

December 2018 Events & Activities

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

- December 1st:** High School Hangout Day, see Matt for more info
- December 5th:** Missions Committee Prayer Meeting, 8:00pm, Library
- December 6th:** Young @ Heart Breakfast at Outlaws, 8:30am
- December 8th:** Ladies Christmas Tea, hosted by the Student Ministry, please see Matt for more info
- December 9th:** Deacon Meeting, 4:00pm, Conference Room
- December 11th:** Shiloh Dessert Fellowship, 7:00pm, Library
- December 12th:** Women of Grace Nursing Home Ministry, please see Lynn Walraven, Carolyn Rainwater, or Sue Walker
- December 14th:** Parents Night Out, 6:30pm, Worship Center, must rsvp at cyndiking@msn.com
- December 17th:** PAW/Moms & Mentor Christmas Party, 6:00pm, FH & Library, please see Cyndi for more info
- December 19th:** Family Christmas on the Lawn, 6:30pm, MRBC Campus
- December 20th:** Women of Grace Nursing Home Ministry, please see Lynn Walraven, Carolyn Rainwater, or Sue Walker
- December 24th - January 1st:** Church Office closed, we will reopen Wednesday, January 2nd
- December 24th:** Candlelight Services, more info to come
- December 25th:** Christmas Day

Regular Weekly Activities

Sundays	
Morning Worship	8:30 & 11:00am
Morning Bible Study (all ages)	9:45am
Evening Bible Study (all ages)	5:00pm
Evening Worship	6:15pm
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
AveNew (youth)	6:30pm
Adult Choir (during the school year)	6:30pm
AWANA (children)	6:30pm
Adult Bible Studies	6:45pm
Thursdays	
MRA (during school year)	8:30am
Fridays	
Chick Time, at Chick-Fil-A (Camp Wisdom)	9:00am
Saturdays	
Men's Coffee Group (Good Day Café, GP)	7:30am

Average Attendance for November

Morning Service: 326 717 Service: 125



<i>Financials as of November 23, 2018</i>	
Budget Income	\$ 907,002
Budget Expense	\$ (909,171)
Net Budget	\$ (2,169)



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“Seek Him” (excerpts from MRBC’s Devotion and Prayer Book originally produced in August, 2008.)

“Behold, days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah...” Jeremiah 31:31

Days are coming...not days on a calendar, but a time, era or age in history. In this new dispensation in God’s divine economy, God will establish a new relationship with His people. Israel was familiar with covenants. A covenant is a bond between two people that carries great blessing. Covenants also carry serious consequences, if broken. Marriage is a covenant. It is a bond between a husband and a wife that grants great blessings when the covenant is kept and serious consequences when broken. God established various covenants with His people throughout history. God also established a covenant relationship with the church and with individual believers. In the upper room, on the night that Jesus was betrayed, He used covenant language. This cup...“is the new covenant.” The bond between God and His people has been established in the crucifixion of His Son. There are great blessings for all who are in this covenant and serious consequences for those outside His covenant.

“Not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them,” declares the LORD.” Jeremiah 31:32

God made a covenant with Noah to never flood the whole earth again. The rainbow is the visible sign of this covenant. God made a covenant with Abraham, promising a family, a nation, land and a universal blessing through his offspring. That is the meaning behind the outward sign of circumcision. All sons of Abraham bore the mark of the covenant promise to Abraham. When God makes a commitment to His people, He marks that relationship with a covenantal sign. God made a covenant with Moses and the nation through the Law. The external sign was the Ten Commandments and the Ark of the Covenant. The Law did not preserve the bond between God and His people. Instead, the Law demonstrated the inability of humanity to keep God’s standards of righteousness. So, having demonstrated our need, God made a new covenant with us, a covenant of grace in Christ.

“But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days,” declares the LORD, “I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.” Jeremiah 31:33

This new covenant will involve the Law, but not written on stone. Instead, this new covenant will involve the Law written on our hearts. The Old Covenant – the term which the title “Old Testament” comes from – is being replaced. The New Covenant or New Testament involves God intervening in the very heart of humanity. Jeremiah tells us earlier in this work that the human heart is exceedingly wicked and deceitful. No moral law can change the heart of man. For if the heart is inherently deceitful, then even if we know the law of God, our hearts will still lead us astray. So God’s solution to humanity’s problem, change their very heart. With the heart changed, then God says, “I will be their God and they shall be My people.” Change of the heart is the necessary requirement of the New Covenant. What does your heart tell you? Do you love Him? Do you love His Word? Is He your God? Do you belong to Him? In other words, has He come into your life and changed your heart.

Thank You for Your covenant, Your eternal commitment to Your people. God, forgive me for failing to walk with You as I should. Thank You for loving me anyway. God, make my heart completely Yours. Amen.

Women's Ministry

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



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

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 - 4:30pm
Believing God

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

Family Christmas Celebration



**A Family Christmas
on the Lawn**
(This is a FREE family event)

Where: Matthew Road Baptist Church
When: Wednesday, December 19th
Time: 6:30pm - 8:00pm

More info to come!

Advent

7 PM
11.30.18

JOIN US ON NOVEMBER 30TH AS WE BEGAN THE CHRISTMAS SEASON WITH A TIME OF ADVENT.

We will worship
We will read scripture
We will join together in a night of praise


We will end with a special treat!

Moms **MMs** Mentors

LET THE WISE LISTEN AND ADD TO THEIR LEARNING, AND LET THE DISCERNING GET GUIDANCE. PROVERBS 1-6

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

Moms & Mentors
1st & 3rd 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

Titus

We will meet again in January.
For more info, please
contact Cheryl: 469.744.2625

Save the Date

Women's Retreat
Feb. 22-23rd

LIBERTY HOTEL
Cleburne, TX

Women's Ministry
@ Matthew Road

Shiloh Ministry



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

For More Information, please join us
for our Monthly Dessert Fellowships
on the Second Tuesday of Each Month

December 11th @ 7:00 PM
In the Library

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

Year-End Giving

YEAR-END GIVING

The last Sunday to turn in offering for the 2018 tax year is Sunday, December 30th. To ensure the deductibility of your contributions, please do not file your tax return until you have received your tax statement from the church. Statements will be mailed by January 31st to the address we have on file for you.

If your address has changed, please email the church office at christy@matthewroad.org.

**If you are unable to drop your giving in the plate by Sunday, December 30th, then you may also mail it; however, it must be postmarked by December 31st in order to be credited to the 2018 year. If your giving is postmarked after December 31st, regardless of the date on the check, then, by law, it must be credited to the 2019 year.*