

Sermon Series: The Real Thing

“The Real Thing” is a summer Sunday morning teaching series on the book of James that will help us realize what authentic Christianity is all about. Join us this entire summer on Sunday mornings as we preach through this amazingly practical book.

Prayer. Simple. Powerful.

A 5-week series continues this Wednesday night which focuses on the purpose and power of prayer. We invite you to come and experience what God asks of us in prayer and what God can accomplish when His people seek His face and pray. Our fellowship meal begins on Wednesday evenings at 5:00. and Prayer Gathering begins at 6:15 p.m. We gather in the Fellowship Hall.

Coming Soon: Go Global Wednesday Nights

Beginning June 3, our Wednesday nights take on the theme of missions and global reports for the entire summer. Come and hear what our God is doing in Thailand, Mexico, The Sudan, Honduras, Mongolia and Israel. And hear local mission stories with SEALS, CARES, Middle School and High School Mission Trips. Go Global will take place at 6:15 every Wednesday evening in the Fellowship Hall. This summer there will also be a Fellowship Dinner served from 5:00–6:15 p.m.

Women’s Retreat

Ladies.....Register today for the 2009 Women’s Retreat “Extreme Makeover: Heart Edition,” October 2 & 3 at the Embassy Suites at Outdoor World in Grapevine. Speaker: Margaret Kennedy, founder and president of Threads of Hope Ministries and Lifeway Ministry Multiplier for the Life-Way Foundation. Contact: Stacie Smith at sdsmith1999@verizon.net or Sheila Cox at sheilaanncox@hotmail.com, for any questions you have or visit the Hub to register today.

Women’s Summer Bible Studies

We are pleased to offer a variety of Bible studies for women this summer. Sign up begins today in the Hub. Workbooks and registration fee (\$5.00 per study) can also be paid for in the Hub.

Genesis, Part 3, led by Janelle Hartsfield

Tuesday Nights starting June 9, 2009
6:30-8:30 pm
Susie Corbett’s home
(2523 Salida St., Irving 75062)
(7 weeks)

Esther, led by Alicia Frick

Thursday Nights starting June 11, 2009
6:30-8:30 pm
Tore Duncan’s home
(2304 Indian Creek, Irving 75060)
(10 weeks)

Every Woman’s Battle, led by Suzi McCall

Thursday Nights starting June 11, 2009
7:00-8:30 pm
Rachel Rodges’ home
(3226 Thomas St., Irving 75061)
(8 weeks)

First Place, led by Samantha Golightly

Monday Nights starting June 29, 2009
6:15-7:45 pm
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(10 weeks)

Airhogs Game

Men, join us Sunday, June 14, to watch the Grand Prairie Airhogs play the Pensacola Pelicans. Tickets are \$8 and the game starts at 6:05 p.m. Email Jason Hatch at jason-hatch7@gmail.com, or you may purchase your ticket in The Hub.

Student Ministries

Mission Decatur Team

Students, Student Workers, and Parents are invited to a meeting on Sunday, June 7, at 4:30 p.m. on the third floor to help you prepare for the mission. We will take care of forms and payments, as well as discuss final details and answer any questions you may have. Parents, if you are unable to attend, please email Jared (middle school) at jbillups@fbcirving.org or Peter (high school) at pmurrell@fbcirving.org. Students, we will see you there!

Children’s News

Vacation Bible School, June 10-14 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. VBS is for all children who have completed Kindergarten – 5th grade. The cost is FREE and includes a FREE Sports Camp!!! Please register your child online today at www.firstirvingfamily.org by clicking on the Elementary Page and then REGISTER HERE located on the calendar bar.

Children’s Camp GAP, June 22-26 is an away camp for all children who have completed 3rd - 5th grade. The cost is \$170.00 to attend. Limited scholarships are available. Registration includes all paperwork and a \$50.00 deposit turned in to the HUB no later than June 1. If you have any questions or for more information please contact Jennifer Mosty at jmosty@fbcirving.org.

EXTREME BLAST Wednesday nights, June 3-August 5; 6:00 – 7:15 for all children that have completed Kindergarten – 5th grade. EB includes exciting games, cool snacks, and a quick weekly devotion.

Kids Day Out

KDO is a 2-day a week program for children 6m–5yrs that meets on Monday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. We are currently enrolling for the Fall ‘09 session. For more information please contact Shanon Kuykendall at skuykendall@fbcirving.org or call 972-822-9034.

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| Wednesday Fellowship Meal May 27, 2009 | |
| <i>Lasagna</i> | |
| <i>Baked Potato</i> | |
| <i>Grilled Chicken Salad</i> | |
| <i>Garlic Bread</i> | |
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| <i>Dessert</i> | |
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| 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 | |
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| <i>Prayer Gathering at 6:15 p.m.</i> | |

Weekly Planner

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| SUNDAY | 05.24.09 |
| 8:30 a.m. | Men's Prayer Time |
| 2:30 p.m. | Sudan Meeting |
| MONDAY | 05.25.09 |
| Church Offices Closed for Memorial Day | |
| 7:00 p.m. | Boy Scouts |
| TUESDAY | 05.26.09 |
| 11:30 a.m. | Evergreen |
| 3:00 p.m. | CHAMPS |
| WEDNESDAY | 05.27.09 |
| 3:00 p.m. | CHAMPS |
| 5:00 p.m. | Fellowship Meal |
| 5:30 p.m. | Handbell Practice |
| 6:15 p.m. | Prayer Gathering |
| 7:00 p.m. | MSX/Mad House |
| 7:00 p.m. | Adult Choir |
| 7:00 p.m. | Women's Retreat Planning Meeting |
| THURSDAY | 05.28.09 |
| 3:00 p.m. | CHAMPS |
| FRIDAY | 05.29.09 |
| 3:00 p.m. | CHAMPS |
| SATURDAY | 05.30.09 |
| College Service Saturday | |
| 9:00 p.m. | Ladies Prayer Time |

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| STEWARDSHIP: | May 17, 2009 |
| Tithes & Offerings | \$ 48,085 |
| Designated | \$ 2,513 |
| FaithWorks | \$ 2,146 |
| Budget YTD | \$ 1,084,469 |
| Weekly Budget | \$ 34,792 |
| Budget YTD (under) | (\$63,667) |
| ATTENDANCE: | May 17, 2009 |
| Bible Study | 650 |
| Worship | 723 |
| ADDITIONS: | May 17, 2009 |
| Statement | 2 |



Welcome to First Irving

We are in a teaching series called “The Real Thing” for the next several months. Today’s passage deals with perseverance, which simply means moving on in life even in difficult times. We continue in the book of James today as we see what The Real Life is all about.

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.

May 24, 2009