

I have  
*No Greater Joy*  
than to hear that my children  
walk in truth.  
~3 John 1:4

Matthew Road Baptist Church ... a place to call home

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## Have This Attitude

*“5Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, 6who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men, 8Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, 10so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” Philippians 2:5-11*

Our attitude makes a huge difference in our walk with God, our relationship with our family and friends, and our relationship with our co-workers and fellow church members. Paul longs for the church at Philippi to get along. The attitude of each member factors into the overall unity of the church. He opens this spectacular Christological hymn with a command. “You must have this attitude in yourself!” Often, when we struggle in our relationships with others, it is because we think too highly of ourselves and too lowly of others. From command to example, Paul moves the discussion immediately to the life of Christ. Consider Christ. Consider how great He is. He did not view His equality with God as something He had to cling to. He so completely comfortable in His relationship with the Father that He willingly “emptied Himself.” That is to say, that Jesus set aside all of His divine prerogatives. He temporarily embraced a humble, human life, the life of a servant. In His life, He obediently served His Father and humanity to the point of dying on a cross, the most humiliating death possible. Because of His faithfulness, God the Father bestowed upon Him a title that every person in heaven and on earth will ascribe to Him, “Jesus Christ is LORD!” Christ willing set aside glory in this life in order to maximize His glory in eternity.

Now back to our attitude issues. We are to follow the attitude of Christ. If Jesus Christ can temporarily humble Himself for the sake of God the Father and for us, we too must embrace a life of humble service. When we are arrogant or neglectful in our service of others, then our attitudes betray us. In those moments, we are ignorantly denying the humility and the greatness of God’s Son. We need an attitude adjustment. We must embrace humility as Jesus did. We must serve others as Jesus did. We must willingly lay down our life as Jesus did. God will exalt us to our proper place when the time is right. He has done just that already by exalting His Son to the highest place over all creation. He is the rightful sovereign over the entire universe and we will reign with Him. Our temporary time of humble service will be rewarded with everlasting joy in His presence.

~ Daniel

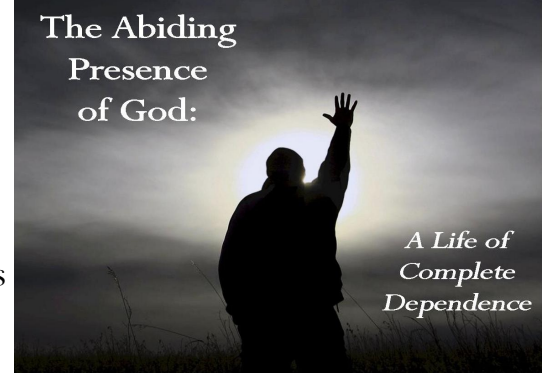


## 40 Days of Prayer & Events

Our 2017 40 Days of Prayer event has begun. Each day, our Pastor will post a prayer guide.

If you would like to receive the link for the prayer guide, please email [mrbcinfo@matthewroad.org](mailto:mrbcinfo@matthewroad.org) with your cell phone number, for a daily text, or with your email, for a daily email, that includes the link for each day's reading. You can also sign up in the foyer.

We also have two prayer times each week, beginning Sunday, August 20th. Sunday's prayer time is at 8:00pm, following our evening service. Wednesday's prayer time is at 5:45pm. We encourage you to participate, as this is an amazing time of corporate worship and personal growth!



*Fall Festival is Coming!*

**FREE!**  
**Fall Festival**  
**October 31st**  
**6:00pm - 8:00pm**

**WE NEED YOU!**

**AND YOUR NEW/GENTLY USED STUFFED ANIMALS  
& INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED CANDIES.  
WE WILL HAVE DROP OFF SPOTS SET UP IN THE FOYER AND EDUCATION  
BUILDING, BEGINNING OCTOBER 1ST.**

**JOIN US AS WE MMUNITY WITH THE GOSPEL. YOU CAN BE A PART OF THIS  
AMAZING MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY.**

**PLEASE SEE BRITTANY, OR EMAIL [BRITTANYMRBC@GMAIL.COM](mailto:BRITTANYMRBC@GMAIL.COM) TODAY!**



## 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 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/mrbcchildrens](https://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).

## Church Office Closed



## Mary Hill Davis Offering

### TEXAS IS A MISSION FIELD

There are still millions who have never heard the living message of Jesus. Others have heard and rejected the message. Whether in the growing metropolitan cities or the rural counties of the state, Texas Baptists are to make Christ known. The task is large but when we are TOGETHER . . . INTENT ON 1 PURPOSE, it is possible.

In 1910, the first State Missions Week in Texas was established under the leadership of Mary Hill Davis, president of Woman's Missionary Union of Texas (WMU).

In 1935, the state missions offering was named the Mary Hill Davis Offering for Texas Missions in memory of one who faithfully served the cause of missions for throughout her life. Since then the Week of Prayer for Texas Missions and the Mary Hill Davis Offering® (MHDO) has been a way to challenge and engage Texas Baptists to pray, give, and go.

On September 10, you will receive a prayer guide that describes eight different Texas missions initiatives for which you are encouraged to pray during that week. **Our church goal for the Mary Hill Davis Offering for Texas Missions is \$8,500.** Envelopes will be in the chair-back pockets.



## College Ministry



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



QUESTIONS? TEXT ZACH (210)818-8002



## Women's Ministry

### Weekly Bible Studies:

#### Sunday mornings

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

#### Sunday nights

Meg Trihus - the Epistles

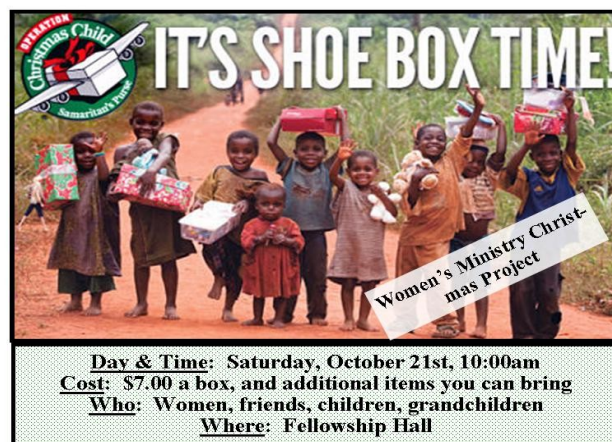
#### Wednesday Nights

Cyndi King - Book of Acts

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

Cyndi King - 9:00 am - Book of Acts

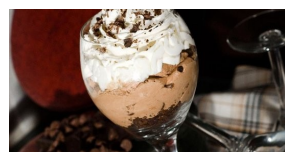
MORE INFO TO COME



#### FIRST FRIDAY @ NOON

First Friday Lunch  
Over the summer we had so much fun meeting weekly, we decided to continue it on a monthly basis throughout the year. Mark your calendars:  
September 1st  
October 6th  
November 3rd

**Vespers**  
(evening prayer service)  
December 1st  
7pm - 9pm  
with Pie Bar!



RIVERBEND  
WOMEN'S RETREAT  
FEBRUARY 2ND - 3RD  
COST: \$60  
MORE INFO TO COME

*Joyfully  
Ever After  
Ruth & Boaz*

SEPTEMBER 23, 2017  
8.30AM TO 3.00PM  
4601 MATTHEW ROAD  
GRAND PRAIRIE, TX 75052  
COST: \$10PP; CHILDCARE  
\$5 PER CHILD  
(SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE)  
LIGHT BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PROVIDED &  
CHOCOLATE

RSVP:  
CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE OR  
EMAIL [CHRISTY@MATTHEWROAD.ORG](mailto:CHRISTY@MATTHEWROAD.ORG)

Woven through the love story of Ruth and Boaz is a larger, beautiful, narrative. We have nothing, we are nothing, we bring nothing, and yet God sweeps in and redeems us in an exquisite love story. Join us as we draw the parallel lines.

## Youth Ministry

Greetings, Church from AveNew Student Ministry! With the month of September upon us, we are closing out the summer season, and bringing in the fall season and all the busyness that accompanies it.

With that being said, we have a lot of information to hand out! First, our usual C2 meeting for the month of September has been canceled due to it being during Labor Day weekend. However, we are having our Back to School Bash the following week on September 8th, from 7pm - 10pm, here at the church. The cost for this event is \$10 per student, or \$5 per student if they bring a friend. We are looking to have an awesome time with your student during this event! Please make sure they bring clothes, or come wearing clothes, that they can get messy in because we are having paint wars later that night!

We have small groups starting up the week of September 11th. Below, is the information for all small groups:

7th - 8th grade girls: 6pm - 7pm, Tuesdays, at the Mauldin's.

Teacher: Kim Sweet, Co-teacher: Cameron Robinson

Mentee: Anabelle McClellin

7th - 8th grade guys: 6pm - 7pm, Mondays, at the Moreno's.

Teacher: Ben Vernier

9th grade girls: 7pm - 8pm, Tuesdays, at the Martinez'.

Teacher Rebekah Barlow

9th - 12th grade guys: 6:45pm - 8pm, Tuesdays, at the Kings.

Teacher: Colton Galbraith, Mentee: Daniel King

10th - 12th grade girls: 5:30pm - 6:30pm, Wednesdays, at Common Grounds.

Teacher: Christine Wehrli, Co-teacher: Ann-Elise Brown

One of our more important events that is occurring on Friday, September 29th, 7pm - 10pm, in CommonGrounds, is our Date Night with Dinner and a Movie. This is a fundraiser opportunity to help our students in raising money for youth camp. This event is for anyone in the church that would like an inexpensive date night with really great food, atmosphere, and a really enjoyable time. The cost for this event will be 30\$ for a meal, dessert, drinks, and a movie. Childcare will be provided at the cost of 5\$ per child, 12 years old and under. Training sessions to work childcare during this event will be led by Cyndi King, and each student who wishes to work in childcare for this event will only be required to attend one of the training sessions. Training dates are on September 6th and September 20th, both at 5pm in CommonGrounds. This event will be hosted by the students of AveNew Student Ministries, and they will be your waiters, waitresses, and childcare providers. We hope that you will come to experience a fun event that will help our student ministry.

We are excited to say that September 13th will be the launching for our ministry groups. With moving into the fall semester, we have moved back into our study over the book of Acts. We looked forward to seeing all our students and families, please do not hesitate to stop by and visit with us sometime.

As always if you have any questions or concerns please let me know!

In Christ, Matt Brown  
email: [matt@matthewroad.org](mailto:matt@matthewroad.org)  
cell ph #: 832-955-4954

AVENEW STUDENT MINISTRY PRESENTS:

## Date Night w/ Dinner & Movie

ROGUE ONE: A STAR WARS STORY

September 29th, 2017 • 7:00 pm  
Common Grounds Cafe

HELP RAISE MONEY FOR YOUTH CAMP  
SEE BACK FOR MORE DETAILS

MENU:

Pork Roast w/ Carrots  
Loaded Mashed Potatoes  
Salad  
Chocolate Bags

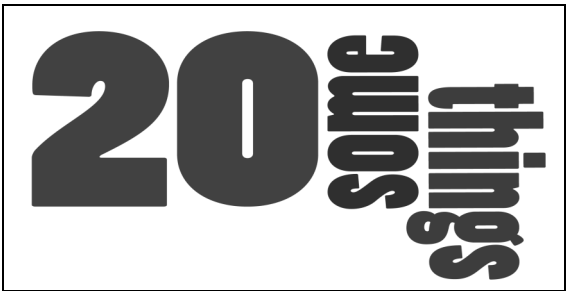
\$30 per couple  
Must RSVP via email

Child Care provided  
\$5 per child  
Must RSVP via email


TO RSVP AND/OR ASK ANY  
QUESTIONS:  
EMAIL  
[AVENEWSTUDENTS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:AVENEWSTUDENTS@GMAIL.COM)



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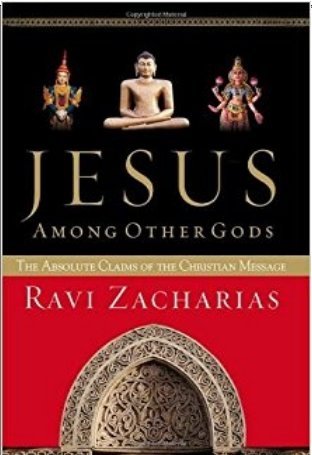
Contact Rachel at [rachel@matthewroad.org](mailto:rachel@matthewroad.org) to find out the latest events & activities!



**October 19th - Fair Day**

We will leave the church at 5:00, and should be back at the church by 10pm.

Bring an empty Dr Pepper can after 5 p.m. each day and admission is HALF PRICE. One can per person. Discount may not be combined with any other offers.



Wednesday Evenings, 6:45pm, Fellowship Hall

In a world with so many religions, why Jesus?

We are living in a time when you can believe anything, as long as you do not claim it to be true. In the name of “tolerance,” our postmodern culture embraces everything from Eastern mysticism to New Age spirituality. But as Ravi Zacharias points out, such unquestioning acceptance of all things spiritual is absurd. All religions, plainly and simply, cannot be true.

Jesus Among Other Gods provides the answers to the most fundamental claims about Christianity, such as:

*Aren't all religions fundamentally the same?*

*Was Jesus who He claimed to be? Can one study the life of Christ and demonstrate conclusively that He was and is the way, the truth, and the life?*

In each chapter, Zacharias considers a unique claim that Jesus made and then contrasts the truth of Jesus with the founders of Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism with compelling insight and passionate conviction. In addition to an impressive breadth of reading and study, he shares his personal journey from despair and meaninglessness to his discovery that Jesus is who He said He is.

A NEW  
GENERATION  
WITH  
THE TRUTH  
TO SUPPORT  
BELIEVERS  
THROUGHOUT LIFE

“And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.” ~ 2 Timothy 2:2

*Class Sunday Mornings 9:45am upstairs in ED Bldg.*

September 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.

- September 1st - 2nd:** College Retreat, see Zach

**September 6th:** Missions Committee Prayer Meeting, 8:00pm, Conference Room

**September 7th:** Young @ Heart Breakfast at Outlaws, 8:30am

**September 8th:** Youth Back to School Bash, see Matt

**September 10th:** Deacon Meeting, 4:30pm, Conference Room

**September 13th:** Finance Committee Meeting, 5:45pm, Teller Room

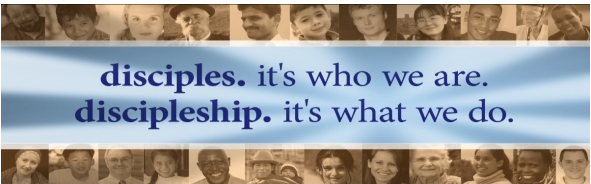
**September 15th:** Parents Night Out, 6:30pm, Worship Center, must RSVP to [cyndikking@msn.com](mailto:cyndikking@msn.com)

**September 20th:** Finance Committee Meeting, 5:45pm, Teller Room

**September 23rd:** Women's Conference, see ad on page 5

**September 28th:** 40 Days of Prayer ends

**September 29th:** Date Night with Dinner and a Movie, hosted by Youth Ministry 7pm - 10pm, in CommonGrounds, see ad on page 6



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
- Adult Bible Studies, 6:45pm

Regular Weekly 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
AWANA Club (children)	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 September 1, 2017  
(Does not include schools)

Budget Income	\$617,631
Budget Expense	\$(622,033)
Net Budget	\$(4,403)

Average Morning Attendance for August: 353

Average 7:17 Service Attendance for August: 160