



Serving Others Like Jesus Served Us

⁴²*Calling them to Himself, Jesus said to them, "You know that those who are recognized as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them; and their great men exercise authority over them. ⁴³But it is not this way among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant; ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be slave of all. ⁴⁵For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."* Mark 10:42-45

What is the attitude of the typical boss, political leader or religious leader? According to Jesus, it is typical of rulers to "lord it over them." Far too often leaders approach those under their charge with arrogance. Greatness from this perspective is defined by how many people have to answer to your commands, how much they tremble at your threats, how much they envy your control, and how helpless they are compared to your authority.

"But it is not this way among you." Followers of Christ embrace a counter-cultural approach to leadership. If we are looking for greatness, we must embrace humility. For followers of Christ the mark of leadership is service. Our best example of greatness demonstrated in humble service is Jesus Christ. He is the very "Son of Man," a divine reference (see Daniel chapter 7:11-14), and He serves others to the point of giving His life. He is the greatest person to ever walk the planet yet lived humbly. Jesus said, "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve..." The emphasis in this statement is the extreme contrast. The Son of Man refers to Daniel 7 where we read, "And behold, with the clouds of heaven One like a Son of Man was coming... And to Him was given dominion, Glory and a kingdom, that all the peoples, nations and people of every language might serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion which will not pass away; And His kingdom is one which will not be destroyed." The prophecy in Daniel 7 depicts the dramatic seen when Jesus Christ, the

Son of God, comes before God the Father. In that moment, at the end of time, the Son of God, Son of Man, is presented with an everlasting kingdom where all nations and all peoples will serve Him. And yet, despite the lauded status of the Son of Man's future, for His first appearing among us He will be a servant.

Furthering the contrast by juxtaposing the lofty Son of God with His mission, Jesus says that the "Son of Man" will pay for the release of others by laying down His life. He will serve them to the very end and to the ultimate end. As Paul described in Philippians 2:5-8, "Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." Paul encouraged the church to have the same servant attitude of Christ Jesus. Not only does the Son of God take on the humble status of a human, He is a servant to the point of death, even a crucifixion type death. While mere humans seek for power and prestige over one another, the creator of all people and all things, humbled Himself to the ultimate very end and to the ultimate end, death on a cross. The death of Christ provides a means for us to be in right relationship with God. Jesus Christ bears our sin so that we can know the Father. This is the primary message of the cross of Christ. However, the cross also provides for us a significant departure from the world's standards of leadership. If God's own Son, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Eternal One, would step out of eternity and take on a human body, and serve all the way to the point of humiliation, suffering and death, surely we can follow His example in our service of one another. Jesus, the last night before His crucifixion, accentuated this model of leadership.

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The disciples had debated on more than one occasion which of them was the greatest and which of them should receive the most honor in the heavenly kingdom. The disciples even discussed this the very day of the betrayal of Jesus into the hands of the religious authorities. Jesus, on His part, takes the position of greatest humility by washing His disciples' feet. He tells them as the watch in shock, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call Me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am. If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you." (John 13:12-15) If God's Son, the Creator of everything, came into this world to serve others, then surely we can serve one another.

~ Daniel

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Student Ministry

Bible Studies:

- High School Guys (9-12th) @Geisendorffs, Mondays, 6:30pm (Tim Wittman)
- High School Girls @ Christine Wehrli & Maggie Dean's, Thursdays 6:30pm (Christine & Maggie)
- High School Guys (Students in area) @ the Kings, Mondays 6:30pm (Weston Southers)
- Middle School Guys @ the Hines, Mondays, 6:30pm-8pm (Jonathan Phipps)
- Middle School Girls @ the Halsells, Mondays, 7:00pm - 8:00pm (Tiffanye Phipps)
- Athletes Guys Bible Study/ Open Basketball @MRBC Mondays 6:00pm (Zach)

February 13th - Girls Night Out @ Matthew Road in the SMAC, 6:30pm-9pm, \$15
Dinner, hot cocoa, and crafts! Girls 7th-12th grade are invited to come.
Please RSVP to Taylor Stover at tstover1998@gmail.com

March 4th-6th - Heartbeat, Cost: \$50 before February 17th, after February 17th the cost is \$70.
The "bring a friend" rate is \$50. Sign up at Announcement Board in front of Zach's office.

**For any questions
about anything @ anytime,
contact Zach (210-818-8002)
or Jonathan (214-796-9181)**

Children's Ministry



Wednesday Nights, for kids ages 3* - 6th grade
6:30pm - 8:00pm

It's time for the Awana Grand Prix! Parents are invited to watch kids race their cars on their club's race week. Races are held in the Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday, February 17th - Cubbies 6:45-7pm. Sparks 7- 8pm.
Wednesday, February 24th - T & T Girls
Wednesday, March 2nd - T&T Boys

*3 year olds in Cubbies must be potty trained, and have turned 3 by Sept. 1st. A parent must stay on campus through the duration of the program. See our website to see what Adult Bible Study classes we have for you.

Sunday Nights 5:30pm
Education Building
2nd floor



This Spring we are studying the book of Matthew! Join us as we learn what it means to be a disciple committed to going out into the world to make disciples! For K - 6th Grade.



When: Tuesday, March 15
Time: 9:50a-11a
Where: Pump It Up Arlington
1120 Eden Road, St. 102
Arlington, TX 76001
Cost: \$7 per jumper

Waiver required to jump. Obtain waiver from Brittany and bring on day of event. No transportation provided. Siblings welcome. Pay at time of event.



Sunday School

Join us every Sunday morning from 9:45-10:45am as we journey through the Gospel Project.



PRETEEN CAMP
AT MT. LEBANON
JUNE 27TH - JULY 1ST
SEE BRITTANY

- VBS - June 13th - 17th
- Preteen Camp at Mt. Lebanon - June 27th - July 1st
- Camp 3:17 Sports & Arts Day Camp - July 18th - 22nd



Music Ministry



Children's Choir: 6:00-6:30, Education Building (2nd floor)

Adult Choir: 6:30-7:30, Sanctuary

Matthew Road Academy



Matthew Road Academy is currently in the middle of our 4th school year. Approximately 200 students venture onto the MRBC campus every Tuesday and Thursday to take various courses, including math, foreign languages, fitness and fine arts. Most students attend full time, meaning they complete all needed academic subjects, plus an elective or two.

On Mon/Wed/Fri they are at home with a parent, completing assigned work that is required to be turned back in the following school day. Accountability is high and I am proud that the majority of the students, despite a rigorous curriculum, are on the A honor roll.

This unique education model is called the University Model. Research shows students who complete their lower education through this model learn study habits and a work ethic that they carry with them into successful college years.

The Class of 2016 is comprised of 13 graduating seniors with plans to attend Bible colleges, community college and universities. We are proud that our seniors have worked hard and have been accepted into the schools of their choice.

Having started with just 30 students, our growth shows MRA has found a need in our community and we enjoy ministering to these Christian families as they strive to raise and disciple their children through these informative years.

We are now taking applications for the 2016-2017 school year. Because we are currently at max capacity in grades 3rd-10th, all incoming applications will be reviewed and prayed over. Any openings will be awarded to new families in March.

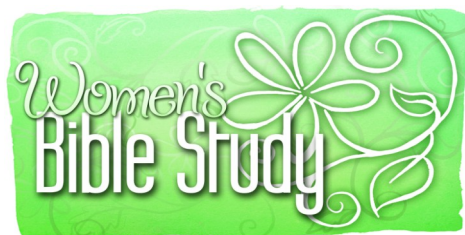
If you are interested in your student attending MRA, or know a friend who may be, please visit us at: www.matthewroadacademy.org

As a self funded ministry of MRBC, this is a paid private school option; however, it is the heart and desire of Pastor Daniel and myself to keep MRA an affordable education opportunity for the community.

We look forward to another great year and appreciate your prayers as our 22 staff members educate, disciple, and love the students and families who attend this year.

~ Blessings, Candice McClellin, MRA Administrator (469-200-0227)

Women's Ministry



Weekly Bible Studies:

Sunday mornings

Rachel Sullenger & Tiffany Marich
- the book of Timothy
Joy Richards & Chris Anderson
- the book of Acts

Sunday nights

Meg Trihus & Others
- the book of Acts

Wednesday Nights

Cyndi King
- the book of Luke

Friday Mornings, Chick Fil A

Cyndi King
- The book of Luke



Night of Praise
February 19th
7:00 PM
Common Grounds
Praise and a Pie Bar

Monday Evenings, 6:00pm



**Women's Faith, Fellowship
and Accountability (FFA)**

Contact Nina
nina.wilhite@hotmail.com
(817) 517-9736

NewComer's Class & Luncheon

Since we have people attending our church from every type of church background, we have established an on-going class that provides basic information about our church. We would like to invite you to our NewComer's Class & Dinner. We request that all new members attend this class. We also invite those who have not yet joined our church, or have returned to our church family, and wish to learn more about our church home. As a part of the class, we will explain what we believe, how we operate, our vision, and a little about the background of our church. This informal setting will allow you the opportunity to ask questions and grow in your understanding of the ministries of our church.

Our next class is Sunday, February 28th, at 12:15pm, in our Fellowship Hall. Lunch and childcare are included. Please rsvp at the Welcome Desk or email mrbcinfo@matthewroad.org.



Parents Night Out



Parents Night Out is back!
We no longer always meet on the third Friday
of each month, so check out the new dates:

February 19th
March 11th
April 29th
May 27th
June 24th
July 15th
No PNO in August

Please note: You must RSVP to cyndikking@msn.com to ensure your child's spot.

SAVE THE DATE

- ☞ February 19th - Women's Worship Evening (WWE) There will be pie, coffee and worship. More info to come!
- ☞ March 4th-5th - Living Proof Women's Conf.
- ☞ April 9th - Women's Hospitality Training Seminar, see Rachel for info
- ☞ July 6th - 11th - Trip to Destin, cost \$350.

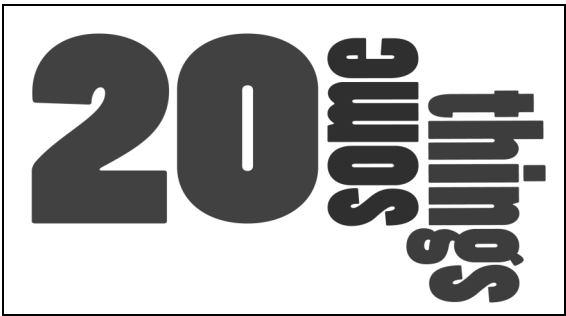
**LIVING
PROOF**
live

Women's Retreat
March 4 - 5, 2016
see Rachel for Info



Destin
July 6th - 11th
(Wednesday to Monday)
Cost \$350
Deposit \$200 due by March 1

20Somethings & Singles



Contact Rachel at rachel@matthewroad.org to find out the latest events & activities!

Activities:

- ☺ February 6, 2016 : SIngles Conference
- ☺ June 25 - 30, 2016: Destin, cost \$350
- ☺ July 24th - 30th: Mission trip to Mexico, cost \$250, see Rachel

Classes:

- ~ Sunday Morning 9:45 am: Daniel Sweet leading Explore God, part of the Explore God.com movement (Ed Bldg)
- ~ Sunday Night 5:30 pm: Jared Scott leading a study in Ephesians (Fellowship Hall)
- ~ Wednesday Night 6:45pm: Steve Hines leading Acts/Epistles (Teller Room)

SINGLES

Night of Praise, talk, food and fun

When: February 5th, 7PM
Where: Matthew Road Baptist Church, Common Grounds
What: Game - Battle of the Genders
Worship, Devotional, Panel Discussion, Pie Bar
Cost: Free

Join us for a night of fun, two Fridays before SIngles Awareness Day (Valentines). Three churches are joining together to celebrate out life in Jesus, play games, worship together and eat pie. Who can ask for more?

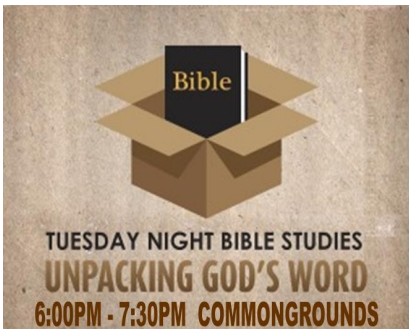
To sign up contact: rachel@matthewroad.org or stephen@matthewroad.org

College



Class: Sunday Morning, 9:45am
Ed. Bldng., 2nd Flr.
Teacher: Kevin & Caitlin Marek
Studying: various books of the Bible

Contact Steve at stephen@matthewroad.org to find out the latest events & activities!



February 2016 Events & Activities

For more information, please see our website, www.matthewroad.org, or call the church office at 972-641-2717.

- February 3rd -**
~ Finance Committee Meeting, 5:30pm, Church Office
- February 4th -**
~ Young @ Heart Breakfast at Outlaws, 8:30am
- February 5th -**
~ 20Somethings SIngles Event, see newsletter, Rachel or Stephen
- February 10th -**
~ Quarterly Business Meeting, 6pm, Fellowship Hall
- February 19th -**
~ Parents Night Out, 6:30pm, Worship Center ***Must RSVP to cyndikking@msn.com**
~ Women's Ministry Night of Praise, 7:00pm, CommonGrounds, see Rachel
- February 23rd -**
~ K - 12th Preview Night, 6:30pm, Worship Center
- February 28th -**
~ Newcomer's Class & Luncheon, 12:15pm, Fellowship Hall

Discipleship

Sunday Nights:

- ◇ 20Somethings - Fellowship Hall, 5:30pm
- ◇ Adult Discipleship - Sanctuary, 5:30pm
- ◇ Ladies Bible Study - Conference Room, 5:30pm
- ◇ Young Marrieds Bible Study - Library, 5:30pm
- ◇ Adult Couples Class - Fellowship Hall, 5:30pm
- ◇ Guy Talk for youth - CommonGrounds, 5:30pm, see Zach for exact location
- ◇ Girl Talk for youth - CommonGrounds, 5:30pm, see Zach for exact location
- ◇ MD² for children - Education Building, 5:30pm

Wednesday Nights:

- ◇ AWANA for children - Ed. Building, 6:30pm
- ◇ Collide for youth - CommonGrounds, 6:30pm
- ◇ Adult Bible Studies - Library, 6:45pm
- ◇ Women's Bible Study - Conference Room, 6:45pm
- ◇ 20Somethings Bible Study - Teller Room, 6:45pm

Regular Scheduled Activities

Sundays	
Morning Worship	8:30 & 11:00am
Morning Bible Study (all ages)	9:45am
Evening Bible Study (all ages)	5:30pm
7:17 Service	6:45pm
Mondays	
K2 Primary Academy	8:45am
PAW Program	9:00am
Women's Bible Study	6:00pm
Tuesdays	
MRA (during school year)	8:30am
Young @ Heart Activities	9:45am
College Bible Study	6:00pm
Wednesdays	
K2 Primary Academy	8:45am
PAW Program	9:00am
Wednesday Night Dinner	5:15pm
Proclamation (youth choir)	5:45pm
Children's Choir	6:00pm
Collide (youth)	6:30pm
Adult Choir	6:30pm
AWANA (children)	6:30pm
Adult Bible Study	6:45pm
20Somethings	6:45pm
Thursdays	
MRA (during school year)	8:30am
Fridays	
Chick time at Chick-Fil-A	9:00am
Saturdays	
Men's Coffee Group (Good Day Caf�, GP)	7:30am

Average Morning Attendance for January: 373

Average 7:17 Service Attendance for January: 165

Financials as of December 27, 2015

Budget Income	\$ 1,020,304
Budget Expense	\$ (1,015,074)
Net Budget	\$ 5,230