

One Day...

"¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea. ²And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, ⁴and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away." Revelation 21:1-4

This is such a hopeful passage. God created us. God loves us. He abides with us. He has loved us with a love that brought about the greatest rescue mission in universal history, the rescue of sinners from our sin. He has done this through the sending of His Son, Jesus Christ. From a study of the scripture, we find that Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of all the hopes and dreams of the Old Testament. He is also the fulfillment of all the hopes and dreams of all creation for all time. All of this God has done for His great glory and our great joy. There is still something yet future, something still remaining to be completed. All of these truths point us to the great and glorious culmination of human and creation history as described here in Revelation. There is "a new heaven and a new earth." "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." In the beginning He also made humans in His own image. We rebelled against the original intent, putting into motion God's perfect plan to redeem us, thus showing His great glory in the demonstration of His grace. The original creation was beautiful. The fall of Adam and Eve and all successive generations was ugly and painful. I assume that no tears fell in the Garden of Eden prior to the fall. However, since that initial rebellion against the Creator, the tears have not ceased to flow, even flowing on the face of the Son of God while He lived among us. Now through His tears the pain of the curse has been defeated. Jesus broke the power of the curse in His death, burial, and resurrection. Now, at the end of time and at the end of the revelation of God's word, Jesus will set all things back in order. He will recreate by making "a new heaven and a new earth." In the process, the environment that has become toxic will be purged. However, the environmental improvements constitute only a small portion of the significance of this text. The real work, the personal involvement of God that occurs in this moment, becomes the sustaining encouragement. When Christ returns and heaven begins, great comfort will come to all who follow Him. "He will wipe away every tear from their eyes..." This whole journey through the divine work in history all comes together in this one moment. The tears, pain and death caused by the rebellion of our forefathers and continued through the rebellious hearts and minds for generations will all come to an end. Adam and Eve buried a son, a son murdered by their other son. Though Genesis 4 does not record the funeral, I can only imagine the weight of that moment. Did their minds travel back to that initial decision to reject the law of God? Did Eve weep for the loss of her son while simultaneously weeping over her own depraved choice that made this family catastrophe a reality? Did Adam shed tears of regret while also weeping over the pain that may still yet come in the future in the new, post-garden of Eden world? "You will surely die" was the warning from God. Death began its sway over Adam and Eve as they were cut off from the garden. However, the death of a child at the hands of another child must have brought the cataclysmic warning from God into focus. Now, thousands of years later and billions of funerals past, God comes back to dwell permanently among us. Only this time, the threat of death is decidedly absent from the message of God in the midst of His recreation. Whereas Adam and Eve received the warning for rebellion, "you will surely die," this recreation possesses only the banishment of death, pain, suffering, and sin. All of this divine drama functions as a means to declare what must be declared. "How great is our God, sing with me how great is our God!" Whatever your heartbreak today, God will set all things right in the end by overwhelming your tears and sorrow and filling your soul with gladness, a gladness that can only come from Him.



AWANA Club

**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?
Or do you know anyone who might be a good fit
for this ministry opportunity?

Contact Brittany at 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

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

Youth Ministry



January is always an interesting time in the student ministry. With all the chaos of the Christmas season over, we are looking forward to a new year.

As we start to look forward to the upcoming spring semester, we have several important dates that we want everyone to be aware of:

January 14th, we will be having our Spring Parent Meeting. We will be covering DNOW, camp, and small groups. We will also be filling out the annual Youth Medical Release forms for the 2018-year. This form will cover all of our events during the year, so it is very important that this form is completed so that we do not have to fill one out for every event. The parent meeting will be

immediately after the 11am service, at 12:15pm. We will have lunch provided that day, so come hungry and ready to hear all the awesome events that we have planned for your student.

The next event that I would like to take a moment to talk about is DNOW. This weekend event is February 16th – 18th, and we are partnering with 12 other churches. The cost for this event is \$50. This covers food, a DNOW shirt, and the mission activity that we have planned. This year's theme is *Disciple*. We are really excited about having an amazing guest speaker, Irvin Wasswa. Worship will be led by Ryan Proudfoot. We look forward to seeing what God is going to do in our students, and in our Student Ministry. Signups begin the 10th of January. We look forward to seeing your student at this event. Please join the church staff, DNOW leaders and small group teachers, as we begin praying for those students that will be attending.

Small groups return in January. They are as follow?

7th/8th Grade Girls

Tuesday's @ 6pm-7pm

Host Home: John and Kim Mauldin

Teacher: Kim Sweet

Co-Teacher: Camren Robinson

Mentee: Anabelle McClellin

7th/8th Grade Boys

Monday's @ 6pm-7pm

Host Home: Eli and Ana Moreno

Teacher: Ben Vernier

9th Grade Girls

Monday's @ 7pm

Host Home: Joel and Christy Martinez

Teacher: Rebecca Barlow

10th/11th/12th Grade Girls

Wednesday's @ 5:30pm

Host Home: Common Grounds @ MRBC

Teacher: Christine Wehrli

Co-Teacher: Anne-Elise Brown

9th/10th/11th/12th Grade Boys

Tuesday's @ 6:45pm-8:00pm

Host Home: Doug and Cyndi King

Teacher: Colton Galbraith

Mentee: Daniel King

I am looking forward to 2018, and the many things that we as a student ministry will be doing for God's kingdom.

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MISFITS WEEKEND

MISFIT WEEKEND DNOW 18:
 AS BELIEVERS, GOD HAS CALLED US TO BE MISFITS IN
 A CULTURE THAT DEMANDS CONFORMITY. THIS
 YEAR'S THEME IS DISCIPLE AND WE WILL BE LOOKING
 AT ROMANS 10. OUR FRIEND IRVIN WASSWA IS
 COMING FROM TENNESSEE TO SPEAK. AND OUR
 FRIEND RYAN PROUDFOOT IS COMING UP FROM SAN
 ANTONIO TO LEAD WORSHIP. WE HAVE MORE THAN 10
 CHURCHES COMING TOGETHER WHEN WE MEET AT
 CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH! IT IS \$50 PER PERSON,
 BUT IF YOU BRING A FRIEND IT IS \$40 PER PERSON.
SIGN UP TODAY!

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

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MORE INFO TO COME!



Join us for a time of refreshment, restoration and revival as we study Psalm 23. We will move through the encouragement this text offers for our daily lives and dig into the truth within. We will have Bible Study, a take home craft and delight in sweet fellowship.

Who: Ladies 18+ (if your teen daughter wants to join you, we'd love to have you both)
When: February 2 - 3, 2018 (return home 3p.m. to 4p.m.)
Where: Riverbend Retreat Center, 1232-C County Road 411B
Glen Rose, TX 76043
Cost: \$60.00 Rooms reserved with \$40.00 deposit due January 20th

Please note: Sleeping arrangements vary from hotel style, to top bunks; they are on a first come first served basis - You can register today at christy@matthewroad.org. Questions? Please contact rachel@matthewroad.org

...and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever

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

MATTHEW ROAD COLLEGE MINISTRY

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

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

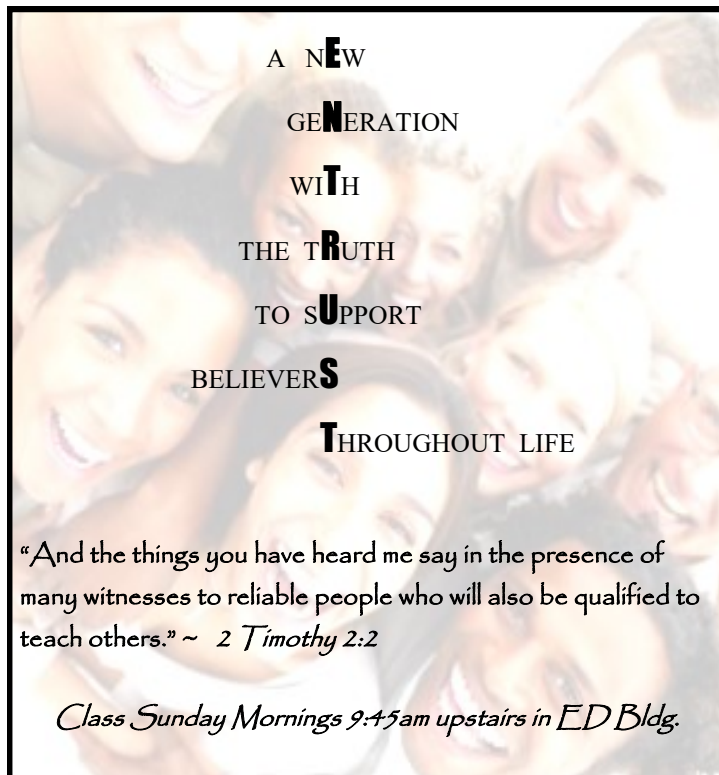
SUNDAY SERVICE - @ 6:45 PM - MATTHEW ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH
DINNER AFTER SERVICE - TBD

QUESTIONS? TEXT ZACH (210)818-8002

20Somethings



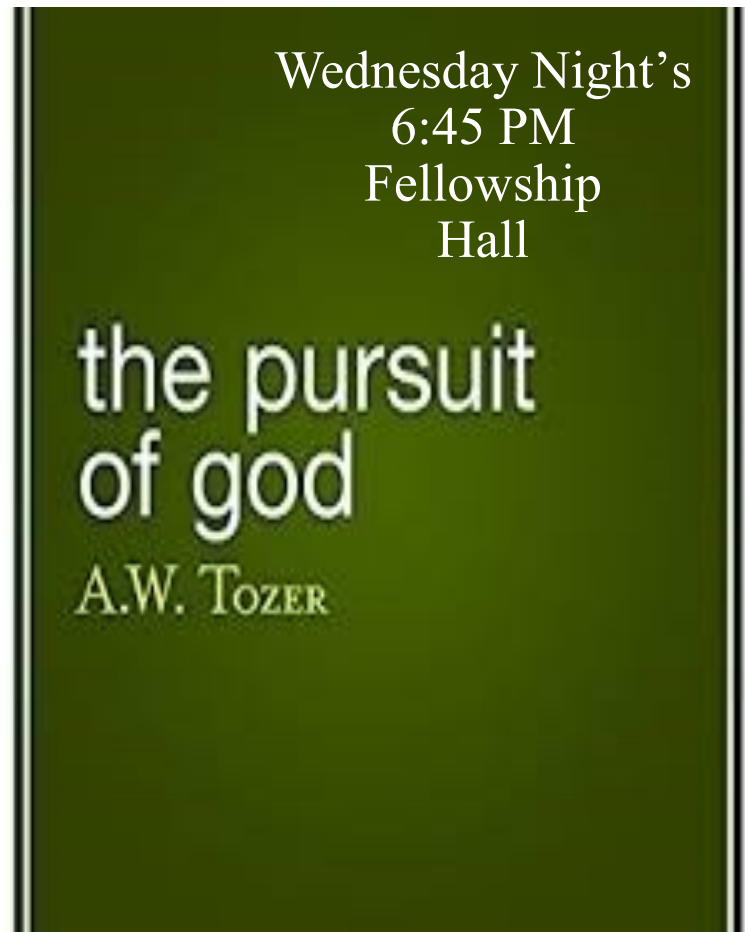
Contact Rachel at rachel@matthewroad.org
to find out the latest events & activities!



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WITH
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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.



Wednesday Night's
6:45 PM
Fellowship
Hall

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Men's Ministry



Coming Soon!

**Men's Symposium:
February 9th & 10th**

More Info to come!

January 2018 Events & Activities

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

January 2nd:	Church Office reopens, Young at Heart Resumes
January 3rd:	Wednesday Night Adult, Youth & Children's Activities Resume
January 4th:	Young @ Heart Breakfast at Outlaws, 8:30am
January 19th:	Teacher Dinner & Movie, 6:00pm, sponsored by Women's Ministry Parents Night Out, 6:30pm, Worship Center



Please be in prayer for our missions team as they serve!



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:

- ◇ AWANA Club for children - Ed. Building, 6:30pm
- ◇ Collide for youth - Common Grounds, 6:30pm
- ◇ Adult Bible Studies, 6:45pm

Regular Weekly 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

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
AWANA Club (children)	6:30pm
Adult Bible Studies	6:45pm

Thursdays

MRA (during school year)	8:30am
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Fridays

Chick time at Chick-Fil-A (Camp Wisdom)	9:00am
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Saturdays

Men's Coffee Group (Good Day Café, GP)	7:30am
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Financials as of December 3, 2017 (Does not include schools)

Budget Income	\$ 860,820.34
Budget Expense	\$ (882,285.37)
Net Budget	\$ (21,465.03)

Average Attendance for December

Morning Service: 368 717 Service: 132