

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

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Be the Hands and Feet of Christ

On Sunday, March 30, we are going to host a special Sunday morning of worship morning. and ministry. We are doing something on that Sunday that we have never done before. On that day, we will meet as one Sunday morning congregation at 9:30am So if you normally attend the 8:30am service, you will have a few minutes more sleep that Sunday. If you normally attend the 11:00am service, we will worship during the time you would normally attend Bible Study. After worship, we will go out into the community to work together in groups doing a wide variety of projects.

Because this changes our normal schedule of events on Sunday morning and involves serving the community in a way we have never tried before, as leaders, we need your help. We need your help in keeping those around you as informed as possible. We also need your collective participation in this event. Confusion or complaining can dampen the those good works, on the same day, results. Clarity and enthusiasm can have a very positive impact on the event, the church and even our community. Keith Dibble and Rose Strachn have done much ground work to get us prepared for this. They have arranged projects throughout the community. They have also prepared a project at the

I know that one of the aspects of this event that will make some hesitant is the loss of the usual Sunday morning Bible Study time together. If you have a Bible Study class that still wants to gather to study and pray, you may do so at 8:30am Please check with Phil to ensure

church that provides for anyone to

participate.

that the spaces are available to you that

There are so many benefits that come from an event like this. First is the benefit of serving with friends and family. Ministering is a way of showing God's love to our neighbors, and doing that together allows the church, as a community, to display the sacrificial love of Christ. Second, this event provides a means to build community within the church. As we serve together there will be times of fellowship and encouragement across families and Bible Study classes, putting together individuals that are in different groups at Matthew Road. This event also allows the whole church to represent the church and Christ to the community in a positive way. Doing good works in the name of Christ fulfills the biblical mandate given to us by Christ in Matthew 5, and a help in building up the church through our host of other passages. This event allows the entire body of believers to engage in together.

Over the next several weeks you will hear more about the "Hands and Feet of Christ" mission event at Matthew Road. There will be announcements, articles in the newsletter and postings on our website and facebook page. You can help by answering questions and giving positive encouragement about this event whenever it comes up in conversation.

As Jesus said, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matthew 5:16

~ Pastor Daniel

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Hands and Feet of Christ

On Sunday, March 30th, Matthew Road Baptist Church will worship our Savior, Jesus Christ, through our service to our local community. Our goal is to show our community the love of Jesus Christ and share the Good News through our willingness to help meet their basic needs. Our hope is to equip the church body to serve locally as individuals and families in Christ's name and for His glory.

Each team will be comprised of a mix of individuals and families serving in a way that best fits the abilities of the group. Service projects may include: yard work, fence repair, outside cleanup and other outdoor/ ground level home projects. For those who cannot serve through physical labor, there will be projects to be completed on campus that may include: writing letters, sewing, making hygiene kits, tracing patterns and praying for our community. We will meet at 9:30am in the Worship Center. After a time of worship through song and entering into the Word, we will break up into our groups and go into our community at 11:00am We would like to welcome you back for the 7:17 worship in the evening as a time of celebration and entering into the Word, directly following our Bible Studies at 6:00pm.

FAQ:

Why Sunday? Sunday is a day believers set aside to participate in worship together. On Sundays, those who are not in worship are often times not believers in Christ. Hands and Feet of Christ, on Sunday morning, allows us to identify the needs within our community and worship through service.

What about Bible Study? There will be no Bible Study, however, each class is welcome to gather for prayer at 8:30am. See Phil for available classroom space.

What about my kids? You will be serving together as a family. Hands and Feet was created out of a desire for families to serve and glorify Christ together. If you have children younger than 5 years old, we will have childcare available for you.

How long will my project last? Each project should last 1 - 1^{1/2} hours.

What should I wear? Comfortable clothing such as jeans and Hands and Feet of Christ shirts. These shirts are available to purchase.

How much are the shirts? Hands and Feet of Christ is intended to be an ongoing local missions emphasis. It is our desire to wear a consistent shirt in the community in order that we can be identified and use this as an opportunity to spread the Gospel. The suggested donation is \$5 per individual, \$10 per couple, \$20 per family. These prices do not cover the costs of the shirts. If you are able to give more, please help us make sure every person is covered.

What should I bring? General supplies will be provided. Projects will be assigned the week before Hands and Feet of Christ. When you are assigned a project, you will be notified of any special tools that may be required.

Schedule:

9:30am **Worship Together**

11:00am Send out work teams/groups

12:30pm Projects finished (but please continue to show Christ to the community

every day!)

Questions? Please see Keith Dibble or Rose Strachn.



Youth Ministry



TGIF @ the Stovers March 7th 7:00pm-9:30pm 4206 Iron Ln Mansfield, TX



WHO: 7TH – 12TH GRADE STUDENTS

WHEN: SUNDAY, MARCH 9TH - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12TH, 2014

WHERE: SERVING IN OUR COMMUNITY IN GRAND PRAIRIE DOING VBS AND MINISTERING TO YOUTH AT THE PARK STAYING AT HOST HOMES OVERNIGHT MONDAY & TUESDAY NIGHT

WHY: TO TEACH OUR STUDENTS HOW TO SERVE OTHER BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST, TO MINISTER AND LEARN WHAT IT MEANS TO SERVE CHRIST AND TO EVANGELIZE ABOUT THE GOOD NEWS

OF JESUS CHRIST IN OUR COMMUNITY

COST: \$60

*SIGN UP IN COMMON GROUNDS AT THE SIGN UP BOARD
**SEE ZACH, STEVE, OR MILENA FOR DETAILS AND SCHEDULES



Music Ministry



It's not too late to join us for our Easter Sunday preparations!

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 - Wednesdays, 6:00pm in the Ed. building, second floor

> If you are interested in joining one of our instrumental ensembles, please contact Alison or Jeff.

Christian Counseling



General Women's Struggles Group

What: A safe place where women of all ages can come and discuss everyday life struggles such as communicating effectively, forgiveness, dealing with shame and other emotions.

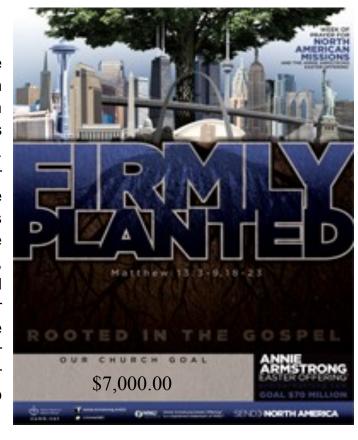
When: Thursdays at 6:30pm - 8pm, through April 24th.

Where: Matthew Road Baptist
Church Office Building
- Classrooms Near Coke Machine
Cost: \$5 a session. Cash or check.

Call 214-997-4883 with any questions.

Annie Armstrong

During March 16th-23rd our church will be celebrating the Week of Prayer for the North American Missions Emphasis. Don't miss out on this special time of learning how Southern Baptists are sharing the gospel in the U.S. and Canada. Though their stories and methods vary, our missionaries are doing whatever it takes to share the gospel with North America. Whether it is starting a new church, meeting the needs of the homeless, or leading Back Yard Bible clubs, missionaries depend on the faithful prayers and generosity of Southern Baptists. Please pray for our missionaries and give generously to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering®. Our church goal for the Annie Armstrong Offering is \$7,000. Prayer guides will be available following the worship services on March 16th.





Women's Ministry



time to strengthen a sister! Make a phone call! Send a card! Pray!

Be a Sister of Strength! Take the 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.

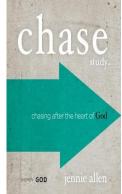
Let us walk this life together!!!



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. Led by Kim Sweet.



Join us Monday, March 17th, from 7:00pm - 8:30pm in the Church Library for "Chase \longrightarrow ", by Jennie Allen.

David was reckless, sinful, passionate and humble. What can women learn from his broken life? Jennie Allen's interactive study highlights seven events in David's life to help you move beyond the appearance of godliness and open up your deepest self to God's love. Cost: \$10, childcare included.



PAW FALL



Preschool Academy of Westchester (PAW) is a quality preschool program for children ages 9 months-5 years old. Your children will enjoy their classroom activities

planned around our curriculum, "Wee Learn" (published by LifeWay). At our program, your child will learn about sharing, healthy living, academics, music, American sign-language, the Bible, manners, cooperation and giving. It is a time for

both you and your children to enjoy.

Schedule: We are amonday & Wednesday preschool. Our hours are 9am - 2pm.

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.



Children's Ministry



Join us each Wednesday evening as we memorize God's Word, hear Bible stories, play games, and have a lot of fun!

> Cubbies - 3 & 4 year olds (by September 1st) Sparks - Kindergarten through 2nd grade T&T - 3rd through 6th grade

> > Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00pm



Preteen Ranch Camp Family Worship Rally at MRBC, Wednesday, July 16th; Camp At Sabine Creek Ranch July 17th - 20th.

Early Bird Discount Price of \$210 available for those who register before May 15th!

In MD^2 – We continue Kids Experiencing God at Home. This month we will continue 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!





Thursday, March 13th, Children's Ministry Fun Day from 2:15-3:45pm at Pump It Up Arlington, 1120 Eden Rd., Suite #102, Arlington, TX 76001. \$6 per jumper (parents observe for free)



New Christian's Class: Sundays, April 6 - May 4 Family Worship Night: Friday, April 4, 6:30-8pm Inside Out VBS: June 23-27, 6:00-8pm



Facebook - facebook.com/mrbcchildrens Blog - mrbcchildrensministry.blogspot.com

Twitter - MRBCmrbc



20Somethings

Who are we?



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

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.

REGULAR SCHEDULE

Bible Study: Sunday

> 9:45am - I Corinthians; location Ed Bldg 5:30pm-Snack/Evangelism; location FH

Discipleship Wednesday:

8:30pm - Culture Shock location CG

Night of Praise

March 22, 6:00 pm

May 3, 6:00 pm

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

> **Read Hard Stuff** (List to come)

> > \$5.00

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What's up

3.28.14 - INTERN RACHEL **APOLOGETIC** ABOUT **CONFERENCE** COST 4.18.14 - TBA. DRIVE IN \$5.00

MOVIE POSSIBLY

5.23.14 - WELCOME BACK DINNER DATE; 6:00PM

6.14.14 - FLIP FLOPS. FOOTBALL AND FLAP-**JACKS**; 10:00AM

\$220.00 7.27.14 TO 8.1.14 -**VBS / SOCCER CAMP IN** MEXICO

8.18.14 - WELCOME @ \$0.00

Study Packets for SWAT

\$0.00 8.20.14 - WELCOME @ DBU Snocones at DBU

Questions or need more info?

at rachel@matthewroad.org or 972-641-2717. Contact Rachel



March 2014 Events & Activities

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

March 6th: Young @ Heart Breakfast at Outlaws, 8:30am

March 7th: TGIF, see ad on page 3

Youth Council Outreach, 9:00am, see Zach March 8th:

March 9th: Daylight Savings time begins ("Spring" forward one hour)

Deacon Meeting, 5:00pm, Conference Room

March 9th - 14th: Youth Spring Break Mission Project, see ad on page 3

March 16th: B&G Meeting, 5:00pm, Conference Room

March 17th Ladies Evening Bible Study begins, 7:00pm, Library, see ad on page 5

March 21st: Parents Night Out, 6:30pm, Worship Center, see Cyndi

March 22nd: 20Somethings Night of Praise, see ad on page 7

20Somethings Unapologetic Conference, see ad on page 7 March 28th:

March 30th: Hands & Feet of Christ, see ad on page 2

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
- ♦ Men's Bible Study ManCave, 6:00pm
- Adult Bible Study Library, 6:00pm (ongoing)
- Adult Bible Study, Experiencing God Red Room, 6:00pm
- 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 for children Education Building, 6:00pm (ongoing)

Wednesday Nights:

- ♦ AWANA for children Ed. Building, 6:30pm
- Collide for youth CommonGrounds, 6:30pm (ongoing)
- Adult Bible Studies Library & Conference Rm, 6:45pm
- 20Somethings Bible Study CommonGrounds, 8:30pm



Regular Scheduled Activities

Sundays Morning Worship 8:30 & 11:00am 9:45am Morning Bible Study (all ages) 4:30pm Trek/Journey (Jr. & Sr. High) 5:30pm 20Somethings Bible Study, FH 6:00pm Evening Bible Study (all ages) 7:17 Service 7:17pm Mondays 8:30am PAW Kinder Program **PAW Program** 9:00am Ladies Bible Study (beginning 3/17/14) 7:00pm **Tuesdays** MRA Program 8:30am Young @ Heart Activities 9:45am Wednesdays 8:30am **PAW Kinder Program** 9:00am **PAW Program** 5:15pm Wednesday Night Dinner 6:30pm Collide (youth) 6:30pm AWANA Club 6:45pm Adult Bible Study 8:30pm 20Somethings

Average Morning Attendance for February: 453 Average 7:17 Service Attendance for February: 172

8:30am

7:30am

Thursdays

Saturdays

MRA Program

Men's Coffee Group