



Treatment for the Flu and Negative Consequences and the Law of God

A recent article reported the finding by some in the medical profession that treatment for the flu could actually be making the flu worse. Every year, the winter months bring flu season. For weeks, we hear about the production and availability of the new flu vaccine followed by stories of outbreaks of the flu. One of the more recent developments in medicine has been the advent of pharmaceuticals that battle the flu after a person has already fallen ill to the virus. In the past, we would run to the drugstore and load up on various over the counter flu remedies that really only addressed some of the symptoms. Now, there are drugs that actually reduce the severity and the duration of the illness, allowing people to get back to school or work much quicker than a decade ago. However, this quick recovery from the symptoms also means that individuals feel well enough to return to normal activities while still contagious. This negative consequence has some in the medical world wondering whether the treatment actually makes the flu season worse. While helping the individual that is already sick, the number of exposures for the community at large grows rapidly. This is not to suggest that

treatment should be suppressed. The prescriptions that provide legitimate relief from this serious illness should and must be deployed. In some cases, it may even preserve a person's life. The desire of the researchers is to provide more education as to the extended contagious period for the patient, even when they are feeling better. We have been studying the book of Romans on Sunday evenings. A fundamental principle of the book is that we are justified before God on the bases of faith in the person and work of Jesus Christ. When we believe in Christ, God treats us as if we are righteous. For some during Paul's day, the pull of legalism caused them to be skeptical. They might say, "Why did God give us the Law?" The law of God functions in several beneficial ways in our lives. However, the one thing the law cannot do is make us righteous before God. Just like the treatment for the flu does not remove the flu from us, but there are great benefits of taking the drug. In the same way, the law has great benefits but it will never remove the need for the work of Christ and the individual's need for faith in Him. There are several benefits to the law. First, according to Romans and Galatians, the law identifies our need

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for grace. We cannot fulfill the law. We cannot keep the requirements of the law. We find that perfect fulfillment of the law is necessary but impossible. We cannot be righteous, or just, before a holy God on the basis of our ability to meet His perfect demands. Our failure drives us to His solution; we are justified on the basis of faith in Christ Jesus. Second, the law provides us insight into the heart of God. What God says about our world, our culture, our encounter with cultures that do not honor Him, our history and the history of all others. By studying the law of God, meaning the Bible as a whole, we get to know God's priorities for our lives. Third, the law provides for believers a means to love God. We cannot be right before God based on our actions. We cannot ever do enough to justify ourselves before Him. However, we can love Him. The way we love Him is to love His law and to submit ourselves to His law. Jesus said it this way to His disciples, *"This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends. You are My friends if you do what I command you."* John 15:12-14

Just as Tamiflu does not cure a person instantly of the flu, the law cannot make us right before God. Just as Tamiflu, despite the positive intentions of the developers, can actually cause certain behaviors that make flu season worse, so can those who rely upon the law for more than it was intended. The law is good, but we are not. The law of God does what it is intended to do, drive us to God, explain His character and provide us with clear instruction on how we can love God. In the hands of the wrong person with the wrong motives, the law can be misused in ways that are detrimental to the individual and the community of the church.

We are committed to studying and applying the Bible. We do not do this to make ourselves righteous before God. We are inadequate to accomplish such an impossible task. We are righteous before God on the basis of His grace through faith in Christ. Just as a doctor who prescribes Tamiflu for a patient gives that patient a word of caution about still being contagious, we prescribe the study of God's Word with a word of caution about still needing grace. As Paul says, *"For by grace you have been saved through faith and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God. Not as a result of works so that no one may boast."* Ephesians 2:9-10

~Daniel

Youth Ministry

Heartbeat February 6th-9th!

Cost - \$75 for a student, \$55 for a student if a friend comes
(friends that need the gospel!)



Heartbeat is finally here! It is our Disciple Now retreat where we will have speaker, Garrett Raburn, and worship musician Ryan Proudfoot join us for the weekend. Our theme is Multiply, in hopes of encouraging our students to make disciples and multiply the Good News that Jesus Christ died for our sins and rose from the dead! Our theme verse is Matthew 28:19 which states to "Go and Make Disciples"! My hope is to have our students invite their friends so we can further the Great Commission and honor Jesus Christ!

Small Group Bible Studies are meeting this week:

- ~ HS Guys @ Geisendorff's Mondays, 6:30pm - Steve Clardy
- ~ HS Girls @ Christine Wehrli & Maggie Dean's Mondays, 6:30pm - Christine & Maggie
- ~ JH Guys @ King's Mondays, 6:30pm - Andrew Snyder
- ~ JH Girls @ West's Mondays, 7:00pm - Madi Snowden
- ~ Athletes Guy's Bible Study @ SGP Thursdays, 6:30pm - Zach
- ~ Athletes Guy's Bible study on Tuesday nights as well! (Looks like it may be pushed back till late February; waiting for students schedules! - Zach (also still looking for another to help!) 6:00pm @MRBC

Please be praying for these students and teachers as they help start small groups/Bible studies at their schools:

- Agape Club @ Dubiski, Tim Wittman, Kenton Snyder, Richard Rodriguez, with Dr. Michael West
- FCA @ South Grand Prairie, Addy McCaleb and myself
- FCA @ Truman M.S. with Mr. Wade
- FCA at Reagan M.S. with Diana Knight
- FCA @ Kennedy Leadership Academy with Christine Wehrli
- FCA @ Arlington H.S. with Christine Wehrli

Music Ministry



All music rehearsals have resumed for the Spring semester. We hope that you and your family will consider joining us as we worship together!

Adult Choir - Wednesdays, 6:30pm, choir rm
Youth Choir - Wednesdays, 5:45pm, choir rm
Children's Choir - Wednesday nights at 6:00 in the education building, second floor
 If you are interested in joining one of our instrumental ensembles, please contact Alison or Jeff.

Christian Counseling

You're Invited!
 Date night is back! Discover how celebrating your differences can actually bring you closer together with the Date Night Challenge™ Event.
 Sign up today!

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The Date Night Challenge is sweeping the nation as a fun and dynamic way to strengthen your marriage through regular dating. It's an evening of fun and laughter-featuring comedian Dennis Swanberg, pastor/author Ted Cunningham and marriage experts Dr. Greg and Erin Smalley. You'll also enjoy music by premiere Christian artists including Matthew West, Plumb, Sanctus Real, For King & Country, Jason Upton and more!

Date:	February 28, 2014
Time:	6:45PM - 8:30PM
Location:	Matthew Road Baptist Church
Register:	Matthewroad.org/datenight

Preregistration Discount & Childcare Available

Churchwide Football Party



Join us Sunday, February 2nd, for a Churchwide Football Party! We'll enjoy great food, fellowship and football, beginning at 5:30pm in CommonGrounds. Grilling will start at 5:30pm, with the game being shown (commercial free) on the big screen at 6:00pm. At 7:00pm, we'll head over to the sanctuary for Worship service. Immediately following service, we will resume the game broadcast in CommonGrounds.

(Phil's class, MD² and Women's Bible Study will still meet at their regular time and place.)

Women's Ministry



Sisters of Strength

Be a Sister of Strength! Take the time to strengthen a sister!

Make a phone call!

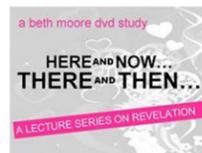
Send a card! Pray!

Let us walk this life together!!!

Have a prayer request? Need more information about our Women's Ministry classes or events? Need to get in touch with our Women's Ministry Coordinator? Contact us at our email address: womensministryofmatthewroad@gmail.com.



**Wednesday Night
Ladies Bible Study
6:45pm, Conference Room**



Here and Now...There and Then by Beth Moore is a lecture series on the book of Revelation. Beth presents many points of view, allowing women to decide for themselves when the interpretation varies among scholars.

She teaches that God is as specific about what He does reveal as He is about what He does not reveal.

Join us for this amazing time of reading through God's Word. Led by Kim Sweet.



**MONDAYS IN MARCH -
NEW LADIES BIBLE STUDY
&
MAY 10TH - SPRING EVENT!**

MORE INFO TO COME!

PAW Spring



It is a time for both you and your children to enjoy.

Schedule: We are a Monday & Wednesday preschool. Our hours are 9am - 2pm. Second semester goes through Wednesday, May 14th.

Tuition and Fees: Tuition is \$130.00 per month. There is an annual supply fee of \$75.00 (prorated if enrolling during the school year) and a registration fee of \$35.00 (non-refundable). Supply and registration fees are due upon enrollment. (*Sibling discounts are available.*)

Pease call Cyndi King, at 972-641-7380, for more information.

**We have lots of growing room
for our 2 yrs old & under!**

Children's Ministry



The Awana club kids have been working diligently on designing and painting their very own race cars for our annual Awana Grand Prix. All parents are encouraged to come cheer on their racers in the Fellowship Hall on the night of their race! See the schedule below.

February 5 - Cubbies at 6:40pm; Sparks at 7pm.

February 12 - T & T Girls at 7pm.

February 17 - T & T Boys at 7pm.

In the Gospel Project (Sunday Mornings) -

We continue to journey together through the Old Testament as we study God's redemptive plan at work from the beginning of time. Parents can keep up with what their children are studying by subscribing to the MRBC Children's Ministry blog that is updated weekly. Visit our blog at www.mrbccchildrensministry.blogspot.com



In MD² - We continue Kids Experiencing God at Home. This month we will begin learning two main truths - 1. God wants a personal relationship with me; and 2. God wants me to be part of His work. The parent's parallel study will continue to meet for the next several weeks. Even if you or your child have not previously attended these studies, you are welcome to check them out or join at any time!

Save the Date!!!

Family Worship Night - Friday, April 4, 6:30pm

Inside Out VBS - June 23-27

Ranch Camp - July 17-20



Facebook - facebook.com/mrbccchildrens

Blog - mrbccchildrensministry.blogspot.com

Twitter - MRBCmrbc

Have Questions about our Children's Ministry, or need more information about an event or activity? Contact our Children's Minister, Brittany Harley, at brittany@matthewroad.org, or call 972-641-2717.

20Somethings

Who are we?

We are... sinners in need of God's Grace

We are... part of God's plan for the future

We are... going to make an impact on the world for Christ

We aren't... children any more

We are... making the decisions that will effect the rest of our lives.

We matter to God.



I SEE A GENERATION RISING UP TO TAKE THEIR PLACE - HILLSONG

REGULAR SCHEDULE

Bible Study:
Sunday 9:45AM - I Corinthians; location Ed Bldg
5:30PM—Snack/Evangelism; location Fellowship Hall

Discipleship:
Wednesday: 8:30PM - Culture Shock; location CG

Night of Praise

March 22 6:00 PM

May 2 6:00 PM

We will join together in worship! Join us at 6:00PM for snacks. At 6:30 we will begin worship. Plan to attend, and bring a friend.

What's up

- 2.28.14—BASEBALL GAME; 6:30PM DBU VS U OF P \$7.00
- 3.28.14-- \$5.00
INTERN UNAPOLOGETIC CONFERENCE
- 4.18.14—GOOD FRIDAY/ SECRET CHURCH; 8:00PM \$5.00
PIZZA FOR DINNER
- 5.23.14—WELCOME BACK DINNER DATE; 6:00PM \$5.00
- 6.14.14—FLIP FLOPS, FOOTBALL AND FLAPJACKS; 10:00AM \$5.00
- 7.27.14 TO 8.1.12—VBS / SOCCER CAMP IN MEXICO \$220.00
- 8.18.14—WELCOME @ DBU \$0.00
Study Packets for SWAT
- 8.20.14—WELCOME @ DBU \$0.00
SNOCONES AT DBU

For more information on anything see Rachel or email her at rachel@matthewroad.org



February 2014 Events & Activities

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

- February 2nd: Churchwide Football Party, 6:00pm, CommonGrounds (see ad)
- February 5th: Daniel's Famous Lasagna Wednesday Night Dinner, 5:15pm, Fellowship Hall
Cubbie & Sparks Racers, 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall
- February 6th: Young @ Heart Breakfast at Outlaws, 8:30am
- February 6th - 9th: HeartBeat (see ad)
- February 9th: Deacon Meeting, 5:00pm, Conference Room
- February 10th: 20Somethings Luncheon at DBU, see Rachel
- February 12th: Special India Missions Wednesday Night Dinner, 5:15pm, Fellowship Hall
T&T Girls Racers, 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall
- February 13th: MRA Open House, 6:00pm, CommonGrounds
- February 14th: Parents Night Out, 6:30pm, Worship Center, see Cyndi
- February 15th: Boomers Class Party, 5:00pm, Fellowship Hall
- February 16th: B&G Meeting, 5:00pm, Conference Room
- February 19th: T&T Boys Racers, 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall
- February 27th: MRA Open House, 6:00pm, CommonGrounds
- February 28th: 20Somethings DBU Baseball Game, see ad

Discipleship

Sunday Nights:

- ◇ Trek Journey - CommonGrounds, 4:30pm
- ◇ 20Somethings - Fellowship Hall, 5:30pm (ongoing)
- ◇ The Study of Acts - Sanctuary, 6:00pm
- ◇ Ladies Bible Study - Fellowship Hall, 6:00pm
- ◇ Adult Bible Study - Library, 6:00pm (ongoing)
- ◇ Guy Talk for youth - CommonGrounds, 6:00pm (ongoing), see Zach for exact location
- ◇ Girl Talk for youth - CommonGrounds, 6:00pm (ongoing), see Zach for exact location
- ◇ MD² - Education Building, 6:00pm (ongoing)

Wednesday Nights:

- ◇ AWANA, 6:30pm, Ed. Building
- ◇ Collide (for youth), 6:30pm, CommonGrounds
- ◇ Adult Bible Studies, 6:30pm, Worship Center
- ◇ 20Somethings Bible Study, 8:30pm, CommonGrounds

Regular Scheduled Activities

Sundays	
Morning Worship	8:30 & 11:00am
Morning Bible Study (all ages)	9:45am
Trek/Journey (Jr. & Sr. High)	4:30pm
Evening Bible Study (all ages)	6:00pm
7:17 Service	7:17pm
Mondays	
PAW Program	9:00am
Tuesdays	
Young @ Heart Activities	9:45am
Wednesdays	
PAW Program	9:00am
Wednesday Night Dinner	5:15pm
Collide (youth)	6:30pm
AWANA Club	6:30pm
Adult Bible Study	6:30pm
20Somethings	8:30pm
Saturdays	
Men's Coffee Group	7:30am

Men's Bible Study
"God's Wisdom in a Man's Life"
Sunday Nights 6 – 7PM
Man Cave
Sun 09 Feb – Sun 13 April 2014
Study, Fellowship, God's Wisdom

Average Morning Attendance for January: 450

Average 7:17 Service Attendance for January: 173