

Irvington Presbyterian Church

Fremont, CA

October 2014

Sundays

Bible Study 9:00 a.m.

Worship 10:15 a.m.

(Nursery and Children Sunday School During Service)

Irvington Chinese Presbyterian Service: 10:15 a.m.

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Dear Friends,

Trunk or Treat? What's that? It's a party where one takes a car (preferably their own) cleans out the trunk, hatch or bed (or not), hangs a few Halloween or fall decorations over the open back and places a bag of candy in it. Why? Children from the community will be invited to attend our party, walk by our trunks and receive candy. Why? Great questions. It's the next "Get to know your neighbor" event we're hosting on Sunday October 19 following a shortened worship service. There will be games, hot dogs and cake walks with sugar around every corner.

My hope is that at least once a quarter we will get out in the community and invite our neighbors to come onto our church campus. The first step to introducing someone to our friend Jesus Christ is to meet them where they are. For many in our community, church going is scary and foreign. Even once they are here they're not familiar with our music, the context of our sermons or even believe they have anything in common with us.

Trunk or Treat is a great, non-threatening way to reach out regardless of your skill level. If you come to church in a vehicle you control and can buy candy, you're set. If you don't control your own vehicle (or your vehicle is just a pair of shoes) and can't buy candy, we'll have cars and candy of those leading the games or cooking hot dogs who need their cars watched and candy passed out. There's something for everyone.

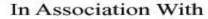
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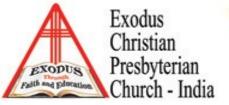
Testament. So on October 19 the formal part of our worship service where we sing and listen to the Word will be shortened so we can worship (work/serve) God through evangelism (sitting on a lawn chair next to our open trunk on a beautiful fall Bay Area Sunday morning and also eating hot dogs under a tree). Not a bad way to worship. What do you think? Are you ready to decorate your trunk?

Pastor Larry

Missions - The Heart of the Church









The Exodus Christian Presbyterian Church - India, bringing spiritual birth and renewal among the *Dalit* people of India, progresses with an impressive start to the 2014-2015 School Year on July 1st. A new emphasis on daily attendance, with awards, and encouragement for the children to seek higher education brought new energy to the classrooms. The overall quality of education in our schools is improving year by year. From time to time there are challenges and difficulties to overcome, but the ministry progress remains steady on a forward path because the managers in India have learned to pull together and they continue to assess their progress.

In early March Philip Prasad headed for India to work on the plans for the approved college in Budaun that will operate under the University of Rohilkhand as part of the self-support plan. Within a few days of arrival he suffered a persistent cold that progressed to a difficult-to-treat Pseudomonas pneumonia. I arrived soon after he was admitted to the hospital and remained at his side until he could return to Fresno. By God's Grace he is gradually recovering. For those of you who came to know of his struggle, we thank you for your prayers and encouragement. The leaders in India showed their support by continuing to do their jobs skillfully while dropping in occasionally to give updates.

From the beginning the plan for exodus from untouchability has been that the Christians in India will support their own church and education system. Because the ministry is geared to that end, they are learning the importance of their donations and responsibilities. Philip is a visionary, pastor-teacher and guide to them. Day-to-day operations are managed well by the leadership in India. At this time the self-support phase of the ministry comes into sharper focus and is needed to insure the long-range survival and progress of the church. To that end we pour od-given energies.

Resources come partially from interest earned on savings. The church saved money from the beginning through offerings and income from small farming operations. When money was essential for an extra expense above what Witnessing Ministries of Christ could provide, the church was able to borrow from itself and pay back the loan. This has allowed for smooth progress without financial emergencies. Savings are ongoing in other areas to provide scholarships for education outside our system, sustain workers in their old age after retirement, help spouses of expired workers to survive, and provide death benefits. Other income is raised from those we have educated who are drawn to help.

Our greatest hope lies in running successful educational enterprises that attract those in the society who do have resources.

A characteristic of *Bhangi* culture is that *Bhangis* take no responsibility due to fear of horrific consequences. Christians in exodus from untouchability act in stark contrast to their roots. Their Christian transformation is visible.

Day by day the leaders of the church prove their strengths. They are knowledgeable of their mission. They understand the need for the sustainability and growth of their church. Working together, they keep the faith developing among families and educate children on their pathway in exodus. They execute new ways of paying for the ministry within India. Though the amounts are small in comparison to what is needed to sustain today's mission requirements, they inspire us as they use responsible procedures for handling money, budgeting, prioritizing expenses, managing staff, running schools and centers, initiating new programs, and trouble-shooting.

Thank you for your support!



IPC Mission Team will be hosting another one of our Missionaries serving in Asia. Come and hear about their work while you enjoy lunch. You will not want to miss this one!

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

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Congregation Happenings

Highlights for October

2nd - Worship Committee

2nd - Singles @ Oakland Museum

3rd - Evangelism Comittee

4th - Trunk or Treat Neighbor Canvas

4th - IPC Prayer Day (2 Hours)

5th - Pastor Recognition Sunday

9th - SIS

9th - Missions Team

Upcoming Dates - Mark Your Calendars

Nov 13 - 15 - Organic Outreach Conference In Monterey (more information and sign up at www.organicoutreach.com) 12th - CE Committee

19th - Children & Family Outreach Sunday (Trunk or Treat/Fall Family Festival)

21st - IPC Ladies Out to Lunch

21st - Deacon's Meeting

23rd - Session Meeting

NOVEMBER

2nd - Daylight Savings Time ends

2nd - Stewardship Sunday

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS & NEWS

YOU ARE INVITED TO Irvington Presbyterian Church FALL FUN FESTIVAL





Sunday, October 19, 2014 11a - 2 p

Corner of Chapel and Irvington (across from Horner Junior High)

Join the FUN Activities:

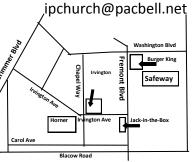
TRUNK OR TREAT
GAMES & CRAFT
CAKE WALK

FACE PAINTING

Lunch - \$1.00 Hot Dogs, Hamburgers or Vegeburgers Located at: 4181 Irvington Ave Fremont CA 94538

For more information, call 657-3133.

or email





Children must be accompanied by an adult

SAVE THE DATE DECEMBER 6, 2014 Christmas Program







Donate Peanut Butter

Tri City Free Breakfast Program

What: Donate 1-lb jars of peanut butter

Why: Peanut butter is a protein that is

nutritious, and does not require

refrigeration once it has been opened. 1-lb jars are ideal for storage and carrying. The TCFPB serves over 32,000 free breakfasts three times a week with dignity and respect, and gives away almost 10,000 bags of provisions to help people beyond breakfast time.

Your donation of peanut butter goes into those bags of provisions.

When: Saturday, October 25, between 9:00 a.m. and 12 noon

Contributions may also be brought into the office between 9 - 12 October 20th - 24th.

Where: Irvington Presbyterian Church, 4181 Irvington Avenue, corner of Chapel and Irvington

across the street from Horner Junior High School.

Who: You CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE in someone's life! Anyone can donate.

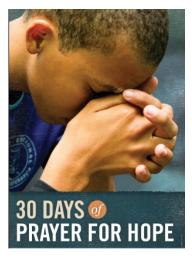
How: Donate Peanut Butter, Donate Money, Donate Time

- ♦ Donate 1-lb jars of peanut butter
 - Let's beat last year's total of 206 lbs of peanut butter
- Donate tax deductible gifts
 - Send checks to: "Tri City Free Breakfast Program"
 P. O. Box 4181, Fremont CA 94538
 - We have a remaining operating deficit of \$7,000 for the 2014! That's down from our original \$20,000 projected deficit. We are 100% volunteers with no paid staff serving over 32,000 meals.
- Donate Time
 - Volunteers needed to help cook, help serve meals, help collect food, help wash dishes. Contact Rich Doberstein 510-683-8823 rich.dare2dream@sbcglobal.net

http://bit.ly/tcfbpFB or

Ronfong@gmail.com 510.517.7161







MILLIONS OF CHILDREN ARE ABUSED, EXPLOITED, AND ABANDONED EVERY DAY. The need is daunting, but you can help. Join us this Fall for 30 Days of Prayer For Hope. Let's unite with one voice for one purpose - to see children's lives transformed.

It is not too late to join in. Go to http://hopeunlimited.org/PrayForHope/ OR see Mary Ellen McKowen for more details.









In August 2014, an average of 166 guests were served per day. Highest day in August was 195 guests and 275 meals. Average meals were 216. Total August meals 2,804 meals (first and seconds) with 441 bags of provisions distributed and 46 children served. August saw 39 different people donating 623 hours in the kitchen. There were four Kitchen Volunteers who worked 12 of the 13 days we served breakfast: Gerline Mardirosian, Linda Fair, Rosie Tria and ShuGing Song. Year to Date Statistics - 16,852 guests & 22,488 meals served in the first eight months of 2014; 4,153 bags of provisions distributed and 5,196 volunteer hours donated.

SHOP AMAZON FOR HOPE



You can now support the children of Hope Unlimited by shopping on Amazon!! Each time you shop on AmazonSmile, a special section of 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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SAVE THE DATE: 13-15 NOV: ORGANIC OUTREACH CONFERENCE— MONTERREY 23 NOV: MISSION LUNCHEON	31 7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST 6:30 PM BAND PRACTICE	30	29 7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST 6:30 PM BAND PRACTICE	28	7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST 9:30 AM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM BIBLE STUDY AT MCKOWENS	26 9:00 AM BIBLE STUDY 10:15 AM WORSHIP & CHILDREN'S CHURCH
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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Please note: October 25th is the deadline for the November issue.

All articles are to be emailed to nicholsb@earthlink.net **or** mailed to:

Bonnie and Teresa at P. O. Box 48, Shingletown, CA 96088

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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- 2. Visit our website at 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.
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