

Glory of God

“The heavens are telling of the glory of God; and their expanse is declaring the work of His hands. Day to day pours forth speech and night to night reveals knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard. Their line has gone out through all the earth and their utterances to the end of the world. In them He has placed a tent for the sun, which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber; It rejoices as a strong man to run his course. Its rising is from one end of the heavens, and its circuit to the other end of them; and there is nothing hidden from its heat.” Psalm 19:1-6

The Heavens Tell Us about the Glory of God

The heavens are continually telling their story. They “live” to tell it. Their story is simple, “God is glorious.” In some ways, the stars function the way a masterpiece functions. When you go to a famous art gallery and look at the paintings of the great artists in history – Monet, Rembrandt, Peter Rubens – you can see the intricate details of the painting, details like the color selection, the depth, the passion of the topic communicated through each brush stroke. The great works make us think of the greatness of the artist. Rembrandt was simply brilliant as an artist. Some of his works recount significant moments in history with such vibrancy that they feel real, like the artist is still sitting in the room recounting the events as they paint. It is as if the gifting of the artist allows us to travel back in time in order to see and feel the passion of the event that has been captured on canvas. All human artists, all creative painters, reflect a mere mist of the torrent that comes from the ultimate master artist, God Himself. His canvas is the heavens. His paint is the stars. The beauty of the stars captures the passion and significance of a distant moment in the past, and brings that moment into the present, as if we are watching over the shoulder of God as He says, “Let there be light.” Like the great masterpieces, the

heavens communicate more about the artist than the art itself. The beauty of the stars in and of themselves would be sufficient for a lifetime of study. However, this is not the primary purpose of the stars. Instead, the stars drive us back in time and space to the original and greatest Artist. His canvas is the heavens and His paint is the beauty pouring forth from His creative words. He speaks and the universe dances to His will. He speaks and galaxies form, powerfully declaring “look to our master artist and see how great He is.” God is glorious. He is also gracious to allow us to see a glimpse of His beauty through what He has made.

“The law of the LORD is perfect, restoring the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the judgments of the LORD are true; they are righteous altogether. They are more desirable than gold, yes, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover, by them Your servant is warned; In keeping them there is great reward. Who can discern his errors? Acquit me of hidden faults. Also keep back Your servant from presumptuous sins; Let them not rule over me; Then I will be blameless, and I shall be acquitted of great transgression. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my rock and my Redeemer.” Psalm 19:7-14

The Bible Teaches Us about the Glory of God

Psalm 19 can easily be broken into two major themes. The first six verses declare God’s revelation of His glory as seen in the stars. God speaks to us in the creation, but He also speaks to us in His Word. Psalm 19:7-14 shifts our attention from the glory of God in creation to the glory of God as discovered in His Word.

Notice the pattern found in verses 7-12. Here are the terms the psalmist uses to describe the Bible: “The Law of the LORD...the testimony of the LORD...the precepts of the LORD...the commandment of the LORD...the judgments of the LORD...” With each successive title the author provides a captivating descriptor: the Bible is “perfect...sure...right...pure,..true.” These titles connected with these descriptions constitute sufficient reason to study the Bible. We must desire to read things that are perfect, sure, right, pure, and true. However, the psalmist in each case gives the benefits to the Bible when we apply it to our lives. The impact of submitting to the Bible is given in each successive statement: “restoring the soul...making wise the simple...enlightening the eyes...” The Bible gives warnings to the followers of God. It exposes hidden sins. It breaks the power of abiding sin and brings purity to what we think – “the meditation of my heart...” and what we say- “the words of my mouth...” Considering these lofty affirmations about the Bible and considering the multitude of benefits, we should desire the Bible in a manner consist with these truths. In this case, the psalmist says that we should desire the bible more than a banker wants “gold” and a sweet toothed child wants “honey.”

The conclusion of Psalm 19 is quite striking. Given the declaration of the glory of God from His creation in verses 1-6 and the declaration of the massive benefits to the glorious word of God, the psalmist concludes with this prayer: “Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my rock and my Redeemer.” When all of these beautiful truths are considered, the title the psalmist selects for God as He addresses Him in prayer is “O LORD, my rock and my Redeemer.” We can trust Him to help us and save us. Just look at what He has already done in His creation and in His Word!

~ Daniel

Annie Armstrong



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR
“SEND NORTH AMERICA” AND
ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING
MARCH 1st - 8th

Jesus shared His earthly mission statement in Luke 19:10 when He stated: “For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save the lost.” It’s the same mission the North American Mission Board embraces as they help churches reach North America for Christ. NAMB’s Send North America strategy is designed to help Southern Baptists push back lostness by prioritizing the planting of new evangelistic churches—especially in under-reached and underserved areas, such as our large cities and our non-South regions. The task is urgent because in the last 100 years Southern Baptists—and evangelicals in general—have lost significant ground in the church-to-population ratio, especially in the non-South regions of North America and in and near our large cities where more than 80 percent of our population lives.

To help the NAMB missionaries accomplish this God-given mission, first of all, we can pray for these missionaries. On March 1st, you will receive an eight-day prayer guide at the end of the worship service. You are encouraged to pray throughout the week for each featured missionary. Secondly, we can give to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions. Our church goal is \$5,500. Our offering, together with the total offerings from all Southern Baptist churches throughout America, will help the missionaries push back lostness in North America. Thirdly, we can do our part by sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with those who need Him.

Children's Ministry

SAVE THE DATE for PRETEEN EXTREME WEEKEND!
Friday - Sunday, June 26-28

Wednesday Nights, for kids ages 3* - 6th grade.

*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 Afternoons, for kids from 7th - 12th grade.

TREK/Journey is for students in Jr. High and High School to continue AWANA. 7th - 12th grade AWANA meets on Sundays from 4:00pm - 5:30pm.

VBS Dates are set so put them on your calendar! Theme: MOVE!

From here to there. From bored to passionate. From selfish to giving. From unfocused to wide awake. With MOVE! kids will be shown people in the Bible who changed direction and moved, and they all had one thing in common: Somewhere along the way, they came face to face with Jesus. They discovered who He was and once that happened, there was no standing still or going back. God moved toward us first. Now it's our turn. MOVE! Monday through Friday, June 15-19 - 6-8:30pm.



Sunday Nights 5:30pm
Front Lawn of
Worship Center

This Spring we will study the Old Testament books of Ezra & Nehemiah. Don't miss out as we learn what it means to be courageous leaders for God's Kingdom.



Facebook - facebook.com/mrbccchildrens
Blog - mrbccchildrensministry.blogspot.com
Twitter - MRBCmrbc

We will continue through the Gospel Project on Sunday mornings at 9:45am! Don't miss a Sunday hearing the Gospel presented throughout the entirety of the Bible.



Student Ministry

Check out the Student Ministry Events & Activities coming soon!

Bible studies:

- High School Guys (9th - 12th) - @ the Geisendorff's, Mondays, 6:30pm, led by Seniors
- High School Girls (9th - 12th)- @ Christine Wehrli & Maggie Dean's, Thursdays, 6:30pm, led by Christine & Maggie
- Middle School Guys (7th, 8th & 9th) - @Kings, Mondays, 6:30pm, led by Andrew Snyder
- Middle School Guys (7th & 8th) - @ Ms. Shirley's or the Hines, Mondays, 6pm-8pm, led by Chris Hines & Jonathan Phipps (contact Jonathan at 214-796-9181 for location)
- Middle School Girls (7th & 8th) - @ the West's, Mondays 6:00pm-7:00pm, led by Madi Snowden
- Athletes Guys Bible Study - @ MRBC, Mondays, 6:00pm, led by Nic Russo & Jared Scott

Counseling Ministry

Announcing Grace Groups for Individuals and Families Dealing with Mental Health Struggles

Matthew Road Christian Counseling is sponsoring a Living Grace Group and a Family Grace group in Grand Prairie. The Living Grace group is a support program for people diagnosed with serious mental illness. The Family Grace Group is a support program specifically for parents, siblings, spouses, teen-age and adults sons and daughters, partners and significant others who are caregivers of persons with severe and persistent mental illness. The weekly sessions are held on Thursday evenings at Matthew Road Baptist Church 4601 Matthew Rd., Grand Prairie 75052, from 6:30pm-8:00pm.

The support groups will cover information about Building Your Faith, Stigma, Communication, Medication, Grieving and Grace, Being Holistic, You're not the Hero, Cycles and Triggers, Community, Crisis and Problem Solving, Negative and Destructive Behavior, Boundaries to Rebuild, Enabling vs. Empowering, and Staying Ahead of the Game. The Living Grace group will be facilitated by a counselor, and the Family Grace group is facilitated by 2 family members who are MHGA volunteers and have taken intensive training as course instructors.

The Grace Groups are offered at NO COST.

For more information or to register, contact either Greg Trihus 972-855-8547 or greg.trihus@sil.org, or Meg Trihus at 972-372-9671 or meg.trihus@sil.org. You can also contact Matthew Road Christian Counseling 469-278-5901, Keith@matthewroad.org.

Women's Ministry



1 & 2 Thessalonians Women's Study

IT'S NEVER TO LATE TO JOIN US!

Ever want to get outside the walls of the church and do Bible Study?
Have a place where you can invite a friend, but one that may not want to come to church?
Then we have the study for you!

Glazed has opened their doors to us. Stephanie, the owner, is going to open the doors
at 4:30pm. The leftover donuts are ours. Invite your unchurched friends!

When: Tuesdays
Where: Glazed, 3050 W. Camp Wisdom Rd, #180
Time: 4:30pm



Spring Women's Retreat "The Moment Everything Changes"

Join us for a weekend of study,
fellowship and so much more!

When: March 13th - 15th
Where: Riverbend Retreat Center, Glen Rose
Who: Women of all ages

Cost: \$70.00 (lodging, meals, and all the extras - we women like extras)
Unwrapping the truths from scripture that speak to the heart of a woman.

*** THERE ARE ONLY A FEW SPOTS LEFT.**
ABSOLUTE LAST DAY TO REGISTER IS MARCH 4TH!!!
CONTACT CYNDI KING TODAY AT CYNDIKING@MSN.COM.

Music Ministry

It's not too late to join us for our preparations for Resurrection Sunday! All ages will have the opportunity to lead in worship during this exciting time in the life of our church.



- ♫ Adult choir rehearsals will have begun! Wednesday nights at 6:30pm, in the sanctuary.
- ♫ Proclamation Youth Choir has begun. Wednesday nights, at 5:45pm in the choir room.
- ♫ The Children's Choir meets Wednesday nights, at 6:00pm, on the second floor of the ed. building.

Matthew Road Academy

MRA Discovery Days

Our summer program offers students from 1st - 6th grade an amazing opportunity to discover fun while learning. To sign up, please email mracademy@att.net.

- ⚙ Imagination Station, June 1st & 3rd, 9am -2pm
Let your child's imagination come to life, as they learn to build the things that they have previously only seen in their dreams. Imagination station will be a 2 day camp of building and discovery.
- ⚙ Kitchen Chemistry, June 8th & 10th, 9am -2pm
What happens when vinegar mixes with baking soda? How messy can you get in the kitchen? Kitchen Chemistry will bring science to a whole new level of fun as children learn how different items found in their own kitchen can become their next experiment.
- ⚙ All About Nature, June 22nd & 24th, 9am -2pm
The world around us is full of mystery. God's creation is constantly calling us to explore, so come join us as we learn about what God made in the beginning, from the biggest to the small. This week will be hands on and full of fun, so be prepared!
- ⚙ Water Works, June 29th & July 1st, 9am -2pm
It's hot outside, and it's time to stay cool! So bring your sun block & your towels because we are going to be exploring water first hand in this fun filled week of H2O.



NEW FAMILY PREVIEW NIGHT! Monday, March 2nd, 6:30pm-8:00pm **(Please arrive on time.)**

Preview Night is a chance to take a glimpse of MRA. We will share our mission, the 2015- 2016 course offerings, answer your questions and introduce the MRA Staff. Families who are interested will be able to schedule their Family Interview and Assessments, starting the process of enrolling at MRA. For more info, see our webpage at www.matthewroadacademy.org.

Q&A COFFEE

March 3rd or 17th, 8:30am-9:15am
(Please arrive on time)

Q&A COFFEE is a chance to take a glimpse of MRA. We will share our mission, the 2015-2016 course offerings, and answer your questions. Families who are interested will be able to schedule their Family Interview and Assessments, starting the process of enrolling at MRA. For more info, see our webpage at www.matthewroadacademy.org.

20Somethings

What's up

March 29th - Grilling & Kickball, 12:30pm - 2:30pm, FH	\$5.00
April 17th - Retreat at Riverbend (See Rachel)	\$50.00
May - Top Golf (See Madi)	\$10.00

NEED INFO?
**Call or Text Rachel
@ 972-965-9970**

20some things

REGULAR SCHEDULE

Bible Study
Sunday:
9:45AM - Topical;
The Book of Acts
Ed Bldg
5:30PM - Snack/Prophets as
Preachers
Fellowship Hall

Discipleship Wednesday:
8:30PM - Common Grounds
I & II Thessalonians

PAW



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.

Pease call Cyndi King, at 972-641-7380, for more information about this and our Summer Programs.

**Enroll now for fall semester,
beginning March 2nd!**

March 2015 Events & Activities

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

- March 1st:** Teller Meeting & Training, 12:15pm, Teller Room
March 2nd: MRA Preview Night, 6:30pm, Sanctuary
March 5th: Young @ Heart Breakfast at Outlaws, 8:30am
March 8th: Daylight Saving Time begins, 2:00am, "Spring" Forward one hour
Deacon Meeting, 4:30pm, Conference Room
March 9th - 10th: Youth Spring Break Mission Days, see Zach for more info
March 13th - 15th: Women's Retreat, see pg 5 for more details
March 19th - 21st: HeartBeat, see Zach for more info
March 20th: Parents Night Out, 6:30pm, Worship Center *By reservation only!
March 29th: 20Somethings Grilling & Kickball, 12:30pm - 2:30pm, FH
March 30th: PAW Easter Family Night, 6:30pm, Worship Center



**Save the date:
Ride to Rescue
April 26th!**

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
- Girl Talk for youth - CommonGrounds, 5:30pm, see Zach for exact location
- MD² for children - Education Building, 5:30pm

Wednesday Nights:

- AWANA Club 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 - CommonGrounds, 8:30pm

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	
PAW Program	9:00am
Tuesdays	
MRA	8:30am
Young @ Heart Activities	9:45am
Wednesdays	
PAW Program	9:00am
Wednesday Night Dinner	5:15pm
Proclamation (youth choir)	5:45pm
Children's Choir	6:00pm
Collide (youth)	6:30pm
Adult Choir	6:30pm
AWANA Club	6:30pm
Adult Bible Study	6:45pm
20Somethings	8:30pm
Thursdays	
MRA	8:30am
Fridays	
Chick time at Chick-Fil-A	9:00am
Saturdays	
Men's Coffee Group (Good Day Café, Grand Prairie)	7:30am

Financials as of February 12, 2015 (without PAW)

Budget Income	\$15,690
Budget Expense	\$179,024
Net Budget	\$(9,032)

Average Morning Attendance for March: 370
Average 7:17 Service Attendance for March: 152
Total Sunday Weekly Average: 522