

## March 2019 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.

- March 1st:** C2 @ the Hines, 7:00pm, see Zach or Ben
- March 3rd:** Women's Ministry Team Meeting, 12:15pm, Fellowship Hall  
Sports Camp Team Training, 4:00pm, Ed Bldg, Mark Room
- March 4th:** Mom's & Mentors, 7:00pm, Library
- March 5th:** MRA Preview Night, 6:30pm, CommonGrounds
- March 6th:** Sports Camp Team Training, 4:30pm, Ed Bldg, Mark Room  
Special Missions Dinner, 5:15pm, Fellowship Hall  
Quarterly Business Meeting, 6:00pm, Fellowship Hall
- March 7th:** Young @ Heart Breakfast at Outlaws, 8:30am
- March 8th:** Women's Friday Hebrews Study begins, 11:00am, Fellowship Hall  
Women's Ministry Night of Praise, 7:00pm, CommonGrounds
- March 10th:** Women's Sunday Hebrews Study begins, 4:30pm, Fellowship Hall
- March 11th - 13th:** Camp 317 Baseball Camp, 9:00am, Worship Center, see Brittany
- March 17th:** GriefShare begins, 5:00pm, CommonGrounds, room behind the coke machine
- March 18th:** Mom's & Mentors, 7:00pm, Library
- March 22nd:** Men's Symposium, 6:00pm, Sanctuary  
Parents Night Out, 6:30pm, must RSVP to [cyndikking@msn.com](mailto:cyndikking@msn.com)
- March 23rd:** Churchwide Work Day, 9:00am, MRBC Campus
- March 27th:** Awana Racers Event, 6:30pm, MRBC Campus
- March 31st:** Greeters Ministry Team Luncheon, 12:15pm, see Phil



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## Persecution of the Church

In the most recent edition of Voice of the Martyrs, one of the articles highlighted the ongoing persecution of Christians in the Shan state of Myanmar. The same day that I received the Voice of the Martyrs periodical, I also received pictures from Caleb of several children who had fled Shan State. These children and their families were presented with the impossible decision to either renounce their faith, go to prison, or leave the area. Some stayed and bore the punishment. Others fled in order to be able to battle another day.

From the Voice of the Martyrs website:

*Many pastors, evangelists and church members in the ethnic Wa region of Myanmar's Shan state were arrested recently, while others are missing, according to VOM sources. The United Wa State Army, the military arm of the de facto ruling party in the region, is systematically closing churches and removing crosses from the buildings, and Christians have been warned not to meet. In one encouraging incident, the Christian daughter of a high ranking official volunteered to take the place of 14 evangelists who had been arrested by the Wa Army. The evangelists were released after having their heads shaved so people could identify them. "We're praying and trying to fight against fear," a VOM contact said. "But it's very difficult to do." Pray for believers and Christian leaders in the Wa region.*

Persecution of the church around the world has been intense since the early days of the church. The apostles faced incredible pressure to renounce their faith or to at least cease preaching Jesus. Those early believers stayed faithful in their belief and remained steadfast in their message. Two thousand years of church history hasn't changed the continued animosity from the world against Christ and against His church. For the American church, these accounts of persecution seem so distant. For our church though, these are pastors and leaders from one of areas where we have been serving. Our goal as a church is to provide theological and pastoral training to pastors and church planters by teaching the scriptures line by line. Secondly, we long to provide a place of solace for those serving in hard places. When these pastors and church planters come to the conferences, they spend several days in fellowship with other believers while resting each day in safety. We, as a church, provide spiritual nourishment through the teaching of the Bible and also physical nourishment through the food and fellowship served by our hosts.

I am so thankful for our ministry together for the sake of persecuted believers. May God graciously allow us to continue to be a place of support in the hard places. One day we will all be able to see these precious saints face to face and together celebrate our Savior, Jesus Christ.

~ Daniel

## Regular Weekly Activities

<b>Sundays</b>	
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
<b>Mondays</b>	
K2 Primary Academy (during the school year)	8:45 AM
PAW Program	9:00 AM
<b>Tuesdays</b>	
MRA (during the school year)	8:30 AM
Young @ Heart Activities	9:45 AM
<b>Wednesdays</b>	
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
<b>Thursdays</b>	
MRA (during school year)	8:30 AM
<b>Fridays</b>	
Chick Time, at Chick-Fil-A (Camp Wisdom)	9:00 AM
<b>Saturdays</b>	
Men's Coffee Group (Good Day Café, GP)	7:30 AM



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.

Beginning March 17th, 5:00pm

CommonGrounds, small room  
behind the Coke machine

### Financials as of March 1, 2019

Budget Income	\$ 137,521
Budget Expense	\$ (173,110)
Net Budget	\$ (35,589)

## Women's Ministry

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



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

### Outfit a lady from a Battered Women's Shelter

Do you have one outfit you can provide for our guests? Please bring a gently used outfit on a hanger to the church office, or to church on Sundays, between Monday, April 8th and Wednesday, May 1st. We will setup a shopping environment for our ladies. Only one nice outfit please.

We are also collecting Walmart gift cards in the amount of \$15.00 (or increments there of), to hopefully provide everyone with a new pair of shoes, or whatever they need.



All remaining clothing will be donated to the shelter for future clients, or for resale at their resale shop.

Marlena Vincent is heading up this vital portion of our ministry. See her or Rachel for questions.

Also, please pray for the ladies, their children and the Dubiski students we will meet that day. Pray that we will be an example of the Lord and His love.

Please be in prayer for our May 4th event, that we minister well to these ladies.

### 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

Jamye Aldape -  
Sweeter than Chocolate: Hebrews 11, 4:30pm, FH  
(Beginning March 10th)  
Meg Trihus -  
The Epistles, Conference Room, 5:00 PM

#### Wednesday Nights

Cyndi King -  
Book of Acts, Conference Room, 6:30 PM

#### Friday

Cyndi King - 9:00 am -  
The Minor Prophets, Chick Fil A (Camp Wisdom), 9:00 AM  
Jamye Aldape -  
Sweeter than Chocolate: Hebrews 11, 11:00am, FH  
(Beginning March 8th)

Friday March 8th

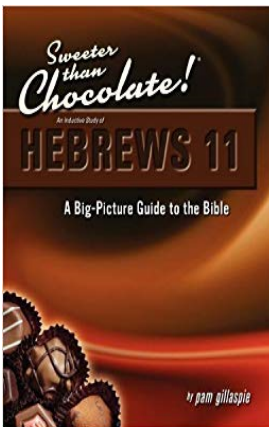
## A NIGHT Of Praise



7 pm  
Common Grounds

Sweeter than Chocolate, Hebrews 11  
Fridays, 11:00 AM  
& Sundays, 4:30 PM  
Beginning March 8th & 10th  
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.



Save  
the  
Date!

- ⚙️ **April 13th:** Craft event, details TBA
- ⚙️ **Summer Studies (June - August):**  
5:30pm - *How to Read the Bible for All It Is Worth* by Gordon Fee  
6:30pm - June, Galatians; July, Philippians; August, Pastoral Epistle
- ⚙️ **September 21st:** Women's Conference, Cost \$15.00, details TBA

## Children's Ministry

**SPRING**  
Kids Baseball  
Camp  
**MARCH 11-13**  
**9A-12:30P**  
**FREE**

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MRBC Awana Presents:



**Save the Date**

to join us for cars, pinewood derby races, food and fun!

**Wednesday, March 27**  
**6-8pm**

\*\*\*Please note that this will NOT be a regular club night, so parents are required to attend this special event their kids who have been designing and will be painting their own cars!

We are currently looking for a variety of "show" cars or motorcycles for kids and families to see during this church-wide event showcasing our Awana Grand Prix. Please contact Brittany, [brittanymrbc@gmail.com](mailto:brittanymrbc@gmail.com) or 214.454.3551 if you'd like to participate!

## Daylight Savings Time

Sunday, March 10th



Move your clocks forward one hour  
before going to bed Saturday

## Student Ministry

SPRING BREAK AT AVENEW!



MON.- WED, NIGHTS

INFO. \$20 for all Events  
\$10 if you bring a Friend  
\$10 for only one night

SCHEDULE: MON-WED 5-8PM

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