



Irvington Presbyterian Church

Fremont, CA

August 2014

Sundays

Bible Study 9:00 a.m.

Worship 10:15 a.m.

(Nursery and Children
Sunday School During
Service)

Irvington Chinese Presby-
terian Service: 10:15 a.m.

Greetings

Dear Friends,

Being newly returned to the Bay Area, Martha and I are having a lot of fun getting to know our neighbors in San Jose. We have a very inviting front porch that seems to invite people to stop by on their walks. These are no sales, no pressure, spontaneous relationships. What we initially have in common is that we have chosen to live in an historic urban neighborhood and we're proud of it. When asked what I do for a living I tell them. Sometimes that leads to conversations about God but usually doesn't. But there's no pressure to invite them to Jesus or to church or to anything except to be our friends. We will hopefully be there for them and we hope they'll be there for us.

On August 9, IPC is hosting a get to know your neighbor picnic. It's not intended to "convert" those who attend. It's not a demo of our worship service. There's no sales pitch. What we want to do is build relationships with our neighbors and let them know we're here for them. As I went door to door in a new housing development at Irvington Ave. & Grimmer I was struck by the high number of Chinese and Indian families with young children. None of those we talked to mentioned they attend any church. All were transplanted from either China or India and consequently had few family members in the area. Rarely did they have opportunities to meet even their next door neighbors. We could make a difference in their life.

Wouldn't it be nice if IPC could be known as a safe gathering place for neighborhood families to meet and mutually support one another? Wouldn't it be nice that instead of avoiding a sales pitch for our "product" they could have their belonging needs met at our church? Then if God so opens the door on August 9 or thereafter for us to talk to someone about their soul we could be there to help guide them. God has brought the world to our doorstep. Let's go greet them with the love of Christ. Invite a neighbor and let's get to know each other.

Pastor Larry

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Missions – The Heart of the Church

Understanding Faith Promise Giving

(Part 2 of a Series)

Faith Promise Giving is more than just a method of raising money for Missions. It is a Faith Commitment and Faith is central to the Christian life. Last month, the Missions Team explained the practicality of Faith Promise for Missions giving, why Faith Promise Giving is important and how it differs from your IPC General Giving.

In this segment we will cover:

- 1) How Faith Promise works – Scriptural basis
- 2) How to Fulfill Your Faith Promise commitment

How Faith Promise Works

The principle of Faith Promise giving is found in 2 Corinthians 8-9. Consider 2 Cor 8:3 – “For I testify that they gave as much as they were able and even beyond their ability”. The first half of this verse refers to known sources of income. “and even beyond their ability” refers to a Faith Promise; beyond known sources of income.

So...we consider what we can give based on known income, then pray in faith “Lord, what would you have me do? How much over and above my ability, should I commit to give?” Then trust God to enable you to give it.

The key word here is “enable”. A Faith promise is a commitment. As you stay committed your faith will grow and you will actively look for ways for God to provide; for his “enabling”.

“Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see” Hebrews 11:1

As we write this we are conscious of 2 Cor 9:7 “Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give.....”. And both Luke 6:38 and 2 Cor 9:6 affirm the “sowing and reaping” principle.

How Does God Enable me to Fulfill my Faith Promise Commitment?

A) *Unexpected Ways*

Sometimes a Faith Promise is supplied through unexpected or miraculous ways. Perhaps you received a tax refund you weren't expecting or a distant relative left you money in a will. Maybe your employer mis-calculated overtime pay over a 3 month period, creating a larger than usual pay check. More often Faith Promises are fulfilled in other ways:

B) *Examining and re-prioritizing your lifestyle*

Once a Faith Promise is made you see things differently. Your desire to help fulfill your role in Christ's Great Commission changes your priorities. Suddenly, that daily latte or frappuccino no longer seems a necessity, freeing funds towards your Faith Promise. Perhaps it's time to reduce the credit card spending, or maybe you eat out at restaurants less frequently.

C) *Creative Thinking*

Garage sales are a great way to “clean house” and create additional income. Or perhaps your special talent for crafts, and your trust in God, will enable you to sell those items and generate extra income to fulfill your Faith Promise.

Whichever way God “enables” us to fulfill our Faith Promise, 1 Chron 29:14 reminds us that.....“Everything comes from you and we have given you only what comes from your hand”.

Next time we will give you a step by step process in which you can make a Faith Promise for Missions.

As always, your Mission Team is here to help you and answer questions:

Mary Ellen McKowen – Chair
Peggy Handono
Bonnie Nichols

Teresa Oliver
Sonal Patelia
Jenni Pellot

30 DAYS OF PRAYER FOR HOPE

Hope Unlimited for Children is once again inviting us to join them in “30 Days of Prayer for Hope”. This event takes place in October leading up to Orphan's Day on November 2nd. If you would like to participate, please contact Mary Ellen McKowen or any member of the Mission Team.



Doris Calabrese went to be with her Lord Saturday evening, June 21st. Please pray for the family of Doris as they grieve their loss. Memorial service August 16th.

Congregation Happenings

Highlights for August

1st - Evangelism Committee
 2nd - National Night Out - City of Fremont
 7th - Worship Committee
 9th - **Church Picnic**
 14th - SIS
 16th - **Memorial Service – Doris Calabrese**

17th - CE Meeting
 27th - First Day of School (FUSD)
 28th - Session Meeting

Upcoming Dates - Mark Your Calendars
 Sep 13 @ 9am - Mens Breakfast - Newark
 Nov 13 - 15 - Organic Outreach Conference
 In Monterey (more information and sign up
 at www.organicoutreach.com)

Mondays: Women's Bible Study - on summer break until September - see below.
Home Bible Study - 2nd & 4th Monday at Mary Ellen McKowen's Home - on summer break

Wednesdays: Band Practice
Fridays: Band Practice
Sundays: Journey Into Faith

Bible Studies

Women's Bible Study - Taking a summer break starting in June. In September they will continue their study in "Jesus in The Psalms". If you would like to join, please check with Carol Lynn to see about a study book.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS & NEWS

"MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS" PICNIC

Let's get to know our neighbors
Who will you invite?

Picnic is **Saturday, August 9th** starting at **2pm**. There will be games for adults and children, food and fun. And the cost is a very reasonable charge of – FREE

If your last name begins with the letters A-L, bring a side dish or salad to share. If your dish needs to stay cool bring your own cooler.

For you end of the alphabetters (M-Z), bring a dessert.

Entrees (to be determined) and drinks provided by the E-team.

Your neighbors can bring their favorite dish to share.

Want to HELP? We need you, we will be meeting at the church at 10:00am to set up!

TCFBP NEWS

It is my honor and pleasure to announce The San Francisco Presbytery Partnerships Working Group committee finished evaluating the TCFBP \$10,000 grant request and will be giving TCFBP \$5,000 from the Presbytery Hunger Fund.

The grant app was submitted by Don Carson and Ron Fong and will help close the \$20,000 budget deficit in feeding those in need in our community. The projected shortfall is still \$7,000.

(Submitted by Ron Fong)

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY CLARA ASTON



IPC rejoiced in celebrating Clara's 100th Birthday with her this past month. Happy Birthday, Clara! This is the second time this year that IPC has had the honor to celebrate this wonderful day with a member of our congregation and their family.



IPC Men's Choir Celebrating 4th of July



New Dimension Chorus – July 27, the Fremont-Hayward chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America presented special music at IPC.



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



Four Generations of Rocketts & Chaikins



KID'S SESSION



SHOP AMAZON FOR HOPE



HOPE UNLIMITED FOR CHILDREN
MONTHLY UPDATE

You can now support the children of Hope Unlimited by shopping on [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com)! Each time you shop on [AmazonSmile](https://www.amazon.com/smile), a special section of [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com), 0.5% of the price of your purchase goes to the charitable organization of your choice. AmazonSmile has all of the same products, prices, and service as Amazon.com plus the opportunity to help our kids! Start today by choosing "Hope Unlimited for Children" as your charity of choice at smile.amazon.com.

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Please note: August 28 is the deadline for the September issue.

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

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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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