

October 2018 Events & Activities

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

- October 1st: Moms & Mentors, 7:00pm, Library
- October 3rd: Missions Committee Prayer Time, 8:00pm, Library
- October 4th: Young @ Heart Breakfast at Outlaws, 8:30am
- October 9th: Shiloh Dessert Fellowship, 7:00pm, Library
- October 10th: Women of Grace Nursing Home Ministry, please see Lynn Walraven, Carolyn Rainwater, or Sue Walker
- October 12th: Titus 2 Women's Fellowship, 6:00pm, CommonGrounds
Men's Symposium, 6:30pm, Sanctuary, please see Phil
- October 14th: Deacon Meeting, 4:00pm, Conference Room
- October 15th: Moms & Mentors, 7:00pm, Library
- October 18th: Women of Grace Nursing Home Ministry, please see Lynn Walraven, Carolyn Rainwater, or Sue Walker
- October 19th - October 21st: College Retreat, please see Zach
- October 19th: Parent's Night Out, 6:30pm, Worship Center, must RSVP to cyndikking@msn.com
- October 20th: Women's Abundance Conference, please see Rachel
- October 24th: Finance Committee Meeting, 5:15pm, Teller Room
- October 27th: Churchwide Work Day, 9:00am, MRBC Campus
- October 31st: Fall Festival, 6:00pm - 8:00pm, MRBC Campus

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
Collide (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 September

Morning Service: 353 717 Service: 131



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The Weight of Glory

One of the most powerful passages in the scripture is II Corinthians 4:16-18. "Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day. For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal." This passage contains so much hope for those who are suffering. It describes the suffering as "momentary" and "light" when compared to the "eternal" and "weighty" glory that will be our experience.

One of my favorite articles by C. S. Lewis is entitled, "The Weight of Glory." It is often said that the radio encouragements by C. S. Lewis were second only to Winston Churchill in sustaining England during the Nazi's relentless bombings of World War II. On June 8, 1941, C. S. Lewis spoke at the Oxford University Church of St. Mary. This Pauline II Corinthians text, combined with the trauma of a nation at war and one of the greatest thinkers of all time, produced an unbelievable masterpiece. I want to share with you a few paragraphs from that text. Lewis is speaking about the desire for heaven and the fight to stay focused on its glory while living in this world. These words have greatly impacted me this last week and I have reread them several times. Hopefully you will also be encouraged by reflecting on our "eternal weight of glory."

"In speaking of this desire for our own far-off country, which we find in ourselves even now, I feel a certain shyness. I am almost committing an indecency. I am trying to rip open the inconsolable secret in each one of you – the secret which hurts so much that you take your revenge on it by calling it names like Nostalgia and Romanticism and Adolescence; the secret also which pierces with such sweetness that when, in very intimate conversation, the mention of it becomes imminent, we grow awkward and affect to laugh at ourselves; the secret we cannot hide and cannot tell, though we desire to do both. We cannot tell it because it is a desire for something that has never actually appeared in our experience. We cannot hide it because our experience is constantly suggesting it, and we betray ourselves like lovers at the mention of a name. Our commonest expedient is to call it beauty and behave as if that had settled the matter. ..But all this is a cheat...The books or the music in which we through the beauty was located will betray us if we trust them; it was not *in* them, it only came *through* them, and what came through them was longing. These things – the beauty, the memory of our own past – are good images of what we really desire; but if they are mistaken for the thing itself, they turn into dumb idols, breaking the hearts of their worshippers. For they are not the thing itself; they are only the scent of a flower we have not found, the echo of a tune we have not heard, news from a country we have never yet visited.

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Youth Winter Retreat
November 9th & 10th

Missions Guest Speaker
November 18th

Women's Advent Event
November 30th

December Family Events
Watch for more information
coming soon!

Check out our website at
www.matthewroad.org
for more info about all our events!

Financials as of September 14, 2018

Budget Income	\$ 715,323
Budget Expense	\$ (716,405)
Net Budget	\$ (1,082)

Do you think I am trying to weave a spell? Perhaps I am; but remember your fairy tales. Spells are used for breaking enchantments as well as for inducing them. And you and I have need of the strongest spell that can be found to wake us from the evil enchantment of worldliness which has been laid upon us...It is a remarkable thing that philosophies of Progress or Creative Evolution themselves bear reluctant witness to the truth that our real goal is elsewhere. When they want to convince you that earth is your home, notice how they set about it. They begin by trying to persuade you that earth can be made into heaven, thus giving a bribe to your sense of exile here on in earth. Next, they tell you that this fortunate event is still a good way off in the future, thus giving a bribe to your knowledge that the fatherland is not here and now. Finally, lest your longing for the trans-temporal should awake and spoil the whole affair, they use any rhetoric that comes to hand to keep out of your mind the recollection that even if all the happiness they promised could come to man on earth, yet still each generation would lose it by death, including the last generation of all, and the whole story would be nothing, not even a story, forever and ever. (They can do whatever) they will, then, we remain conscious of a desire which no natural happiness will satisfy."

The Weight of Glory and Other Addresses by C. S. Lewis, HarperCollins, New York, NY, 2001, pages 29-32

~Daniel

Fall Festival 2018



Fall Festival is coming!

Wednesday, October 31st, 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Candy, new/gently used stuffed animal and volunteers needed! (watch for the orange collection tubs)

Email brittanymrbc@gmail.com to find your perfect spot to serve.

20 Somethings Ministry



WEDNESDAY NIGHTS @ 6:45

A
NEW
GENERATION
WITH
THE TRUTH
TO SUPPORT
BELIEVERS
THROUGHOUT LIFE

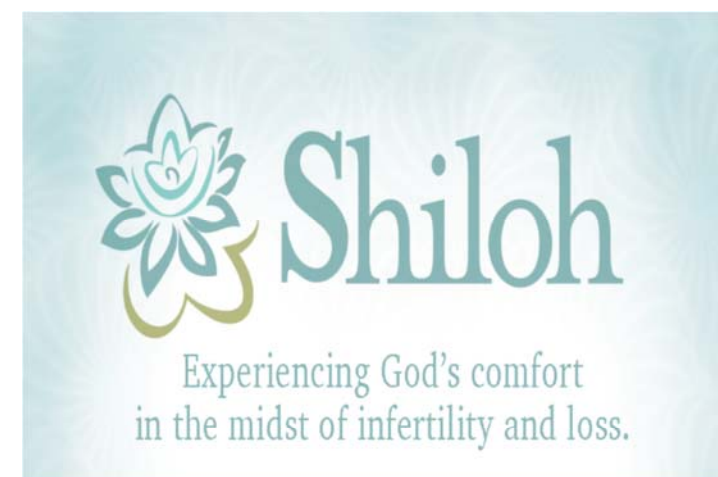
"And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others." ~ 2 Timothy 2:2

Class Sunday Mornings 9:45am upstairs in ED Bldg.

- Hebrews 10:24-25 -

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Shiloh Ministry



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

**October 9th @ 7:00 PM
In the Library**

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

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 - Time TBD
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 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

For more Information:

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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*

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 sing and pray the angel's message

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 1:5

*"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
RSVP by October 5th

Titus

October 12th, 6:00pm to 8:30pm
Common Grounds
Contact Cheryl: 469.744.2625

**Save
the
Date**

Women's Retreat
Feb. 22-23rd

LIBERTY HOTEL
Cleburne, TX

*Women's Ministry
@ Matthew Road*

Church Work Day

**WORK DAY
at the
CHURCH**

Saturday, October 27th, 9:00am - 12:00PM

Children's Ministry



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, 5:00pm
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.**

Missions Guest Speaker



Youth Ministry

September was crazy busy!!! At Back to School Bash, we had over 90 students on our campus! We worshiped together, played games, and ate awesome food. It was a great time, all centered on the worship of our Lord and Savior. We also had our first C2 of the new school year at the Hines, and had a great time of fellowship and community.



Date night is Friday, October 5th, 7:00pm - 10:00pm! We are showing the movie *Courageous*, and serving an amazing dinner. Our students are the waiters for the different tables that we have placed throughout Common Grounds. Cost is \$35 per couple, and \$5 per child for child care, when reserved in advance. (Cost goes up to \$40 at the door.)

This is one of the fundraisers that we will do to help keep the cost of camp down. Last year, students only paid \$175 for camp. We had a charter bus to and from camp, and we ate really well at camp. These fundraisers are important to help keep camp costs low. I am asking not necessarily for you and your family to come to these Date Nights, but more so that you invite friends and family members to an inexpensive night out. You can't really find anywhere to go and eat dinner and watch a movie for \$35. I promise you this isn't just an average dinner either, this is good food.

We have flyers with detailed information, so please come by and get a stack! We will also have posts on our Facebook and on Instagram!

Deadline to get the \$35 Date Night Price is Thursday, October 4th. Cost goes up to \$40 per couple at the door. Please drop off payment in the payment box outside of my office, or through the offering plate. Please be sure to mark your payment "Date Night". If you would like to help with this event, please let either myself or Ben know!

LET'S HANG OUT!

Saturday, October 20th, we are going to have a time of fellowship for our AveNew families. We will be playing kickball, eating food, and just hanging out. Now here is the crazy part... Parents, we want you to stay and play kickball with us and hangout. This is a great opportunity for our AveNew parents to get to know one another, and develop and grow new and old relationships! From 5pm - 8pm we will be hanging out here at Matthew Road Baptist Church. We will all eat in Common Grounds. Parents we are asking that your family brings a dish for dinner, as we will be doing a pot luck style dinner. Please RSVP to matt@matthewroad.org so that we can make sure that we have enough food and drinks for everyone! I hope that everyone can come out this event as we start to develop relationships between our AveNew families!

If you are not plugged into a small group already, here is the information for them:

- Mondays -
No small groups meeting
- Tuesdays -
7th and 8th grade guys, at the Moreno's, at 6pm, led by Ben Vernier & Kamran West
7th and 8th grade girls, at the Mauldin's, 6pm, led by Anabelle McClellin
9th - 12th grade guys, at the Sosa's, 6pm, led by Colton Galbraith
- Wednesdays -
11th - 12th grade girls, in Common Grounds, 5:30pm, led by Melissa McGlothlin
- Thursdays -
9th - 10th grade girls at the Stover's 6:30pm, led by Kim Sweet and Alicia Stover



If you need directions to any of the homes please let me know and I will get you that information directly.

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

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