



Irvington Presbyterian Church

Fremont, CA

October 2013

**A COVENANT
for the relationship between
Irvington Presbyterian Church and Michael Boyland
September, 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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The Presbyterian Church has a tradition of making covenants between departing clergy and congregations. These covenants are agreements made at a time of great promise that guide people as they envision the future and move forward.

The purpose of this covenant is to ensure a gracious transition for Pastor Michael Boyland into retirement.

This covenant will be a guide during the critical time of this transition as Irvington searches for and calls a new pastor. This time calls for the need to honor a time of gracious separation.

The task that lies ahead is difficult. As roles change, it is important that there be appropriate boundaries. Members and friends of the Church may, with the best of intentions, turn to a former pastor for advice, inadvertently undermining a new pastor. Equally important is for the pastor to be given his space to move into the next period in his life.

To this end, we establish this covenant. From a place of grace and trusting in the guidance of the Holy Spirit,

The Members and Friends of Irvington Presbyterian Church, including our children, youth and their families, covenant to:

- * Pray for Michael and Patti as they begin the next stage of their lives.
- * Allow time and space for the congregation to grieve the end of what has been a long and beautiful relationship.
- * Release Michael from the expectation that he is the leader of the congregation and give him space to rest and to discover what is his future.
- * Joyfully engage in a process of discerning God's calling for the future of our congregation. Look deeply into what changes we want to make in programs.
- * Welcome and embrace a new pastor as he or she begins a ministry with us.

Michael covenants to:

- * Pray for the Irvington Presbyterian Church family.
- * Allow time and space for the congregation to grieve the end of what has been a long and beautiful relationship.
- * Let go of the expectation that he is the leader of the congregation and refrain from talking with people about church matters and programs.
- * Spend time away from this church family so that new leadership can be welcomed into the lives of the congregation and can be free to develop a ministry.

Missions - The Heart of the Church

COME JOIN US ON THE MISSIONS TEAM

The motto of the Missions Team here at IPC is “Missions is the Heart of the Church.” We, on the Missions Team, picked this motto because it captures Jesus’ commission to his disciples before he finally ascended to heaven: “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:18-20)

We are Jesus’ disciples and so this command is for us as well as for the original twelve. Spreading the gospel to those who have never heard is the responsibility of all of us. Of course, not all of us are called or able to go to distant places, but we are all called to participate in mission activity. And we can all participate with our prayers and financial support.

The Missions Team is the group that enables all of us in the congregation to be involved in missions. Through your faith promise giving, we are able to help support financially a number of missionaries. The Missions Team keeps in contact with these missionaries and brings you news of their activities. We publish a booklet giving you details of our missions support (a new edition is being worked on) and we give reports in church once a month. We also sponsor luncheons with speakers and provide opportunities for missionaries to give the sermon from time to time.

We need new members on the Missions Team. You can see that being on this team is an especially vital way of participating in Jesus’ commandment. We on the Missions Team know that there are some more folks in the congregation who are called to join us. We appreciate your praying and asking God if this might be a calling for you. Please talk to Mary Ellen McKowen if you are interested.



Hope Unlimited is asking all churches to join them in 30 Days of Prayer for Hope. Millions of children are abused, exploited and abandoned every day. The need is daunting but you can help. Join them this month for 30 Days of Prayer for Hope.

Throughout our 22 year history, Hope Unlimited for Children has raised united voices in prayer on behalf of the orphaned child. In response, God has brought hope and healing to thousands of children.

On November 3, 2013, Hope Unlimited will join the Christian Alliance for Orphans and churches worldwide to celebrate adoption, fostering, and orphan care that reveals God's heart.

You're invited to pray with Hope Unlimited for the 30 days leading up to Orphan Sunday. You may organize a prayer group or pray on your own. To help you know specific needs, Hope Unlimited has prepared a prayer guide just for you. You can obtain a copy at <http://hopeunlimited.org/PrayForHope/>.

To help you get started, here is Day1:

Campinas, Brazil is a city of great wealth and extreme poverty. It is a world leader in private helicopters and personal armored cars per capita. Yet, nearly 40% of its three million inhabitants live in squalid slums (called *favelas*). Children living in these desperate conditions are abandoned, abused, and exploited as their parents struggle to survive. Families live in cycles of poverty and hopelessness.

For over 20 years, Hope Unlimited has served some of the most desperate children in Campinas, but our two programs (the City of Youth and the Nave Mae Preschool) only touch a portion of the need. Pray for transformation in the city—for economic progress, strong communities, and the Gospel to heal lives.

Pray: *Just and loving Father, bless the children of the favelas and help them to know your love. Give Hope Unlimited wisdom to positively affect a culture for You so cycles of poverty and loss will be broken.*

SUNDAY ,OCTOBER 20TH IPC FAMILY POTLUCK

On the 20th we are looking forward to having a potluck with the entire IPC family. Please plan on attending in the Social Hall after church and bringing a delicious dish to share with the rest of the congregation.

If you would be interested in assisting or have questions regarding this event please contact Dean Ostdiek.

Congregation Happenings



Highlights for October

Mondays: Women's Bible Study

Tuesday: Hirsch Homework Club

Wednesdays: Band Practice
Choir Practice

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

8th: Open House of Blast
Church Work Party
10th: SIS (Bay Street Coffee)
Missions Team Meeting
15th: iKids Blast
15th: Deacon's Meeting
16th: IPC Ladies Lunch
20th: Family Potluck Lunch
Christian Equipping
24th: Session Meeting
26th: TCFBP MDD—Peanut Butter Drive
27th: Stewardship Meeting

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 - Regularly scheduled bi-monthly Bible Classes at Mary Ellen's house Meets 2nd and 4th Monday each month. Contact Mary Ellen McKowen for additional details.



Music Ministry



BACK TO SCHOOL

Last month, Irvington Presbyterian Church entered a time of growth as many students are returning back to school. As several parents of nervous children may know, going to a different teacher or completely new school can overwhelm the most courageous of kids. IPC has the opportunity to continue our learning under the leadership of a new pastor, with some excellent substitute teachers in between!

From boisterous kindergartener to rebellious high school senior, being able to adapt to the environment is eased by knowing you're not the only one experiencing change. Comfort can also come from friends and family sharing the journey towards a common goal. During this time of change, we should look to continue to build on the wisdom of God's word.

Matthew 7:24-27

24 "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. 26 And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. 27 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it."

The weather may change from sunny to stormy, the schools may change from junior high school to high school, but God does not change. He is the eternal source of goodness, holiness, love, justice, and glory. In all that we learn, teach, and do for God, let it be built upon the solid rock.

Choir returned in September, and we invite all to attend our rehearsals on Wednesdays at 7:30pm. Thank you for the ongoing support and prayers for the worship team and choir.

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

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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. After the meeting we will play games. Come join the fun!

In September our group had a tour to see the Galindo-Higuera Adobe, we met at the Fremont Museum, which is worth going to see on it's own. The Docents showed us a film of the Adobe. Two of the docents then led us up to the adobe. One of the docents had been raised at the site of the adobe so he had a lot of information for us, and some delightful stories, we ate black figs off a tree that was over a hundred and fifty years old. We had a delightful meeting with two horses. Then we preceded down to Mary Ellen McKowen for a very tasty beautiful lunch. On the way to the adobe we saw a sycamore tree that is one of two in California that is around two hundred years old.

Happy Halloween to all. The singles group met Sunday evening in the McKowen room for our first meeting after our summer vacation. We had a Halloween decorated room thanks to Bonnie Burger and she also had little Halloween gifts and trick or treats bags. We played Bingo. Had great fun. Helen Jorgensen will be our new leader. Thanks a lot, Helen! October's event will be a Potluck at Mary Ellen McKowen's home on October 25th.



iKids Blast's 2013 - 2014 mid-week program starts Tuesday, October 8th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Blast is an exciting children's program that gets together weekly Tuesday evenings for Kindergarten through 5th graders. The kids share a meal together, learn about God and make new friends. Our Open House is October 8th and October 15th. We welcome parents and kids to join us for the open house, have dinner with us, and see the program for yourself. Following dinner, the kids enjoy an

interactive video and fun activities as we study the Bible, and learn how awesome is our God. Come join the fun and bring your friends.

If you have any questions, or would like to sign up your kids/grandkids or join the fun as one of our volunteers, please e-mail Lynnette Ariathurai at lawaria@sbcglobal.net or call at 510-299-0570. We look forward to seeing you on October 8th."

TRI-CITY FREE BREAKFAST PROGRAM



MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

TCFBP is holding its Make A Difference Day on Saturday, 26 October from 9 am to noon. Once again it will be a peanut butter drive. Last year they collected 201 pounds of peanut butter. Let's help them break that record this year. If you cannot stop by and drop off jars of peanut butter on the morning of 26 October, you can always stop by the church office and leave your donation prior to 26 October. **YOU can MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**

If you would like to learn more about TCFBP, please their Facebook page is <http://bit.ly/tcfbpFB> and TCFBP website is at <https://sites.google.com/site/tricitybreakfast/>

PRAYER MEETINGS

All IPC members and friends are invited and encouraged to join in a prayer vigil on Saturday mornings in October.

The vigils will begin at 9am every Saturday in the sanctuary and last approximately one hour. Prayers will be offered for GOD's intervention.

Topics will include: the future of IPC, the work of our PNC, the support of our yet-unknown next pastor, peace in our world, for leaders of our country, state and city, the health of our congregation and more.

IPC LADIES LUNCH

Wednesday, October 16, 11:30 AM

We will meet at **11:30 am** at the **Olive Garden**, 39145 Farwell Dr., Fremont.

Our contact person is: June Dawson 510-656-2277.
Call if you are coming. We will look forward to seeing you!

Missions - The Heart of the Church

FAITH PROMISE FUNDING FOR MISSIONS

For many years now the IPC congregation has supported Missions Outreach through the Faith Promise method.

What does this mean? It means that the financial support we give to our local missions and worldwide missionaries is not a part of the overall church budget. The funds come from each of us after prayerful consideration and with the faith that God will provide the resources for us to do so. Missions does *not* receive a proportion of the church budget. We rely on the congregation's faith & separate financial support.

Our task is clear – ***“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” (Matt 28:19-20)***

The IPC Mission Team is dedicated to keeping the congregation educated and informed about the missions and missionaries we support. It is our responsibility to be good stewards of the funds we receive. We also encourage each member of the congregation to pray for those missions & missionaries.

IPC Missions continues to provide prayer & financial support to 15 local & worldwide missionaries and mission projects.

As we move through the last few months of 2013, the Mission Team is preparing updated information for the congregation about our missionaries and mission projects.

We are also praying about the possibility of a short term mission trip and how to fund it.

Some people are called to go into the field, to start a local mission project or to travel to other parts of the world to fulfill their role as defined in Acts 1:8

For those of us at home, how does each of us fulfill our individual support role?

Pray and ask “Lord what would You have me do?”

Speak with any member of the Mission Team to learn more about Missions and how you can help:

Mary Ellen McKowen
Peggy Handono
Bonnie Nichols
Teresa Oliver
Jenni Pellot
Virginia Stull

As you pray about your financial giving to IPC for 2014, please also pray about the amount you will pledge for Missions and mark your Stewardship pledge card accordingly. Each week use your standard offering envelope to make your contribution and record your faith promise amount on the “Missions” line.

2 Co 9:6-7 – Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Please note: October 25 is the deadline for the November 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!

Do you HAVE A COMPUTER?

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

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