

Sermon Series: The Real Thing

We begin our Summer Sunday morning series next Sunday, May 10. The Real Thing is a 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 new 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. We gather in the Fellowship Hall.

Mother's Day Gift

Looking for a great Mother's day gift? Purchase a gift certificate for the Women's Retreat in October. Pick up this special gift in the Hub today.

Women's Retreat

Ladies.....Save the Date 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 LifeWay Foundation. Contact: Stacie Smith at sdsmith1999@verizon.net or Sheila Cox at sheilaanncox@hotmail.com, for any questions you have.

Meet The Staff Luncheon

On Sunday, May 17, at 12:30 p.m. there will be a free lunch provided for guests and new members of First Baptist. This is a casual and informal time for the staff of First Baptist to meet you and answer any questions you may have about the church. A complimentary lunch will be provided for adults and older children. Free childcare and a meal will be provided for children 3rd grade and younger. To ensure sufficient food is available, we do ask that you make a reservation by registering in The Hub, calling the church office and asking for Michelle Stanphill, or by e-mailing mstanphill@fbcirving.org.

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 students for our summer Kids Kamp (ages 15m-5yrs)and the Fall 09 (6m-5yrs) sessions. For more information please contact Shanon Kuykendall at skuykendall@fbcirving.org or call 972-822-9034.

Bible Drill

We are so very proud of Director Marla Gallemore and the 11 students that drilled this last weekend at State Bible Drill. Each one of them did very well. Please come and support our Bible Drillers as we recognize their hard work this evening following the Children's Choir Performance.

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.

Children's Choir Musical

Please come and see our 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade Children's Choirs perform their yearly musical tonight at 6:30 p.m. We will have a short fellowship time with refreshments in courtyard directly following. Hope to see you there!

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 jasonhatch7@gmail.com or by phone at 972-253-1171 immediately.

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 Missions Pastor Vernon Burger at vburger@fbcirving.org. This mission trip's focus is ministering to orphans and widows and building relationships with Believers in The Sudan.

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	
May 6, 2009	
Ham	
Turkey Breast	
Broccoli/ Rice Casserole	
Blackeyed Peas	
Mashed Potatoes	
Cornbread/ Rolls	
Salads	
Blueberry Pecan Cobbler	
Sad Cake	
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	
Prayer Gathering at 6:15 p.m.	

Weekly Planner

SUNDAY	05.03.09
8:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Time
12:30 p.m.	College Leadership Meeting
2:30 p.m.	Sudan Team Meeting
4:30 p.m.	Bible Drill
4:30 p.m.	Place Class
4:30 p.m.	Deacon Meeting (Chapel)
6:30 p.m.	Children's Choir Musical
7:30 p.m.	Cookies in the Courtyard
MONDAY	05.04.09
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	05.05.09
11:30 a.m.	Evergreen
3:00 p.m.	CHAMPS
WEDNESDAY	05.06.09
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
7:00 p.m.	Women's Retreat Planning Meeting
THURSDAY	05.07.09
3:00 p.m.	CHAMPS
FRIDAY	05.08.09
9:00 a.m.	Kid's Day Out
3:00 p.m.	CHAMPS
SATURDAY	05.09.09
9:00 p.m.	Ladies Prayer Time

STEWARDSHIP:	April 26, 2009
Tithes & Offerings	\$ 29,866
Designated	\$ 461
FaithWorks	\$ 3,011
Budget YTD	\$ 969,833
Weekly Budget	\$ 34,792
Budget YTD (under)	(\$73,927)
ATTENDANCE:	April 26, 2009
Bible Study	749
Worship	837
ADDITIONS:	April 26, 2009
Letter	5
Statement	2
Baptism	2



Welcome to First Irving

We wrap up a series today called "What Do You See?" First Baptist Irving is in the middle of a lot of transition and change and growth. A growing church must make sacrifices and must adjust to the movement of God and conform to our primary commission which is reaching out to others with the love of Christ and creating disciples. We look to the life of Jeremiah to see how to respond to changes in life.

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 3, 2009