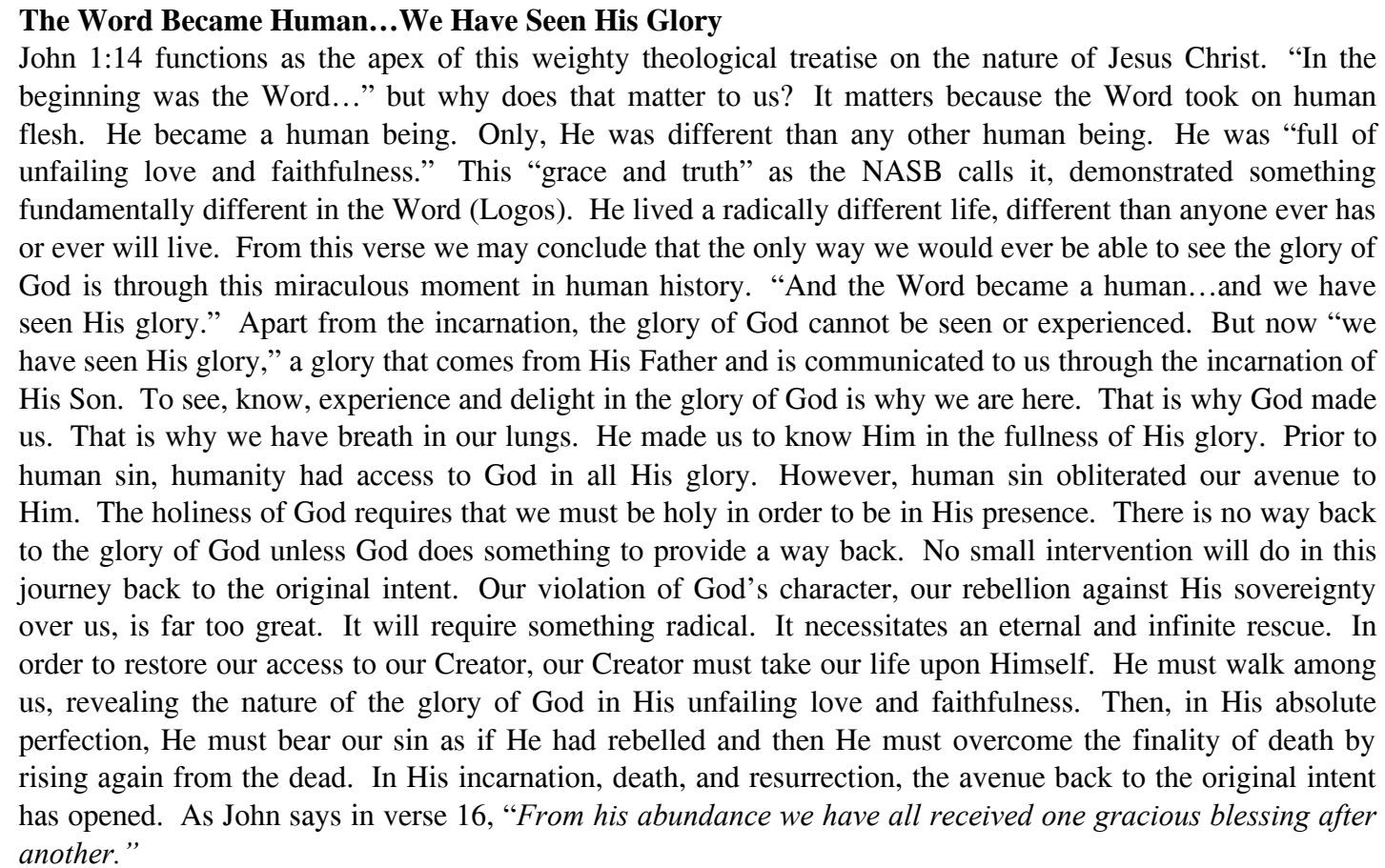


*“<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. <sup>4</sup>In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. <sup>5</sup>The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.” John 1:1-5*

(NLT) “<sup>9</sup>The one who is the true light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He came into the very world he created, but the world didn’t recognize him. <sup>11</sup>He came to his own people, and even they rejected him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. <sup>13</sup>They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God. <sup>14</sup>So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father’s one and only Son. <sup>15</sup>John testified about him when he shouted to the crowds, “This is the one I was talking about when I said, ‘Someone is coming after me who is far greater than I am, for he existed long before me.’” <sup>16</sup>From his abundance we have all received one gracious blessing after another. <sup>17</sup>For the law was given through Moses, but God’s unfailing love and faithfulness came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God. But the unique One, who is himself God, is near to the Father’s heart. He has revealed God to us.” John 1:9-18



In verse 18, John restates the nature of God’s revelation to us through His Son Jesus Christ. “No one has ever seen God. But...He has revealed God to us.” Remember Moses’ desire to see the glory of God in Exodus 33. “Show me Your glory,” came the request. “No one can see Me and live,” came God’s response. Israel lived under the pressing nature of the Law and their inability to fulfill it. God gave the Law through Moses, but because of human sin the Law could never restore us to God. The Law simply identifies the severity of our need. Outside of the Word becoming a human being, the incarnation of God in the man Jesus Christ, no one can ever see God. Now, in Christ, God can be seen and understood. In fact, in Christ that glory of God can be seen, experienced, and delighted in forever and ever. The title for Jesus from verse 1 comes full circle. He is the Logos, the Word, the very revelation of God to humanity.

## Praying with a Contrite Heart:

A hand holding a stethoscope with a heart icon on the chest piece, positioned over a red ECG line.

As part of the 40 days, we will host a **6 hour prayer vigil** on Sunday, September 25, Noon to 6PM. Additionally, we will gather as a congregation at selected times during each week of the 40 days. We also have the following corporate prayer times:

- Sunday mornings at 7:50 AM in the conference room
- Sunday evenings at 7:50 PM in the conference room
- Tuesdays at 12:15 PM in the worship center
- Wednesdays at 8:00 PM in the conference room

Be sure to check [www.matthewroad.org](http://www.matthewroad.org) for daily updates and our community blog. The entire copy of the book will also be available online.

## Children's Ministry



### AWANA HAS BEGUN!

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

\*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.

Would you pray about joining the Awana team this year?  
Or do you know anyone who might be a good fit  
for this ministry opportunity?

Contact Brittany at [brittanymrbc@gmail.com](mailto:brittanymrbc@gmail.com) if you would like to participate in the amazing ministry!



**Sunday Nights 5:30pm**  
**Education Building**  
**2nd floor**



For kids in kindergarten through 6th grade - Join us for games on the front lawn (weather permitting) followed by girls and boys Bible studies focused on becoming disciples who go into the world to make disciples. This fall we will finish our study on the book of Matthew.



### Sunday School

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



**Save the Date! Preteen Retreat at Mt. Lebanon**  
**Friday-Saturday, November 10-11**  
**for kids in 3rd-6th grades.**  
**Cost: \$40**

**Fall Festival is coming!**  
**Monday, October 31st**  
**6:00pm - 8:00pm**  
**MORE INFO TO COME!**



Want to stay up to date with us on facebook?  
Like our page at [facebook.com/mrbcchildrens](https://www.facebook.com/mrbcchildrens)

Questions regarding the children's ministry  
or how you can join the leadership team?  
Email [brittanymrbc@gmail.com](mailto:brittanymrbc@gmail.com).

## Mary Hill Davis Offering



### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR TEXAS MISSIONS: SEPTEMBER 11-18

Understanding that missions is what believers do to reach beyond the needs of their congregations to witness and minister for the purpose of fulfilling the Great Commission, WMU of Texas designed the Mary Hill Davis Offering to advance Texas Baptist missionary efforts to help people come to know Christ. Therefore, it is the goal of the WMU of Texas to strengthen and support Texas missions opportunities through the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

During the Week of Prayer for Texas Missions, prayer guides will be distributed. You are encouraged to pray for the eight mission projects featured in the prayer guide. Our church's goal for the Mary Hill Davis Offering is \$5,000. You are encouraged to seek God's will as to how He wants you to participate.

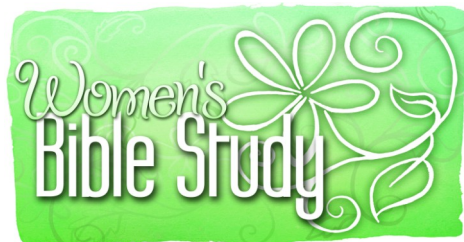
### Get Connected

**Missed a sermon?**  
**Want to share our sermon series**  
**with a friend or family member?**

**Check out our website and**  
**listen to or download our sermons:**  
**[www.matthewroad.org](http://www.matthewroad.org)**



## Women's Ministry



### Weekly Bible Studies:

#### Sunday mornings

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

#### Sunday nights

Meg Trihus - the Epistles

#### Monday Nights

(please contact the office for the summer schedule)

Nina Wilhite - OT Survey, Beginning  
Sept. 12th, 6:30pm, Conf. Rm.

Diana Hines - Precept Leviticus  
Study, Beginning Sept. 12th,  
7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

#### Wednesday Nights

Cyndi King - the book of Luke

#### Friday Mornings, Chick Fil A

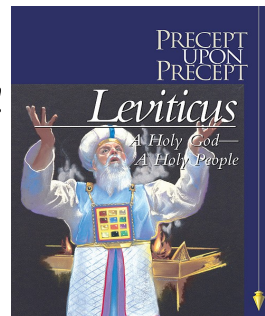
Cyndi King - The book of Luke

### Precept Leviticus 8 Week Study

Begins Monday, September 12th, 7:00pm!

A few books are available.

Cost: \$16 for book



## She Teaches...

Women's Conference, September 17th, Cost \$10

8:30am - 3:15pm

(MUST RSVP CHILDCARE, \$5 PER CHILD)

RSVP by Monday, September 12th to [diana@matthewroad.org](mailto:diana@matthewroad.org)  
or call the church office at 972.641.2717.

### COVENANTS

Dr. Hedin - OT covenants

Dr. Bullock - NT covenants

Dr. Kim Sweet, M.D. - Church covenants

Small group tracks include a covenant look at marriage, childrearing, raising of teenagers, friendship, adults honoring their parents, grand mothering and Don't Waste Your Life.

Snack breakfast, Lunch & CHOCOLATE included!



## Youth Ministry

Small Group Bible Studies have begun!

#### High School Girls - 6:30pm-7:30pm on Thursdays

Shannon Prater- (214-536-8751), Greg Prater- (214-536-9051)

Address - 4405 Browning Ln Grand Prairie, TX 75052

Leader: Christine Wehrli - (682) 551-9831

#### High School Guys - Geisendorffs - 6:30pm-8:00pm on Mondays

Ed Geisendorff - (469-236-6052), Angela Geisendorff - (972-602-3866)

Address - 4646 Betts Dr. Grand Prairie, TX

Nick Breedlove (Student Helper) (214-605-3629)

Garrett Halsell (Student Helper) - (972-824-3929)

#### High School Guys - Kings - 6:30pm-8:00pm on Mondays

Doug King - (214-557-5437), Cyndi King - (214-762-9437)

Address - 4106 Devon Ct. Grand Prairie, TX

Leader: Weston Southers - (972-834-2094)

Daniel King (Student Helper) - (214-304-0190)

#### Middle School Girls - 7:00-8:00pm on Tuesdays

Glen McGregor - (318-469-7132), Kim McGregor - (318-469-2186)

Address - 2820 Plume Ct. Cedar Hill, TX

Leader: Chelsea Galbraith- (214-729-8278)

Annabelle McClellin (Student Helper) - (469-503-8449)

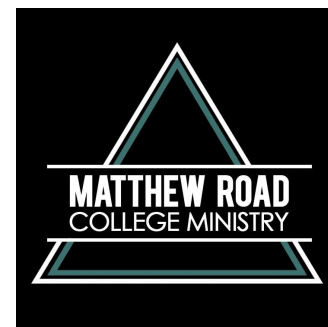
#### Middle School Guys - 6:30pm - 8:00pm on Mondays

Eli Moreno (817-727-9576), Ana Moreno (817-727-9517)

Address - 2235 Tawny Owl Rd Grand Prairie, TX

Leader: Dante James (Intern) - (972) 834-0336

## College Ministry



### Thursday Night Hang Out -

Thursday, 6:30pm, 2514 Channing Dr, GP, 75052

### Sunday Bible Study -

Sunday, 5:30pm, MRBC

### Sunday Service -

Sunday, 6:45pm, Sanctuary

Dinner after Service, place TBD

## Grace Groups

Do you or someone you know struggle with a mental health difficulty? Grace groups focus on the positive with each meeting hopefully ending in greater understanding and vision concerning mental health difficulties. Our Grace Group does allow time to share pressing needs and pray for one another; however, our focus each week is on learning how to filter difficulties through God's grace and implementing the many practical skills and tools presented during the meetings.

Family Grace group (for someone supporting a loved one with a mental health difficulty) meets on Monday evenings at 6:30 in the Teller room. Contact Greg or Meg Trihus ([greg\\_trihus@sil.org](mailto:greg_trihus@sil.org), or [meg\\_trihus@wycliffe.org](mailto:meg_trihus@wycliffe.org)) for more information.

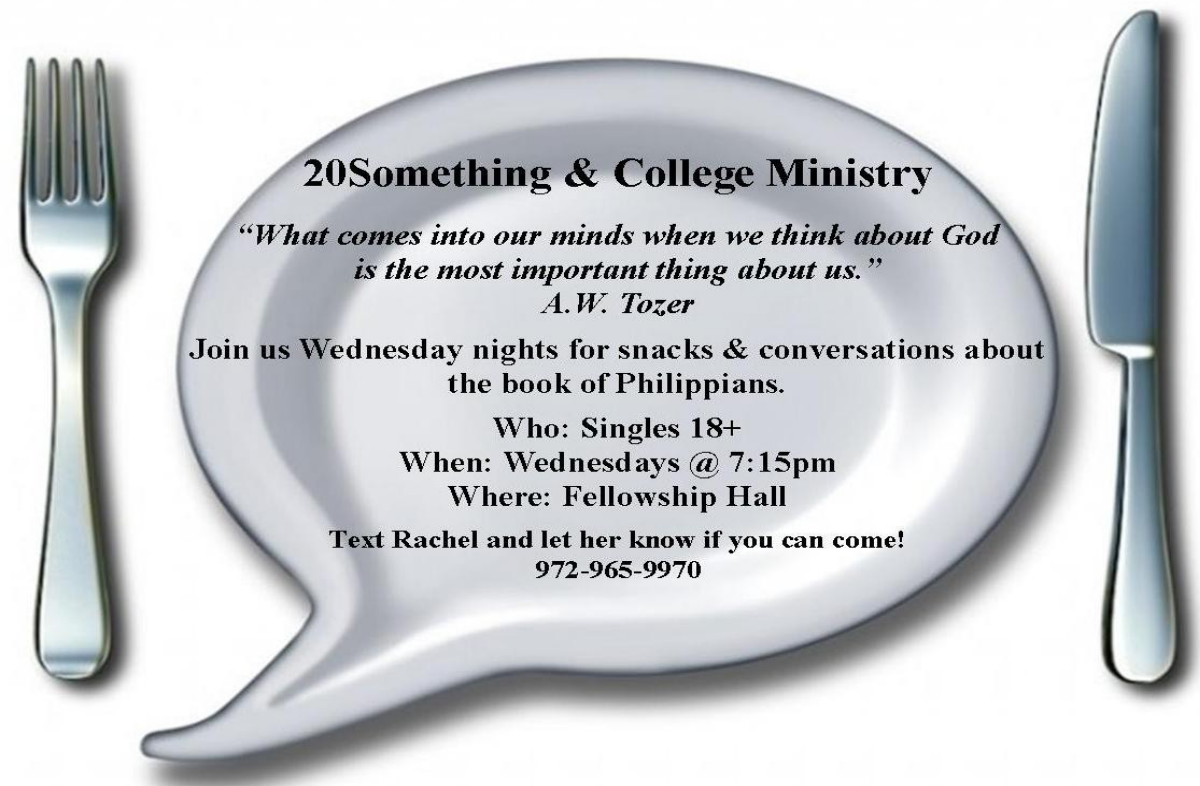
Living Grace group (for someone struggling with a mental illness) meets on Thursday evenings at 6:30 in the Teller room. Contact George Fritts ([gfrittslpcintern@gmail.com](mailto:gfrittslpcintern@gmail.com)) for more info.



## 20Somethings & College Ministry

# 20some things

Contact Rachel at [rachel@matthewroad.org](mailto:rachel@matthewroad.org)  
to find out the latest events & activities!



### Classes:

- ~ Sunday Morning 9:45 am: Jeff Morris leading
- ~ Second Sunday after 7:17
- ~ Wednesday Night 7:15pm: Dinner and Discussion



## Updated September 2016 Events & Activities

For more information, please see our website, [www.matthewroad.org](http://www.matthewroad.org), or call the church office at 972-641-2717.

- September 5th:** Church Office Closed in Observance of Labor Day
- September 7th:** Finance Committee Meeting, 5:30pm, Teller Room  
AWANA begins, 6:30pm, MRBC Campus
- September 10th:** Deacon Training, 8:15pm, see Steve Hines  
Youth Back to School Outreach, 6:00pm, see Zach
- September 12th:** Women's OT Survey Class begins, 6:30pm, Conference Room  
Women's Leviticus Precepts Study begins, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall
- September 17th:** Women's Conference, 8:30am, Worship Center
- September 21st:** Finance Committee Meeting, 5:30pm, Teller Room
- September 23rd:** Parents Night Out, 6:30pm, MUST RSVP to [cyndikking@msn.com](mailto:cyndikking@msn.com)
- September 25th:** Blood Drive, 8:00am - 12:pm, see Tiffany Halsell  
40 Days of Prayer - 6 Hour Prayer Vigil, 12:00pm, room tbd

## Discipleship

### Sunday Nights:

- ◇ College - Fellowship Hall, 5:30pm
- ◇ Adult Discipleship - Choir Room, 5:30pm
- ◇ Ladies Bible Study - Conference Room, 5:30pm
- ◇ Young Marrieds Bible Study - Fellowship Hall, 5:30pm
- ◇ Adult Couples Class - Library, 5:30pm
- ◇ Guy Talk for youth - Common Grounds, 5:30pm, see Zach for exact location
- ◇ Girl Talk for youth - Common Grounds, 5:30pm, see Zach for exact location
- ◇ MD<sup>2</sup> for children - Education Building, 5:30pm

### Wednesday Nights:

- ◇ Awana Club for children - Ed. Building, 6:30pm
- ◇ Collide for youth - Common Grounds, 6:30pm
- ◇ Women's Bible Study - Conference Room, 6:45pm
- ◇ 20Somethings/College Bible Study - Fellowship Hall, 7:15pm

### 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	6:47pm

#### Mondays

K2 Primary Academy (during the school year)	8:45am
PAW Program	9:00am
Women's Bible Study (during the school year)	6:30pm & 7:00pm

#### Tuesdays

MRA (during the school year)	8:30am
Young @ Heart Activities	9:45am

#### Wednesdays

K2 Primary Academy (during the school year)	8:45am
PAW Program	9:00am
Collide (youth)	6:30pm
Adult Choir (during the school year)	6:30pm
Wacky Wednesdays (children)	6:30pm
20Somethings/College	7:15pm

#### Thursdays

MRA (during school year)	8:30am
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#### Fridays

Chick time at Chick-Fil-A	9:00am
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#### Saturdays

Men's Coffee Group (Good Day Café, GP)	7:30am
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Average Morning Attendance for August: 397

Average 7:17 Service Attendance for August: 158

### Financials as of August 19, 2016

Budget Income	\$ 667,787
Budget Expense	\$ (652,378)
Net Budget	\$ 15,409