

The Cross of Christ Series

Pastor John begins a new series today called "The Cross of Christ." Join us as the journey begins to Palm Sunday and Resurrection Sunday. This series will enable you to sense the power, the purpose and the setting of the Cross.

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, and Prayer Gathering will begin at 6:15.

Heaven Helps Us CD Series Available

If you are interested in purchasing the full CD set of the 8-week teaching series on Heaven, they are available as a boxed-gift set in The Hub.

Holy Week 2009

Join First Irving and invite others to experience the full impact of a week that takes us from the joy of Palm Sunday, through Passover, to Good Friday in the tomb, to the celebration of Resurrection. The week includes Palm Sunday morning services, Palm Sunday night full orchestra/choir presenting "The Crown and the Cross", Passover meal on Wednesday evening, Good Friday remembrance at noon on Friday, a Kid's Day on Saturday, and two identical Resurrection services on Sunday morning, April 12.

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 exam rooms, 3 dental chairs, and doctors' offices. The rent is \$1 a year, including utilities. What a great blessing from the Lord!

Gaither Homecoming Concert

The Metroplex Concert is being held in Ft. Worth this year on April 4 at the Convention Center. We have just a few tickets left in our group seating. If you are interested in attending the concert, stop by The Hub today and purchase your seats before they are all gone. Transportation to the concert will be provided on our Church bus. Before returning to the church, we will eat supper together following the concert in the Stockyards.

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.

Nicaragua Mission Trip 2009

A meeting of all men who plan on going to Nicaragua in October of this year is set for March 29 at 5pm in the Choir Room. Please attend if you are going on the trip or are still interested in this mission trip.

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 jennidurham@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.

Fellowship Meal on Wednesdays

We invite you to our Fellowship Meal and Prayer Gathering on Wednesday. The meal is served from 5:00pm-6:15pm. Come and enjoy a great dinner and great friendships around round tables in the Fellowship Hall. Meals are \$4.50 per adult, \$3.50 Middle School - College, and \$2.50 Kindergarten - 5th grade. Those 4 and younger are free. We look forward to seeing you there!

Wednesday Fellowship Meal	
<i>March 25, 2008</i>	
<i>Orange Chicken</i>	
<i>Teriyaki Chicken</i>	
<i>Chicken Fried Rice</i>	
<i>Asian Fried Rice</i>	
<i>Eggrolls</i>	
 <i>Dessert</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 6:15pm</i>	

Weekly Planner

SUNDAY	03.22.09
8:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Time
4:30 p.m.	Bible Drill
5:30 p.m.	HS Equipping U
MONDAY	03.23.09
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	03.24.09
11:30 a.m.	Evergreen
3:00 p.m.	CHAMPS
WEDNESDAY	03.25.09
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	03.26.09
3:00 p.m.	CHAMPS
6:30 p.m.	Precept: Revelation
FRIDAY	03.27.09
9:00 a.m.	Kid's Day Out
3:00 p.m.	CHAMPS
SATURDAY	03.28.09
9:00 a.m.	College Saturday Service
9:00 p.m.	Ladies Prayer

STEWARDSHIP: March 15, 2009	
Tithes & Offerings	\$ 26,319
Designated	\$ 2,173
FaithWorks	\$ 2,340
Budget YTD	\$ 770,817
Weekly Budget	\$ 34,792
Budget YTD (under)	(\$64,192)
ATTENDANCE: March 15, 2009	
Bible Study	698
Worship	765
ADDITIONS: March 15, 2009	
Letter	1
Statement	3
Rededication	1
Surrender to Ministry	1



Welcome to First Irving

We continue our series today on The Cross of Christ as we make our way to Palm Sunday and Resurrection Sunday in April. I pray that our hearts are impacted once again by the love, sacrifice and power of the Cross. Let's pray for one another as we make this journey.

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 22, 2009