We must be born both physically and spiritually. If we walk in sin, then our spirit is subjecting itself to our sinful nature. If we walk in good works, then our spirit is walking according to the Spirit of God.

Birth and Re-birth, Physical and Spiritual

Jesus told him, “You must be born again.” Confusion rose in Nick’s mind. Is this a physical birth? If so, how is that possible? How can an old man be physically born again? There are two realms that coexist within our human experience. There is the physical realm, where we live, work, enjoy our families, struggle with paying our bills. Coexisting with the physical realm is the spiritual realm. Every person possesses both a physical and spiritual life. Our spirit resides within our physical body, but our spirit is not our body nor is our body our spirit. Paul says in II Corinthians 5:6-8 with reference to his life before he dies that he will be “at home in the body we are absent from the Lord.” However, when Paul dies he will be “absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord.” In that same chapter he describes the earthly body as an “earthly tent” that will be torn down. You are not your body and your body is not you. That is not to say that our bodies have no impact on our spiritual lives. God made us both physical and spiritual. We can sin with our bodies or we can do good works with our bodies. If we walk in sin, then our spirit is subjecting itself to our sinful nature. If we walk in good works, then our spirit is walking according to the Spirit of God.

This dual aspect of life – physical and spiritual – comes into focus in this dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus. In order to be alive physically, we must be born. In fact, we are not alive unless we have been born physically. However, living physically does not mean we are alive spiritually. As Paul says in Ephesians 2:1-2 “And you were dead in your trespasses and sins in which you formerly walked.” “Dead people walking” seems impossible if it were not for this understanding of the twofold nature of a person. Paul says, you were dead spiritually, even though you were alive physically. As Jesus said during a discussion on discipleship, “let the dead (spiritually) bury the (physically) dead.” The opposite is also evident in the teachings of Jesus. Jesus describes someone as alive even when they were dead physically. Lazarus died physically. He had been dead four days. And yet Jesus tells Martha at the graveside of Lazarus, “I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies.”

Have you been born again? Have you personally received Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord? Now is the time! Consider today as an opportunity to affirm your faith in Jesus Christ. You may have become a Christian many years ago. If so, reaffirm your faith in Him, with a grateful heart for what God has already done to save you and make you His own child.

– Daniel
**AWANA HAS BEGUN!**

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

6:30pm - 8:00pm

*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.

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?

Contact Brittany at brittanymrbc@gmail.com if you would like to participate in the amazing ministry!

**Sunday School**

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

**Preteen Retreat 2016**

For kids in kindergarten through 6th grade - Join us for games on the front lawn (weather permitting) followed by girls and boys Bible studies focused on becoming disciples who go into the world to make disciples. This fall we will finish our study on the book of Matthew.

**Small Groups**

**Preteens**

Guys, Tuesday Nights, 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Ladies, Tuesday Nights, 6:30pm - 8:30pm

@ MRBC, lead by Zach Van Veldhuizen

@ 2514 Channing Drive, GP TX 75052, led by Caroline Van Veldhuizen

Guys, Saturday Mornings, 9:00am - 11:00am

Ladies, Saturday Mornings, 9:00am - 11:00am

@ MRBC, led by Kevin Marek

@ 1310 N. Cockrell Hill Rd #1028, Dallas TX, 75211, led by Caitlin Marek

**Joy!**

"Joy has dawned upon the world, promised from creation.

God's salvation now unfurled, hope for every nation.

What a Savior! What a Friend! What a glorious mystery!

Once a Babe in Bethlehem, now the Lord of history."

**Music Ministry**

The music ministry of MRBC invites you to join us for a special time of worship as we prepare our hearts for the Advent season. **JOY!** is a special musical presentation that looks to the Biblical prophecies of a coming Messiah and their ultimate fulfillment in Christ. We hope you'll join us for our morning worship services on Sunday, December 6th, as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

**Missions**

We will announce shortly our Week of Prayer dates and our church goal.

Be praying for how God would lead you to give in this impactful ministry.
Staying Up To Date

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.mattthewroad.org

The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God’s love in a tangible way to children in need around the world, and together with churches worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Join us, bring a friend, bring your children or grandchildren, as we help spread the Gospel one shoe box at a time.

We are asking you to bring the cost of the shipping, $7.00, for your box(es). In addition, the church has purchased items, but we would love to have you add to our boxes. Contact Rachel, at rachel@matthewroad.org, for a list of supplementary items. We are hoping to send 100 boxes.

Want to share our sermon series with a friend or family member?
missed a sermon?
check our website and listen to or download our sermons:
**Quarterly Business Meeting**

RESCHEDULED TO
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH
6:00PM, FELLOWSHIP HALL

(Date moved from November 2nd)

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**20Somethings & College Ministry**

Classes:
- Sunday Morning 9:45 am: Jeff Morris leading
- Wednesday Night 6:30pm: Food and Discussion

**Contact Rachael at rachael@matthewroad.org to find out the latest events & activities!**

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**Updated November 2016 Events & Activities**

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

- **November 6th**: Veterans Day Luncheon, 12:15pm, see Welcome Desk
- **November 9th**: Quarterly Business Meeting, 6:00pm, Fellowship Hall
- **November 11th - 12th**: Preteen Retreat, see Brittany
- **November 13th**: Guest Speaker, Bob Fu, and Silent Auction, beginning at 5:00pm
- **November 18th**: Parents Night Out *must RSVP to cyndikking@msn.com
- **November 19th**: Women’s Ministry Mission Project, see Rachel
- **November 20th**: Observance of the Lord’s Supper, all three services
- **November 24th - 25th**: Church Office closed
- **November 26th**: Thanksgiving Mission Event at Mission Arlington, see Josh Lemmon

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**Regular Scheduled Activities**

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| Awana Club for children - Ed. Building, 6:30pm |
| Collide for youth - Common Grounds, 6:30pm |
| 20Somethings/College Bible Study - Fellowship Hall, 6:30pm |
| Adult Bible Study - Library, 6:45pm |
| Women’s Bible Study - Conference Room, 6:45pm |

**Financials as of October 15, 2016**

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**Discipleship**

Girls from 20something are going to 1st Monday Trade Days for a day of shopping before Christmas. It’s so much fun! Crafts, Christmas items, fair like food, antiques and JUNK. Hope you can make it.

Text or email Rachel to save a place in the van.

Date: November 5, 2016
Time: 8:30am
Cost: What you eat or buy
firstmonday.com
rachel@matthewroad.org