

Heaven Teaching Series Continues Today

Join us on Sunday mornings for the month of February as Pastor John continues the series on Heaven. What will we be doing? What will we look like? What does Heaven look like? This interesting series will give us strength for our journey today because of the bright hope of Heaven tomorrow.

Israelology - Wednesday Night Series

This Wednesday, Pastor John continues a new 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. Prayer Gathering begins at 6:15.

Equipping U Classes/Courses

Our Eq U courses continue tonight. These multiple classes give you an opportunity to choose from several spiritual growth options. Classes include: Spiritual Gifts, New Members Class, Fireproof Your Marriage, The Tabernacle, Leadership Training, Overcoming Anxiety, Understanding the Bible, and so much more. These classes run until Mar 8, and many classes are offered at both 5:30 and 6:30.

Student Ministries Camp

We've planned a Spring Break event that will be an action-packed week of fun, a relevant spiritual exploration, and relief from the everyday pressures of being a student. You and your friends could be having a blast together at this unforgettable week. You don't want to miss this!! Camp 09, March 13 - 17. If you have any questions, please contact Peter at pmurrell@fbcirving.org or Jared at jbillups@fbcirving.org.

Men's Ministry Camping

ALL men of ALL ages are invited to come camping with us. We will be camping at Lloyd Park on Joe Pool Lake just south of Dallas, Friday-Saturday, March 20-21. Dad's, please feel free to bring kids. The cost is \$15 for adults and \$12 for children 12 and under. This covers your camping spot and food. You can sign up in the Hub, or email Jason Hatch with any questions at jhatch@fbcirving.org.

To the Overflow

We want to say a special word of thanks to "Common Ground" and "Free to Soar" Adult Bible Fellowship classes for serving our church today by worshipping in the Overflow room. Our prayer is that each of you will connect with God today in a powerful way! Thank you for serving and let's worship together!

SEALS Mission Trip

The SEALS ministry is hitting the road by sponsoring a trip to Bridge City, Texas to help a church destroyed by Hurricane Ike. The pastor of that church is Jack Comer, who is Wayne Watkins brother-in-law. No special skills are required, just a willingness to serve. We leave on March 5 evening and return March 8. The SEALS ministry will pay for gas and meals while in Bridge City. You will only need money for meals and snacks while traveling. We will be staying at the church. Their Family Life Center has showers and hot water. This trip is open to all adults, young, and not-so-young. Under 18 will need a parent to go along. Please sign up in The Hub.

Final Day to Sign Up

Today is the last opportunity you will have to sign up for our trip to Branson, Missouri, for the 2009 Spring Time Jubilee. The dates are April 26-29, and a deposit to reserve your place is due today in the Hub. If you would like to go with our group and have not paid, please stop by the Hub and pay your deposit.

Honduras Mission Team

Our Honduras Mission Team will be commissioned today as they leave this weekend for ministry in Central America. Be praying for Jason Hatch as he leads a team of 27 to share the gospel with adults and children. What an honor for us to send people out for the Kingdom's sake.

Irving Faith Clinic

One of the Global Impact ministries of First Irving is the Irving Faith Clinic. The clinic saw 196 patients in January, and God has also provided a new location, twice the size of the previous clinic, in the Pioneer Medical Center. There are 5 exams rooms, 3 dental chairs, and doctor's offices. The rent is \$1 a year including utilities. What a great blessing from the Lord!

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.

Israel Trip 2009

There are 5 open spaces left for a trip to Israel in May 2009 led by Pastor John and his wife Jennifer. If you are interested in going on this trip of a lifetime, please email Jennifer at jenndurham@fbcirving.org.

Worship Center Initiatives

We ask all worshippers to turn off cell phones and pagers as well as not to bring drinks and food into the Worship Center. We also ask that if you must leave the Worship Center, please exit the back doors (Main Street) and return to a seat in the back or in the balcony. This helps in the spirit of worship and with our focus. We also ask that you go to the middle of the aisle as you enter into the row. This provides maximum seating for everyone.

Wednesday Fellowship Meal March 4, 2008

- Hamburgers*
- Cheeseburgers*
- Grilled Chicken Sandwiches*
- Baked Beans*
- Potato Salad*
- Cole Slaw*
- French Fries*
- Salads*
- Dessert*

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

Weekly Planner

SUNDAY 03.01.09
 8:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Time
 3:30 p.m. Honduras Meeting
 4:30 p.m. Bible Drill
 5:30 p.m. Equipping U Classes
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MONDAY 03.02.09
 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 03.03.09
 11:30 a.m. Evergreen
 3:00 p.m. CHAMPS

WEDNESDAY 03.04.09
 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
 6:30 p.m. Preschool Teacher Meeting
 7:00 p.m. MSX/Mad House
 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir

THURSDAY 03.05.09
 3:00 p.m. CHAMPS
 6:30 p.m. Precept: Revelation

FRIDAY 03.06.09
 9:00 a.m. Kid's Day Out
 3:00 p.m. CHAMPS

SATURDAY 03.07.09
 9:00 p.m. Ladies Prayer

STEWARDSHIP: February 22, 2009
 Tithes & Offerings \$ 25,649
 Designated \$ 2,197
 FaithWorks \$ 2,160
 Budget YTD \$ 668,602
 Weekly Budget \$ 34,792
 Budget YTD (under) (\$62,030)

ATTENDANCE: February 22, 2009
 Bible Study 717
 Worship 833
 Equipping U 163

ADDITIONS: February 22, 2009
 Letter 2
 Baptism 4
 Statement 2



Welcome to First Irving

We finish the teaching series on Heaven today called "Heaven Helps Us." I pray that our hearts have been open to the reality, the beauty and the perspective of Heaven through a biblical lens. The next series is called "The Cross of Christ" and this series will walk us to Resurrection Sunday. Thanks for being the wonderfully incredible church that you are!

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.

March 1, 2009