

What Do You See? Sermon Series

Pastor John begins a 3-week series today that charts a course for the next many years of First Irving. As a church member or as a guest desiring to know the future of this church, this biblical picture of change, vision, and purpose will help us all see the potential workings of God in our midst. Please plan on attending with a faith-filled heart to hear God's Word speak to the character and future of this church body.

Israelology - Wednesday Night Series

This Wednesday, Pastor John concludes the series called "Israelology." Why is Israel so important to God? What is God's covenant with Israel? Why is the rebirth of Israel so significant? Those and other questions will be studied in this new series. Our family meal begins Wednesday evening at 5:00, and Prayer Gathering will begin at 6:15.

Women's Retreat

Ladies.....Save the date for the 2009 Women's Retreat, October 2 & 3. Speaker: Margaret Kennedy, founder and president of Threads of Hope ministries and Lifeway Ministry Multiplier for the LifeWay Foundation. Look for more information to come.

ABF Leadership Meeting

All ABF leadership is requested for a vision-casting meeting today, Sunday April 19, at 5:00 p.m. in the Worship Center.

Rolling Stone BBQ

The Rolling Stone ABF is having a BBQ lunch today. If you are a nearly-wed or newly-wed, come feast and fellowship with us. Lunch will be in the picnic area next to the playground.

P.L.A.C.E

Come and discover your God-given gifts and your place of service at First Irving. **P.L.A.C.E.** teaches you your individual spiritual gifts, your personality traits, your life experiences, and your passions for ministry. We are offering a two week class April 26 and May 3 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall led by Pastor John Durham. Sign up in the Hub today or email Michelle Stanphill at mstanphill@fbcirving.org.

Student Ministries Summer Missions

There are two great opportunities for middle school and high school students this summer:

Mission Decatur (Rookie Trip):

June 14-17

Cost: \$100 (full amount is due as a deposit to reserve your place on the team)

Purpose: Backyard Bible Club, clothes closet, light construction, food pantry.

Training Dates: May 31, June 7

St. Louis Project (previous mission experience required):

July 9-18

Cost: \$300 (\$100 deposit required)

Purpose: mission training, VBS, evangelism and evening services at an inner city church

Training Dates: May 31, June 7, June 21, June 28, July 5

The deposit is \$150 if you would like to serve on both teams.

Summer Missions Fundraiser

Middle School and High School students are selling Texas Rangers coupon packs to help raise money for summer mission trips. The coupon packs are a \$700 value for only \$40. The packs include six lower level tickets, ten buy one get one free coupons, three 50% off coupons, and a \$250 coupon on a suite rental. You may contact one of the students or email pmurrell@fbcirving.org if you would like to purchase one.

College Seniors

Are you graduating in May 2009? If so, we need your information. Your church family would like to honor you on May 10. Please let Jason Hatch know by email at jason-hatch7@gmail.com or by phone at 972-253-1171 by April 30th.

College Service Saturday

Saturday, April 25, from 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon, college students are invited to the church to help serve around the community. We will help serve some of the people in our church, and you will be able to make some new friendships across the generations. If you have questions, or want to sign up, follow the link on the college webpage.

College trip to Canton's First Monday

All college students, guys and gals, are invited to come with us to Canton's First Monday tradedays. This is a HUGE flea market for you shoppers, and a great way to spend some time with each other. We will be meeting at the church on Saturday, May 2 at 7:30 a.m., and return around 5:00 p.m. Bring money for shopping and lunch. If you have questions, or want to sign up, follow the link on the college webpage.

August Cruise to Mexico

There are a few remaining Inside and Oceanview Staterooms available for the August 17-22, 2009 cruise on the Carnival Ecstasy sailing from Galveston to Cozumel and Progreso, Mexico. For further details and pricing contact Wayne Watkins at the church or send an email to wwatkins@fbcirving.org.

Branson Trip

If you have signed up to join us for our Branson, Missouri trip, please note we will be leaving at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, April 26. The conference ends on April 29, and we will return to the church on April 30. If you have not already paid for your trip, please stop by the Hub today and make your final payment.

Sudan Mission Trip 2009

There are still a few openings on First Irving's trip to The Sudan in late summer 2009. If you are interested in this trip, please email the church office at jdurham@fbcirving.org or Vernon Burger at vburger@fbcirving.org. This mission trip focus is ministering to widows and building relationships with orphans.

Wednesday Fellowship Meal
<i>April 22, 2009</i>
<i>Chopped Steak with Gravy</i>
<i>Chipotle-Lime Grilled Chicken Breast</i>
<i>Mashed Potatoes</i>
<i>Steamed Broccoli</i>
<i>Green Beans</i>
<i>Salad</i>
<i>Rolls</i>
<i>Pecan Pie</i>
<i>Bread Pudding</i>
Serving from 5:00 - 6:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
Adults - \$4.50
6th - College - \$3.50
Kindergarten - 5th Grade - \$2.50
4 Yrs and under - Free
<i>Prayer Gathering at 6:15 p.m.</i>

Weekly Planner

SUNDAY	04.19.09
8:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Time
12:00 p.m.	Rolling Stone Class BBQ
3:30 p.m.	Uganda Meeting
4:30 p.m.	Bible Drill
5:00 p.m.	ABF Leadership Meeting
6:00 p.m.	High School Equipping U
MONDAY	04.20.09
9:00 a.m.	Kid's Day Out
3:00 p.m.	CHAMPS
6:15 p.m.	First Place
7:00 p.m.	Moms In Touch
7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
TUESDAY	04.21.09
11:30 a.m.	Evergreen
1:00 p.m.	VBS Conference
3:00 p.m.	CHAMPS
WEDNESDAY	04.22.09
3:00 p.m.	CHAMPS
5:00 p.m.	Fellowship Meal
5:30 p.m.	Handbell Practice
6:00 p.m.	Children's Choir
6:15 p.m.	Prayer Gathering
7:00 p.m.	MSX/Mad House
7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir
THURSDAY	04.23.09
3:00 p.m.	CHAMPS
FRIDAY	04.24.09
9:00 a.m.	Kid's Day Out
3:00 p.m.	CHAMPS
SATURDAY	04.25.09
	Youth State Bible Drill
9:00 p.m.	Ladies Prayer

STEWARDSHIP:	April 12, 2009
Tithes & Offerings	\$ 33,978
Designated	\$ 2,378
FaithWorks	\$ 2,219
Budget YTD	\$ 900,749
Weekly Budget	\$ 34,792
Budget YTD (under)	(\$73,427)
ATTENDANCE:	April 12, 2009
Bible Study	624
Worship	1182
ADDITIONS:	April 12, 2009
Letter	11
Baptism	1
Statement	2



Welcome to First Irving

As we come off of a wonderful Resurrection week, we now turn our eyes and hearts as a church to our future. Without a vision for the future, people perish, churches close, ministry grows ineffective and atrophy occurs. I begin a new 3-week series today called "What Do You See?" and this series will help us see together some building blocks for our future.

Welcome Center Reception

Our Ministers and I would like to meet you at the conclusion of the 9:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. Worship Service. Please stop by the Welcome Center at 10:45 a.m. or 12:15 p.m. for refreshments and the opportunity to get acquainted with some new friends. Exit through the double doors by the piano to the Welcome Center.

April 19, 2009