



The Ever Elusive Joy

Joy becomes ever more elusive with each passing day. It is elusive in a world with ever increasing options to mimic its results on the soul. Entertainment supplants joy in this world, and this world's entertainment gets bigger and better with each passing day. Small screens and big screens, kid games and kid games played by adults, arts, music, hobbies, shopping, technology, books, travel and transportation, health and fitness, all have made monumental leaps in the past fifty years. Entertainment competes more effectively for our souls than ever before. Divinely given joy seems like an antiquated notion, too steeped in relationships and contemplation. When the weekend comes, the entertainment ramps up. When the weekend closes, the planning begins to make the next entertainment jolt even greater. Happiness provides the measure of the quality of entertainment. If we are really happy with something, or someone, or some experience, then we attempt to recreate that happiness over and over with greater impact.

Joy radiates out from a different source than entertainment. Entertainment comes from without, brought into the mind and the body for the sake of stimulating feelings of happiness in the moment. Joy comes from within the person and is irrespective of circumstances. By joy, I mean the profound sense of soul rest, satisfaction and peace. Entertainment is the distant second cousin to

joy. It mimics joy, but works differently in its method, outcome, and duration. First, entertainment mimics true joy, but with a radically different method. True joy comes from seeing God as the source of soul satisfaction. Joy is God's work from the inside out. Entertainment works from the outside in by providing temporary diversions from sorrow, despair, loneliness or purposelessness. Entertainment says, "Look over there! Now that should make you laugh, or applaud, or gasp, in awe!" The goal of entertainment is to distract from our reality. When life's realities are difficult, we seek a solace for the soul, not mere distractions. Joy works from the soul's connection with God. The Psalmist says, "Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, you righteous ones; And shout for joy, all you who are upright in heart." (Psalm 32:11) Gladness in the LORD provides the only means for true satisfaction. All entertainment is smaller and weaker than our sorrows. God is greater than anything that causes us to despair. He is no mere distraction. He is the very reason we exist.

The second difference between true joy and the diversion of entertainment is the outcome in our lives. Diversions go away but the heavy burdens of life tend to remain. "Yes! The new movie comes out today. Yes! My team won!" sound great but simply distract until the next bill hits the

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Children's Ministry



Awana has ended for the summer! See you in August for our kickoff bash when we will resume!

CHECK OUT OUR SUMMER FUN PAGE LISTING ALL OUR CHILDREN'S SUMMER ACTIVITIES:
matthewroad.org/ministries/summer
Keep up @ [facebook.com/mrbccchildrens](https://www.facebook.com/mrbccchildrens)

Preteen Ranch Camp

Family Worship Rally at MRBC, Wednesday, July 16th;
Camp At Sabine Creek Ranch, July 17th - 20th, \$220

For more information or to register,
matthewroad.org/ministries/summer



Wacky Wednesdays begins June 4th!

All Kids completed Kindergarten through 6th Grade are invited to meet us out on the lawn for Wacky wet and messy games, followed by Bible study. Bring your friends to hear the Gospel every Wednesday, 6:30-8:00pm!



CAMP 3:17

FREE Kids' Basic Sports Skills Camp

*For kids who have completed 1st-6th grades

Time: 9:30a-2:30p *Registration/Check-in opens at 9am

Monday, June 9 - Boys & Girls Basketball

Monday, June 16 - Boys & Girls Soccer

Monday, June 30 - Boys Football & Girls Cheerleading

Monday, July 7 - Boys Baseball & Girls Softball

*Kids must bring their own lunch, water bottle, and equipment if appropriate (balls, gloves for baseball/softball, shin guards for soccer if desired, etc)

"In all that you do, whether word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." Colossians 3:17

Join us for
LIVING INSIDE OUT VBS 2014 at MRBC!

Who: Children age 4 (by June 1) through completed 6th grade
What: Music, Games, Bible Teaching, Activities, Service, and FUN!
When: Monday-Friday*, June 23-27
Time: 6:00-8:30pm

*Friday Family Night includes worship led by all the VBS kids and an after party on the lawn to follow! The after party includes snacks, games, inflatables, and sno-cones!



VBS Volunteers Meeting
Sunday, June 8th, 5:00pm,
Ed Bldg, 2nd floor

WE NEED YOU!

Questions? Please see
Brittany or contact her at
brittany@matthewroad.org.



Sunday Nights, 6:00pm
Front Lawn of
Worship Center

Meet on the lawn each Sunday night for a fun (and often WET) game followed by girls and boys small group studies on 1 Corinthians.

JULY Children's & Youth Ministry Family Fun Days!

*These Fun Days are for only for children accompanied by their parents.

Tuesday, July 15th -

Perot Museum of Nature and Science

Monday, July 21 -

Hawaiian Falls Waterpark

* See page 4 for more information.



mailbox and the stresses of life come rushing back in to fill the void left by the entertainment buzz. Plus, the emptiness waxes greatly when the movie stinks or our team loses. The end result is a greater soul ache than before. The outcome is a search for the next entertainment "hit" to divert us from our brokenness. In Christ, we experience joy that moves from the transient schemes of the entertainment glitz to the soul's rest. God calls us to rest in Him, to have our souls satisfied in Him. As Jesus says, *"Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."* (Matthew 11:28-30) Jesus offers soul rest in the midst of the pleasures of life and in the midst of life's trials. Joy is ultimately soul rest or soul satisfaction in God through His Son, Jesus Christ. The outcome of entertainment is greater unrest when the diversion dissipates. The outcome of joy transcends our circumstances and sustains us.

The third counterfeit of entertainment in its supplanting of joy is its duration. Even if the diversion is high quality, even if the expectations are met or exceeded, even if the movie was dazzling and the team continues its winning ways, eventually the entertainment of this life ends. Life troubles grow greater and greater as we age. There comes a time when the entertainment of this life just doesn't get us to where it used to. Then, life ends. We die and with our death the entertainment dies too. Now we are left with just our soul and the presence of the God who made us. No entertaining diversions will help in this moment. However, God helps us greatly. Divinely given joy lasts forever. As the psalmist says, *"You will make known to me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; In Your right hand there are pleasures forever."* (Psalm 16:11) Joy is God's will for our life. God wants your joy. Ultimate joy is found in God through faith in His Son. When we know God through His Son, our soul is eternally satisfied in Him. Between now and that day when our soul fully rests in Him, may we be ever vigilant of disregarding His gift of joy for the trifles of entertainment.

~ Daniel

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SAVE THE DATE!

JULY Children's & Youth Ministry Family Fun Days

These Fun Days are only for children accompanied by their parents. Carpooling encouraged. CASH payment must be received by JUNE 30th in a Children's Ministry Envelope marked with the amount included and the names of those attending delivered directly to the Children's Ministry Office. Contact Julee Teeples for more information and to register, juleeteeples@gmail.com.

Tuesday, July 15th

Perot Museum of Nature and Science

Cost: \$5 (2 and under are free). Parking costs \$8 per vehicle. Bring a sack lunch. Carpooling is encouraged.

Monday - July 21

Hawaiian Falls Waterpark

Cost: \$16. Parking is free. Bring a sack lunch. Carpooling is encouraged.

Wednesday Night Dinner Ministry



Wednesday Night Dinner is over for the semester.

We will take a break for the summer and return in the fall.

Thank you for all your support!

Student Ministry

June 1st
Parent Meeting in Common Grounds at 5pm



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YOUTH CAMP

Impact Camp @LeTourneau University
June 16th-21st
High School Camp
(Cost: \$275 before June 1st, \$300 after)

June 23rd-27th
Middle School Camp
(Cost: \$275 before June 1st, \$300 after)

Hands & Feet of Christ

March 30th was a wonderful day as many of us participated in projects at Matthew Road or in the community. The purpose of the project was to glorify God and to show our neighbors the love of God. Have you considered how to keep that going within your family? Our community has many organizations that provide a multitude of services and rely on volunteers to get the tasks completed. Ten of our families went to west Dallas (I-30 and Westmoreland - 75212 zip code) that morning to partner with an organization in that community named Brother Bill's Helping Hands. Brother Bill's provides a free grocery store to those in need on the 2nd Saturday of every month. They are always looking for people to help in the store and with childcare while the store is open. Families meet with a counselor who helps determine what needs the family has and what Brother Bill's can help with. The children go to a playroom while the adults discuss their situation. If your family would like to help Brother Bill's in the store, with childcare or find out what other volunteer opportunities are available, contact Brother Bill's by phone at 214-638-2196 or e-mail, volunteer@bbhh.org. This is a wonderful organization to volunteer with over the summer while your children are on summer vacation! Look for more information in the summer about their Back to School Carnival on August 16th.



Thank you, Rose

Women's Ministry



*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.



Music Ministry

What a great spring semester! I am so thankful for all of our musicians at MRBC and their faithful service to our Lord. Here's the latest news as we head into the summer months:

- All of our choirs will be taking a break for the summer. The adult choir will resume on Wednesday, August 6. Watch this space for more details!
- We were so thankful to have members of the Bowie High School orchestra join us on Easter Sunday. We are hoping to work with them again before the summer ends.
- We are currently selecting new music for our choirs for Fall 2014 and have some really great pieces on the way. We also started working on the musical presentation for Christmas 2014!

I wanted to thank Zach Elkins for serving as the music intern for the past year. He has done an excellent job and has been a great friend and huge help to me personally. Please pray for him as he begins a new ministry opportunity this summer; he has great days ahead!
-Jeff

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 a Monday & 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.

Enrollment for Fall Semester has begun!!!

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 affect 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 - True Spirituality;
location CG

Questions or need more info?
Contact Rachel at rachel@matthewroad.org
or 972-641-2717.

What: Flip-flops, Flapjacks and Football
When: June 14
Cost: \$5.00
Where: MRBC front lawn - fellowship hall
Questions call Rachel 972.641.2717



June 2014 Events & Activities

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

- June 1st:** Youth Parent Meeting, 5:00pm, CommonGrounds
- June 5th:** Young @ Heart Breakfast, 8:30am, Outlaws
- June 8th:** Deacon Meeting, 5:00pm, Conference Room
VBS Meeting, 5:00pm, Ed. Bldng., 2nd Floor, first room on the left
- June 9th:** Children's Basketball Camp, 9:30am, CommonGrounds
- June 14th:** 20Somethings Flip-flops, Flapjacks and Football, 9:00am - 1:00pm, Fellowship Hall
- June 15th:** B&G Meeting, 5:00pm, Conference Room
- June 16th:** Children's Soccer Camp, 9:30am, CommonGrounds
- June 16th - 21st:** High School Youth Camp, see ad on page 5
- June 20th:** Parents Night Out, 6:30pm, Worship Center
- June 23rd - 27th:** VBS, 6:00pm, MRBC Campus
JR. High Youth Camp, see ad on page 5
- June 30th:** Children's Football/Cheerleading Camp, 9:30am, CommonGrounds

Discipleship

Sunday Nights:

- ◇ 20Somethings - Fellowship Hall, 5:30pm (ongoing)
- ◇ The Study of James - Sanctuary, 6:00pm
- ◇ Ladies Bible Study - Fellowship Hall, 6:00pm
- ◇ Men's Bible Study - ManCave, 6:00pm
- ◇ Young Marrieds Bible Study - Library, 6:00pm (ongoing)
- ◇ Guy Talk for youth - CommonGrounds, 6:00pm (ongoing), see Zach for exact location
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- ◇ MD² for children - Education Building, 6:00pm (ongoing)

Wednesday Nights:

- ◇ Wacky Wednesdays 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
Morning Bible Study (all ages)	9:45am
20Somethings Bible Study, FH	5:30pm
Evening Bible Study (all ages)	6:00pm
7:17 Service	7:17pm
Mondays	
PAW Summer Program	9:30am
Tuesdays	
Young @ Heart Activities	9:45am
Wednesdays	
PAW Summer Program	9:30am
Collide (youth)	6:30pm
Wacky Wednesdays for Kids	6:30pm
Adult Bible Study	6:45pm
20Somethings	8:30pm
Fridays	
Chic time at Chic-Fil-A	9:00am
Saturdays	
Men's Coffee Group	7:30am

Average Morning Attendance for May: 475
Average 7:17 Service Attendance for May: 160