

FUTURE GENERATIONS

We are asking for all who made a one-time commitment to give soon, and those who made monthly commitments to give faithfully each month!

From July 1-Dec 12, \$402,720 has been given to Future Generations as we move toward our goal of \$667,000.

Future Generations is our faithful preparation in the present generation for all those who will come behind us at FBC Irving.

UPCOMING WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER GATHERINGS

December 28: No Wednesday Night Activities

January 4: A new series begins: "From Him to Us - How We Got the Bible"

NEXT WEEK, JANUARY 1

There is only one service on New Year's Day at 10:00 a.m. There are no ABFs that meet that day, but there is Preschool Care.

UPCOMING SERMON SERIES

On January 1, Pastor John will lay out a vision for our church for the 2012 year. Beginning on January 8, a new series will begin called "Ekklesia" which shows the purpose and the power of the Church through the book of Acts. Join us in the new year!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR EQUIPPING U

Equipping University begins on Sunday night, January 22 and runs through Sunday night, February 19. Classes will be at 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

END-OF-YEAR GIVING

As 2011 draws to a close, now is the time to consider how giving to the church affects the taxes you will have to pay by April 15. Donations received (or postmarked) by December 31, will be credited to your Contribution Statement for 2011. For those who itemize deductions, your contributions may reduce your income taxes. Please consider giving an extra offering during the month of December to further the various ministries of First Irving.

The church also receives donations other than cash: stocks, bonds, vehicles, real estate, etc. Your tax advisor can give you advice on how best to gift the church of assets no longer needed.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

The Financial Office will be mailing contribution statements by January 15 for the year 2011. For those of you who use internet, you will also have the opportunity to view and print your contribution statement off whenever you wish to do so. **Reminder:** If you itemize deductions and file your tax return before your contribution statement arrives from the church, you run the risk of having all your contributions **disallowed** by IRS in case of an audit. The safest thing to do is wait until you have your contribution statement in hand before filing your taxes.

SENIOR LIFE JANUARY BIBLE STUDY

Mark your calendar now so you don't miss out on the 4-day study of The Beatitudes taught by Pastor Ron Durham. The dates are January 16-19 in the Fellowship Hall starting at 11:30 a.m. Lunch (\$5/person) will be served each day prior to the Bible study.

STUDENT MINISTRY DISCIPLE NOW

All middle school and high school students are invited to be a part of Disciple Now 2012, January 13 - 15. D-Now is a weekend retreat where students will be staying in host homes all around Irving. Our worship will be led by the Jeff Johnson Band and our speaker is Steve Bezner. The cost is \$50. Students can sign up online or on the 3rd floor.

LADIES' BIRTHDAY BRUNCH

Tickets are on sale today in the Hub for the Ladies Birthday Brunch held on January 28, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Cost \$8. The speaker will be Rebecca Ashbrook Carrell. If you would like to serve at this event, please contact Raleigh Mae Stevenson at RSteve4373@aol.com or Jane Norman at JGRN1008@aol.com. You may also register online at www.firstirvingfamily.org/womens.html.

JANUARY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

Start the new year off in a Bible study small group! A number of new Bible studies have been listed on the Women's page of the website (firstfamily.org/womens.html). From finding rest, to discussing the Holy Spirit, to specific books of the Bible, there is a Bible study for you!

For more info and how to register, you can log on to the women's page of the website.

GRIEF RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP

Those who are grieving the death of a family member or friend are invited to begin the healing process through the ministry of GriefShare. The 13-week class will begin January 22. Email counseling@fbcirving.org for more information or to register.

WOMEN OF FAITH - "CELEBRATE 2012"

"...Be happy and full of joy, because the Lord has done a wonderful thing." Joel 2:21 NCV. If you are interested in attending the Women of Faith conference in September 2012 we are currently taking a \$25 deposit to hold a great seat for you! Sign up in the Hub today so we will know how many tickets to purchase. For more information, contact Shawn Carr at 469-585-9368 or email shawncarr33@gmail.com.

¡LLENOS DE VIDA! SPANISH ABF

A Spanish-speaking ABF takes place at 10:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room. Please share with others this great new ministry to reach out to our Spanish-speaking neighbors and friends. Leadership for the class is Eddie and Rita Lopez, Carlos and Lisseth Aviles, and Manny and Jennifer Garcia.

FIRST IRVING MEN'S MISSION TRIP

The First Irving Men's Ministry will be heading to Tyler, TX, and Pine Cove Christian Camp for a Mission Trip. The cost is \$30 and includes food, lodging, and travel. Dates are January 11-14, 2012. ALL ages are encouraged to come. Sign up in the Hub, or contact Jason Hatch at jhatch@fbcirving.org.

HONDURAS 2012 MISSION TRIP

First Irving is taking a team to Honduras in May 2012. The trip interest meeting is on January 22, following the 11:15 a.m. service in the Choir Room. Applications to be a part of the team are available at www.firstirvingfamily.org/missions.html. Application and deposit of \$150 is due by 2/1/12. Total cost of trip is approximately \$1200. For more information contact Melissa Murrell at mmurrell@fbcirving.org or Jonathan Galvan at jonathandavidgalvan@gmail.com.

COUNSELING MINISTRY AT FIRST IRVING

First Irving offers a counseling ministry to members and non-members under the direction of Julie David, a Licensed Professional Counselor-Intern and graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Appointments are open to individuals, couples, and families suffering from a variety of issues. Please call the church office or email counseling@fbcirving.org to schedule an appointment or learn more about Renew: The Counseling Ministry at First Irving.

Weekly Planner

SUNDAY	12.25.11
9:15 a.m.	Men's Prayer Time
10:00 a.m.	One Worship Service
MONDAY	12.26.11
Office Closed all day	
TUESDAY	12.27.11
NO Evergreen	
NO CHAMPS	
6:00 p.m.	S.E.A.L.S Team
6:30 p.m.	Cub Scout Meeting
WEDNESDAY	12.28.11
NO CHAMPS	
NO Wednesday Night Activities	
THURSDAY	12.29.11
Office closes at NOON	
FRIDAY	12.30.11
Office closed all day	
SATURDAY	12.31.11
9:00 p.m.	Ladies' Prayer Time



Sermon Notes

Don't know what this symbol is? Go to www.firstirvingfamily.org/qrcode.html to find out!

STEWARDSHIP:	December 18, 2011
Tithes & Offerings	\$ 52,453
Future Generations	\$ 3,510
Designated	\$ 5,860
Budget Gifts YTD	\$ 461,691
Budget YTD over	\$7,287

ATTENDANCE:	December 18, 2011
Worship	849
ABF	844

ADDITIONS:	December 18, 2011
Letter	2
Baptism	2



Welcome to First Irving

We finish our "Unwrapped" series this Christmas morning as Jason Hatch reminds all of the children about the big picture of Christmas! Next Sunday, I will lay out a vision for 2012 at FBC Irving and then on Sunday, January 8 I will begin a new series called "Ekklesia" as we study the Church in the book of Acts. Merry Christmas to each of you from my family and the church staff!

-John Durham

Welcome Center Reception

Our Ministers would like to meet you at the conclusion of each Worship Service. Please stop by the Welcome Center at 9:50 a.m., 11:05 a.m., or 12:20 p.m. for the opportunity to get acquainted with some new friends. Exit through the double doors by the piano to the Welcome Center.

December 25, 2011