy to say that she is now a "Home Health Aid" and has been in college for 3 years working towards an RN degree. I have 3 sons and 1 more daughter at home and they've all loved going to M.A.D. House on Thursdays and always have friends come with them. My car is always full of happy kids always excited to go to M.A.D. House. And when we pick them up they always tell us about what they did, what they talked about and how they made new friends and learned more about God and His forgiveness of our sins. They also love it when they have the 50 foot banana split. I have one son who loves to sit up on stage with Dave and help with skits and my daughter records them and we watch them at home and laugh and laugh. Our youngest son is very shy, but when he goes to M.A.D. House he comes home with a smile on his face that lasts for days. It makes me feel very happy to see him filled with such joy. I want to thank M.A.D. House for all they have done for my family. God bless M.A.D. House! It's a place where teenagers can go and be accepted and loved for who they are."

Check out our NEW WEB SITE(still heavily under construction.) You may also give to M.A.D. Ministries with PayPal or any other card through this site.

**WWW.MADMINISTRIES.NET**

## STAFF PROFILE

This month we want to introduce you to someone who is very dear to the teens at M.A.D. House. Her name is Rebecca Schiedekenect, or Becka S-13(count the letters in her last name). She is also known as Grandma to many teens. Not only do some of her own grandchildren attend



M.A.D. House but many more have been "adopted" by Becka. That's the kind of woman she is-open and loving. It took many years to convince Becka that she was leadership material. She thought she had nothing to offer. The teens saw her differently. Many girls ask specifically to be in Becka's small group. She is a wonderful mix of loving, sarcastic, crazy, fun and deeply spiritual.

Becka lost her husband a few years ago and she also suffers from chronic pain. There are other issues that could keep her home feeling sorry for herself but she purposely pushes herself to get out and volunteer. She offers so much to the teens, loving them, hugging them, praying for them, listening to them. She cares deeply for where they are spiritually.

Carole often gets a call from Becka, who is praying for some issue we are dealing with and gives great insight and offers answers or spurs us to think of a solution to tough issues we are dealing with in the group. We are thankful for this woman and we ask your prayers for her to be able to continue to volunteer as she deals with poor health and other obstacles to overcome so she can be a M.A.D. House volunteer. And we thank God for her.

## Prayer and Praise:

**Praise.....**We are very grateful for the way that our facility search has unfolded. We are grateful to God for His provision of so many things. We add to the list, a new facility. We are grateful to those that God has used to open these doors.....Pastors, Board Members and the folks who attend the churches that are hosting us.

**Prayer.....**Please continue to pray for teenagers during the summer months. So many life changing things happen during the summer. Plus the teens can also be at the mercy of some of the family choices. We are praying that they choose well, the things they can control and that God will keep them strong through the things that are out of their control.

Please Pray..For the finances of the ministry. We ended in the black and are very grateful(Thank You). Summer is a very slow time for support. We will need an extra boost of finances to help get to the fall, where finances typically pick back up. Its one of those cycle things.

## HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

**During our staff meetings every other Tuesday, we are going to pray for YOU, the supporters of this ministry. We will pick 3 names and pray specifically for those folks that week. If you have prayer requests, please email them to Carole at: CJN560@aol.com**