



Irvington Presbyterian Church

Fremont, CA

July 2013

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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Faithful Citizens

On July 4th, 1776, thirteen colonies of the British crown became an independent republic. As Christians we have a great deal to thank God for in our homeland, whose finest values are based on the truths of God's word.

Followers of Christ make the best citizens because of what God teaches us in Scripture. Romans chapter 13 starts out: "Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established." It is amazing that Paul spoke so well of the governing authorities, seeing that he had been beaten five times by the Jewish authorities with thirty-nine lashes and beaten three times with rods by Roman soldiers (2 Corinthians 11:24, 25). As Christians we pay our taxes and keep to the speed limit.

1 Timothy 2:1 says "I urge then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone, for rulers and those in authority." Government works best when Christians are praying for our president, congress and court system, whether we agree with them or not. Especially when we don't agree, pray to bless our elected leaders.

We are loyal citizens of our country for the very reason that our first loyalty is to a different kingdom. "Our citizenship is in heaven, from which we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ" (Philippians 3:20). As believers in Jesus we have dual citizenship. Our one citizenship lasts a lifetime; the other for all eternity. Our freedom under the Bill of Rights is precious, but many who enjoy that liberty are still slaves to sin and death. True freedom is to know and follow Christ, freedom that goes right to the heart. One who belongs to Jesus is freer even in jail than a person without hope in Christ living in his own home. Sometimes we face a hard choice, as Peter did before the Jewish Supreme Court in Acts 4:19 when they brought him to trial after he healed a disabled man: "Judge for yourselves whether it is right in God's sight to obey you rather than God."

Real Christian citizens keep the law, pray for our leaders, and also fight manfully for justice, especially for the poor and needy, as our Savior did, who came to proclaim good news to the poor, freedom for the prisoners, recovery of sight for the blind, and release for the oppressed (Luke 4:18). Real freedom is in living in Christ's way "If you keep my word, you will be my disciples indeed, and you will know the truth and the truth will set you free." (John 8:31, 32)

Yours in the freedom of Jesus Christ,

Pastor Michael



Missions - The Heart of the Church

TO ADVANCE THE KINGDOM

We have the privilege of living in a time when the good news of Jesus Christ is going out around the world as it never has before in history. As Jesus said, "This gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come." (Matthew 24:14)

We at Irvington Presbyterian Church also have the privilege of sharing in God's great purpose, through our mission giving and our prayers for mission work. The emphasis of IPC missions work is more and more on bringing the news of Jesus to places where there is not yet a church, or where the church is only just starting to get going among Muslims, Hindus or tribal people groups.

The support of IPC missionaries comes through the **Faith Promise Giving**. Before the start of the year, members and friends pledge to give a certain amount to the Missions Fund as well as to the General Fund. Only the support designated for missions or for a particular missionary goes to missions work. So far we have been able to keep up the support we promised our missionaries, many of whom bring the light of Christ into tough places. Keep up the good work in supporting and praying for this, the most important, world-changing project you could ever have the privilege of being a part of.

For the advance of the kingdom of God,

Pastor Michael

THE MISSIONS TEAM - COME JOIN US!

Meets every second Thursday at 5 pm. The goal of the missions team is to enable IPC to be part of God's great plan to spread the good news of Jesus both locally and around the world. The team keeps in touch with our missionaries in different parts of the world and lets the people of IPC know what God is doing through our missions outreach. Do join us on a Thursday in the McKowen Room.

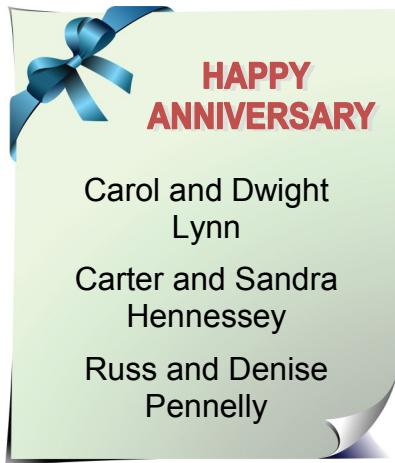


IN MEMORIAM

R.I.P. Gone to Glory - **Gregge Vernon** June 30, 2013. The memorial service is planned for August 10 at 11 am in the IPC sanctuary. He will be missed, but we are happy that he is now reunited in heaven with his wife Jean Vernon who passed in 2011. The Vernons were faithful members of IPC since 1969 and he was the local pharmacist for many years. Prayers for the family.

R.I.P. Gone to Glory - **Jean Gion** June 26, 2013. Funeral Service will be Saturday July 13. She will be missed, but we are glad we have the promise of God of no pain or suffering when we are reunited in heaven. Prayers for the family.

Congregation Happenings



Welcome to Our New Members

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Highlights for July

Mondays: Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays: Band Practice

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

6th - VBS Training
9th - TCFBP Meeting
11th - SIS
11th - Mission Team Meeting
12th - Church Alive Meeting
15th-19th - VBS
16th - Deacon's Meeting
21st - C.E. Meeting
25th - Session Meeting

Bible Studies

Men's Bible Study - This class meets with Pastor Michael 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 - Regularly scheduled bi-weekly Bible Classes at Mary Ellen's house. Contact Mary Ellen McKowen for additional details.



Children's Ministry News

Keep Saving Water Bottles!



Help us build new wells for families of Massai village in Africa. We are collecting PLASTIC water bottles, clear PLASTIC soda bottles, and aluminum cans for our VBS mission project. Throughout the months leading up to and including VBS Week (July 15th-19th) we're asking you to save your PLASTIC water bottles, as well as clear PLASTIC soda bottles and aluminum cans. These bottles and cans should be rinsed, and the cans crushed.

We'll begin accepting the bottles and cans starting Sunday, July 15th through Friday, July 19th. Keep saving your recyclables.

Tri-City Free Breakfast Program

The Tri-City Free Breakfast Program received an \$8,000 grant from Cargill to support its ongoing efforts to feed the homeless and at-risk in the local area.

This donation is one of several grants Cargill has made in the area of nutrition and health in the past year. Over the past year, Cargill has donated approximately \$50,000 to local organizations that address nutrition and health including: ABODE, Save, Tri-City Volunteers and the Viola Blythe Center, and Life ElderCare.

Locally, Cargill employs 200 union and management workers at its Newark solar salt and refinery where the company produces 500,000 tons of salt each year to supply food, agriculture and industry in the Western United States.



L-R Don Carson, TCFBP Grant Writer; Aileen Fox of Cargill; Brook Mantia - TCFBP Treasurer; June Dawson - TCFBP Chair; and Rev. Michael Boyland, Pastor Irvington Presbyterian Church. Photo by Ron Fong.

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The TCFBP fed over 32,000 meals in 2012 on a budget of about \$50,000. This year TCFBP projects a \$20,000 deficit, and Cargill's support will help close the gap.

The Tri City Free Breakfast Program serves hot nutritious breakfasts on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 7-9 a.m. at the Irvington Presbyterian Church. It is not a soup kitchen where you have to work or listen to a sermon to be fed. People are served by volunteers at their tables with love and dignity and respect. Over the last 16 years, volunteers have served more than 250,000 meals. There is no paid staff. More info at bit.ly/tricityfreebreakfast.

LOOKING FOR FUN THIS SUMMER?

SUMMER IS ALMOST HERE AND THAT MEANS ONE THING—VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL TIME AT IRVINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. COME HANG WITH US FOR 5 DAYS OF FUN, FOOD AND FRIENDS. SPACE IS LIMITED SO MAKE SURE YOUR PARENTS SIGN YOU UP

JULY 15TH-19TH 9 A.M.-NOON
\$10.00 PER CHILD*

*(NO CHILD IS EVER TURNED AWAY FOR LACK OF FUNDS.
PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR MORE
INFORMATION)*

IRVINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
4181 IRVINGTON AVENUE
510-657-3133

REGISTER ONLINE AT:

WWW.GROUPVBSPRO.COM/VBS/EZ/
IPC_NEWHOPEVBS201



JULY 18TH FINALE 6PM-8PM

FAMILY NIGHT!
HOT DOGS & ICE CREAM SOCIAL
AND

**FEATURING A MAGIC SHOW
WITH BARNEY KINARD**

Kingdom Rock Vacation Bible School **July 15-19, 2013**

IPC is partnering with New Hope Community Church again this year to host the Kingdom Rock Vacation Bible School on the IPC campus during the week of July 15 through the 19th. Kingdom Rock is an amazing experience for kids in kindergarten through 5th grade to explore God's incredible love for His children. With an exciting program of activities, songs, skits and games, kids will focus on different Bible lessons each day that show them how to stand strong for God.

Space is limited, so parents be sure to register your kids by July 5 to reserve a place. Sign-up is easy through the church website, just follow the link on the home page at:
<https://sites.google.com/site/irvingtonchurch/>.

The cost is \$10, but no child is ever turned away for lack of funds (please contact the church office for more information).

We've received a terrific response to our request for donations of supplies and volunteers so far, and there are still opportunities available to be a part of this fun and fulfilling program. Please contact Brook Mantia at (510) 366-2349 or tothestarz@aol.com to find out more about how you can contribute or if you have questions. As always, your prayers for God's blessing on our VBS is essential to its success.

The evangelist and showman Barney Kinard will be our keynote on Thursday, July 18 for a special family evening social.

F.U.N. SINGLES

IPC F.U.N. Singles meet the first Sunday of the month at 5.P.M. in the McKowen room. We invite all singles to join us. A good time is had by all! We will not be meeting in August or September. Our next meeting will be on October 6th.

We had our meeting on Sunday June 2nd at 5:00P.M. On July 23, 2013 we will be going to the Oakland Zoo. We will have a Docent and a tram to ride on. We will meet to car pool at Irvington Presbyterian Church parking lot at 9:30 A.M. We are going to have a picnic, so bring a lunch. Lets go and have a enjoyable day.

UPCOMING: Upcoming events are a local museum and Rancho Higuerra in Aug or Sept. The date has not been set yet.

Music Ministry



The Shining Sovereignty of God



As many enjoy the warm summer weather, IPC is enjoying a time filled with the celebration of “now” and the preparation for “later”. A lot of exciting work is taking place in our church body, from the upcoming vacation bible school, the continued search for our next pastor, the introduction of another campus tenant, and the improvement of the church facilities! *With all these projects under our belts, it may be too easy to become overwhelmed and forget who is ultimately in control.* We should find comfort in knowing that God has envisioned and guides the universe’s workings, which includes all that was, is, and will be at IPC.

¹ We humans make plans, but **the Lord has the final word**. ² We may think we know what is right, but the Lord is the judge of our motives. ³ Share your plans with the Lord, and you will succeed. (Proverbs 16:1-3 Contemporary English Version)

Through July and August, the music ministry invites all to celebrate God’s sovereignty by first acknowledging His power and authority over all, which encompasses you and the whole universe! The next part is our rejoicing and submission in God’s eternal reign, for **God works everything for good**. Sometimes it’s difficult to not rely on our own strength when experiencing life’s storms, even when we have a God who “even the winds and the sea obey”. But like the disciples in the boat, it is in times of weakness that we can truly see who controls the purpose of ourselves and the universe!

¹⁵ As for man, his days are like grass; As a flower of the field, so he flourishes. ¹⁶ For the wind passes over it, and it is gone, And its place remembers it no more. ¹⁷ But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, And His righteousness to children’s children, ¹⁸ To such as keep His covenant, And to those who remember His commandments to do them. ¹⁹ **The Lord has established His throne in heaven, And His kingdom rules over all.** (Psalm 103:15-19 New King James Version)

Let His praise be heard around the world, and let His love been known by all.

Daniel Khuc



Where are we in the Pastor Search?

- ♦ Session and the Presbytery Committee on Ministry and the PC(USA) Church Leadership Connection have all approved the church profile for the denominational process on calling a pastor. The profile is called a Church Information Form (CIF) and will be renamed a MIF (Ministry Information Form). On August 1st Pastor candidates will look at our church profile, and then decide if they want to toss a hat into the ring to be considered. PC(USA) also uses a computer matching database to match potential candidates with our profile.
- ♦ Pray for the Pastor Nominating Committee as they now are receiving and reviewing resumes (Personal Information Forms or PIFs) and sermons from pastor candidates. They will eventually narrow the selection down and do interviews and pick someone. Until then, they cannot discuss how or who is being considered, but they welcome prayers.
- ♦ If you think someone would be a good candidate, ask them to look at our information online; and if they are still interested, then they can contact the chair of the PNC Ron Fong at ronfong@gmail.com
- ♦ Our 2013 Mission Study (47pp) found at bit.ly/IPCMS and
- ♦ Our 2012 Annual Report (81pp) at bit.ly/IPCAR12
- ♦ Our official approved Church Information Form (PIN #00769) in the PCUSA Church Leadership Connection website and online at <http://bit.ly/IPCCIF13>
- ♦ Ministry Information Form (approved by COM and CLC, but does not officially go live on the CLC website until August 1) You can see it online now at <http://bit.ly/IPCMIF13>.

Excerpts From Session:

- ♦ Session held an officers retreat with the deacons and elders; which included a prayer walk around the campus.
- ♦ Session has approved a second church to be renting facilities. It is a Hispanic church, Iglesia Rey de Reyes.
- ♦ Remember - the Facebook page is active and to LIKE the page <https://www.facebook.com/irvingtonpres>





The following is an excerpt from a letter dated April 20, 2013:

This is one of the most important letters I have written, and I encourage you to read it closely.

The story: last year, we found ourselves facing big challenges in Campinas. Skyrocketing Brazilian inflation stressed daily operations and our two large residential campuses (for boys and girls) were aging. The list of deferred maintenance items was growing more and more expensive, and included water damage and mold.

The solution involved *money*. We would need to launch a massive fund-raising campaign to get back on track. Then, going forward, we would cut costs by reducing the number of children in our care. However, as we thought and prayed about it, we just did not feel good about *spending* our way out of this situation. We asked ourselves: *was this a sustainable solution? Would this represent the best possible stewardship of the gifts so sacrificially entrusted to us?*

In the end, we found the answer to both questions to be “no”.

The only viable alternative was to somehow adjust our program to the reality of the “new Brazil” of sky-high prices. One of our wildest out-of-the box solutions was initially shocking: to sell our beautiful Girls’ Ranch property, using the proceeds to rebuild the girls’ homes on our main boys’ campus, consolidating expenses at one site. We advertised the property for a high price. No serious offers for months; then we heard that the nearby airport wanted housing for temporary workers.



Pastor Derli met with the management of the Campinas International Airport. They were in the midst of an expansion to become Latin America’s biggest air hub. With a burst of God-inspired courage, he quoted a sale price double what we had been seeking. The airport authority did not blink an eye. What a miracle!





With the generous proceeds, we decided to build an *entirely* new residential campus for girls and boys on an unused portion of our main campus. Having boys and girls together initially sounded scary. But over time, our leadership team became enthusiastic about the benefits, fostering more of a “brother and sister” atmosphere.

Also with the proceeds, we were able to re-establish our thrift store - the downtown commercial building it was in, collapsed in late 2010, depriving us of a hugely important source of revenue, now restored.

The beautiful, brand new 15-acre campus will be inaugurated this month, It has two swimming pools, palm trees, playgrounds, basketball and volleyball courts, and, of course, a soccer field. And the really exciting part? With all the streamlining and consolidating, *80% of our expenses in Brazil are now covered with resources from the local Brazilian community!* Today, for every dollar sent to Campinas, we do five dollars of ministry.

Is not God’s providence amazing? From a dilapidated campus and overwhelming financial challenges to a brand-new facility and near financial self-sufficiency. This is all very exciting. . . but. (There is always a “but.”)

We have committed to sending Brazil only \$40,000 a month. However, we will spend \$2.4 million dollars this year in Campinas sharing Christ’s love with hurting children - mostly from “secular” funding.

But to accomplish this, and achieve our dream of true sustainability, we must nearly double the amount of the recurring monthly gifts we receive from supporters in the United States, If we *cannot* provide *at least* this very strategic 20% of our Brazilian ministry expenses, we forgo a huge, God-given opportunity. Therefore, on behalf of our entire Hope Team I humbly bring our need before you. *We have held off on urgent appeals for quite some time, but I am asking you urgently now.*

Not so long ago, we were funding 80% of the Brazilian ministry costs from the USA. Now, although the ministry has grown, we need provide only 20 percent.

Going forward, we hope to be able to solicit those large gifts for *special* projects, and to support forays into new areas that will change and grow the ministry- like our new innovative “guardless” children’s prison ministry in Vitoria, and opportunities which await us in Mozambique. But to do this responsibly, and embrace all God has in store for us, we must first get Campinas on “autopilot” financially. We are so close. . .

Concluding, this letter is not an attempt at a creative fund raising appeal, but very sincerely shares a critical need. This is *your* ministry - you are funding it - and we know you count on us to make it successful. In the meantime, thank you for your incredible and generous support through these past years.

In His Hope,

Philip Smith

On behalf of our kids and the entire Hope Team



BOY SCOUT TROOP 102

Boy Scouts of America changed their membership standards to allow openly homosexual boys to be members of Boy Scouts effective January 2014. IPC sponsors Boy Scout Troop 102.

Gabe G. of Boy Scout Troop 102 was recognized as having achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest accomplishment for a youth. He did it just before he aged out at 18. Congrats to him and his family.



SAVE THE DATE!

Church Picnic Luau will be August 18



Centerville Presbyterian Church is 160 years old this year! They recently voted 277-11 to leave the PC(USA) and go to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC) denomination. Presbytery on June 25 approved the action.

Do you HAVE A COMPUTER?



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

1. LIKE us on our FACEBOOK page:
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Irvington-Presbyterian-Church/116256295065982>
Share events, make comments, keep in touch with friends.
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.
3. If you have provided us with your email address, starting in June check your in-box for your electronic copy of the Cornerstone.

July is our second month for the electronic Cornerstone. We hope you enjoyed receiving your monthly Cornerstone via email. If you would prefer to continue receiving your copy of Cornerstone in the mail, please contact Frankie in the church office at 657-6133 or send an email to ipchurch@pacbell.net or ipccornerstone@frontier.com. If you prefer a hard copy, please ensure to include your mailing address.

July 2013

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	1 7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST 9:30 AM WOMENS BIBLE CLASS	2	3 7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST 6:30 PM BAND PRACTICE	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	5 7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST 8:00 AM MENS BIBLE STUDY 2:30 PM BAND PRACTICE	6 9:00 AM VBS TRAINING
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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Please note: July 26 is the deadline for the August issue.

Do you have an activity or event you would like to share with the congregation? Please send us an email so we can put it in the next Cornerstone. Pictures are always welcome.

All articles are to be emailed to nicholsb@earthlink.net or ipccornerstone@frontier.com
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.

Your timely submissions are appreciated!