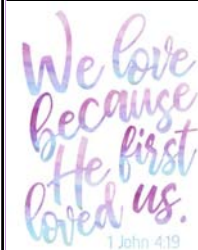


May 2019 Events & Activities

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

- May 1st:** Missions Dinner, benefiting Utah Mission Trip, 5:15pm, Fellowship Hall
Quarterly Business Meeting, 6:00pm, Fellowship Hall
- May 2nd:** Young @ Heart Breakfast at Outlaws, 8:30am
- May 4th:** Women's Ministry Shelter Event, see pg 3
- May 5th:** NewComer's Class & Luncheon, 12:15pm, Fellowship Hall, see pg 3
Youth Parents Meeting, 12:15pm, CommonGrounds
VBS Volunteer Meeting, 3:30pm, Ed. Bldng., 2nd Floor
Zach's Farewell Reception, after evening service, Fellowship Hall
- May 15th:** Training for Youth Led Sunday, see Daniel
- May 17th:** Youth End of School Bash, 6:00pm, CommonGrounds
- May 19th:** Youth Observation Day
Women's Ministry Team Meeting, 12:15pm, Fellowship Hall
Deacon Meeting, 4:00pm, Library
- May 22nd:** AWANA End of Year Party, 6:30pm, MRBC Campus
- May 24th - 25th:** Marriage Retreat, Worship Center, see Phil
- May 24th:** Parents Night Out, 6:30pm, Worship Center, must RSVP to cyndikking@msn.com
- May 27th:** Church Office Closed in Observance of Memorial Day



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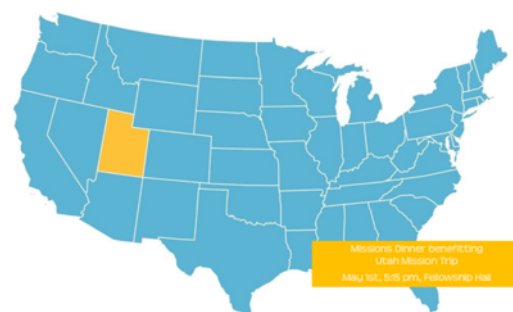
Fighting Boredom

"I'm bored." Just about every parent has heard these words. When I was a kid and uttered this phrase, my parents would sometimes find me something fun to do. Sometimes they gave me work around the house and I regretted vocalizing my boredom. What is the nature of boredom? What causes this intangible feeling that life is not moving fast enough or entertaining enough to satisfy? The need for visual and auditory stimulation drives much of our lives. In the car, the radio blares. In the home, the TV or gaming systems constantly pour out images and sounds. Many Americans leave the TV on even when not watching, just to have the noise in the background. Books, movies, TV, gaming, phones, theme parks, websites, and sports all provide the non-stop, friendly diversion from the mundane. There is nothing explicitly evil in any of these things. However, when the soul is unsatisfied, we run to these things like a prop. The pressing question emerges, "diversion from what?" We dread silence. We disdain the dark. In the end, we are not comfortable being alone with ourselves because deep down we know that the loneliness is never being truly alone. Deep within we recognize that God Himself pierces the silence and the dark. His holy presence intimidates us. His divine power overwhelms us and we strive for the diversion from our thoughts of Him. He is both glorious and terrifying at the same time. "Our God is a consuming fire." "The mountains quake at His presence." "The whole earth trembles." At the thought of such fierce authority, we run in the other direction. Since God is omnipresent the flight takes us not to a geographical place, for "where can I go from Your presence?" Instead, our flight becomes a state of thinking, entertainment in exchange for awe, diversion in exchange for transformation. As Jacob said at Bethel, "Surely the Lord is in this place and I did not know it." God was present at Bethel just as He was always present everywhere Jacob went. God was always present. Jacob was simply distracted. God penetrated through the mundane when Jacob was finally truly alone, still long enough to see and experience

In C.S. Lewis's great work, *The Weight of Glory*, he described the positive impact of entertainment along with its potential harm. "The books or the music in which we thought 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." We were made to see, know, experience and enjoy the God who made us. Sin creates an uncomfortable barrier between us and the holy creation. We drown out the uncomfortable, holy presence with noise. We destroy the foreboding silence with activity and entertainment.

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



**Special Missions Dinner,
benefitting Utah Mission Trip
Wednesday, May 1st
5:15pm, Fellowship Hall**



**WEDNESDAY,
MAY 1ST

6:00PM

FELLOWSHIP
HALL**

Financials as of April 26, 2019

Budget Income	\$ 320,475
Budget Expense	\$ (341,957)
Net Budget	\$ (21,482)



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

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The encroachment of entertainment into every facet of our life squeezes out the opportunities to contemplate that which really matters. Ironically, God is the only One who will ever satisfy our longing for true happiness. Yet each of us pushes His satisfying presence from our minds by attacking it with ideas such as “boredom,” “noise,” “images,” and “entertainment.” In the end, only God truly satisfies our souls because He is the One who has created us. Only He knows the true nature of humanity. Only He knows what will satisfy. The psalmist said it this way. “In Your presence is fullness of joy; In Your right hand there are pleasures forever.” (Psalm 16:11) This article provides a gentle reminder to myself and maybe for others to be quite, to be still, to be bored, to stop long enough to allow the soul to rest in God. May we jettison boredom in exchange for His all-satisfying presence.

~ Daniel

Children's Ministry



Awana Leader Appreciation Night:
Friday, May 17th, 7:00pm,
Fellowship Hall

Awana End of Year Party & Awards:
Wednesday, May 22nd,
6:30-8:15pm,
Fellowship Hall &
Front Lawn

WILD WEEK VBS

JUNE 10TH - 14TH
PRE-K THRU 6TH GRADE
(PRE-K MUST BE 4 BY JUNE 1ST, 2019)
6:00PM - 8:30PM

We need you!

If you already know how you'd like to serve and/or if you have any questions, contact Brittany, at brittanymrbc@gmail.com.

Church Office Closed



Women's Ministry

Women's Bible Studies

Summer Bible Studies for Women
June thru August (Except VBS week)
Women of the Word, by Jen Wilkins @ 5:30pm
(childcare available for those that attend this class)

June (Except VBS week)
Foundations of the NT @ 6:30pm

July
Philippians @ 6:30pm

August
Ephesians @ 6:30pm

Women's Conference

**9/
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The Women in the Gospel of John
@ Matthew Road Baptist Church

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

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

- ⚙ **Summer Studies (June - August):**
5:30pm - Women of the Word, by Jen Wilkins (childcare available for those that attend this class)
6:30pm - June, Foundations of the NT; July, Philippians; August, Pastoral Epistle
- ⚙ **September 21st:**
Women's Conference, Cost \$15.00, details TBA