



**Irvington Presbyterian Church**

**Fremont, CA**

**May 2014**

## Sundays

Bible Study 9:00 a.m.

Worship 10:15 a.m.

(Nursery and Children  
Sunday School During  
Service)

Irvington Chinese Pres-  
byterian Service: 10:15  
a.m.

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# Greetings from your Pastor

Dear Friends,

God is good all of the time. I am so grateful you called me to be your pastor for these years. Thank you for the very warm welcome you have extended to me. One of my big immediate goals is to learn all of your names. I will be praying for you by name each week and I want to be able to picture your face with your name. If I see you and miss your name, it only means I love you that much more.

It's exciting to be in dynamic part of the world. We have so much opportunity to make disciples of Jesus Christ here that deciding where to put my efforts first is my biggest challenge. We have a great group of elders and deacons and together under the direction of the Holy Spirit we will be forging ahead with a plan to fulfill our potential. Right now is my time to listen, take notes and learn everything I can about the church and the area. When we start to move forward into the community I want us to move forward together as a unified team in love with Jesus Christ and with the community known to the world as Silicon Valley. I'm excited. I hope you are too.

Pastor Larry



# Missions - The Heart of the Church

## ***SEMINAR: GETTING TO KNOW YOUR HINDU NEIGHBOR***

IPC Mission Team is hosting Paul and Alice Ryon, missionaries with Christar, who will be educating us on "Getting to Know Your Hindu Neighbor". This will be a two part experience for those attending. **Friday evening, 16 May**, we will be visiting a local Hindu Temple. Following the visit, you are invited to join us for a meal. The meal will be held at the IPC Social Hall. Paul and Alice will continue their teaching on **Saturday morning, 17 May**, at IPC in the Social Hall followed by lunch and a question and answer session. There will be a small charge to cover the materials and luncheon. All details are included in the registration forms. Please see any member of the Mission Team for more information.

## Mission Team Fund Raisers



The Mission Team is excited about our new fundraisers. We are sure you enjoy the IPC Choir each Sunday. Now you can purchase a CD and listen to them at home, in your car, anytime you want! The Mission Team has made these affordable to all. You can purchase a CD for \$5. In addition, we have beautiful IPC note cards for sale. Three different designs, with 10 cards and envelopes per box for only \$8 per box. For the extra special gift we also have a wonderful Sherpa micro fleece embroidered throw for sale. Order yours today. Just see any member of the Mission Team and they will be happy to help you. All funds go into the Mission Fund.



Have you checked out the IPC FACEBOOK page? If not, please check us out today. There are some great pictures and videos of the various Sunday services and fellowship gatherings. In addition, it is a great way to keep up with the upcoming events at IPC. LIKE us on our FACEBOOK page:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Irvington-Presbyterian-Church/116256295065982>

Share events, make comments, keep in touch with friends





# Congregation Happenings

## Highlights for May

1st - National Day of Prayer  
 1st - Worship Committee  
 2nd - Evangelism/Church Alive Committee  
 6th - Presbytery @ Burlingame  
 8th - SIS  
 8th - Mission Team Meeting  
 9th - Couples Fellowship  
 11th - Mother's Day  
 12th - Kids Club - Parent's Day  
 13th - TCFBP Steering Committee

16-17th - Mission Workshop: Getting to Know Your Hindu Neighbor  
 17th - Singles Group Outing - Historical Irvington  
 18th - CE Committee  
 19th - Kids Club - Last Day Party  
 20th - Deacons Meeting  
 21st - IPC Ladies Out to Lunch  
 22nd - Session Meeting  
 26th - Memorial Day - Church Office Closed

**Mondays:** Women's Bible Study at IPC in McKowen Room  
 2nd & 4th Monday at Mary Ellen McKowen's Home

**Fridays:** Men's Bible Study - Bay St Coffee  
 Band Practice

**Wednesdays:** Band Practice  
 Adult Choir

**Sundays:** Journey Into Faith

## Bible Studies

**Men's Bible Study** - This class meets at Bay Street Coffee Roasting Friday mornings from 8 am to 9 am.

**Women's Bible Study** - Women meet weekly in the McKowen Room. The theme is 102 fascinating Bible studies. Contact Betty Blizel for details.

**Home Bible Study** - 2nd & 4th Monday Bible Classes at Mary Ellen's house. Contact Mary Ellen McKowen for additional details.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## F. U. N. SINGLES

The Fun Singles are planning an outing to enjoy a round of Pee Wee Golf at Golfland in Milpitas on Thursday evening May 29<sup>th</sup>. We will meet in the church parking lot at 5:45 to carpool. Price is approximately \$10 (this includes admission and gas).

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## IPC LADIES LUNCH

We will meet at **11:30 on Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>** at **La Casitas**, Fremont Blvd. We will look forward to seeing you! Our contact person is Betty Blizel. Please call 510-656-2241 if you are coming.

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## COUPLES GROUP

The Couples Group at IPC is planning an afternoon out on **Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm.**

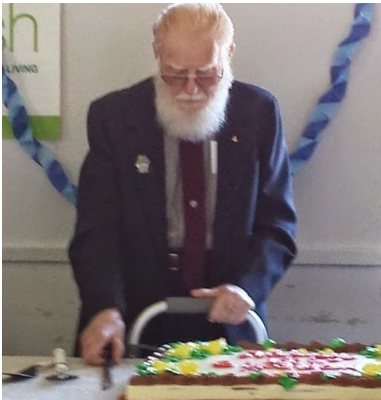
### *FIDDLER ON THE ROOF*

Newark Memorial High School, Stage 1 Theater  
39375 Cedar Blvd, Newark, CA

Price: Senior (62+): \$24 each (including processing fee)

Group Rate: \$22 each (including processing fee)

Please RSVP to Mary Lou Craig, 510-396-3053 by **June 29<sup>th</sup>** so she can purchase the tickets. She will need a check for \$22 per person so she can reserve the proper amount of tickets.

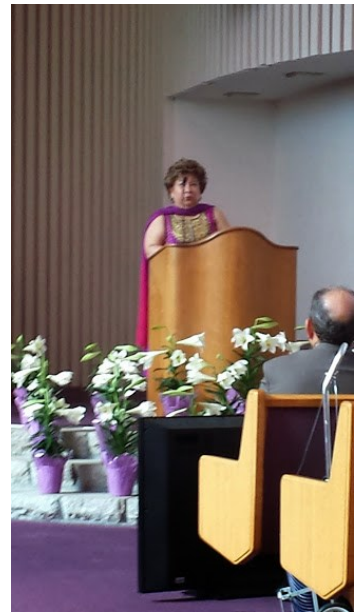


100<sup>th</sup> YEAR BIRTHDAY  
CELEBRATION  
Cleburne (Red) Stephens  
Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>



**We hope you enjoy  
these pictures  
from the various events  
at IPC during  
the month of April**





## Easter Egg Hunt





# SESSION NOTES



## Tri City Free Breakfast Program .

**Statistics:** In March 2014, an average of 160 guests were served per day. Highest day in March was 190 guests and 270 meals which was lower than February. Average meals were 215. Total March meals 2,794 meals (first and seconds) with 557 provisions distributed and 46 children served.

Facebook page – <http://bit.ly/tcfbpFB> reached 48 Likes.



## TRI-CITY FREE BREAKFAST PROGRAM - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Tri-City Free Breakfast Program is looking for eager men and women to help the community by volunteering to serve hot meals to low-income individuals and families. We are in IPC Social Hall, every Monday, Wednesday or Friday. Choose 1, 2, or 3 days. Your choice from 5 am to 9 am; choose your time. If for setting up, come early @ 5 am., or just for serving and cleaning up, come in @ 6:45. We're desperately in need of volunteers. Contact Rich Dobertstein @ 510-688-8823 or Mary Lou Craig @ 510-396-3053. See you there!!!

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## Five Prayers for Missionaries Overseas

Those who are called by God to take the Gospel “into the nations” often face some unique challenges. And even if you don’t travel with them to distant lands, you can still be involved in their lives and ministries. Here are five challenges overseas missionaries commonly face and how you pray for them.

- 1. Intimacy with God.** Sometimes we attach “superstar” spiritual status to those on the mission field. But these servants are made of the same stuff we are. They need to maintain intimacy with God in order to be effective in ministry.  
*Lord, keep \_\_\_\_\_ close to You. Cause them to love You with all their hearts, souls, and minds, Draw them into Your Word each day, and fill them with thankfulness. (Matthew 22:37, Colossians 3:16)*
- 2. Language.** Speaking someone’s language is crucial in order to get to the real heart issues people face - and to discuss spiritual matters. There really is no substitute for communicating with someone in their own tongue.  
*Help \_\_\_\_\_ to learn well the language of the people they serve so that they may present the Gospel clearly. May their speech always be seasoned with love. (Acts 2:11; 1 Corinthians 13:1)*
- 3. Cultural Sensitivity.** Understanding the culture of another society is also critical when presenting the Gospel. And it’s important that missionaries be able to distinguish between what is truly biblical and what is cultural when communicating spiritual truth.  
*Dear Father, enable \_\_\_\_\_ to understand and appreciate the local customs. Help them to be humble, wise, and respectful as they interact with others so that they will not offend their neighbors or sin against You. (1 Corinthians 10:23-32; James 3:17)*
- 4. Financial Support.** Missionaries can find it very difficult to concentrate on the ministry opportunities at hand when they are concerned about having their daily needs met. Even if you’re not directly involved in supporting someone financially, you can still ask God to meet their needs.  
*Father, supply \_\_\_\_\_’s financial needs fully. Lead others to contribute even before they are asked. Stir up individuals and congregations to be zealous for \_\_\_\_\_’s well being, to rejoice, and mourn with them, to encourage them while they are on the field, and to refresh them when they are on home leave. (Philippians 4:19; 2 Corinthians 7:6-7)*
- 5. Marriage.** Living in a foreign culture can put a lot of strain on a marriage. And if a missionary’s marriage is struggling, it won’t be long until his or her effectiveness in ministry is negatively affected.  
*Cause \_\_\_\_\_ to honor their marriage and remain faithful to each other in every way. Help them to love one another as You love them so that their relationship will point others to You. (Hebrews 13:4; John 13:34,35)*

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER 7:00 PM WORSHIP COMMITTEE	2 7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST 8:00 AM MENS BIBLE STUDY 2:30 PM BAND PRACTICE 7:00 PM EVANGELISM COMMITTEE MEETING	3
4 9:00 AM BIBLE STUDY 10:15 AM WORSHIP & CHILDREN'S CHURCH	5 7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST 9:30 AM WOMENS BIBLE CLASS	6 PRESBYTERY @ BURLINGAME	7 7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST 6:30 PM BAND PRACTICE 7:30 PM CHOIR PRACTICE	8 4:00 PM SIS (SHE IS SAFE) 5:00 PM MISSIONS TEAM MEETING	9 7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST 8:00 AM MENS BIBLE STUDY 2:30 PM BAND PRACTICE TBA COUPLES FELLOWSHIP	10
11 MOTHER'S DAY	12 KID'S CLUB	13 7:00 PM TCFBP STEERING COMMITTEE	14 7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST 6:30 PM BAND PRACTICE 7:30 PM CHOIR PRACTICE	15	16 7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST 8:00 AM MENS BIBLE STUDY 2:30 PM BAND PRACTICE 6:00 PM MISSION TEAM EVENT	17 8:30 AM MISSION TEAM HINDU SEMINAR
18 9:00 AM BIBLE STUDY 10:15 AM WORSHIP & CHILDREN'S CHURCH MISSION SUNDAY 12:00 PM CE MEETING	19 KID'S CLUB 7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST 9:30 AM WOMENS BIBLE CLASS	20 7:00 PM DEACONS MTG	21 11:30 AM LADIES OUT TO LUNCH 7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST 6:30 PM BAND PRACTICE 7:30 PM CHOIR PRACTICE	22 7:00 PM SESSION MTG	23 7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST 8:00 AM MENS BIBLE STUDY 2:30 PM BAND PRACTICE	24
25 9:00 AM BIBLE STUDY 10:15 AM WORSHIP & CHILDREN'S CHURCH	26 MEMORIAL DAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	27	28 7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST 6:30 PM BAND PRACTICE 7:30 PM CHOIR PRACTICE	29	30	31

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*Please note: May 25 is the deadline for the June issue.*

All articles are to be emailed to nicholsb@earthlink.net

**or** mailed to:

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us via email or phone at (530) 355-8685 or (510) 821-1072 (leave message and we will call you back).

The Cornerstone keeps current and past congregation members informed of all activities at IPC.

Pictures are always welcome.

**Your timely submissions are appreciated!**

## **Do you HAVE A COMPUTER?**

If you answered yes, IPC has three exciting news items for you!

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Share events, make comments, keep in touch with friends.
2. Visit our website at [www.irvingtonpres.com](http://www.irvingtonpres.com). It is updated with all events and news. We will also be posting the Cornerstone to the website so you can read it there also.
3. If you have provided us with your email address, check your in-box for your electronic copy of the Cornerstone.