

The Relational Aspect of Our Faith

"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit. ³ You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. ⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire and they are burned. ⁷ If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples." John 15:1-8

Jesus says to us, "abide in Me." The Christian life is fundamentally a life of relationships, primarily a relationship with God and secondarily a relationship with each other. The word "abide" has a certain richness to it. It speaks to the type of daily activities for those in close relationships. Currently there are seven people abiding in our home. The evidence of the rather large "abiding" pervades the house. Six of the seven are driving age. Sometimes just to get a car out of the driveway involves multiple moves, like some strange game of auto chess. The doorway is always stacked with items that have just come in from one of the cars or items that need to be transported somewhere else in fulfilling the day's task for one of the inhabitants of our home. Laundry and dishes provide a constant stream of work. When the two dogs and two cats are included in this mix, the drama grows even more. We live together. At times we eat together, laugh together, make messes together and even argue together. The relationships within the home are always an aspect of even the simplest tasks. As a family we abide together. There is rarely a waking moment when the reminders of the relational aspect of our home are not on display. When Jesus chose this word, "abide," He did so with the intent of capturing the constant, relational aspect of a life of following Him. We are to abide in Him. The way a branch depends on the vine, we must depend on Christ. We must pursue a constant relationship with Him as He pursues a relationship with us. We need Him and He pursues us out of our need for Him.

The Practical Aspects of Our Faith

There are also practical aspects of our faith. "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me." The relationship produces something. When we abide in Christ there is evidence. Just as there is evidence at our home of a regular and large gathering of family, there must be evidence of our relationship with Christ. The evidence of this relationship must be on display in our lives, in all aspects of our lives. We alter the way we wake in the morning because we abide in Him. We change the way we go to bed at night because we abide in Him. We speak and eat, play and work, love and disdain, with His abiding presence constantly pressing our choices. The fruit we bear is a transformed life that impacts our own approach to daily tasks but also positively impacts others around us. We are to bear fruit out of our relationship with Christ. We cannot bear fruit apart from Him. We also cannot abide in Him without bearing fruit. The relationship leads to transformation. Transformation comes only from the relationship. These are defining attributes of the Christian life, relationship and transformation.

Resurrection Weekend Info



Resurrection Weekend Services

March 30th:

~ Good Friday Service - 7:00pm

April 1st:

~ Sunrise Service - 7:30am

~ Resurrection Sunday Services - 8:30am, 11:00am, 6:45pm

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Missions Giving Update

We received a letter from the Pregnancy Resource Center of Grand Prairie that detailed their stats for 2017.



There were 1,434 clients for the year: 751 new clients and 683 return clients. What a blessing to know that our monies helped fund a program that helped 133 clients choose life for their unborn babies. The Gospel was presented, and there were also 54 professions of Faith!

Thank you to everyone who gives to this life changing ministry. Please remember to keep the PRC Staff and clients in your prayers.

Children's Ministry

SIGN UP TODAY!

FREE!
SPRING BREAK
Baseball Camp
For Kids in Kindergarten-6th Grade
Matthew Road Baptist Church
Wed-Fri, March 14-16
9a-12:30p
www.matthewroad.org





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!


**WE NEED
YOU
TO
JOIN
US**



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 Genesis.

Women's Ministry

Armor of God

Taught by Janye Aldape

Where: Teller Room

When:

Fridays @ 11:00am - 1:00pm,

Sunday @ 5:00pm - 6:30pm

Starting: March 9 (Friday) and 11th (Sunday)

Cost: \$13.00 for a book

No childcare available Fridays, childcare at 5:30 Sundays



What: Paint with Ellen, Psalm 23

Cost: \$25.00

Who: First 30 women to register

When: March 10th

Where: Fellowship Hall

Time: 10:00am to 2:00 pm

(Nonrefundable deposit
due upon registration)



Monthly
This month, March 23rd, 6:00pm
Common Grounds



March 9th 6:00pm
Fellowship Hall
Contact Cheryl:
469.744.2625



*"let the wise listen and add to their learning,
and let the discerning get guidance"*
Proverbs 1:5

Moms & Mentors
First Mondays
Library 7:00pm
Contact Cyndi: 972.641.2717

Youth Ministry

With March beginning we are only four months away from camp at Falls Creek! Anytime in the month of March you can begin to make payments for camp! The camp payment for the month of March is \$60 as is April. However, the payment drops down to \$55 in the month of May. Please remember we only have 65 available spots for camp this year so please be pro-active in reserving your spot!

Just a reminder: Daylight Savings Time begins March 11th, so please remember to turn those clocks forward!

March 24th we will be having our High School hangout at Alley Cats in Arlington. The cost is \$15 per person, and this will include 1 hour of bowling, one game of laser tag, pizza and a \$10 arcade card! We will be starting signups for the High School hangout on Sunday March 4th! As we get closer, we will give out the specific time and directions on how to get to Alley Cats.

The last item that I would like to bring up is our reminder updates for AveNew Student Ministry you can text the number 81010 with the content @avenewstu. By doing this you will kept up to date on all the current student ministry events that are going on. We look forward to seeing our students on Wednesday nights, Sunday morning and Sunday nights!



In Christ, Matt Brown
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cell ph #: 832-955-4954

20Somethings



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

A collage of smiling young people's faces, mostly of African descent, looking upwards and to the right.

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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

the pursuit
of god

A.W. TOZER

20Somethings Retreat



Text Rachel @ 972-965-9970
for info!

Daylight Savings Time Begins

Daylight Savings Time begins
Sunday, March 11th.

"Spring Forward" one hour
before going to bed Saturday night.



March 2018 Events & Activities

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

March 1st: Young @ Heart Breakfast at Outlaws, 8:30am

March 4th: Observance of the Lord's Supper in all services

B&G Meeting, 4:30pm, Conference Room

March 5th: Moms & Mentors, 7:00pm, Library

March 9th: Titus 2, please see Cheryl Witherspoon for more info at tcspoon184@att.net

March 10th: Painting with Ellen, see pg 4 for info

March 11th: Daylight Savings Time begins, "Spring" forward 1 hour at bedtime Saturday

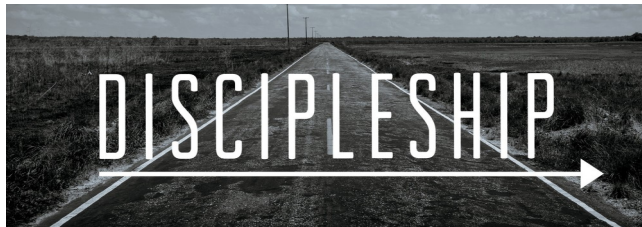
Deacon Meeting, 4:30pm, Conference Room

March 14th - 16th: Children's Sports Camp, see pg 3 for info

March 23rd: 3 R's Teachers Dinner & Movie, see pg 4 for info

Parents Night Out, 6:30pm, Worship Center, must rsvp to cyndikking@msn.com

March 30th: Good Friday Service, 7:00pm, Sanctuary



Sunday Nights:

- ◇ College - Fellowship Hall, 5:30pm
- ◇ Adult Discipleship - Choir Room, 5:30pm
- ◇ Ladies Bible Study - Conf. Room & Teller Room, 5:30pm
- ◇ Young Marrieds Bible Study - Fellowship Hall, 5:30pm
- ◇ Adult Couples Class - Library, 5:30pm
- ◇ Youth Ministry "Spiritual Discipline" - 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 March 2, 2017

Budget Income	\$ 157,431
Budget Expense	\$ (158,533)
Net Budget	\$ (1,102)

Average Attendance for February

Morning Service: 389 717 Service: 110