



Brokenness Is A Real Thing

Despite all of the beauty of the original creation, we cannot ignore the troubles we see all around us. The Bible deals realistically with the brokenness of the world. From the earliest moments in the Bible, we see that the origin of evil and suffering came from a decision on behalf of our ancestors. Adam and Eve in Genesis 3 made a decision that they hoped would allow them to replace the God who made them. God warned them of the consequences of such a treasonous decision, but like all of us, they ignored the warning, plunging all of us into the destructive world where sin and sorrow reign. We could complain about Adam and Eve's decision but all of us have done the same, choosing our own will against our Creator's will, often to the harm of ourselves and others around us. Notice how the Bible describes our poor choices and the brokenness that materializes out of those choices.

Broken relationships within the family

Genesis 4:3-8 "So it came about in the course of time that Cain brought an offering to the Lord of the fruit of the ground. Abel, on his part also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and for his offering; but for Cain and for his offering He had no regard. So Cain became very angry and his countenance fell. Then the Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry?... If you do well, will not your countenance be lifted up? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is for you, but you must master it." Cain told Abel his brother. And it came about when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him."

Genesis 37:17-20 "So Joseph went after his brothers and found them at Dothan. When they saw him from a distance and before he came close to them, they plotted against him to put him to death. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer! Now then, come and let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; and we will say, 'A wild beast devoured him.' Then let us see what will become of his dreams!"

Broken relationships between neighbors

II Samuel 11:2-3; 14-15 "Now when evening came David arose from his bed and walked around on the roof of the king's house, and he saw a woman bathing; and the woman was very beautiful. So David sent and inquired about the woman. And one said, "Is this not Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?"... Now in the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it by the hand of Uriah. He had written in the letter, saying, 'Place Uriah in the front line of the fiercest battle and withdraw from him, so that he may be struck down and die.'"

Broken relationships between nations

Matthew 24:4-8; 11-12 "And Jesus answered and said to them, "See to it that no one misleads you. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will mislead many. You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not frightened, for those things must take place, but that is not yet the end. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes. But all these things are merely the beginning of birth pangs...Many false prophets will arise and will mislead many. Because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold."



Broken relationship with God Himself

Romans 3:10-12 "There is none righteous, not even one; There is none who understands, There is none who seeks for God; All have turned aside, together they have become useless; There is none who does good, There is not even one."

The Long Shadow Cast by Our Own Heart

This problem with sin and poor choices is not just the world's problem. It is our problem. All of us make choices everyday that violate the standards God has for us. All of us struggle with our own selfishness, pride, lust, anger, greed, laziness, and much, much more. Consider the following assessment from the Bible.

Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

We were made to see, know and experience the glory of God but our sin creates a barrier between us and that end. The world is not as it should be, and we are the problem. Our decisions cloud the purposes for which the world was made. Our rebellion against our Creator hinders our purpose as well. Romans 3:23 says the problem is universal. All of us have sinned. All of us, each and every one of us, has failed to achieve the original intent of the creation with our lives.

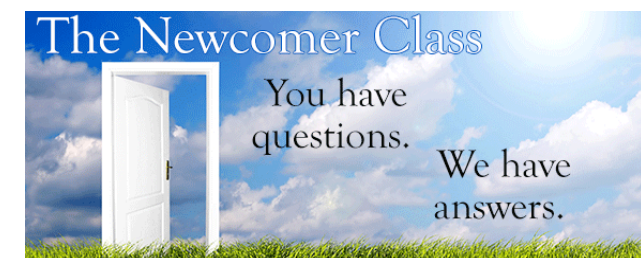
~ Daniel



This Fall, we will have 40 days of focused individual and corporate prayer. Daniel will be writing our devotions to guide us through these days.

Special prayer times will be Sunday & Wednesday Nights, beginning Sunday, August 21st.

More info to come!



**Sunday, August 21st
12:15pm, Fellowship Hall**

Since we have people attending our church from every type of church background, we have established an on-going class, which provides basic information about our church. As a part of the class, we will explain what we believe, how we operate, our vision, and a little about the background of our church. This informal setting will allow the opportunity to ask questions and grow in your understanding of the ministries of our church. Lunch & Childcare are provided. If you would like to attend, please contact the church office at mrbcinfo@matthewroad.org, or call 972-641-2717 to RSVP for this class and childcare, if needed.

Children's Ministry



**Wednesday Nights, for kids
completed Kindergarten - 6th grade
6:45pm - 8:00pm**

Summer Verses - Come finish your Awana book
or work on extra credit verses from 6:30pm - 6:45pm,
in the Ed Bldg.

**Sunday Nights 5:30pm
Education Building
2nd floor**



This Summer we are studying the book of
Matthew! Join us as we learn what it
means to be a disciple committed to
going out into the world to make
disciples! For Completed K - 6th Grade.



Sunday School

Join us every Sunday morning from 9:45-10:45am as
we journey through the Gospel Project.



**Kick-off and Registration
Wednesday, August 31st
6:30pm**

**Special Wednesday Night Dinner at 5:30pm
for our AWANA Families
On the Menu: Taco Salad**

Would you pray about joining the Awana team this year?
Or do you know anyone who might be a good fit for this ministry
opportunity? We have two training sessions coming up this month
on Wednesdays, August 17 & 24.
Come find out more about participating in this incredible ministry!

**WE NEED
YOU
TO
JOIN
US**

Mary Hill Davis Offering



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR TEXAS MISSIONS: SEPTEMBER 11-18

Understanding that missions is what believers do to reach beyond the needs of their congregations to witness and minister for the purpose of fulfilling the Great Commission, WMU of Texas designed the Mary Hill Davis Offering to advance Texas Baptist missionary efforts to help people come to know Christ. Therefore, it is the goal of the WMU of Texas to strengthen and support Texas missions opportunities through the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

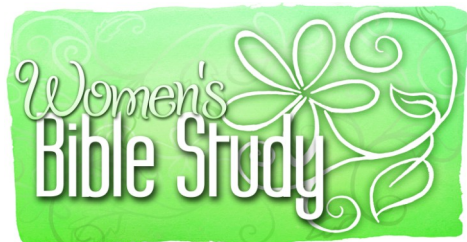
During the Week of Prayer for Texas Missions, prayer guides will be distributed. You are encouraged to pray for the eight mission projects featured in the prayer guide. Our church's goal for the Mary Hill Davis Offering is \$5,000. You are encouraged to seek God's will as to how He wants you to participate.

Get Connected

**Missed a sermon?
Want to share our sermon series
with a friend or family member?
Check out our website and
listen to or download our sermons:
www.matthewroad.org**



Women's Ministry



Weekly Bible Studies:

Sunday mornings

Rachel Sullenger & Tiffany Marich
- the book of Acts
Joy Richards & Chris Anderson
- the book of Acts

Sunday nights

Meg Trihus - the Epistles

Monday Nights

(please contact the office for the summer schedule)

Nina Wilhite - OT Survey, Beginning Sept. 12th

Diana Hines - Precept Leviticus Study, Beginning Sept. 12th

Wednesday Nights

Cyndi King - the book of Luke

Friday Mornings, Chick Fil A

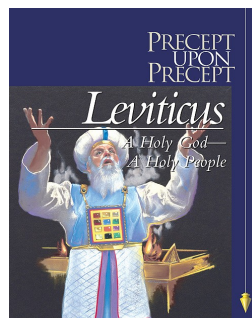
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Precept Leviticus 8 Week Study

Begins Monday, September 12th!

Please RSVP by September 1st

to diana@matthewroad.org.



Ice Cream Social



Please bring your favorite ice cream to Fellowship Hall starting at 5:00 PM

Adult Leadership Luncheon



"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20 (NASB)

Calling all adults - we need you at our Adult Leadership Luncheon, Sunday, August 14th, at 12:15pm in Fellowship Hall!
Think that only Bible Study Teachers, Deacons and Church Staff are called to make Disciples?

All believers are called to this task, and we want to explore that at a luncheon on Sunday, August 14th, at 12:15pm in Fellowship Hall. Phil will share our vision of "Disciples making Disciples."

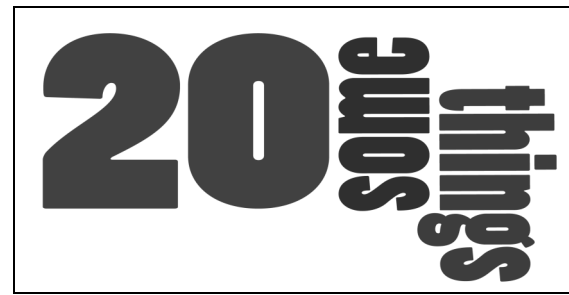
Grace Groups

Do you or someone you know struggle with a mental health difficulty? Grace groups focus on the positive with each meeting hopefully ending in greater understanding and vision concerning mental health difficulties. Our Grace Group does allow time to share pressing needs and pray for one another; however, our focus each week is on learning how to filter difficulties through God's grace and implementing the many practical skills and tools presented during the meetings.

Family Grace group (for someone supporting a loved one with a mental health difficulty) meets on Monday evenings at 6:30 in the Teller room. Contact Greg or Meg Trihus (greg_trihus@sil.org, or meg_trihus@wycliffe.org) for more information.

Living Grace group (for someone struggling with a mental illness) meets on Thursday evenings at 6:30 in the Teller room. Contact George Fritts (gfrittslpcintern@gmail.com) for more info.

20Somethings & College Ministry



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College Ministry



Contact Rachel at rachel@matthewroad.org to find out the latest events & activities!

COLLEGE BIBLE STUDY

Class: Sunday Mornings, 9:45am
Ed. Bldg., 2nd Flr.
Teachers: Kevin & Caitlin Marek
Studying: various books of the Bible



Classes:

- ~ Sunday Morning 9:45 am: Daniel Sweet leading
- ~ Sunday Night 5:30 pm
- ~ a study of various books of the Bible (Fellowship Hall)
- ~ Wednesday Night 6:45pm: Dinner and Discussion



Updated August 2016 Events & Activities

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

- August 7th:** Deacon Meeting & Luncheon, see Steve Hines
- August 10th:** Quarterly Business Meeting, 6:00pm, Fellowship Hall
- August 14th:** Adult Leadership Luncheon, 12:15pm, Fellowship Hall
- August 20th:** Women's ministry Prayer Breakfast, 9:00am, Fellowship Hall
- August 21st:** Promotion Sunday
 40 Days of Prayer beings
 Newcomer's Class & Lunch, 12:15pm, Fellowship Hall
 Ice Cream Social, 6:15pm
- August 29th:** Youth Small Group Bible Studies begin, see Zach
- August 31st:** Wednesday Night Dinners begin, 5:30pm
 AWANA Kick-off and Registration, 6:30pm, MRBC Campus

Discipleship

Sunday Nights:

- ◇ 20Somethings - Fellowship Hall, 5:30pm
- ◇ Adult Discipleship - Choir Room, 5:30pm
- ◇ Ladies Bible Study - Conference Room, 5:30pm
- ◇ Young Marrieds Bible Study - Fellowship Hall, 5:30pm
- ◇ Adult Couples Class - Library, 5:30pm
- ◇ Guy Talk for youth - Common Grounds, 5:30pm, see Zach for exact location
- ◇ Girl Talk for youth - Common Grounds, 5:30pm, see Zach for exact location
- ◇ MD² for children - Education Building, 5:30pm

Wednesday Nights:

- ◇ Wacky Wednesdays for children - Ed. Building, 6:30pm
- ◇ Collide for youth - Common Grounds, 6:30pm
- ◇ Women's Bible Study - Conference Room, 6:45pm
- ◇ 20Somethings/College Bible Study - Fellowship Hall, 6:45pm

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	6:47pm

Mondays

K2 Primary Academy (during the school year)	8:45am
PAW Program	9:00am
Women's Bible Study (during the school year)	6:00pm

Tuesdays

MRA (during the school year)	8:30am
Young @ Heart Activities	9:45am

Wednesdays

K2 Primary Academy (during the school year)	8:45am
PAW Program	9:00am
Collide (youth)	6:30pm
Adult Choir (during the school year)	6:30pm
Wacky Wednesdays (children)	6:30pm
20Somethings/College	6:45pm

Thursdays

MRA (during school year)	8:30am
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Fridays

Chick time at Chick-Fil-A	9:00am
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Saturdays

Men's Coffee Group (Good Day Café, GP)	7:30am
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Average Morning Attendance for July: 324

Average 7:17 Service Attendance for July: 153

Financials as of July 23, 2016

Budget Income	\$ 598,319
Budget Expense	\$ (586,979)
Net Budget	\$ 11,340