

## September 2018 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 2nd:** College Ministry Led Sunday
- September 3rd:** Church Office closed in observance of Labor Day
- September 5th:** Special Missions Dinner, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall, see pg 2 for info  
Quarterly Business Meeting, 6:00pm, Fellowship Hall  
AWANA begins, 6:30pm, MRBC Campus
- September 6th:** Young @ Heart Breakfast at Outlaws, 8:30am
- September 7th:** Youth Back 2 School Bash, see pg 5 for info
- September 9th:** Deacons Meeting, 4:30pm, Conference Room  
Parenting Class (2 weeks), 4:30pm, Fellowship Hall
- September 11th:** Shiloh Ministry Coffee Fellowship, 7:00pm, Library, see pg 7 for info
- September 12th:** Women of Grace Nursing Home Ministry, see Lynn Walraven, Carolyn Rainwater, or Sue Walker
- September 14th:** Ladies Friday Bible Study begins, 11:00am, Fellowship Hall  
Teachers Dinner & Movie, 6:00pm, CommonGrounds
- September 16th:** Ladies Sunday Bible Study begins, 4:30pm, Lecture Room (next to ladies bathroom)  
Parenting Class, 4:30pm, Fellowship Hall
- September 19th:** Finance Committee Meeting, 5:15pm, Teller Room
- September 20th:** Women of Grace Nursing Home Ministry, see Lynn Walraven, Carolyn Rainwater, or Sue Walker
- September 22nd:** Women's Conference, see pg 6 for info
- September 26th:** Finance Committee Meeting, 5:15pm, Teller Room
- September 27th:** 40 Days of Prayer ends

### 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
Evening Worship	6:15pm
<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 (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

Average Attendance for August

Morning Service: 378    717 Service: 145



**Back to School Bash**  
September 7th

**Women's Conference**  
September 22nd

**Preteen & Youth Winter Retreats**  
November 9th & 10th

Check out our website at  
[www.matthewroad.org](http://www.matthewroad.org)  
for more info about all our events!

Financials as of August 24, 2018	
Budget Income	\$ 650,651
Budget Expense	\$ (656,464)
Net Budget	\$ (5,813)



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### Longing for More Time

“Dad, will you play catch with me?” There was a time when this was a frequent request in our household. I don’t know why, but for dads and sons certain events create a bonding experience. Things like playing a sport together, working on a boat or a car, playing music together, building something, going camping or hunting, or attending a sporting event, all such things tend to make memories that bind hearts. My experience is limited to father-son relationships but I am sure there are comparable bonding experiences between moms and dads with their sons and daughters. I am realizing more and more each day how fleeting these moments are. The limited hours combined with my sons’ steady march toward adulthood seem to push the sand through the hourglass more quickly than ever before. Gone are the days of highchairs and baby food in jars. Gone are the nights of 3AM bottle feedings and sleepless nights with some untold illness. At the time, we felt bombarded with the menial tasks of providing for our pre-school children. Now, we realize how precious each moment was and painfully understand that we will not get them back. Almost two decades later and the needs are different, completing homework and transportation to baseball practice, transferring some cash into his account so he can purchase a book from the Ouachita Baptist University books store, but the time is passing just as quickly. In the rush of the moment we feel hurried, even inconvenienced by it all. Afterwards, we reflect on the moments lost, like the conversations we did not relish in the car on the way to practice because we were busy listening to the news on the radio or the times spent working algebra problems at the kitchen table while also trying to get dinner on the table.

This world is passing away. Very little will remain of what we have done, known and experienced. The battle for our time and affections rages all around us. Every decision must be met with an overarching reality that much of what we do will disappear with the sands of time. Elections come and go. Olympics come and go. Professional and college sports’ seasons pass. The newest release by Hollywood comes and goes. They all receive the fanfare and adulation of permanence. It is all an illusion, diversions to keep us from thinking hard about life’s greatest reality. All of these diversions are pressed into our minds through images punctuated with 30 second sound bites with words such as “the greatest team,” “the greatest catch,” “the greatest movie,” “the greatest book,” “he pitched himself into immortality,” “he led his team on the greatest comeback drive of all-time,” “she is the most decorated Olympic gymnast of all-time,” “the most important election in American history,” and “the greatest song-writer of a generation.” In 100 years only some very nerdy historians will know about any of this, if there are still any historians or history to be written 100 years from now. All of this will ultimately be burned up in the end. The difficult things last. The 30 second sound bites fade. Our greatest challenge is saying “no” to our own preferences, desires, and longings in order to say “yes” to that which is eternally relevant, and we have very little time left to do it.

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Spending time with our kids for the glory of Christ in their lives has everlasting implications. Serving our friends, neighbors, and family in the name of Christ matters for eternity. What we must know about the world is that temporal, insignificant experiences and pleasures are pitched to us as if they were the really important things. Eternal, transcendent, significant moments are presented in shadows and deemed lifeless. I think this is why John writes to the church in I John 2:15-17, "Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever." (NASB) The will of God will not stoke the passions of our flesh, our eyes or our pride. This world will stoke the flames of what we can feel, what we can see, or what we think about ourselves. The will of God turns our attention to the person of Jesus Christ. Believe in Him. Learn from Him. Follow Him. Imitate Him. What would Jesus want me to say to my sons when they ask me to play catch? What would Jesus want me to say to my neighbors? What would Jesus want me to do with my time this evening? What will I do today that will actually last forever?

Only that which is done to the glory of God in the name of Jesus Christ will last. Everything else will burn. Now, go play catch with someone!

~ Daniel

### Special Missions Dinner



**Join us Wednesday Night, September 5th, at 5:30pm, in the Fellowship Hall for a special Missions Dinner!**

**We will enjoy an amazing dinner of Enchiladas and support the Gokey Family, who are serving in an undisclosed location in the foreign mission field.**

**Suggested Donation: \$5 per adult, \$3 per child**

### Women's Conference 2018

**Women's Conference 2018**

the book of **COLOSSIANS**

**When:** September 22nd, 8:30am to 3:30pm  
**Cost:** \$10pp; childcare \$5 per child until Sept. 1st. After Sept. 1st - \$15pp; childcare \$7 (scholarships available)  
**What:** The book of Colossians, light breakfast, lunch, CHOCOLATE - lots of CHOCOLATE!

Signup at the Welcome Desk, Online or Church Office  
 For more info: [rachel@matthewroad.org](mailto:rachel@matthewroad.org)

Please note: Childcare space is limited, and must be preregistered.

### Shiloh Ministry



**For More Information, Please join us for our Monthly Dessert Fellowships on the Second Tuesday of Each Month Beginning September 11th @ 7:00 PM In the Library**

**Questions: Please See Crystal Costabile, Chelsea Munoz or Rachel Sullenger**

**Women's Ministry**

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

Taught by:  
**Mildred Betancourt, PhD**

GRACE-FILLED  
**PARENTING**

For Couples - all age children



4:30 - 6:00pm; Sept 9 & 16  
Fellowship Hall

**Monthly  
First Friday Lunch  
at IHOP  
(Carrier & I-20)  
12:00pm**



**Weekly Bible Studies:**

**Sunday Mornings**  
Rachel Sullenger & Tiffany Marich -  
Book of Acts, Library  
Joy Richards -  
Hebrews, Lecture Room (by water fountain)

**Sunday Nights**  
Meg Trihus -  
the Epistles, Conference Room  
Jamye Aldape - Time TBD  
Believing God (begins Sept. 16th)

**Wednesday Nights**  
Rachel Sullenger -  
Essentials, Fellowship Hall, 5:30pm  
Cyndi King -  
Book of Acts, Conference Room, 6:30pm

**Friday**  
Cyndi King - 9:00 am -  
Book of Acts, Chick Fil A (Camp Wisdom Location)  
Jamye Aldape - 11:00am -  
Believing God, Teller Room (begins Sept. 14th)

**Family Grace Group**



**Family Grace Group**  
*Walking with loved ones on a mental health journey*

Please join us!

Monday Evenings,  
7:00pm - 8:30pm  
Worship Center,  
come around back

New cycle starts  
September 10th

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**Curriculum Topics**

- Communication
- Grieving & Grace
- Cycles & Triggers
- Community
- Problem Solving
- Boundaries to rebuild
- and more !

**Testimonies...**

- ◆ God made my loved one, and eventually in heaven he will be healed. Until that time, Family Grace group has helped me be a support to him and my husband.
- ◆ The group listens, prays, and gives support
- ◆ The group has put the spiritual side of mental illness into perspective.


*Carry each other's burdens,  
and in this way you will fulfill  
the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2*

**40 Days of Prayer, Fall 2018**

**Praying through the Psalms**

40 DAYS OF PRAYER  
FALL 2018  
BEGINNING SUNDAY,  
AUGUST 19TH

TEXT 214.681.4213  
FOR DAILY READINGS



**Believing God**

Fridays at 11:00am  
and  
Sundays at 4:30pm  
Leader: Jamye Aldape  
Book cost: \$16

Moms  
**MIMs**  
Mentors

LET THE WISE LISTEN AND ADD TO THEIR LEARNING,  
AND LET THE DISCERNING GET GUIDANCE.  
PROVERBS 1:5

"let the wise listen and add to their learning, and  
let the discerning get guidance"

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

**ESSENTIAL TRUTHS OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH**

Systematic - light  
Wednesdays at 5:30pm  
& also at 6:30pm  
Childcare and snacks provided  
Lecture Room

**ABUNDANCE**

DR. PEPPER ARENA  
OCTOBER 20TH  
TIME: 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
LEAVING CHURCH AT 7:00 AM  
COST OF CONFERENCE: \$79  
LUNCH: \$15  
Questions? Contact Rachel.

**Titus**

September 14th, 6:00pm to 8:30pm  
Common Grounds  
Contact Cheryl: 469.744.2625

**Shiloh**  
Experiencing God's comfort  
in the midst of infertility and loss.

Monthly  
Dessert Fellowships  
September 11th  
See ad on pg. 7  
for more info

**Quarterly Business Meeting**

**Wednesday, September 5th  
6:00pm, Fellowship Hall**

**CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING**



Children's Ministry

First night of Awana is  
Wednesday, September 5.  
Check our Awana webpage  
for registration details.



*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.

Church Office Closed



Youth Ministry



This month we have two really awesome opportunities to have your students bring friends:

The first opportunity is Back 2 School Bash which is on September 7th from 7pm - 10pm. The event cost is \$10 however, if your student brings a friend the cost is \$5 for your student and \$5 for the friend(s) that they bring. Also, if your student brings a friend then they get another raffle ticket and has a better chance to win some of the really cool raffle prizes that we are giving away this year! At Back 2 School Bash we will have food provided and we will be playing some really fun games as well as having a time of worship and we will get to hear Nick Watson bring his Spoken Word. The Gospel message will also be presented as well so this is a great opportunity for your student to bring a friend that is lost. This will be a non-threatening environment in which our students and their friends can come together have some fun and relax as we kick off this new school year! If you as a parent would like to volunteer for this event or if you would like to donate some food please let me know by emailing me at [matt@matthewroad.org](mailto:matt@matthewroad.org) so that I can give you some more details.



The next event that we have is our C2 event at the Hines house on September 21st. C2 stands for community together. We have this event once a month at a different house in all of the communities in which our students live. This gives our students a great opportunity to invite their friends to a home instead of the church which allows for an even more relaxed setting. At these events we will eat food play games, hang out, and hear a devotional. These events allow our students to have a monthly hangout away from the church and is a great way for our students to have an opportunity to build on their old relationships and to create new ones. If you would like to help with a C2 one month please email me so that we can get you in contact with a host home!

We are looking forward to seeing how God is going to move in our student ministry this month. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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