

February 2019 Events & Activities

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

February 3rd:	Teller Meeting, 12:00 PM, Teller Room College Ministry Leadership Meeting, 12:30 PM, CommonGrounds
February 7th:	Young @ Heart Breakfast Outlaws, 8:30 AM
February 10th:	Deacon Meeting, 4:00 PM, Conference Room
February 13th:	Shiloh Dessert Fellowship, 7:00 PM, please see Crystal for info
February 15th:	Parents Night Out, 6:30 PM, Worship Center
February 17th:	NewComer's Class & Luncheon, 12:15 PM, Fellowship Hall
February 22nd - 23rd:	Women's Retreat, see page 2
February 24th:	Deacon Ordination Council, 3:00 PM, Library
February 27th:	Finance Meeting, 5:15 PM, Teller Room

Coming in
March...



It may be hard for you to feel optimistic about the future right now. If you've lost a spouse, child, family member, or friend, you've probably found there are not many people who understand the deep hurt you feel. This can be a confusing time when you feel isolated and have many questions about things you've never faced before. GriefShare meets weekly to help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life. Please watch for more information to come about class dates and time.

Regular Weekly Activities

Sundays	
Morning Worship	8:30 & 11:00 AM
Morning Bible Study (all ages)	9:45 AM
Evening Bible Study (all ages)	5:00 PM
Evening Worship	6:15 PM
Mondays	
K2 Primary Academy (during the school year)	8:45 AM
PAW Program	9:00 AM
Tuesdays	
MRA (during the school year)	8:30 AM
Young @ Heart Activities	9:45 AM
Wednesdays	
K2 Primary Academy (during the school year)	8:45 AM
PAW Program	9:00 AM
AveNew (youth)	6:30 PM
Adult Choir (during the school year)	6:30 PM
AWANA (children)	6:30 PM
Adult Bible Studies	6:45 PM
Thursdays	
MRA (during school year)	8:30 AM
Fridays	
Chick Time, at Chick-Fil-A (Camp Wisdom)	9:00 AM
Saturdays	
Men's Coffee Group (Good Day Café, GP)	7:30 AM



**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH, 12:15 PM
WORSHIP CENTER, FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Want to know what Matthew Road Baptist church is about? We have established an on-going class, which provides more information about our church. As a part of the class, we will explain what we believe, how we operate, our vision, and a little about the background of our church. This informal setting will allow the opportunity to ask questions and grow in your understanding of the ministries of our church. Lunch is provided, and childcare is available with RSVP only.

*If you would like to attend,
please contact the church office
at mrbcinfo@matthewroad.org
or call 972-641-2717.*



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VOLUME 12 ISSUE 2

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

“The LORD'S lovingkindnesses in deed never cease, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.” Lamentations 3:22-23

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. These are opening words of a praise song derived completely from this verse. In the midst of Jeremiah's lament over God's judgment of the nation, he is still able to declare the LORD'S lovingkindness has no limits. God's lovingkindness is boundless and knows no ends.

The parallel concept is found in the next line, “His compassions never fail.” Everyday Jeremiah woke with an overwhelming sense of God's abiding love and compassion. He watched as God brought about judgment. He saw God protect him through the most treacherous moments. In the end, though heartbroken over the nation's loss, Jeremiah could look back and see that God was directing all of these things. God then came to Jeremiah with the promise of national restoration. And Jeremiah knew God would do it and he declares “Great is Your faithfulness.” God carries us through our trials. Those who belong to Him, He does not abandon them. This does not mean we will never face trials. Jeremiah faced tremendous trials, but God was faithful through them all.

***“You, O LORD, rule forever; Your throne is from generation to generation.”
Lamentations 5:19***

Hope springs eternal. The throne of God, His sovereign rule over the universe, will never end. Even in the face of enormous difficulties, God cannot and will not be dethroned. No sin of humanity can thwart His plans. No rebellion in the hearts of people can weaken His power. Jeremiah stands on the hill of Jerusalem with not one stone left on top of another. And in that moment, with the throne of Israel completely toppled, he knows that the true Ruler of heaven and earth reigns. The city where once great kings, like David and Solomon, made their dwelling, now lies in ruins.

But there is a Ruler who cannot be dethroned. Imagine the comfort for Jeremiah in this. The LORD rules forever. This joyful closing to the most heart wrenching book in the bible may seem surprising. But we cannot base our hope on the events we see unfold before our eyes. We fix our hope on the One who rules the universe, both now and forever more.

***“Restore us to You, O LORD, that we may be restored; Renew our days as of old.”
Lamentations 5:21***

The restoration of a people is not dependent upon urban renewal. Restoration is not linked to the success of a nation's economy. Jeremiah does not ask God to restore the Holy City or to make the nation wealthy again. Instead, Jeremiah knows the ultimate aim and end of humanity. “Restore us to You.” The restoration that Jeremiah seeks is a restoration of a relationship with God. This is the closing prayer of Jeremiah. Is this our prayer for our church? Is this the cry of our heart for our city and our nation? Does this prayer cross our lips on behalf of the nations? - “LORD, restore America to Yourself. Restore the church in America to You.” As Jeremiah stood in the priestly role of pleading with God on behalf of the people, so we too are to be priests to our God on behalf of our church and nation.

Oh, God, I praise You today for Your faithfulness. God, You alone reign. You are my God and my LORD and for You alone does my heart seek. O LORD, You are our dwelling place. May we cease placing our trust in material possessions. Restore us to You. Renew our days as of old. Amen.



For more information about our upcoming events & Bible studies,
please see our website: www.matthewroad.org

Women's Ministry

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



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

Weekly Bible Studies:

Sunday Mornings
Rachel Sullenger & Tiffany Marich -
The Minor prophets, Library, 9:45 AM
Joy Richards -
Hebrews, Lecture Room (by water fountain), 9:45 AM

Sunday Nights
Meg Trihus -
The Epistles, Conference Room, 5:00 PM

Wednesday Nights
Cyndi King -
Book of Acts, Conference Room, 6:30 PM
Rachel Sullenger -
Marriage Studies, Lecture Room (by water fountain), 6:45 PM

Friday
Cyndi King - 9:00 am -
The Minor Prophets, Chick Fil A (Camp Wisdom), 9:00 AM

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

Romans 12:12

Women's retreat this year will be over Romans 12. When we come to faith in Christ Jesus, what is supposed to change about our lives? In Romans 1-11 Paul lays out in theological terms the doctrine of being justified by grace through faith. Romans 12 begins to outline for us how our lives change once we become believers.

Retreat details:

Friday & Saturday, February 22nd - 23rd

(The overnight portion of the retreat will be held at the Liberty Inn in Cleburne.)

Please note: No children allowed on retreat to the hotel.

Friday Liberty Inn

Check In 5:00 PM

Liberty Inn

205 S Caddo St
Cleburne, TX 76031

Cost: Registration for the hotel closed on 1/28/19

Only \$10.00 to join us for the Saturday only portion, which includes:
lunch, worship, and a session created just for you.

(Childcare for Saturday is \$5.00 per child. Reservation with payment due February 13th, through Cyndi)

Saturday at the Liberty Inn

Check out by 11:00 AM

Saturday at the Church

Meet at MRBC at 12:00 PM
Dismiss 2:00 PM

Total amount due at registration. Must register through Rachel.
Contact Rachel at rachel@matthewroad.org if you have any questions.



Women's Ministry
Night of Praise
March 8th, 7:00 PM
Common Grounds

Student Ministry



Wednesday Evenings
6:30 PM, CommonGrounds
Free Pizza, Snack Café

Questions? Please email zach@matthewroad.org

For Small Groups information,
please email zach@matthewroad.org
or benjamin.d.vernier@gmail.com

For information about our ministry,
please see our webpage,
matthewroad.org/ministries/student-ministry/



AVENEW

**SUPERBOWL
PARTY 2019**

Feb. 3, 2019

After 6:15 Evening Service
at

2207 Hillary Trail, Mansfield TX, 76063

Shiloh Ministry



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

If you're in the midst of infertility, or have experienced repeat miscarriages, we invite you to join us for our Shiloh Fellowships. We meet on the second Tuesday of most months, in the classroom behind the coke machine in CommonGrounds.

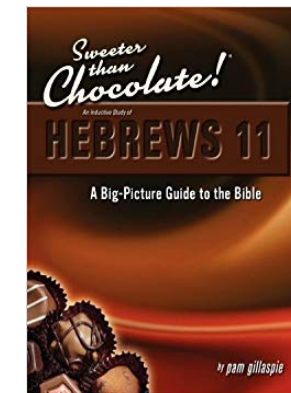
Our 2019 dates are:

February 13th, June 12th, July 10th
August 14th, September 11th,
October 9th, November 13th,
December 11th

Beginning Tuesday, March 19th, we will offer a 10-week Shiloh Bible Study.

To sign up for this Bible study,
or for more information, please email crystal@matthewroad.org.

Women's Bible Study



Sweeter than Chocolate, Hebrews 11
Fridays, 11:00 AM
& Sundays, 4:30 PM
Led by Jamye Aldape

Join us as we journey through the Bible's greatest Psalm devoted to the theme of the Word of God. Discover insights, practical wisdom, and deep truths that will strengthen your walk and relationship with Jesus Christ.

Come see the big picture of the Bible using God's summary in Hebrews 11. Often viewed simply as "the faith chapter," Hebrews 11 provides so much more as it propels readers to a quick and clear understanding of the Bible's history of redemption. This application-rich study meets new students with the basics of inductive study and pushes advanced students to go even further in discovering truth for themselves.

Questions? Please email our Women's Minister, Rachel, at rachel@matthewroad.org.