

## August 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.

- August 1st:** Missions Committee Prayer Meeting, 8:00pm, Library  
**August 2nd:** Young @ Heart Breakfast at Outlaws, 8:30am  
**August 6th:** Moms & Mentors, 6:15pm, Library  
**August 8 & 16th:** Nursing Home Ministry, see Carolyn Rainwater, Lynn Walraven or Sue Walker  
**August 12th:** Deacon Meeting, 4:30pm, Conference Room  
**August 15th:** Finance Meeting, 5:15pm, Teller Room  
**August 19th:** Promotion Sunday for Pre-K, Childrens & Youth Department  
 40 Days of Prayer Fall 2018, begins - text 214.681.4213 for daily readings  
 New Time for Evening Bible Study (5:00pm) and Evening Worship (6:15pm) begins  
 Ice Cream Social, 7:15pm, bring your favorite to share!  
**August 22nd:** AWANA Leader Training, see Brittany for info  
**August 25th:** Operation Christmas Child, 10:00am, Fellowship Hall, see Rachel for info  
**August 26th:** NewComer's Class & Luncheon, 12:15pm, Fellowship Hall  
**August 29th:** AWANA Kick-off Party, 6:30pm, MRBC Campus, see Brittany for info  
**August 31st:** Women's Ministry Titus 2, 6:00pm, Common Grounds

## 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	6:45pm
<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
Wacky Wednesdays (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 July*

**Morning Service: 346    717 Service: 155**



**Sunday Evening Time Change**  
August 19th

**AWANA Kick-Off Party**  
August 29th

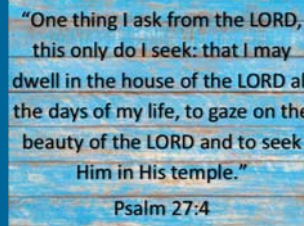
**Back to School Bash**  
September 7th

**Women's Conference**  
September 22nd

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

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[www.matthewroad.org](http://www.matthewroad.org)  
for more info about all our events!*

<i>Financials as of July 20, 2018</i>	
<b>Budget Income</b>	<b>\$ 565,690</b>
<b>Budget Expense</b>	<b>\$ (562,985)</b>
<b>Net Budget</b>	<b>\$ 2,704</b>



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## ***Calling: The Character of His Disciples and Living a Life of Service***

*Daniel and the Mission Team were serving in Mexico at the time of the printing. The following is an excerpt from Daniel's El Paso Mission Trip & Training Book, 2017.*

*Created to See Glory*

*Psalm 145:5 On the glorious splendor of Your majesty and on Your wonderful works, I will meditate.*

We were created to know God. We were made to know Him in the fullness of His attributes. God made us and all things to demonstrate His glory. For much of our lives we ignore the purpose for which we were made. This failure is ours alone. Our sin distracts us from His purposes in our lives. It is impossible to fix our eyes on the glory of the Creator when our eyes are fixed on our own desires. Stephen Charnock made an excellent illustration in regard to this. "An eye, taken up with the presence of one object, is not at leisure to be filled with another: he that looks intently upon the sun, shall have nothing for a while but the sun in his eye. Oppose every intruding thought and put to silence all that competes for our awe of his Majesty."

The psalmist says it this way, "...on Your wonderful works, I will meditate." Meditation fixes our mind on a particular thing. Meditations are the prevailing thoughts during our morning commute. Mediations are the thoughts that dominate our mind when the lights go out and we struggle to fall asleep. Psalm 145 was written by David. Maybe we can imagine the young shepherd David with the all night task of watching his sheep. What dominated his thinking? David reflected on the majestic character of God and on the wonder of God's works in human history. It may be that David's extensive time working the graveyard shift with his animals provided the perfect backdrop for this psalm. Imagine David staring at the night sky. Unhindered by manmade lights, the human eye can see 100 million stars at night in the Milky Way. On a hill outside Bethlehem 3000 years ago, nothing prevented David from seeing the wondrous works of God. Nothing, other than the constant distraction of straying sheep, other shepherds, physical exhaustion, worries and anxieties, plans for the future, regrets from the past, and a host of other things that may have come across David's mind.

Even as I attempt to complete this final chapter for the studies, I have been interrupted a dozen times. The phone rings, my kids coming in and out of my office, individuals with "quick" questions, staff members checking on some church business, emails, worries about the schedule for the rest of the week, plans for tomorrow, and the list goes on and on. We battle to have a few moments of focused thinking. We fight to get time and energy to focus our minds. Interestingly enough, if the task at hand is my favorite sports team, I am fully enthralled. Surely God is worthy of greater attention than a sporting event?

What is our purpose in life? Why are we here? Why is the creation here? We were made for the glory of God. That is why God created us. The glory of God is the coalescence of all the attributes of God and God's demonstration of those attributes in His work in creation and human history. When we see His grace, we are seeing one aspect of His glory. The grace of God points us back to the full panoply of His attributes. When we observe the power of God, God's power directs our thinking back to the God of power and thus to the whole collection of His attributes, namely His glory. This is why God created the universe. He created us and all things for His glory. All things point back to the nature of the God who made us. The greatest activity, the highest calling, the grandest task of our lives is focusing our minds on His glory.

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### Created to Display Glory

Having displayed the glory of His Father throughout His public ministry, Jesus gave this task to His followers. All followers of Christ Jesus are called to declare the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to display the life and ministry of Jesus Christ through our life of holiness and ministry.

*John 13:1-17 Now before the Feast of the Passover, Jesus knowing that His hour had come that He would depart out of this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end. 2 During supper, the devil having already put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon, to betray Him, 3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come forth from God and was going back to God, 4 got up from supper, and laid aside His garments; and taking a towel, He girded Himself. 5 Then He poured water into the basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded. 6 So He came to Simon Peter. He said to Him, "Lord, do You wash my feet?" 7 Jesus answered and said to him, "What I do you do? 7 Jesus answered and said to him, "What I do you do not realize now, but you will understand hereafter." 8 Peter said to Him, "Never shall You wash my feet!" Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me." 9 Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, then wash not only my feet, but also my hands and my head." 10 Jesus said to him, "He who has bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you." 11 For He knew the one who was betraying Him; for this reason He said, "Not all of you are clean." 12 So when He had washed their feet, and taken His garments and reclined at the table again, He said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? 13 You call Me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am. 14 If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. 15 For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you. 16 Truly, truly, I say to you, a slave is not greater than his master, nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him. 17 If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.*

Jesus Christ left us an example to follow. We are called to imitate His life and ministry. He is the Son of God and yet washed the disciples' feet. He is the Creator of the universe and yet He knelt down in humility to minister to the disciples. Their reaction to His humility in this moment is striking. "Lord, do You wash my feet?" Simon Peter articulated what the entire group must have been thinking. The irony of God serving humanity takes on greater weight when we consider that just prior to this event some of the disciples had been debating which one of them was the greatest. Jesus confronted the disciples and declared greatness for His followers is to be marked by being a servant. Then Jesus showed them exactly what He meant by this. The author of this account reminds us all of the transcendent moment that provided the backdrop to this event prior to its telling. "He loved them to the end." Jesus Christ was executed less than 24 hours later. This was His greatest act of service and love. He served most and loved

His greatest act of service and love. He served most and loved greatest by giving His all for us. He served most and loved greatest by giving His all for us. In Mark 10, the words of Christ drive this truth home.

*Mark 10:43-45 ...but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant; 44 and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be slave of all. 45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."*

The Son of Man served others, even to His death. Therefore, all who claim to follow Him will serve others just as Jesus Christ served. In doing so, we display the glory of God. God made us to see glory. Christ saved us to display glory. By serving others we demonstrate the love and kindness of God as exemplified in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

## 20Somethings



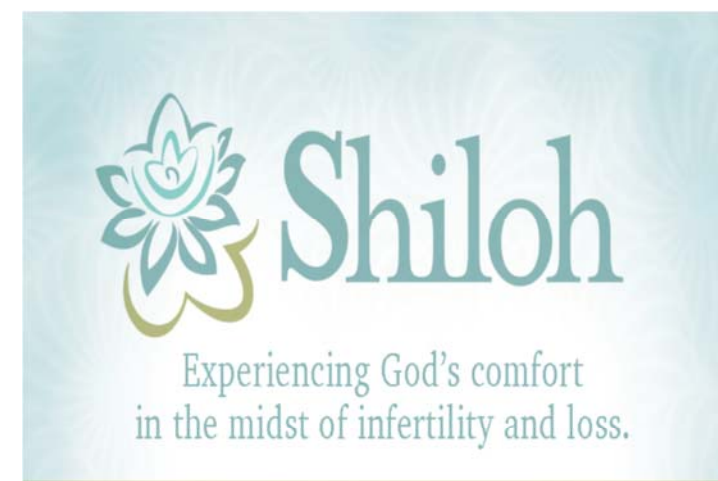
Contact Rachel at [rachel@matthewroad.org](mailto:rachel@matthewroad.org) to find out the latest events & activities!



A NEW  
GENERATION  
WITH  
THE TRUTH  
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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

## 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

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  
Jamy Aldape - "Voice of God, (begins July 8th)

#### Wednesday Nights

Rachel Sullenger—Essentials, FH, 5:30  
Cyndi King - Book of Acts, Conference Room

#### Friday

Cyndi King - 9:00 am -  
Book of Acts, Chick Fil A (Camp Wisdom Location)  
Jamy Aldape - 11:00am -  
"Voice of God", Teller Room (begins July 6th)

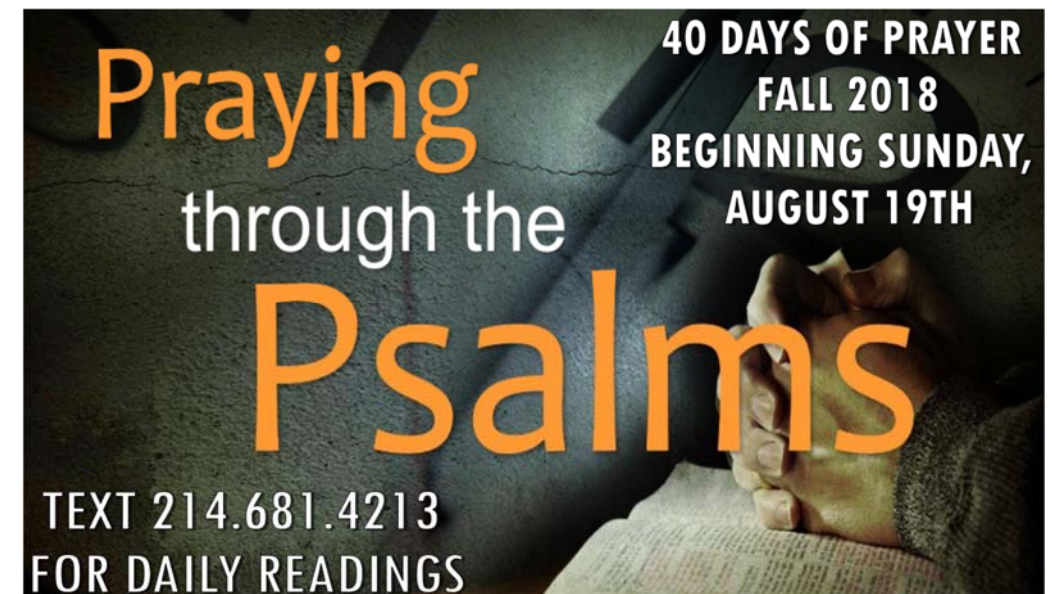
## Summer Wednesday Night Bible Study

**August 1st, 8th and 15th - Bible Storying  
led by Tom Reed**

Chronological Bible Storying allows a person to build ministry competence around a series of stories chosen for a theme, for example, "Genesis to Jesus" or "The Life of Jesus" or "How to be a Disciple." Situational Bible Storying applies a specific story or set of stories to a specific person or situation. Dialogue, or guided question-and-answers, draws out the story's meaning and application. In the end, a person will know the story, its meaning, and be able to tell it to others and guide them with dialogue in the same way. Story by story, brick by brick, your bible knowledge, theological understanding, and ministry competence grows. And it's all in your head, and ready to use at any time. You won't ever have to think, "Wait. I used to know that. It's in my notes at home ..."



## 40 Days of Prayer, Fall 2018



## Evening Service Schedule Change

*We are excited to announce a change  
in our Sunday Evening schedule  
coming this fall!  
Beginning Promotion Sunday, August 19th,  
our Bible Studies will move to 5:00pm,  
and Evening Worship Service will be at 6:15pm.*



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**Voice  
of God**

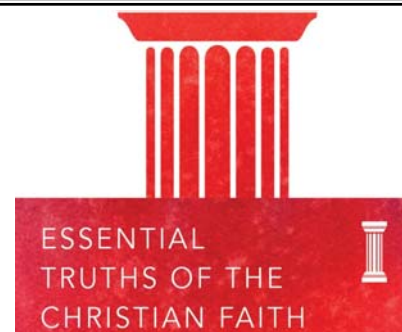
Fridays at 11:00am  
and  
Sundays at 5:00pm

Leader: Jamye Aldape  
Book cost: \$16



"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**



**Systematic - light  
Wednesdays at 5:30pm  
Childcare and snacks provided  
Fellowship Hall; first room**



August 25th; 10:00 am to 12:00 pm  
Fellowship Hall  
Packing for boys 10-14 age  
\$9.00 donation per box for mailing



August 31st, 6:00pm to 8:30pm  
Common Grounds  
Contact Cheryl: 469.744.2625



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

**WOMEN'S CONFERENCE 2018— Colossians; Rooted in Christ**

September 22nd 8.30am to 3.30pm

Cost: \$10pp; childcare \$5 per child (scholarships available)

Light breakfast and lunch provided & CHOCOLATE

RSVP: Email [mrbcinfo@matthewroad.org](mailto:mrbcinfo@matthewroad.org) or call the church office



Colossians 2: 6-7



## Children's Ministry



**AWANA Kick-Off Party  
and Registration**  
**Wednesday, August 29th, 6:30pm**  
**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.

## Sunday, August 19th Events



## Youth Ministry



August is here, and we all know that this means that school is right around the corner! For parents, its a relief to see the kids go back to school; for students its the dreaded school year of waking up early and days filled with sports, school work, and tests!

This time of the year is always so busy. Let me encourage you, as a family, that as the school year starts up, to try and have time as a family each week to worship together, outside of church. For some, that may look like a family Bible study. For others it may look like teaching your students how to study their Bible. In any form, family discipleship is extremely important! You, as parents, are the ones that can impact your students lives the most! Deuteronomy 6:4-9 shows the importance of families teaching and growing our students up learning God's Word and His commands for us.

We will have no events in August to allow our students and their families to get back into the routine that the school year brings. However, on Friday, September 7th, we have our back to school bash! This is a great event for your student to bring friends to! We will have food, play games, worship, have a Gospel presentation, and we will have Nick Watson come use his Spoken Word as a tool to encourage and challenge our students! We are so excited for this event because of the great opportunity that it provides our students to not only bring lost friends, but, also friends that might be looking to find a student ministry to connect to! I hope that you encourage your student to bring a friends because it will not be an event they will want to miss! The cost for this event is \$10 but if your student brings a friend it is only \$5 for your student and \$5 for their friend! Your student will also receive an extra ticket per friend that they bring for our free raffle prizes that we will have!! We hope to see all of our students there and many others!!



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**Trek will have a new schedule,  
and a new look this fall!**  
**Please see Matt  
for more info.**