

Easter Events & Activities

Jews for Jesus

Jesus’ Last Supper was actually a Jewish Passover. Wednesday, March 27th, at 6:30pm, in the Sanctuary, Jews for Jesus will recreate the traditional Passover service and explain how it foreshadowed Jesus’ death and resurrection in a presentation called “Christ in the Passover”.



Karol Joseph, from Jews for Jesus, will set a table with items traditionally used at the Passover meal and detail their spiritual significance. She will also explain the connection between the events of the first Passover in Egypt and the redemption that Jesus accomplished, as well as the deep bond between the ancient Passover feast and the Christian communion celebration today.

Jews for Jesus has presented “Christ in the Passover” at over 38,000 churches. It has been enthusiastically received by Christians who appreciate learning more about the Jewish backgrounds of their faith. Moishe Rosen, who founded Jews for Jesus in 1973, has also co-written the book, *Christ in the Passover*, with his wife, Ceil. This seminal work includes a look at Passover in ancient times and how it is practiced today. Join us for this memorable evening.

Good Friday Service & Lord’s Supper

Friday, March 29th, 7:00pm, Sanctuary

(childcare for 3 & under)

Sonrise Service & Breakfast Fellowship

Sunday, March 31st, 7:30am,

in front of Worship Center



\*Please note: we will have all regularly scheduled Sunday Worship Services and Activities

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Christian Counseling Ministry

Making Peace with Your Past

Join us Thursday evenings @ 6:00pm, as we begin to spend time working through how hardships and relationships from our past play a role in our present lives. Contact the counseling office for more details. 972.343.9831



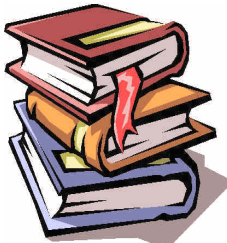
BE KIND

*“The worldly man treats certain people kindly because he ‘likes’ them: the Christian, trying to treat everyone kindly, finds himself liking more and more people as he goes on – including people he could not even have imagined himself liking at the beginning.”*  
-C.S. Lewis

Sounds a lot like the Apostle Paul’s admonition to every Christian. “Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.” (Ephesians 4:32 ESV) Strong’s Concordance defines being “kind” by describing what it is not. Kind is the opposite of “harsh, hard, sharp and bitter” and is synonymous with being gracious, pleasant and good. Inward godliness is always manifested by outward kindness. Notice the words of Apostle John, “Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.” (1 John 3:18 ESV) “Talk the talk” and “walk the walk.” Too often the brokenness in life has an incredible way of bringing out the worst in us. But it also has a way of bringing out our best. If you struggle with kindness or other aspects of relating to others, please join us beginning February 28th @ 6-7:30pm, as we begin to spend time working through how hardships and relationships from our past play a role in our present lives. Contact the counseling office for more details. 972.343.9831

Library Ministry

Biblical Fiction -  
Wives of King David Series  
    *Michal*  
    *Abigail*  
    *Bathsheba*  
Wives of Patriarchs Series  
    *Sarai*



DVDs -  
Jeanne Robertson, *Just for Fun & Flat out Funny*  
(from 1st Lancaster’s Day to Remember Concert)

Highly recommended fiction -  
*Jane Austin*  
*Chronicles of the Kings* - King  
*Hezekiah*

Christian Humor -  
Karen O’Connor, *Getting Old Ain’t for Wimps*  
Barbara Johnson, *Living Somewhere Between*  
    *Estrogen & Death*

AND we have a large selection of daily devotional books to check out for the year.

COME CHECK OUT OUR LIBRARY!

## Students

# Spring Break Mission Trip for Youth!

Where: Fort Worth (Staying @ MRBC)

What: VBS in the mornings and construction work in the afternoons

When: March 10-13– Sunday drop off @ 2pm, Wednesday pick up at 10pm

Cost: \$75

Details:

\*Sunday night: Block Party

\*Monday-Wednesday: VBS and Construction work

\*Wednesday Night: Youth Worship Service

\*Contact Zach at zach@matthewroad.org for more info

*There is a Parent meeting on Sunday, March 3rd, 4:30pm, in the sanctuary.*

**\*Forms available at Collide, or see Zach.**

## 20Somethings



*Who are we?*

*We are... sinners in need of God's Grace, part of God's plan for the future, 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.*

📍 March 21 Studio Movie Grill - free tickets for the first 23 to contact Rachel. Information to follow

📍 April 18 Pontoon boat, \$10pp – more details to come

📍 Mission trip to the Rio Grande Valley and Mexico, July 28th - August 3rd - more details to come

### Weekly Events:

**Sunday AM:** II Peter at 9:45am

**Sunday PM:** Systematic Theology at 6:00pm (Sunday nights we usually hangout after 7:17)

**Wednesday nights:** Bible Study in back of Common Grounds. We are studying *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life* at 8:30pm.

## Music Ministry

It's an exciting time in the life of Matthew Road Baptist Church! This month marks a new beginning for our 7:17 service as we relocate to the sanctuary. The music ministry is already hard at work with preparations for our services on Easter Sunday. I'm also pleased with the progress of ALL of our choirs as we prepare for "Experiencing God: The Musical" at the end of the semester. This is certainly a busy time for us, but it is a good reminder to examine the reasons why we serve God in the first place. I have been so encouraged as I review Henry Blackaby's source material that inspired the musical, and I want to use this column to explore the central ideas in Experiencing God. These seven primary themes will be examined in much greater detail during the presentation of our musical on June 2:

1. God is always at work around you.
2. God pursues a continuing love relationship with you that is real and personal.
3. God invites you to become involved with Him in His work.
4. God speaks by the Holy Spirit through the Bible, prayer, circumstances, and the church to reveal Himself, His purposes, and His ways.
5. God's invitation for you to work with Him always leads you to a crisis of belief that requires faith and action.
6. You must make major adjustments in your life to join God in what He is doing.
7. You come to know God by experience as you obey Him, and He accomplishes His work through you.

(From Experiencing God: Knowing and Doing the Will of God by Henry Blackaby, Richard Blackaby, and Claude King, 2007)

I believe that one of the great gifts of music is that it causes us to reexamine that which we so often take for granted. There is certainly nothing common or mundane about responding to God with a lifestyle of obedience. Still, as someone who has spent his entire life in the church, I must confess that at times I have grown accustomed to those first three truths listed above. The weeks (and sometimes months) of preparation that go into every piece of music that we present provide a unique opportunity for the lyrical truths to soak in over time. One spiritual giant in my life, Tommy, calls it "marinating." What a blessing it is to be able to focus and meditate on God's love for me. I did not do anything to deserve His love; it is initiated and sustained by Him. I hope we can all agree that God is still at work in His creation. As Bailey and I considered making this our church home, one of the most attractive features of MRBC was the evidence of God's presence and activity here. It is a joy to work alongside such great teams of people who are responding to God's activity by devoting themselves to His service. How awesome to consider that God wants to use us to do His work on earth!

Ephesians 4 is central to my understanding of Christian ministry, and I believe that the first three points listed above can be found within that chapter. Paul discusses what Christ did for us and then he goes on to discuss the tasks before us and how we should walk. We are called to grow in Christ-likeness and to build up the body of Christ, the church. It is my prayer that our times of corporate worship will help us all to grow in knowledge, wisdom, and obedience as we respond to God's work in, around, and through us. As we grow closer to the Lord and know Him more, I believe that we are better equipped to recognize His activity around us. Ultimately, we must be prepared to respond to that realization with faithful obedience. Paul's prayer for the church at Ephesus is fitting for us as we seek to know the will of God and recognize His activity around us. "I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe." Ephesians 1:19 (NASB) ~ Jeff



## 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?

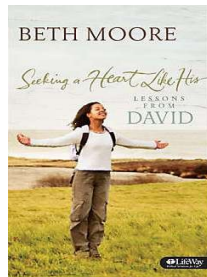
Then contact us at our email address:  
[womensministryofmatthewroad@gmail.com](mailto:womensministryofmatthewroad@gmail.com)



For more information on the March LNO, at Cheddars, 7:00pm, March 25th,  
please see the Women's Ministry Bulletin Board in the Worship Center,  
or contact Jennifer at [womensministryofmatthewroad@gmail.com](mailto:womensministryofmatthewroad@gmail.com)



- ♦ Ladies Sunday Night Bible Study has begun! Please see the Women's Ministry Bulletin Board, down the nursery hallway, for more information. This is open to ladies of all ages!
- ♦ Ms. Joy's Ladies Bible Study is on Tuesday, at 6:00pm, in the church library. This semester, we will be studying Beth Moore's "Seeking a Heart Like His; Lessons from David." In this examination of the "man after God's own heart," David will delight and disappoint you. You'll want to be just like him at times and nothing like him at others. If you've ever experienced doubts, temptations, losses, family problems, or personal inconsistencies, this study is for you!
- ♦ The Thursday Night Bible Study has also begun. Walking with the Israelites through Exodus - Ladies in the Library, Men in the Conference Room, 7:00pm, Cost: \$5. (childcare provided)



We will need help with setting up, serving our precious guests, watching children, as well as assistance in other areas. Please be in prayer about how you can participate in this amazing ministry opportunity!

Have questions or would like to sign up to serve?  
Please contact Jennifer at  
[womensministryofmatthewroad@gmail.com](mailto:womensministryofmatthewroad@gmail.com).

## Children

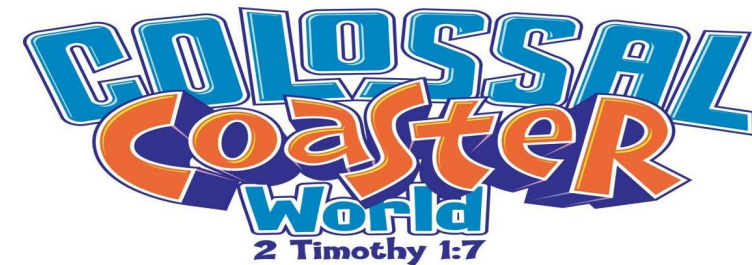
Who: Completed 3rd - 6th Graders  
When: June 24 - 28, 2013  
Where: Mt. Lebanon, Cedar Hill  
Cost: \$200 (scholarships available)

**Preteen Camp**



Join us for a week away from home as we participate in Bible study, recreation, games, worship, and much more! We will have an informational parent meeting on **Sunday, April 7th, at 5pm.** Please be sure to attend this meeting if your child would like to go to camp.

Questions? Contact Maggie at [maggie@matthewroad.org](mailto:maggie@matthewroad.org) or 972-641-2717.



Matthew Road Baptist Church  
Vacation Bible School  
July 8-12  
Monday-Friday  
6:00-8:30pm  
972-641-2717

**Parables**  
**MD<sup>2</sup>**

Join us each Sunday night for games, large group lessons, and small group discussion.

This spring we will be learning about Parables. Come and hear more about the stories that Jesus told.

Sunday nights - 6-7pm  
Education Building - Upstairs  
Children - Kindergarten through 6th Grade  
Small groups are separated by age.



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  
Sparks - Kindergarten through 2nd grade  
T&T - 3rd through 6th grade  
Wednesdays from 6:30pm - 8:00pm.

Missions

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS

Join us on Wednesday evenings, at 5:30pm, for a time of food & fellowship. Not only are these dinners a wonderful time saver for our Wednesday night leaders, their families and our guests, but all proceeds are donated to the World Hunger Fund. Reservations are needed and greatly appreciated. Please place your reservation at the Welcome Desk or contact the church office at christy@matthewroad.org.

March 6

- Spaghetti and meat sauce
- Salad
- Garlic Bread
- Dessert

March 12

- Roast pork and gravy over rice
- Green Beans
- Bread
- Dessert

March 19

- Super Nachos
- Salad
- Dessert

March 26

- Baked Ham
- Macaroni and cheese
- Green beans
- Dessert

ANNIE ARMSTRONG OFFERING

Week of Prayer for North American Missions: March 3-10

Theme: Whatever It Takes...Reaching the One

**Scripture: Acts 8:26-31** “26 An angel of the Lord spoke to Philip: ‘Get up and go south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.’ 27 So he got up and went. There was an Ethiopian man, a eunuch and high official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to worship in Jerusalem 28 and was sitting in his chariot on his way home, reading the prophet Isaiah aloud. 29 The Spirit told Philip, ‘Go and join that chariot.’ 30 When Philip ran up to it, he heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, ‘Do you understand what you’re reading?’ 31 ‘How can I,’ he said, ‘unless someone guides me?’ So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.” (HCSB)

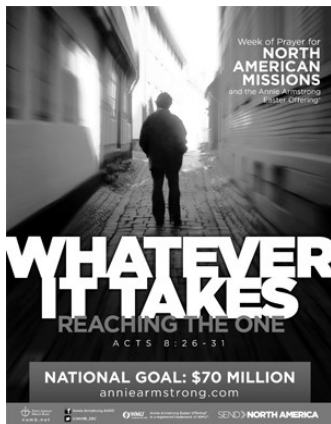
Philip’s obedience to God’s call to do whatever it takes sparked a divine appointment. The Ethiopian, eager for understanding the words of Isaiah, encountered Philip, equally eager to share the good news of Jesus Christ. That intentional commitment to connect the one who has the good news to the one who needs to receive it is embraced by North American Mission Board (NAMB) missionaries every moment of the day all across the United States and Canada.

Just like God’s angel tells Philip to travel the desert road to Gaza, we are called by God to travel and seek out the lost. Our mission should be to “get up and go,” looking for opportunities to tell people about Jesus no matter where they are.

Our church’s gifts to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering are making a difference in spreading the gospel in North America - one person at a time. **Our church's offering goal is \$6,500.** Ask God how He wants you to participate in supporting our North American missionaries in sharing the gospel.

Pray for the spotlighted missionaries who represent the dedicated work of thousands like them. Prayer guides will be available on March 3.

During the Week of Prayer for North American Missions March 3-10, consider how you are doing “whatever it takes” to impact the Kingdom of God through your continued prayers, giving, and going in the task God has called us to passionately embrace.



March 2013 Events & Activities

For more information, please see our website, [www.matthewroad.org](http://www.matthewroad.org), or call the church office at 972-641-2717.

- March 1st:** AWANA Grand Prix, 6:00pm, Worship Center  
Youth TGIF, see Zach for more info  
T&T Girls Lock-in, directly following AWANA Grand Prix, Worship Center
- March 3rd:** Parent Meeting for Youth Spring Break Mission Trip, 4:30pm, Sanctuary  
New Christian’s Class begins, 5:00pm, Education Building
- March 4th:** Kindergarten Information Meeting, 9:00am or 7:00pm, CommonGrounds
- March 10th:** Daylight Savings Time begins (“Spring Ahead” - set clocks forward 1 hour before going to bed Saturday)  
Youth Spring Break Mission Trip, see ad for more info
- March 17th:** 717 Service moves to it’s new home in the sanctuary, 7:17pm
- March 22nd:** Newcomers Class & Dinner, 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall  
Parents Night Out, 6:30pm, Worship Center
- March 25th:** Ladies Night Out, 7:00pm, see ad for more info, or the Women’s Ministry Bulletin board
- March 27th:** Jews for Jesus, 6:30pm, Sanctuary
- March 29th:** Good Friday Service, 7:00pm, Sanctuary (childcare for 3 & under)
- March 31st:** Easter Sunrise Service, 7:30am, front of Worship Center (we will still have regular Sunday Worship Services and activities)

Spring Discipleship

Sunday Nights:

- ◇ The Study of Acts - Sanctuary, 6:00pm
- ◇ Ladies Bible Study - Fellowship Hall, 6:00pm
- ◇ Men’s Bible Study - ManCave, 6:00pm
- ◇ Adult Bible Study - CommonGrounds, 6:00pm (ongoing)
- ◇ 20Somethings - 2nd Floor, Education Building (ongoing)
- ◇ Guy Talk for youth - classroom behind coke machine in CommonGrounds Bldg. (ongoing)
- ◇ Girl Talk for youth - classroom to the right of the stage in CommonGrounds Bldg. (ongoing)
- ◇ MD2 - Education Building, 6:00pm (ongoing)

Tuesday Nights:

- ◇ Ladies Bible Study, 6:00pm, Choir Room

Thursday Nights:

- ◇ Men’s and Ladies Bible Studies: Walking with the Israelites through Exodus, 7:00pm, Ladies in the Library, Men’s in the Conference Room, Cost: \$5. (childcare provided)

Friday Nights:

- ◇ Bible Study at the Germer’s home, 7:00pm, see the Germers for more info



**7:17 Service is moving!**  
**Our 7:17 service has grown,**  
**therefore, beginning Sunday**  
**evening, March 17th, at 7:17pm, we**  
**will move to our new home in the**  
**Worship Center (red roof building)**  
**for our 7:17 service!**  
**Come join us!!!**

Regular Weekly Calendar

Sundays

- Morning Worship 8:30 & 11:00am
- Morning Bible Study (all ages) 9:45am
- Trek/Journey (Jr. & Sr. High) 4:00pm
- Evening Bible Study (all ages) 6:00pm
- 7:17 Service 7:17pm

Mondays

- PAW Program 9:00am

Tuesdays

- Young @ Heart Activities 9:45am
- Ladies Bible Study 6:00pm
- Counseling Classes 6:30pm

Wednesdays

- PAW Program 9:00am
- Proclamation Choir (youth) 5:45pm
- Children's Choir (K - 6th grade) 6:00pm
- Collide (youth) 6:30pm
- AWANA Club 6:30pm
- Adult Bible Study 6:45pm
- Adult Choir 6:45pm
- 20Somethings 8:30pm

Thursdays

- Bible Study (men & women) 7:00pm

Fridays

- In-home Bible Study 7:00pm  
(at the Germer's Home)

Saturdays

- Men’s Coffee Group 7:30am

Average Morning Attendance for February:

420

Average 7:17 Service Attendance for February:

155