

Ephesians 2:1-7

"¹And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, ²in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. ³Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus."

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The Deadness of Death

These ten verses contain the content of pure Gospel. This section of scripture tells us both the what and the why of salvation. We were dead in our sins. We were not sick or mortally wounded or having a bad day. We were dead and in our condition of death we "lived" as dead people "live." We looked alive on the outside. The heart beats, lungs breathed, and our biological systems all seemed functional. However, on the inside, in the spiritual realm of our lives we died. Sin killed us and, in that, death drug us into a world of dominance by the evil and selfishness that so pervades our fallen world. Since we were dead, we were incapable of rectifying the situation. Dead people cannot save themselves. Dead people do not even realize that they are dead. The divine consequence of human rebellion set in motion the death process so that just as Adam and Eve died because of their sin, all people have been swept under that same consequence. We die because we are connected to our ancestors. Our ancestors represented us before God. Adam and Eve decided that freedom from God was more appealing than dependence upon God. In the end, they chose death over life. In doing so, they plunged us all into ruin. We could complain about their representation but all of us embrace their stance on the matter. All of us choose to rebel against the will of God, refusing to completely submit our wills to Him who made us. Paul says that we "were dead in our trespasses and sins in which you formerly walked." No more striking words could have ever been written concerning our life outside of Jesus Christ. Before Christ came into our lives, we lived (walked) in a state of spiritual death, completely unable to alter our circumstance.

Divine Intervention, "But God..."

The finality of death is so clear in the physical world that if someone is really dead we only call a doctor to confirm it and not to reverse it. This physical reality communicates the spiritual reality that Paul wants us to consider here. If someone is dead, the only way for death to be reversed is if God intervenes on their behalf. Dead people cannot revive themselves. Even living people cannot revive the dead. There is only One who has the power over death. God Himself is the only one who can give life and take it. Only God can give life back again to those who are dead. Just as God raised Jesus from the dead three days after His crucifixion, God raises spiritually dead people. We need Him. We cannot do this on our own. This is why no amount of good works, religious activities, happy thoughts, or self-denials can ever fix our plight. We are dead and dead people cannot revive themselves. "But God...made us alive." He raises the spiritually dead in the same way that He raised His physically dead Son.

Divine Motivation, "So that..."

Why would God do this? Why would God grant life to dead sinners? He does this because of the richness of His mercy and love and grace and kindness. He gives spiritual life to dead rebels so that He can show the true nature of His character. "So that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus." When God saves you, you become God's grace on display. For the ages to come, from now until all eternity, God's grace is and will be prominently on display in your life. When we see the severity of our condition and when we can see the monumental intervention by God, God Himself looks all the more glorious. In doing things just the way that He has, we understand that we are loved by the highest and greatest imaginable love. In doing it this way, God's grace is seen as the highest and greatest imaginable grace. God receives great honor and we receive great love. This is the Gospel. We were dead in our sins. God intervened as only God can. He made us alive in His Son, Jesus Christ. The same way that He raised Jesus Christ from the dead physically, He has raised us up from our spiritual death. He saved us because of His love for us and because of His desire to demonstrate His great grace for all of the universe to see, both now and forever.

~ Daniel

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Children's Ministry



Wacky Wednesdays - Brick by Brick: Systematic Theology for Kids with Lego Challenges & Wet Games on the Lawn, 6:30pm-8pm through August 23rd.

Preteen Camp at Sabine Creek Ranch July 10th-13th, \$220 To register see Brittany Forms & Money due by July 1st.



Sunday School

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



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 spring we will finish our study on the book of Matthew.



Want to stay up to date with us on facebook? Like our page at facebook.com/mrbccchildrens

Questions regarding the children's ministry or how you can join the leadership team? Email brittanymrbc@gmail.com.

Church Office Closed



MRA Summer Camp

MRA SUMMER IS MOVING FULL STEAM AHEAD

FOR COMPLETED 1ST THROUGH 6TH GRADE

SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING ART & MATH

- Experiments
- Lego Robotics
- Painting
- Arts, and Crafts
- Wacky Water Day
- Guest Speakers
- Games and more....

MRA SUMMER CAMP

MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS 9 AM TO 2 PM JULY 10TH THRU AUGUST 2ND

4 Week Cost

- 1 Student \$175
- 2 Students \$300
- 3 Students \$425

Single Week Cost

- 1 Student \$50/wk
- 2 Students \$90/wk
- 3 Students \$120/wk

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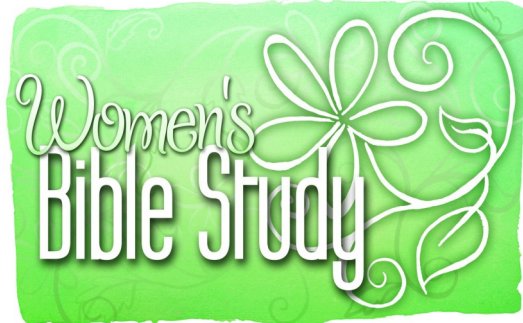
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Summer Events - Save the Date!

- Children**
- Wacky Wednesdays 6:45-7:45pm
- Preteen Camp at Sabine Creek Ranch July 10th-13th, \$225
- 6th Grade Farewell Party Friday, August 4th, 5:30-7:30pm
- Awana Registration Party Wednesday, August 30th, 6:30-8:00pm

For more info, please contact our children's minister at brittanymrbc@gmail.com

Women's Ministry



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

Systematic Theology Class, Sanctuary
taught by our Pastor, Daniel Sweet

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

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

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.

SAVE THE DATE

- September 23 - Women's Conference, cost \$15pp
- October 21 - Operation Christmas Child

...more to come

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Praying to see you there!

**Need more info?
Contact Rachel at
rachel@matthewroad.org**

Joyfully Ever After - the story of Ruth and Boaz

Women's Theological Conference
September 23, 2017, 8:30am to 3:00pm

Join us as we discover a great love story.

Cost \$10pp; childcare \$5 per child
Speakers Dr. Hedin, Dr. Sweet and more!

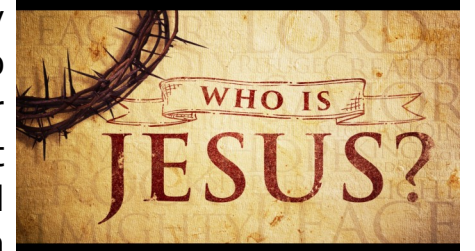
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Joyfully ever after - the story of us!
And chocolate will be woven throughout the day!

Youth Ministry

During the month of July we will be continuing our study *Who is Jesus*. We will continue this study until our students go back to school in August. This study is a great opportunity for our students to bring lost friends, as we continue to show that Jesus is the Son of God, that He is the Messiah, that He died on the cross for our sins and rose from the grave defeating sin and death, that He ascended and that He is seated at the right hand of God the Father, and that He is coming back again!



This month we will also be starting our C2 Groups (Community together). This is a student wide event in which we will meet at a family's home and we will eat, play games, hang out, and have a Bible study in which the Gospel is shared. This is a great time for our students to build the community of the student ministry and it also helps to provide another opportunity for our students to bring lost friends into a non-threatening environment to hear the Gospel. This first C2 Group will be at the Hines home and it will be from 6:30 to 9:30 on July 7th. These C2 Groups will happen throughout the year and they will be every first Friday of every month. I hope that we will see all of our students and their friends at our first C2 Group of the year!!

~ Matt

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

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

MATTHEW ROAD COLLEGE MINISTRY

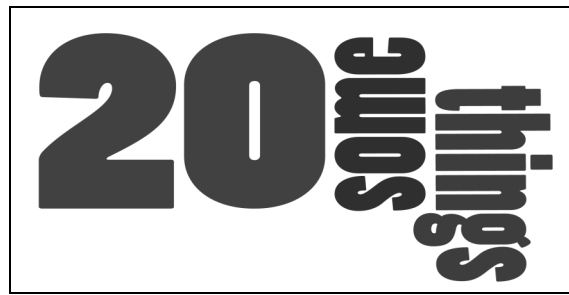
THURSDAY NIGHT HANG OUT - @ 6:30 PM - 2514 CHANNING DR 75052

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

SUNDAY SERVICE - @ 6:45 PM - MATTHEW ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH
DINNER AFTER SERVICE - TBD

QUESTIONS? TEXT ZACH (210)818-8002

20Somethings



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

~ Sunday Morning 9:45 am: Jeff Morris leading
~ Wednesdays, 6:45pm, Systematic Theology, see add on the right

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS, 6:45PM
This Summer, Wednesday nights, we will join the Adult Systematic Theology Bible Study, in Fellowship Hall, at 6:45pm. No homework required, as we will go over the material in class. However, to get the most from this unique Bible Study setting, we encourage you to obtain a copy of the book for your own study. You may purchase the book online at Amazon or Lifeway.



LAST YEAR WE WERE AT THE ODOR/BAUTISTA GAME TO SEE BASEBALL HISTORY, BASEBALL AND DAVID CROWDER. THIS YEAR, AUGUST 20 LET US KNOW IF YOU WANT TO GO!! COST - FREE. (WE HAVE A GENEROUS BENEFACTOR!) SIGN UP EARLY FOR BASEBALL HISTORY.

AUGUST

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July 2017 Events & Activities

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

- July 4th:** Church Office Closed
- July 5th:** Missions Committee Prayer Time, 8:00pm, Library
- July 6th:** Young @ Heart Breakfast at Outlaws, 8:30am
- July 7th:** Ladies Friday Luncheon, 12:00pm, at Don Pablo's
- July 9th:** Deacon Conference Call Meeting, 4:30pm, see Chris de Wolfe
- July 10th - 13th:** Preteen Camp, see Brittany for information
- July 14th:** Ladies Friday Luncheon, 12:00pm, at Don Pablo's
- July 17th - 22nd:** College Mission Trip, see Zach for information
- July 21st:** Ladies Friday Luncheon, 12:00pm, at Don Pablo's
Parents Night Out, 6:30pm, Worship Center, must RSVP to cyndikking@msn.com
- July 28th:** Ladies Friday Luncheon, 12:00pm, at Don Pablo's

Discipleship

Regular Scheduled Activities

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
- ◇ MD² for children - Education Building, 5:30pm

Wednesday Nights:

- ◇ Wacky Wednesdays for children - Ed. Building, 6:30pm
- ◇ Collide for youth - Common Grounds, 6:30pm
- ◇ Systematic Theology Class - Sanctuary, 6:45pm

*Please note: this will be the only adult Bible Study class on Wednesdays during the summer semester.

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
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
Adult Bible Studies	6:45pm
Thursdays	
MRA (during school year)	8:30am
Fridays	
Chick time at Chick-Fil-A (Camp Wisdom)	9:00am
Saturdays	
Men's Coffee Group (Good Day Café, GP)	7:30am

Financials as of June 2, 2017
(Does not include schools)

Budget Income	\$ 383,330
Budget Expense	\$ (408,103)
Net Budget	\$ (24,773)

Average Morning Attendance for June: 335

Average 7:17 Service Attendance for June: 130