



Matthew Road Baptist Church ... a place to call home

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We Believe

Matthew Road Baptist Church functions as an autonomous gathering of Christians, committed to God and each other, in a covenant relationship. As such, in our thirty-six years of existence as a church, we have been guided by some basic principles. These principles include both theological and practical aspects of church life. These foundational principles are articulated in our church's constitution and by-laws. The initial constitution and by-laws was enacted at the inception of the congregation over thirty years ago. In the 1990s, the church issued a new constitution and by-laws, revising the original document. Now, almost twenty years later, we are at the point of needing to revise our constitution and by-laws again. This is no small matter.

For the past ten months the deacon body has undergone the arduous process of rewriting this document. Several months ago, the deacons appointed a subcommittee to undertake this process. The subcommittee included the pastor, the associate pastor, the chair of the deacon body, and three other deacons as nominated and approved by the deacon body. The six members of the subcommittee are Daniel Sweet, Phil McGlothlin, Steve Hines, Bruce Andree, Chris deWolfe and William Sullenger. This group of six men spent hours meeting together, discussing the content of the existing constitution line by line, comparing our constitution with other church constitutions, reading legal advice from representatives of Baptist conventions, and reading legal advice from other experts on church constitutions and bylaws. The committee reported back to the deacon body at various times over the last several months including the presentation of an initial draft in the summer of 2015. Additionally, the ministerial staff also gave input to the subcommittee. Comments from both the deacons and the church staff were instrumental in revisions that were incorporated into the initial draft. In January, the deacons and the staff were asked if they could affirm the new document. Both groups unanimously voted to support the new document and to present the new constitution and bylaws to the church for approval.

We are now in the next phase of this process. At the quarterly business meeting in February, we presented the draft of the document to the

congregation, thus beginning a new step in the process of receiving feedback for the purposes of revising the language in the document. We are hosting four town hall meetings, two on Wednesday evenings and two on Sunday afternoons. These meetings provide opportunities for each person attending Matthew Road Baptist Church to ask questions, seek clarification, make suggestions and to express any concerns. We have already hosted one of these events. The subcommittee of the deacon body that has been tasked with the crafting of this document will reconvene our meetings after the completion of the four town hall meetings. With the public comments and suggestions, we will make adjustments to the constitution and bylaws and present a final document to the deacon body and staff for approval. After both groups approve this final document, the church will have a final opportunity to discuss and vote at the quarterly business meeting in April.

The most significant changes include a more extensive statement of faith and covenant. For some time now, I have wanted to have a more detailed statement of faith in our constitution. For the months of March and April, on Sunday mornings we will be preaching through the basic tenets of our faith as outlined in the new constitution. This will allow us to present this statement of faith in a systematic way, using biblical texts as our guide.

This document is meant as a guide to the faith and practices of our church. However, it is not a replacement for the Bible. Nor do we hold this document as having the same authority as the Bible. The church ultimately answers to Christ. Christ exercises His authority over the church through the written word of the Bible and the Holy Spirit's leading of the church as we apply the Bible to our lives. But the church needs the administrative tools of the constitution and bylaws in order to function in a way that maximizes our kingdom impact and minimizes distractions from our calling. You can help us in this process by reading the new constitution, asking questions and seeking corrections in order to help the church produce the best governing document possible.

~ Daniel



Town Hall Meetings



We will have Town Hall Meetings to discuss the proposed Constitution rewrite on the following dates:

Wednesday, March 2nd, 6:00pm

Sunday, March 6th, 4:30pm

The church will vote on the new Constitution in the Quarterly Business Meeting April 27th, at 6:00pm, in Fellowship Hall.

Easter 2016



Get Connected

**Missed a sermon?
Want to share our sermon series
with a friend or family member?
Check out our website and
listen to or download our sermons:
www.matthewroad.org**



Student Ministry

Bible Studies:

- High School Guys (9-12th) @Geisendorffs, Mondays, 6:30pm (Tim Wittman)
- High School Girls @ Christine Wehrli & Maggie Dean's, Thursdays 6:30pm (Christine & Maggie)
- High School Guys (Students in area) @ the Kings, Mondays 6:30pm (Weston Southers)
- Middle School Guys @ the Hines, Mondays, 6:30pm-8pm (leader tba)
- Middle School Girls @ the Halsells, Mondays, 7:00pm - 8:00pm (leader tba)
- Athletes Guys Bible Study/ Open Basketball @MRBC Mondays 6:00pm (Zach)

**For any questions
about anything @ anytime,
contact Zach (210-818-8002)**

**March 4th-6th - Heartbeat, Cost: \$70. The "bring a friend" rate is \$50.
Sign up at Announcement Board in front of Zach's office.**

Children's Ministry



Wednesday Nights, for kids ages 3* - 6th grade
6:30pm - 8:00pm

It's March Kindness Month -
Check with your clubber for details!

AWANA Grand Prix wraps up with the T&T Boys race
on Wednesday, March 2nd, 7:00pm,
in Fellowship Hall - Parents invited!

*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.

Sunday Nights 5:30pm
Education Building
2nd floor



This Spring we are studying the book of
Matthew! Join us as we learn what it
means to be a disciple committed to
going out into the world to make
disciples! For K - 6th Grade.



When: Tuesday, March 15
Time: 9:50a-11a
Where: Pump It Up Arlington
1120 Eden Road, St. 102
Arlington, TX 76001
Cost: \$7 per jumper

Waiver required to jump. Obtain waiver from Brittany and bring on day of
event. No transportation provided. Siblings welcome. Pay at time of event.



Sunday School

Join us every Sunday morning from
9:45-10:45am as we journey
through the Gospel Project.



PRETEEN CAMP
AT MT. LEBANON
JUNE 27TH - JULY 1ST
SEE BRITTANY

- Secret Keep Girl Crazy Hair Tour for girls, age 8 - 10 -
April 15th, 6:30pm, @ Fielder Metro Church
- VBS - June 13th - 17th
- Preteen Camp at Mt. Lebanon - June 27th - July 1st
- Camp 3:17 Sports & Arts Day Camp - July 18th - 22nd



Annie Armstrong Missions Offering

**Annie Armstrong Easter
Offering
Week of Prayer
March 6-13, 2016**



Music Ministry



Children's Choir: 6:00-6:30, Education Building (2nd floor)
Adult Choir: 6:30-7:30, Sanctuary

Matthew Road Academy

Matthew Road Academy is currently in the middle of our 4th school year.
Approximately 200 students venture onto the MRBC campus every Tuesday and
Thursday to take various courses, including math, foreign languages, fitness and
fine arts. Most students attend full time, meaning they complete all needed
academic subjects, plus an elective or two.



On Mon/Wed/Fri they are at home with a parent, completing assigned work that is
required to be turned back in the following school day. Accountability is high and I am proud that the
majority of the students, despite a rigorous curriculum, are on the A honor roll.

This unique education model is called the University Model. Research shows students who complete their
lower education through this model learn study habits and a work ethic that they carry with them into
successful college years.

The Class of 2016 is comprised of 13 graduating seniors with plans to attend Bible colleges, community
college and universities. We are proud that our seniors have worked hard and have been accepted into the
schools of their choice.

Having started with just 30 students, our growth shows MRA has found a need in our community and we
enjoy ministering to these Christian families as they strive to raise and disciple their children through these
informative years.

We are now taking applications for the 2016-2017 school year. Because we are currently at max capacity in
grades 3rd-10th, all incoming applications will be reviewed and prayed over. Any openings will be awarded
to new families in March.

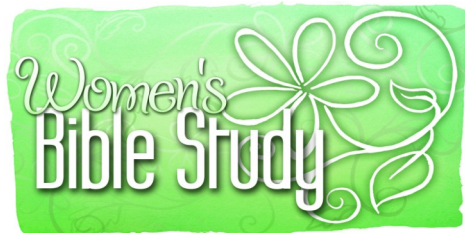
If you are interested in your student attending MRA, or know a friend who may be, please visit us at:
www.matthewroadacademy.org

As a self funded ministry of MRBC, this is a paid private school option; however, it is the heart and desire of
Pastor Daniel and myself to keep MRA an affordable education opportunity for the community.

We look forward to another great year and appreciate your prayers as our 22 staff members educate,
disciple, and love the students and families who attend this year.

~ Blessings, Candice McClellin, MRA Administrator (469-200-0227)

Women's Ministry



Weekly Bible Studies:

Sunday mornings

Rachel Sullenger & Tiffany Marich
- the book of Timothy
Joy Richards & Chris Anderson
- the book of Acts

Sunday nights

Meg Trihus
- the Epistles

Wednesday Nights

Cyndi King
- the book of Luke

Friday Mornings, Chick Fil A

Cyndi King
- The book of Luke



Monday Evenings, 6:00pm



God has been telling our love story since the foundation of the world. God is all-powerful, all-knowing, and abounding in imagination, creativity, mystery, and wisdom. And even when we question God's love or act in disobedience, God pursues us. The stories found in the book of Genesis remind us of God's pursuit of His children. From Noah to Sarah and Rebekah to Joseph, God's boundless love radiates off the pages. Join us starting Thursday night March 24th, from 7:00pm - 8:30pm, at the Germers' home, for six weeks for this impactful study. No childcare is provided.

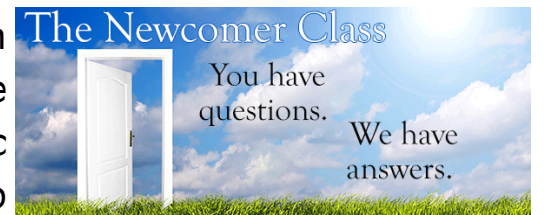
Questions or wish to sign up?
Please contact Vicki at dgermer@sbcglobal.net.



NewComer's Class & Luncheon

Since we have people attending our church from every type of church background, we have established an on-going class that provides basic information about our church. We would like to invite you to our NewComer's Class & Dinner. We request that all new members attend this class. We also invite those who have not yet joined our church, or have returned to our church family, and wish to learn more about our church home. 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 you the opportunity to ask questions and grow in your understanding of the ministries of our church.

Our next class is Friday, April 29th, at 6:30pm, in our Fellowship Hall. Lunch and childcare are included. Please RSVP at the Welcome Desk or email mrbcinfo@matthewroad.org.



Parents Night Out



Parents Night Out is back!
We no longer always meet on the third Friday of each month, so check out the new dates:

March 11th
April 29th
May 27th
June 24th
July 15th
No PNO in August

Please note: You must RSVP to cyndikking@msn.com to ensure your child's spot.

20Somethings & Singles



Activities:

- ☺ March 12th - Game Night, 6pm, see Rachel
- ☺ April 2nd or 30th - Activity, see Rachel
- ☺ June 25 - 30 - Destin, cost \$350
- ☺ July 24th - 30th: Mission trip to Mexico, cost \$250, see Rachel

Classes:

- ~ Sunday Morning 9:45 am: Daniel Sweet leading
- ~ Sunday Night 5:30 pm: Jared Scott leading a study in Ephesians (Fellowship Hall)
- ~ Wednesday Night 6:45pm: Steve Hines leading Acts/Epistles (Teller Room)



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

Mexico Mission Trip
July 24th - 30th
Cost - \$300
More info to come...

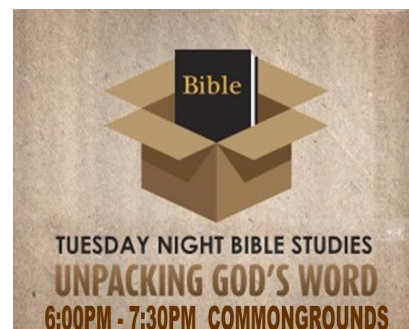


College



Class: Sunday Morning, 9:45am
 Ed. Bldg., 2nd Flr.
 Teacher: Kevin & Caitlin Marek
 Studying: various books of the Bible

Contact Steve at
stephen@matthewroad.org
 to find out the latest
 events & activities!



March 2016 Events & Activities

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

- March 2nd:** Town Hall Meeting, 6:00pm, Library
March 3rd: Young @ Heart Breakfast at Outlaws, 8:30am
March 4th - 5th: Beth Moore Conference
March 4th - 6th: HeartBeat Weekend, see Zach for info
March 6th: Town Hall Meeting, 4:30pm, Library
March 8th: MRA Science & Art Fair, 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall
March 11th: Parents Night Out, 6:30pm, Worship Center
March 12th: 20Somethings Party, see Rachel for info
March 13th: Daylight Savings Time begins, "spring forward" 1 hour Saturday evening
March 15th: Children's Spring Break Fun Day, see Brittany for info
March 21st: PAW Easter Celebration, see Cyndi for info
March 25th: Good Friday Service & Lord's Supper, 7:00pm, Sanctuary
March 27th: Sunrise Service, 7:15am, front lawn of Worship Center



Discipleship

Sunday Nights:

- ◇ 20Somethings - Fellowship Hall, 5:30pm
- ◇ Adult Discipleship - Sanctuary, 5:30pm
- ◇ Ladies Bible Study - Conference Room, 5:30pm
- ◇ Young Marrieds Bible Study - Library, 5:30pm
- ◇ Adult Couples Class - Fellowship Hall, 5:30pm
- ◇ Guy Talk for youth - CommonGrounds, 5:30pm, see Zach for exact location
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- ◇ MD² for children - Education Building, 5:30pm

Wednesday Nights:

- ◇ AWANA for children - Ed. Building, 6:30pm
- ◇ Collide for youth - CommonGrounds, 6:30pm
- ◇ Adult Bible Studies - Library, 6:45pm
- ◇ Women's Bible Study - Conference Room, 6:45pm
- ◇ 20Somethings Bible Study - Teller Room, 6:45pm

Regular Scheduled Activities

Sundays

Morning Worship	8:30 & 11:00am
Morning Bible Study (all ages)	9:45am
Evening Bible Study (all ages)	5:30pm
7:17 Service	6:45pm

Mondays

K2 Primary Academy	8:45am
PAW Program	9:00am
Women's Bible Study	6:00pm

Tuesdays

MRA (during school year)	8:30am
Young @ Heart Activities	9:45am
College Bible Study	6:00pm

Wednesdays

K2 Primary Academy	8:45am
PAW Program	9:00am
Wednesday Night Dinner	5:15pm
Children's Choir	5:45pm
Collide (youth)	6:30pm
Adult Choir	6:30pm
AWANA (children)	6:30pm
Adult Bible Study	6:45pm
20Somethings	6:45pm

Thursdays

MRA (during school year)	8:30am
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Fridays

Chick time at Chick-Fil-A	9:00am
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Saturdays

Men's Coffee Group (Good Day Café, GP)	7:30am
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Financials as of February 12, 2016

Budget Income	\$ 118,826
Budget Expense	\$(123,438)
Net Budget	\$ (4,612)

Average Morning Attendance for February: 372

Average 7:17 Service Attendance for February: 140