



**Irvington Presbyterian Church**

**Fremont, CA**

**September 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,

Let's count our blessings. A new paint job on the outside of our church campus is looking great. The removal of a dying tree and the old kiosk opens things up a bit. A new monitor in the sanctuary opens up a world of worship possibilities for us. Over 750 doors of our neighbors were knocked on by our members and over 200 people came out to celebrate summer and to meet their neighbors on August 9. It was a great event. Thank you to all who put it on. Our next big event to invite the neighborhood is October 19. We're taking sign ups for help every Sunday now.

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On a sad note Alishan Merjanian resigned as staff worship leader last month. He is a truly on fire follower of Jesus Christ. He basically grew up in this church listening to his mother play the organ in our worship service. He also served as our youth director to a small but very faithful group of teenagers who attend worship here every Sunday. We will miss Alishan on staff but hope that he will continue to be a part of our fellowship. Daniel Khuc will continue to give us good worship leadership although choir will have to take a longer than expected break until someone arrives to lead it.

On another sad note we have to say good bye to Katherine Khuc who begins her studies at U C Davis this fall. We very much have appreciated her many hours of volunteer work making sure our media looks excellent each Sunday, subbing on the drums, the piano, or even singing solos. Please pray for her and her family as she settles in to her new life at Davis.

This fall Dr. Martha (my wife) and I will be doing a sermon series called "Emotionally Healthy Spirituality." Her experience as both a marriage and family therapist as well as a Presbyterian pastor will give us some keen insights into to how religion can both help and hinder our emotional growth. Jesus wants to help us mature into healthy witnesses for him. Using examples from the Bible such as King Saul of unhealthy spirituality we'll see how Jesus sets us free even from binding emotions that may have been with us for a long time.

Count those blessings. We are blessed.

Pastor Larry



# Missions – The Heart of the Church

## Understanding Faith Promise Giving

(Part 3 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.

Over the last couple of months, the Missions Team has explained the various aspects of Faith Promise Giving from the Scriptural basis to God's enablement to fulfill your commitment.

In this final segment we will cover, step by step, how you can make a Faith Promise for Missions.

### How to Make a Faith Promise for Missions

- Pray for God's direction – to discern the amount of the commitment. Pray also for God's enabling help to fulfill that commitment.
- Make a realistic assessment of your situation. This is not a contradiction. E.g. If you have just entered the workforce and have thousands of dollars of student loans, it isn't realistic to make a Faith Promise of \$10,000. Though a Faith Promise can be fulfilled in unexpected and miraculous ways, that isn't the norm.
- If God is strongly directing you to make a Faith Promise that seems unrealistic, make it and trust that God will enable you to fulfill it.
- Obey God's voice.
- Trust God completely that he will enable you to give more than you think you can give and at the same time meet all your personal needs.
- Be faithful to give as God enables you.
- When Stewardship asks for your General Giving Pledge, also provide your Faith Promise amount for Missions.
- Each week mark your Giving Envelope with the amount you are giving for "Missions".

Remember, a Faith Promise is between an individual and God. The commitment is "As God enables me I will be faithful to give". You will not be called on the amount if you cannot meet it.

For further information, the Mission team has prepared a brochure with Frequently Asked Questions. This can be found in the Narthex or feel free to ask any Mission Team member:

Mary Ellen McKowen – Chair  
Teresa Oliver

Peggy Handono  
Sonal Patelia

Bonnie Nichols  
Jenni Pellot

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### 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.

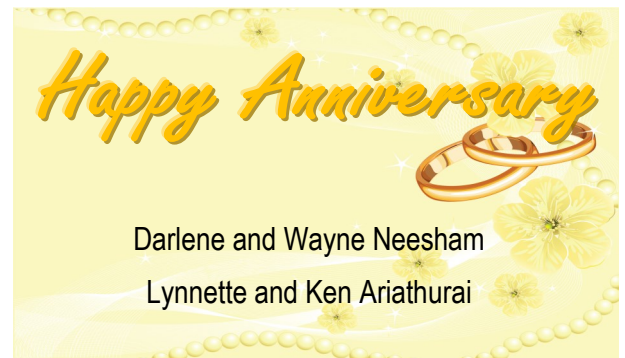
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Have you checked out the IPC FACEBOOK page? If not, please check us out today. There are some great pictures and videos of the various Sunday services and fellowship gatherings. In addition, it is a great way to keep up with the upcoming events at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

1st - Church Office Closed - Labor Day  
 4th - Worship Committee  
 5th - Evangelism Committee  
 8th - TCFBP Steering Committee  
 9th - Presbytery @ First Presbytery Oakland  
 11th - Remembrance Day  
 11th - SIS  
 11th - Missions Team

### Upcoming Dates - Mark Your Calendars

Nov 13 - 15 - Organic Outreach Conference  
 In Monterey (more information and sign up at  
[www.organicoutreach.com](http://www.organicoutreach.com))

12th - Couple Fellowship @ Pexs  
 13th - Men's Breakfast @ First Pres Newark  
 14th - Grandparents Day  
 16th - Deacon's Meeting  
 17th - IPC Ladies Out to Lunch  
 21st - CE Committee  
 23rd - Kids Club Start (to be confirmed)  
 25th - Session Meeting  
 30th - Homework Club Start (to be confirmed)

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

**Wednesdays:** Band Practice

**Fridays:** Band Practice

**Sundays:** Journey Into Faith

## Bible Studies

**Women's Bible Study** - Women meet weekly in the McKowen Room. 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. Classes start again on 8 September.

# UPCOMING EVENTS & NEWS

## Irvington Fall Fun Festival

### Trunk or Treat



Candy Games Food Fun  
Friends

**Sunday, October 19, 2014 11a - 2 p**

GOAL: Attract families with grade schoolers to attend Sunday school.

Jesus said "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few" Matthew 9:37.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

IPC – please ☐ check off what you will do

- ☐ help pray
- ☐ help donate candy
- ☐ show off your classy car
- ☐ help decorate cars
- ☐ help decorate church
- ☐ dress up in costumes
- ☐ help with games
- ☐ help with crafts
- ☐ help with getting food
- ☐ help cooking / serving
- ☐ help with registration
- ☐ help with publicity
- ☐ help walk and pass out invites to the neighbors

What is YOUR response?

Get to Know Your Neighbors!

## ANOTHER WAY TO SUPPORT HOPE UNLIMITED



The concept is simple: we roll up our sleeves, and together, we make the difference for kids who have been abandoned to the streets of Brazil. At our City of Youth, at Hope Mountain, and at Nave Mae preschool, kids thrive. Every month, we depend on you: to pray, spread the word, and faithfully give.

Thrive Team members help provide our kids with everything they need to thrive—spiritual care, role models, education and vocational training, recreation, and a place to call home. The Thrive Team gives to each child every day, all day, and changes the course of their lives. Together, we are giving a whole generation of kids a chance.

As a member of our Thrive Team, you'll receive **exclusive benefits**:

- A personal letter from a child thriving at Hope Unlimited each month
- A Thrive Team T-shirt
- A Thrive Team prayer bracelet with a child's name on it to help you pray

**A commitment of \$35 per month allows you  
to play a greater role in their bright futures!  
Join today. Don't delay. They're waiting for you!**

**Go to [www.HopeUnlimited.org](http://www.HopeUnlimited.org) for more information**



# "MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS" PICNIC

Let's Not Forget the IPC Picnic.....(thoughts and thanks from Russ Pennelly)

.... a wonderful August event which attracted 210-230 attendees. There were twice as many guests from the community as there were from IPC – the successful result of hard work by approx 35 folks from the IPC congregation.

This year's Church Picnic started with the idea that it should be more open to our neighbors. As with most events teamwork prevails. Walking routes to contact 750-1200 of our close geographical neighbors definitely required a team effort. This started with the assistance of Jerry Reynolds from Newark Presbyterian Church who helped us obtain a map of the local area. Then it was out and about in the neighborhood for 15 dedicated IPC members, for 2-4 hours or more, knocking on doors, speaking with local residents and inviting them to come. To complete our outreach we displayed a sign on the Church grounds and got word out through social media.

Planning for the event included obtaining and setting up a shade canopy, registering guests and, of course, the food! But there was more.....games and a jump house for the kids, bingo and a band. The men were in charge of the BBQ entrees and many folk donated food dishes and helped with setting up and dismantling the seating arrangements.

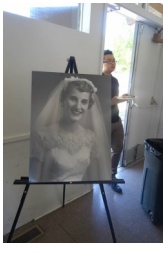
Everyone enjoyed themselves. A big THANK YOU to each of you who helped –there's too many to name here but be assured you are appreciated.

This was a great way to start getting to know our neighbors. Let's do it again – soon! See you all at the Trunk or Treat!





# ***Doris Calabrese Memorial***



## ***KID'S MESSAGE***



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!!!

## ***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), 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](https://www.smile.amazon.com).

## SEPTEMBER 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 <b>LABOR DAY - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b>	2	3 7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST 6:30 PM BAND PRACTICE	4 7:00 PM WORSHIP COMMITTEE	5 7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST 2:30 PM BAND PRACTICE 7:00 PM EVANGELISM COMMITTEE	6
7 9:00 AM BIBLE STUDY 10:15 AM WORSHIP & CHILDREN'S CHURCH COMMUNION SUNDAY	8 7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST 9:30 AM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM TCFBP STEERING COMMITTEE	9 <b>PRESBYTERY @ 1ST PRESBYTERY OAKLAND</b>	10 7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST 6:30 PM BAND PRACTICE	11 REMEMBRANCE DAY 4:00 PM SIS (SHE IS SAFE 5:00 PM MISSION TEAM	12 7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST 2:30 PM BAND PRACTICE COUPLES FELLOWSHIP @ PEXS	13 9:00 AM MEN'S BREAKFAST AT 1ST PRES NEWARK
14 9:00 AM BIBLE STUDY 10:15 AM WORSHIP & CHILDREN'S CHURCH GRANDPARENT'S DAY	15 7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST 9:30 AM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY	16 7:00 PM DEACON'S MEETING	17 7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST IPC LADIES OUT TO LUNCH 6:30 PM BAND PRACTICE	18	19 7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST 2:30 PM BAND PRACTICE	20
21 9:00 AM BIBLE STUDY 10:15 AM WORSHIP & CHILDREN'S CHURCH MISSION SUNDAY 12:00 PM CE MEETING	22 7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST 9:30 AM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM BIBLE STUDY AT MCKOWENS	23 KIDS CLUB START (TO BE CONFIRMED)	24 7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST 6:30 PM BAND PRACTICE	25 7:00 PM SESSION MEETING	26 7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST 2:30 PM BAND PRACTICE	27
28 9:00 AM BIBLE STUDY 10:15 AM WORSHIP & CHILDREN'S CHURCH	29 7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST 9:30 AM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY	30 HOMEWORK CLUB START (TO BE CONFIRMED)				SAVE THE DATE OCTOBER 4TH TRUNK OR TREAT NEIGHBOR CANVAS (TO BE CONFIRMED)

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*Please note: September 26 is the deadline for the October 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.
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