

Come to me,  
all who labor and  
are heavy laden,  
and I will give  
you rest.

[Matthew 11:28]

Matthew Road Baptist Church ... a place to call home

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## Considering All Things as Worthless Compared to Christ

"I once thought these things were valuable, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done. Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ and become one with him. I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become righteous through faith in Christ. For God's way of making us right with himself depends on faith. I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death, so that one way or another I will experience the resurrection from the dead! I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me. No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us." *Philippians 3:7-14 (NLT)*

Paul had invested his entire life in his position as a Pharisee. He believed his adherence to the traditions of the Jewish elders established him as righteous before God. When Jesus appeared to him on the Damascus road, all of his self-righteousness disintegrated. Making matters worse, Paul had devoted substantial time to persecuting anyone who would follow Christ. He just knew that the church had it wrong. He was concerned that their misguided view of God could destroy the true Jewish faith. Imagine his shock as his world came crashing in. Paul's experience must be our own experience.

We must experience the destruction of our self-reliance. We must lose any dependence on our own goodness. We must jettison any hope of earning a righteous standing before God on our own merits. Though none of us may come to faith in the dramatic fashion of Paul - kicked off his horse, blinded, hearing the voice of Christ audibly, we must come to the same place of hopelessness as Paul, abandoning all but Christ.

This personal account of Paul provides a testimony of the doctrine known as justification by faith. "Not having a righteousness of my own..." but instead "a righteousness that comes through faith in the Son of God." We stand just or righteous before God when we believe in His Son. The righteousness of Jesus gets credited to our account. He did all the work and we get all the credit. This verse reminds me of the last stanza of that great hymn, The Solid Rock:

*"When He shall come with trumpet sound  
Oh may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone  
Faultless to stand before the throne."*

Looking back on his life, Paul considers everything to be a loss (he compares it to garbage) compared to knowing Christ. It is more than seeing Jesus as infinitely valuable. It is seeing Jesus as so precious that everything else is a total waste. He is supremely glorious, eclipsing all else.

~ Daniel



Fall Festival is Coming!

**FREE!**  
**Fall Festival**  
**October 31st**  
**6:00pm - 8:00pm**

**WE NEED YOU!**

**AND YOUR NEW/GENTLY USED STUFFED ANIMALS  
& INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED CANDIES.**

**WE WILL HAVE DROP OFF SPOTS SET UP IN THE FOYER AND EDUCATION  
BUILDING, BEGINNING OCTOBER 1ST.**



**JOIN US AS WE REACH OUT TO OUR COMMUNITY WITH THE GOSPEL.  
YOU CAN BE A PART OF THIS AMAZING MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY.**

**PLEASE SEE BRITTANY, OR EMAIL BRITTANYMRBC@GMAIL.COM TODAY!**



**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](mailto:brittanymrbc@gmail.com) if you would like to participate in the amazing ministry!



**Sunday School**

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

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



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 spring we will finish our study on the book of Matthew.

Want to stay up to date with us on facebook?  
Like our page at [facebook.com/mrbcchildrens](https://www.facebook.com/mrbcchildrens)

Questions regarding the children's ministry  
or how you can join the leadership team?  
Email [brittanymrbc@gmail.com](mailto:brittanymrbc@gmail.com).



*Men's Campout Retreat*

**See Phil McGlothlin**

*or*

**William Sullenger**

**for more info!**



*Youth Ministry*

September was such a busy month and we had a lot going on. Just to recap, we started going through the book of Acts, with Stephen's sermon, and Jonathon finished out the month with Saul's conversion to Paul.

We had an amazing time at Back to School Bash. Nick Watson spoke during our worship time, and we had a great time of playing football and water balloon volleyball. To finish off the night we played an awesome game of shaving cream Capture the Flag. In addition to the enormous amounts of shaving cream, we also had powder paint balls that were used to defend the end zones.

Since all our students returned to school in September, we started our small groups back up so please be in prayer for those involved. See info at the right for small group leaders and locations.

Moving into October, we've got even more great things planned. On October 6<sup>th</sup>, we've got another C2 at Matt's house. We will be having frito/dorito pie. Guys are responsible for bringing drinks, and girls are responsible for bringing desserts.

On October 14<sup>th</sup>, there is a middle school hangout. We will be going to Alley Cats and sign-ups will become open on September 20<sup>th</sup> and they will end October 11<sup>th</sup>.

To finish out the month, on October 31<sup>st</sup>, we are excited about having the Youth Corner at Fall Festival and we are looking forward to seeing everyone stop by. We are looking forward to a great month!

**2017-18 Small Groups**

**7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls**

**Tuesday's @ 6pm-7pm**

Host Home: John and Kim Mauldin

Teacher: Kim Sweet, Co-Teacher: Camren Robinson,

Mentee: Anabelle McClellin

**7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys**

**Monday's @ 6pm-7pm**

Host Home: Eli and Ana Moreno

Teacher: Ben Vernier

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls**

**Tuesday's @ 7pm**

Host Home: Joel and Christy Martinez

Teacher: Rebecca Barlow

**10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls**

**Wednesday's @ 5:30pm**

Host Home: Common Grounds @ MRBC

Teacher: Christine Wehrli

Co-Teacher: Anne-Elise Brown

**9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys**

**Tuesday's @ 6:45pm-8:00pm**

Host Home: Doug and Cyndi King

Teacher: Colton Galbraith, Mentee: Daniel King

In Christ, Matt Brown  
email: [matt@matthewroad.org](mailto:matt@matthewroad.org)  
cell ph #: 832-955-4954

### Women's Ministry

MORE INFO TO COME

#### Weekly Bible Studies:

##### Sunday mornings

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

##### Sunday nights

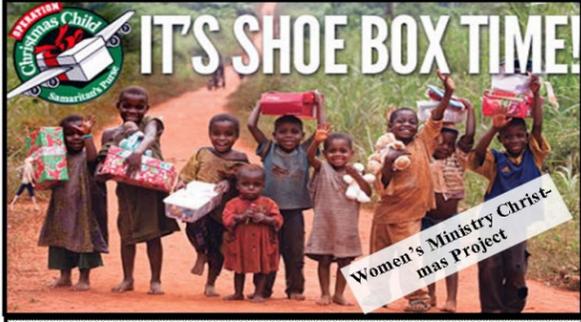
Meg Trihus - the Epistles

##### Wednesday Nights

Cyndi King - Book of Acts

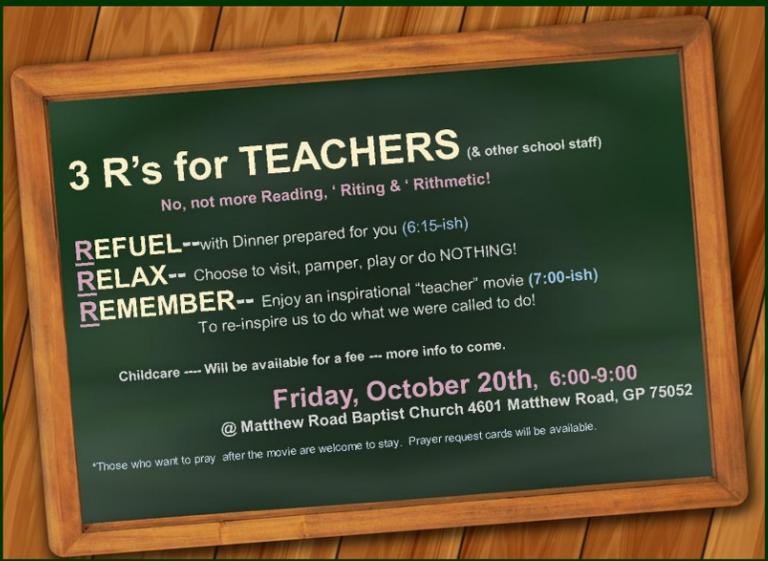
##### Friday Mornings, Chick Fil A (Camp Wisdom Location)

Cyndi King - 9:00 am - Book of Acts



**IT'S SHOE BOX TIME!**  
Women's Ministry Christmas Project

Day & Time: Saturday, October 21st, 10:00am  
Cost: \$7.00 a box, and additional items you can bring  
Who: Women, friends, children, grandchildren  
Where: Fellowship Hall



**3 R's for TEACHERS** (& other school staff)  
No, not more Reading, 'Riting & 'Rithmetic!

**REFUEL**--with Dinner prepared for you (6:15-ish)  
**RELAX**-- Choose to visit, pamper, play or do NOTHING!  
**REMEMBER**-- Enjoy an inspirational "teacher" movie (7:00-ish)  
To re-inspire us to do what we were called to do!

Childcare --- Will be available for a fee --- more info to come.

**Friday, October 20th, 6:00-9:00**  
@ Matthew Road Baptist Church 4601 Matthew Road, GP 75052

\*Those who want to pray after the movie are welcome to stay. Prayer request cards will be available.

### Vespers

(evening prayer service)  
December 1st  
7pm - 9pm  
with Pie Bar!




**FIRST FRIDAY @ NOON**

First Friday Lunch  
Over the summer we had so much fun meeting weekly, we decided to continue it on a monthly basis throughout the year  
Mark your calendars:  
October 6th  
November 3rd

**RIVERBEND  
WOMEN'S RETREAT**  
FEBRUARY 2ND - 3RD  
COST: \$60  
MORE INFO TO COME

### College Ministry



Guys, Tuesday Nights, 6:30pm - 8:30pm  
@ MRBC, CommonGrounds,  
led by Zach Van Veldhuizen

Ladies, Tuesday Nights, 6:30pm - 8:30pm  
@ 2514 Channing Drive, GP TX 75052,  
led by Caroline Van Veldhuizen

Also Sundays, 9:45am & 5:30pm @ MRBC, see Welcome Desk for info



**MATTHEW ROAD COLLEGE MINISTRY**

THURSDAY NIGHT HANG OUT - @ 6:30 PM - 2514 CHANNING DR 75052  
SUNDAY SCHOOL - @ 9:30 PM - MATTHEW ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH  
SUNDAY SERVICE - @ 6:45 PM - MATTHEW ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH  
DINNER AFTER SERVICE - 18D

QUESTIONS? TEXT ZACH (210)818-8002

### Legacy Weekend



**Legacy Weekend**  
*Engaging Families in the Pursuit of Purity*  
November 3-4, 2017

*Legacy Weekend*, in conjunction with preteen and youth fall retreats, is designed to engage families in the pursuit of purity. Over the course of the weekend, families with children and students will worship together and parents will be encouraged in "parent talk" discussions concerning family discipleship, gender, sexuality, and society's influence on the Christian home.

Friday, November 3

*Family Worship & Parent Talk\**

7:00pm-9:00pm

(With optional dismissal to preteen and student overnight retreats at 8pm)

Saturday, November 4

*Parents Only Questions & Answers Panel Discussion\**

1:30pm-3:00pm

and

*Family Dinners & Devotionals*

In host homes

6:00pm-8:00pm

Family Registration opens October 1.

Optional overnight retreat at Mt. Lebanon for kids in 3rd-12th grade is \$40 per person. More information regarding retreats available upon registration.

\*Childcare for 2nd grade and under and activities for those not participating in overnight retreats will be available during these times.

REGISTER AT [WWW.MATTHEWROAD.ORG](http://WWW.MATTHEWROAD.ORG), AND CLICK ON THE BANNER.

20Somethings



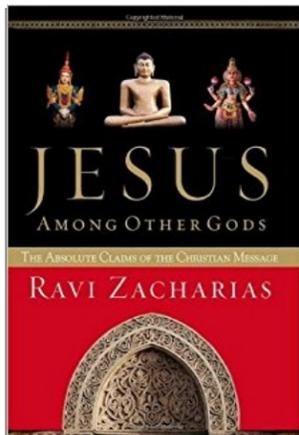
Contact Rachel at [rachel@matthewroad.org](mailto:rachel@matthewroad.org) to find out the latest events & activities!

A NEW  
GENERATION  
WITH  
THE TRUTH  
TO SUPPORT  
BELIEVERS  
THROUGHOUT LIFE

“And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.” ~ 2 Timothy 2:2

*Class Sunday Mornings 9-11am upstairs in ED Bldg.*

**October 19th - Fair Day**  
We will leave the church at 5:00, and should be back at the church by 10pm.  
Bring an empty Dr Pepper can after 5 p.m. each day and admission is HALF PRICE. One can per person. Discount may not be combined with any other offers.



**Wednesday Evenings, 6:45pm, Fellowship Hall**

**In a world with so many religions, why Jesus?**

We are living in a time when you can believe anything, as long as you do not claim it to be true. In the name of “tolerance,” our postmodern culture embraces everything from Eastern mysticism to New Age spirituality. But as Ravi Zacharias points out, such unquestioning acceptance of all things spiritual is absurd. All religions, plainly and simply, cannot be true.

Jesus Among Other Gods provides the answers to the most fundamental claims about Christianity, such as:

*Aren't all religions fundamentally the same?*

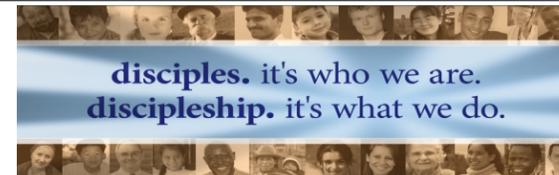
*Was Jesus who He claimed to be? Can one study the life of Christ and demonstrate conclusively that He was and is the way, the truth, and the life?*

In each chapter, Zacharias considers a unique claim that Jesus made and then contrasts the truth of Jesus with the founders of Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism with compelling insight and passionate conviction. In addition to an impressive breadth of reading and study, he shares his personal journey from despair and meaninglessness to his discovery that Jesus is who He said He is.

**October 2017 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.

- October 1st:** Deacon Meeting, 4:30pm, Conference Room
- October 4th:** Missions Committee Prayer Time, 8:00pm, Library
- October 5th:** Young @ Heart Breakfast at Outlaws, 8:30am
- October 6th:** Women’s Ministry Lunch at Don Pablo’s, 12:00pm, see pg 5 for info  
Students C2 Group, see pg 4 for info
- October 8th:** B&G Meeting, 4:30pm, Conference Room
- October 19th:** 20Somethings Fair Day, see Rachel for info
- October 20th - 21st:** College Event, see Zach for info
- October 20th:** Parents Night Out, must RSVP at [cyndikking@msn.com](mailto:cyndikking@msn.com)
- October 21st:** Women’s Ministry Operation Christmas Child, see pg 5 for info
- October 25th:** Quarterly Finance Meeting, 5:45pm, Teller Room
- October 27th - 28th:** Men’s Campout Retreat, see pg 2 for info
- October 31st:** Fall Festival, 6:00pm - 8:00pm, MRBC Campus, see pg 2 for info



**Sunday Nights:**

- ◇ College - 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 Matt for exact location
- ◇ Girl Talk for youth - Common Grounds, 5:30pm, see Matt for exact location
- ◇ MD<sup>2</sup> for children - Education Building, 5:30pm

**Wednesday Nights:**

- ◇ AWANA Club for children - Ed. Building, 6:30pm
- ◇ Collide for youth - Common Grounds, 6:30pm
- ◇ Adult Bible Studies, 6:45pm

**Regular Weekly Activities**

<b>Sundays</b>	
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
<b>Mondays</b>	
K2 Primary Academy (during the school year)	8:45am
PAW Program	9:00am
<b>Tuesdays</b>	
MRA (during the school year)	8:30am
Young @ Heart Activities	9:45am
<b>Wednesdays</b>	
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
AWANA Club (children)	6:30pm
Adult Bible Studies	6:45pm
<b>Thursdays</b>	
MRA (during school year)	8:30am
<b>Fridays</b>	
Chick time at Chick-Fil-A (Camp Wisdom)	9:00am
<b>Saturdays</b>	
Men’s Coffee Group (Good Day Café, GP)	7:30am

**Financials as of September 1, 2017**  
(Does not include schools)

<b>Budget Income</b>	<b>\$617,631</b>
<b>Budget Expense</b>	<b>\$(622,033)</b>
<b>Net Budget</b>	<b>\$(4,403)</b>

**Average Attendance for September**

**Morning Service: 364    717 Service: 137**