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## I Am Not Ashamed

*“<sup>16</sup>For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. <sup>17</sup>For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “BUT THE RIGHTEOUS man SHALL LIVE BY FAITH.” Romans 1:16-17*

### I Am Not Ashamed

Paul’s boldness in the Gospel carried him to ends of the earth. He spoke with great confidence in the presence of governors and kings. He spoke boldly in synagogues and Greek philosophical schools. He spoke boldly to soldiers and slaves. He had no shame in declaring this message. The word “Gospel” means “Good News.” Paul saw himself as an ambassador sent by a king to deliver the good news of the terms of peace to those at war (II Corinthians 5:17-21). We have committed cosmic treason and have declared our loyalty to the advisories of God Himself. God, in His mercy, has offered us terms of peace at a tremendous price, the price of the death of His Son, Jesus Christ, in our place. This is good news and Paul sought to take this good news to the whole world. He viewed his calling to preach this “good news” as a fulfillment of his servitude to His Master, Jesus Christ. He willingly made great personal sacrifices in his assignment. He laid down his life for this message. He had no shame. Why was he so bold in the “good news” of Jesus Christ? He gives the reason, “for it is the power of God for salvation.” There is nothing warranting shame. God’s power for salvation becomes evident when the Gospel is declared. Everyone who believes in the good news of Jesus Christ experiences this saving power.

### The Righteousness of God

The power of God comes into a person’s life the moment they believe. The power of God in the good news is this, that when we have faith in Jesus Christ, God’s power makes us righteous in His eyes. This supernatural work of God changes the standing of unrighteous sinners. We were unrighteous rebels, dying in our treasonous sin. God, in Christ, declares us to be righteous in His sight. In Christ, God’s supreme power changes our legal standing before God. Before we believed in Christ, we stood condemned. He was fully justified to hold us accountable for every sin we have ever committed. We were unjust, unholy, unrighteous, and completely undone. When we put our faith in Christ, God performed a divine, legal work. He took us as unjust sinners and declared us to be righteous in His eyes. How can we be right before God when we are sinners? Does God merely turn a blind eye to our sin? No. He demonstrates His power in all facets of salvation. First, His power is manifested in the resurrection of His Son. In great power, He brought back Jesus from the dead. Second, not only does Jesus defeat sin and death through the power of His resurrection, God’s power provides for us the righteousness of Jesus Christ. Christ’s righteousness is an unbelievable gift that He grants freely to all believers. When a person believes in Jesus Christ, confessing our sin and embracing His perfect life, God saves them. When we are willing to acknowledge our state of spiritual death and to receive His death in our place, God justifies us in His eyes. When we see our eternal separation from God because of our sin while also seeing His resurrection power on display in Jesus Christ, God declares us righteous in His sight. God takes the faithfulness and righteousness of His Son, Jesus Christ, and credits His faithfulness and righteousness to our account. On the cross, God treated Jesus Christ as if He had committed all of my sins. In Christ, God now treats me as if I had lived the faithful and righteous life of Jesus Christ. When we receive the perfect gift of Christ’s death in our place, and the perfect gift of Christ’s righteousness for us, then and only then are we justified in the sight of God.

This message is too wonderful to contain. Paul boldly declared this powerful message of hope to the world. We too, must say, we are not ashamed of this powerful, transforming message. God saves sinners through faith in His Son, Jesus Christ!

~ Daniel



## Ride to Rescue

### Coming Sunday, April 30th!

Join us Sunday, April 30th, 3:00pm, at Lynn Creek Park Pavilion #2, as we gather for a time of fun, fellowship & food!

We are raising donations for orphan support, medical/dental supplies, educational materials, general health & social services for the Karen refugee camps in Thailand.

We will begin with our trip riding, walking or running, across Joe Pool Lake Dam. Then we will enjoy a BBQ dinner, followed by worship at the lake.

Sign up today at [www.matthewroad.org](http://www.matthewroad.org)!





## Children's Ministry

Calling all 5th & 6th graders to join us for...

### Area 56 Warrior Day

**Drop off/pick up:** David & Kaylyn's House  
3011 Brookwood Ct, Grand Prairie 75052

\*We will caravan to Obstacle Warrior Kids (Dallas) from there & return for pizza and Bible study.

**When:** Saturday, March 4

**Time:** 1-7:30pm

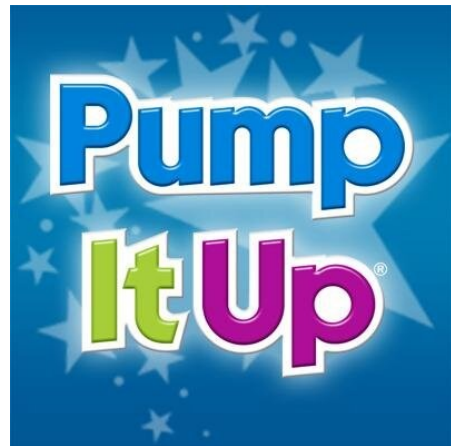
**Cost:** \$20

**Bring:** Completed & Signed Liability Forms and Waiver for Ninja Warrior Dallas  
([obstaclewarriorkids.com/dallas](http://obstaclewarriorkids.com/dallas))

\*See Brittany for all REQUIRED forms.

RSVP by February 28 to [brittanymrbc@gmail.com](mailto:brittanymrbc@gmail.com)

David & Kaylyn are our Sunday morning Area 56 Bible study teachers. They have two wonderful kids of their own, Lily (5) and Luke (2), and are committed to seeing preteen kids know God and the power of His Word.



### Spring Break Fun Day at Pump It Up Arlington (Eden Rd)

**When:** Tuesday, March 14

**Time:** 11a-12:30p

**Cost:** \$8 per jumper

(Siblings are welcome and parents jump for free!)

*\*Meet at 11:45 to submit liability forms and payment. See Brittany for Pump it Up Liability form. No transportation provided.*

**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.



## Easter Weekend Services & Activities

### Good Friday Service with Lord's Supper

Friday, April 14th, 7:00pm

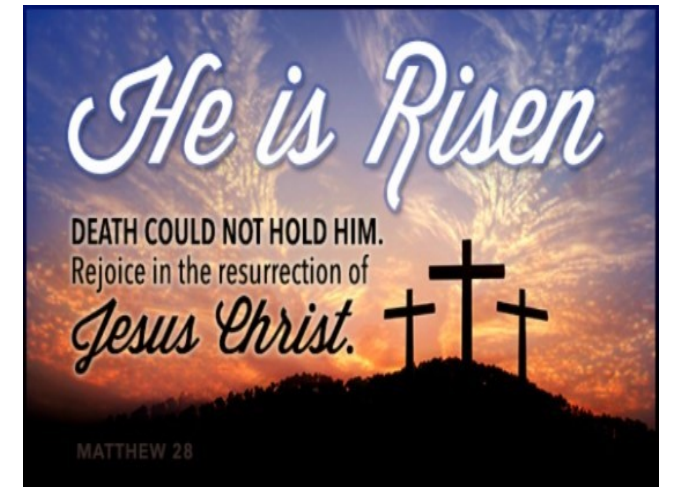
### Sunrise Service

Sunday, April 16th, 7:30am

muffins to follow

### Regularly Scheduled Worship Services

8:30am, 11:00am and 6:45pm



## Investing in others

### Brighter Tomorrows Outreach

May 6th

One opportunity we have to support the ladies at the Brighter Tomorrow Women's Shelter is by providing Payless Gift Cards.

You may donate a \$15 card, or drop \$15 in the offering, designated "Payless Gift Card".

Please see Rachel for more info!

## Daylight Savings

**Daylight Savings Time**  
**Begins Sunday,**  
**March 12th!**  
**Set your clocks**  
**ahead 1 hour**  
**before going to**  
**bed Saturday.**

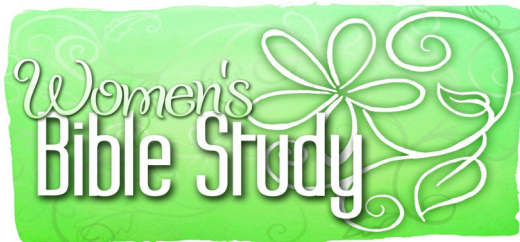




## Women's Ministry

### She Teaches

Women's Ministry on MRBC's campus uses Psalm 1 as a guide.  
 A Psalm 1 woman is rooted in the Word of God, allowing the Word to be a stream of truth that will bear fruit in her life.  
 As she goes, she will teach that the Lord is good... to her family, her friends, and everyone she encounters.



### Weekly Bible Studies:

#### Sunday mornings

Rachel Sullenger & Tiffany Marich  
 - the book of Acts  
 Joy Richards & Chris Anderson  
 - 1st, 2nd & 3rd John

#### Sunday nights

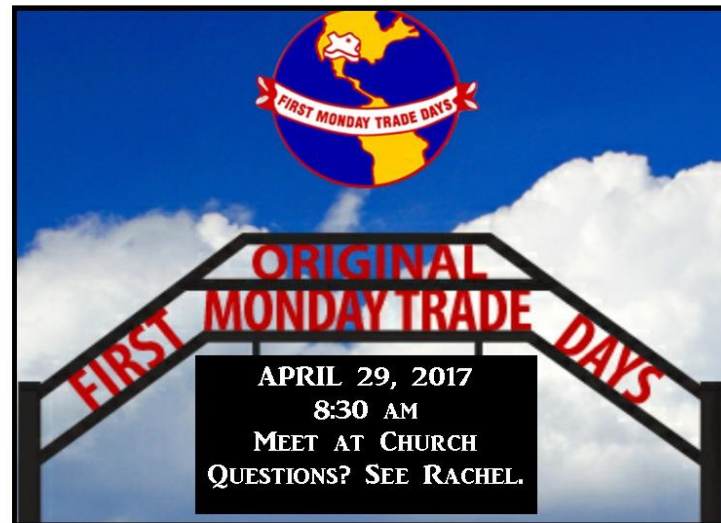
Meg Trihus - the Epistles

#### Wednesday Nights

Cyndi King - the book of Luke

#### Friday Mornings, Chick Fil A (Camp Wisdom Location)

Cyndi King - 9:00 am - The book of Acts



## SAVE THE DATE

- March 31 to April 1 - Family Campout - see big ad
- April 29 - Canton Trip
- May 6 - Brighter Tomorrow's Mothers Day (Ministry to Women at the women's shelter.)
- June 27 thru July 1 - Colossians on the Comal River, cost \$400 pp, 15 people, then add a cottage
- September 29 - Women's Conference, cost \$10pp
- October 21 - Operation Christmas Child

...more to come

# Colossians on the Comal

**Cost: \$400**  
**Dates: June 27 - July 1**  
**Reserve your spot with a \$100 deposit.**

Have you ever been on a sabbatical? Have you ever taken time to really just put aside the things of this world and see what the Lord can teach you in a few days as you luxuriate in the truth of his word? Join us as we do that. We will soak up Colossians. On the fifth day, we will return home to then pour out what we've learned into the lives of others.

*We only have 18 spots. Secure your reservation today with your \$100 deposit.  
 Have questions or need to RSVP? Contact [rachel@matthewroad.org](mailto:rachel@matthewroad.org).*

## Youth Ministry

### Small Group Bible Studies

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

Steve & Deana Lewis, 5120 Clydesdale Drive, GP, 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. GP, 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. GP, TX

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

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 GP, TX

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

We are starting a new study over the book of Acts on Wednesday nights starting March 1<sup>st</sup>. We would love for our students to attend these Wednesday nights as we dive into this awesome and impactful study!!

We will also be starting a new study over the book of Colossians on Sunday nights. We will be doing an in depth study of this book as we look at how Jesus is the Lord over all creation and how He has secured redemption for His people.

Just to do a quick re-cap of DNow this past weekend we had a fantastic time! We had main group sessions at Connect Church where we worshipped with over 300 students and adult leaders. Tyrone Christian was our speaker this past weekend and Jameson Strain led us in worship. I want to personally thank all of our host home parents and adult volunteers for their time and efforts this past weekend. I am very grateful for the new relationships that were built and look forward to those relationships growing!

In Christ, Matt Brown



## College Ministry

### SMALL groups

change happens in circles, not rows

Guys, Tuesday Nights, 6:30pm - 8:30pm  
 @ MRBC, CommonGrounds,  
 lead by Zach Van Veldhuizen

Ladies, Tuesday Nights, 6:30pm - 8:30pm  
 @ 2514 Channing Drive, GP TX 75052,  
 led by Caroline Van Veldhuizen

Guys, Saturday Mornings, 9:00am - 11:00am  
 @ MRBC, CommonGrounds led by Kevin Marek

Ladies, Saturday Mornings, 9:00am - 11:00am  
 @ 1310 N. Cockrell Hill Rd #1028, Dallas TX, 75211, led by Caitlin Marek

Also Sundays, 9:45am & 5:30pm @ MRBC, see Welcome Desk for info

## MATTHEW ROAD COLLEGE MINISTRY

THURSDAY NIGHT HANG OUT - @ 6:30 PM - 2514 CHANNING DR 75052

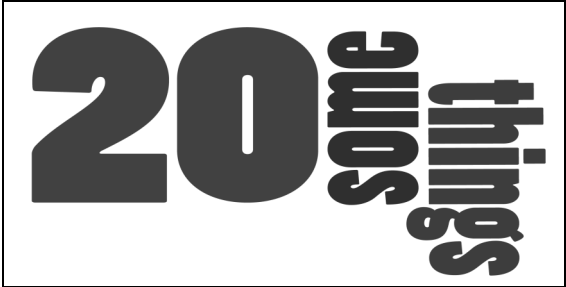
SUNDAY SCHOOL - @ 5:30 PM - MATTHEW ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

SUNDAY SERVICE - @ 8:45 PM - MATTHEW ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH  
 DINNER AFTER SERVICE - TBD

QUESTIONS? TEXT ZACH (210)818-8002

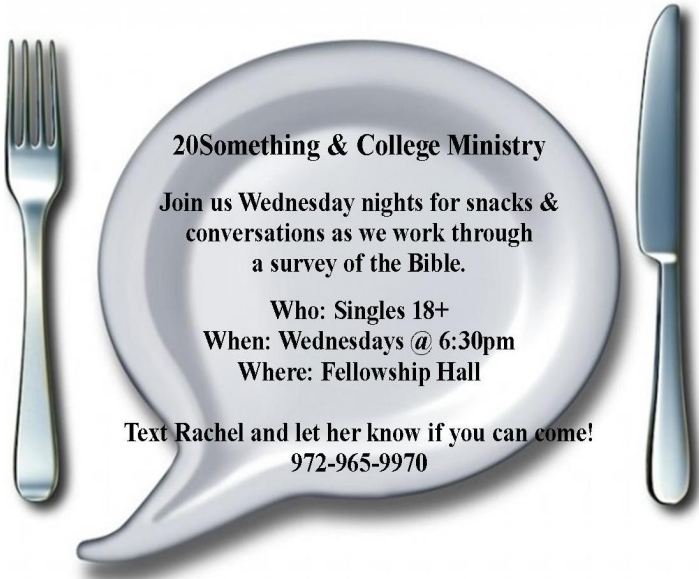


20Somethings



Classes:  
~ Sunday Morning 9:45 am: Jeff Morris leading  
~ Wednesday Night 6:30pm: Food and Discussion

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



Missions



March 2017 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.

- March 2nd:**  
~ Young @ Heart Breakfast at Outlaws, 8:30am  
**March 4th:**  
~ Area 56 Warrior Day, Off Campus, see Brittany for information  
**March 8th:**  
~ Personnel Meeting, 8:00pm, Conference Room  
**March 12th:**  
~ Daylight Savings Time begins. Set clock ahead 1 hour before going to bed Saturday Night.  
**March 13th-15th:**  
~ Youth Spring Break Mission Days, see Matt for information  
**March 14th:**  
~ Children's Spring Break Fun Day, see ad  
**March 15th:**  
~ No Wednesday Night Dinner  
**March 24th:**  
~ Parents Night Out, 6:30pm, Worship Center  
Must RSVP to [cyndikking@msn.com](mailto:cyndikking@msn.com)

Spring Forward  
March 12th!

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 Matt for exact location
  - ◇ Girl Talk for youth - Common Grounds, 5:30pm, see Matt 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
  - ◇ 20Somethings/College Bible Study - Fellowship Hall, 6:30pm
  - ◇ Adult Bible Study - Library, 6:45pm
  - ◇ Women's Bible Study - Conference Room, 6:45pm

Regular Scheduled Activities

<b>Sundays</b>	
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
<b>Mondays</b>	
K2 Primary Academy (during the school year)	8:45am
PAW Program	9:00am
<b>Tuesdays</b>	
MRA (during the school year)	8:30am
Young @ Heart Activities	9:45am
<b>Wednesdays</b>	
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	6:30pm
Adult Bible Studies	6:45pm
<b>Thursdays</b>	
MRA (during school year)	8:30am
<b>Fridays</b>	
Chick time at Chick-Fil-A (Camp Wisdom)	9:00am
<b>Saturdays</b>	
Men's Coffee Group (Good Day Café, GP)	7:30am

Financials as of February 17, 2017

Budget Income	\$ 121,510
Budget Expense	\$ (125,277)
Net Budget	\$ (3,766)

Average Morning Attendance for February: 368

Average 7:17 Service Attendance for February: 142