



Irvington Presbyterian Church

Fremont, CA

October 2015

Sundays

Bible Study 8:45 a.m.

Worship 10:00 a.m.

(Nursery and Children Sunday School During Service)

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

Dear Friends,

If you were at our recent Town Hall meeting on September 13 you met some of the new folks we see around our church campus. They are graduate students recently arrived from India. Amazingly most of them decided that one of their first tasks arriving in the U.S. was to find a church home. They have a very passionate faith and are deeply in love with Jesus Christ. In India it is estimated that only 2% of the population are followers of Jesus. Being such a small minority has given them a much greater passion and determination to follow our Lord.

I was curious as to how they located our church. Most have come to the U.S. to study at Northwestern Polytechnic University (NPU) in Warm Springs although one is studying at Silicon Valley University in north San Jose. Most students who have recently arrived from India do not have cars and have to depend upon public transportation. IPC is conveniently located near a lot of bus stops. Apartments closest to those bus stops have a large number of students living there.

But why did they choose IPC? When they go on the computer and look for the closest Protestant church we pop up as the closest church to a lot of the apartments on the bus stops! Who would have ever thought that our location could make us a magnet for graduate students? They stay because we love them and they feel it.

Following our Town Hall meeting the students asked me if we could start having weekly Bible studies together. Can you imagine this old pastor's response to a group of Bible carrying, passionate young Christians asking me to meet with them for a Bible study? So on Saturdays at 5:00 pm we're meeting for Bible study and fellowship! I will actually do that for any group at IPC that asks.

When I went off to college it was 3,000 miles from San Jose to Virginia. I was homesick and lonesome. I can relate to these students. A kind, middle aged couple invited a group of us students over to their house after Sunday night worship at the Presbyterian church. Martha was also one of those students. Their impact is still being felt in our lives. Perhaps you'd like to invite some students over to your house. Let me know.

Larry

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Missions – The Heart of the Church

Understanding Faith Promise Giving

IPC's Mission funds are generated through Faith Promise Giving. In simple terms this means that Missions is not allocated a percentage of the overall Church Budget, but raises finances separately. However, 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.

Why Faith Promise is important

Missions' giving is one way in which each of us, at IPC, fulfills our role in the Great Commission (Matt 28:19-20). Christ's command is to "make disciples of all nations". Some of us are called to be Missionaries, witnessing for Christ around the world (some to unreached peoples in difficult places). Those of us not called into the Missions field witness for Christ here at home and provide a support role to those in the field through prayer and finances.

The IPC Missions Team encourages each of us to:

1. pray for both the Missionaries in the field and the local mission outreaches we support and
2. support IPC Missions financially through Faith Promise Giving to the Missions General Fund.

It is the responsibility of the Missions Team to keep the congregation informed and educated about IPC's mission program and be good stewards of the money received. That money is used for both worldwide missionary support and local mission outreach projects.

How Faith Promise for Missions Differs from your IPC General Giving

Your General Giving is your pledge of financial support to IPC from your known sources of income (i.e. from your personal budget). It is your tithe (Mal 3:10).

Faith Promise goes beyond that. It is just what it says it is: a promise, made in faith, between an individual and God. That promise, after prayerful consideration, is based on what the giver believes God wants him or her to give to Missions in furtherance of God's Kingdom around the world. It relies on the giver's faith of God's unlimited resources to provide the means to fulfill the promise. It is, therefore, a faith commitment not from known sources of income alone.

This is where we trust God to "enable" us to fulfill our Faith Promise commitment.

How to Make a Faith Promise for Missions

1. Pray for God's direction – to discern the amount of the commitment. Pray also for God's enabling help to fulfill that commitment.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. Obey God's voice.
5. 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.
6. Be faithful to give as God enables you.
7. When Stewardship asks for your General Giving Pledge, also provide your Faith Promise amount for Missions.
8. 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 Team Members: Kamroon Baksh Mustapha Baksh Peggy Handano
Bonnie Nichols Teresa Oliver Jenni Pellot



Congregation Happenings

Highlights for October

1st- Worship Committee Meeting
 2nd - E-Team Meeting
 3rd - Church Day of Prayer
 4th - National Pastor Recognition Sunday
 4th - Singles Fellowship
 10th - Church Day of Prayer
 11th - CE Committee Meeting
 11th - The IPC Couples Group Outing
 15th - SIS Meeting
 15th - Missions Team Meeting
 20th - Deacon's Meeting

22nd - Session Meeting
 24th - PB Make a Difference Day - TCFBP
 25th - Congregational Meeting
 TBD- Ladies Out to Lunch

November

1st - Mission Seminar & Potluck Luncheon
 5th- Worship Committee Meeting
 6th- E-Team Meeting
 8th - Installation of Elders & Deacons (Tentative)
 10th - Presbytery Meeting at Oakland First

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

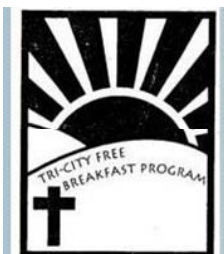
Tuesdays: Men's Breakfast Fellowship
Wednesdays: Band Practice
 Choir Practice

Bible Studies

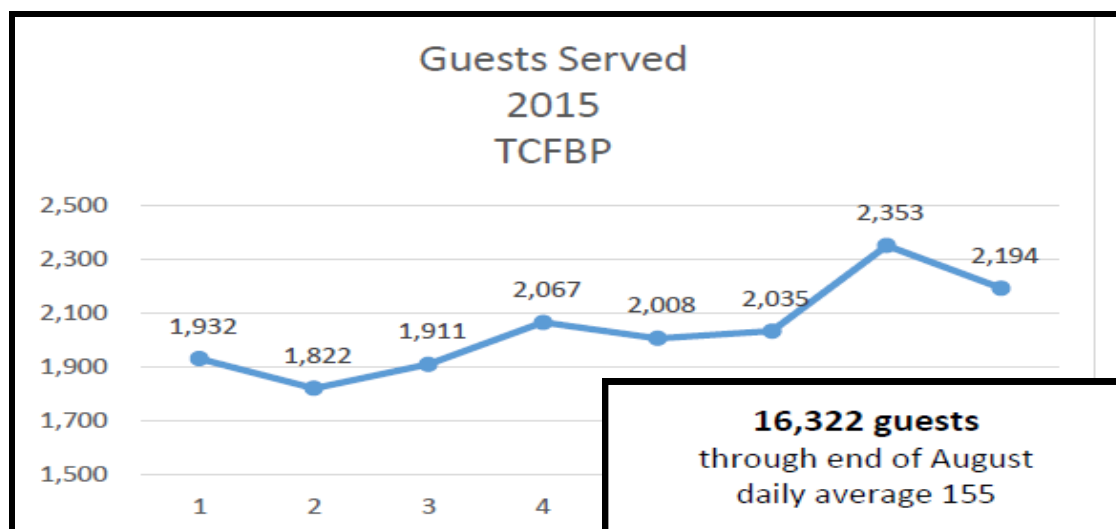
Sunday's Bible Study - 8:45 am in the McKowen Room. Please come in and join us!

Women's Bible Study - Women meet weekly in the McKowen Room. If you would like to join, please check with Carol Lynn to see about a study book.

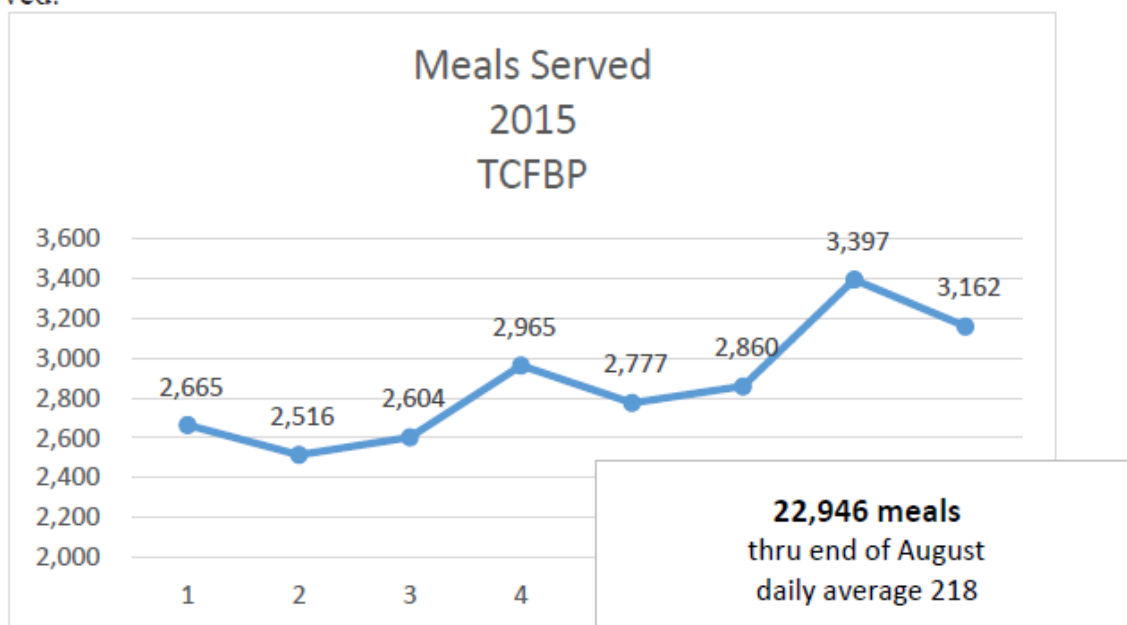
Home Bible Study - 2nd & 4th Monday Bible Classes at Mary Ellen's house. Contact Mary Ellen McKowen for additional details.



Tri-City Free Breakfast Program



AUGUST STATS: In August 2015, an average of 169 guests were served per day. Highest day in August was 195 guests and 280 meals. Average meals were 241. Totals served in August were 2,194 guests and 3,127 meals ((first and seconds) served, 427 bags of provisions distributed and 6-16 children served.



VOLUNTEERS: 813 volunteer hours were given in August 2015 by an average of 22 volunteers. Today September 21, there were only 8 volunteers and they were short-handed.

Missions Luncheon – Sunday November 1st **Understanding & Reaching Out to our Muslim Neighbors**

On Sunday November 1st we will be joined by Rev. Dr. Allen Pritzlaff who will share his knowledge of Islam and how to reach out to our Muslim neighbors.

Please join us for worship and afterwards for a pot luck luncheon and presentation by Rev. Pritzlaff. Following the presentation there will be time for Rev. Pritzlaff to answer any questions you may have.

So please bring your favorite dish and join us on November 1st!

KID'S CLUB

Kids Club will be starting again on Mon. Sept. 28th at Hirsch Elementary School. Harbor Light Church has been the sponsoring church for the past 7 yrs. and is stepping back at this time. For this year they are willing to absorb the cost for all the printing.(permission slips & curriculum) Last year's leader, Tim McCormick, is no longer going to lead and so we are going to divide the responsibilities among the teachers. This program is too important to give up our place in this public school and we are working together to keep it going. All the materials that were provided by Harbor Light are being given to us as we continue.(i.e. sports equip.,bibles, bins with markers, pencils, crayons etc.)

The members from IPC that are involved are: Carol Lynn, Jeanette Ollison, Mary Lee Starkel, Darlene Neesham and Pastor Larry.

We are asking for some financial support from the other churches, Fremont Community & Bridges. They, however , are not in the immediate area as we are.

Stay tuned as we move forward and pray for this ministry of bringing the knowledge of Jesus to K through 6th graders at Hirsch.

CALLING ALL COUPLES



The IPC Couples Group has an event planned for Sunday, October 11th @ 2:30 pm to see "Dreamgirls", which will be presented at the Newark Memorial High School Auditorium. If you are interested, please contact Mary Lou Craig, 510-396-3053, or e-mail @ mylouc@aol.com as soon as possible, or deadline of October 5th, 2015. The group rate will be \$21.69 (includes processing fee) per person or \$43.38 per couple. Please make your checks out to Mary Lou Craig and mail to 2096 Arbutus Ct, Fremont, CA 94539.

For those interested, we also plan on going to Applebee's Restaurant on Farwell Drive for a light dinner or dessert after the play.....optional, of course! Hope you can join us !

GATHERING FOR PRAYER OCTOBER 3rd & 10th

The IPC E-team is sponsoring a circle of prayer on Saturday, October 3rd and again on October 10th, 2015 in the McKowen room at Irvington Presbyterian Church. It is open to all in the community who wish to bring their joys and concerns to the Lord. We will begin at 10 am and continue for one hour. Darlene Neesham will lead the group October 3rd and Richard Craig will lead the group October 10th. They will have suggestions for prayer if needed. If you are unable to attend in person but have prayers to share please let Darlene or Richard know and they will bring them to the group .



*Join
the
Choirs*



**Join
in
Prayer**



YWAM - Report - Informational

a) The YWAM teams visited July 15- August 23 and were focused on providing a Bible to every household. Volunteers came in three waves of two-week stints. They had YWAM teams from Redding, Denver, Yosemite and elsewhere come in to share the gospel and to pray for Fremont, especially Muslim, Hindu and Chinese peoples.

b) About 21,000 Bibles were given away and about 70 souls were saved per the 5 minute summary [VIDEO](#) and blog at <http://www.ywamredding.com/fremont-for-jesus-bible-distribution/> 16 salvations seen on their final day;

c) "My takeaway from the week was this: though it is often hard to preach the Gospel to strangers, it is necessary and rewarding", said David Nakamoto of YWAM Yosemite in <http://ywamyosemite.org/fremont-for-jesus/>

d) "I was pretty nervous when I heard that we would be going door-to-door evangelism to offer Muslim and Hindu people Bible's. Plenty of people not wanting The Bible, but the few that did made it worth it. One more person hearing about the kingdom of God made my day." Said Terri Wassmer of YWAM Denver at <http://www.ywamdenver.org/post/OTE=>

HOPE UNLIMITED: 30 DAYS OF PRAYER

By now, most of you know a bit about this mission targeting Brazilian street children that IPC helps support. You may have participated in the 30 Days of Prayer ending on Orphan's Day or helped us send valentines to them. You may even remember a story about one of those rescued children who found Christ's love and a better life through Hope Unlimited. But how much do you really know?

In 1991, thousands of street children in Brazil were being killed by gunmen, largely hired by the local business leaders who considered them a "public nuisance". Hope Unlimited was founded with the mission of transforming the lives of children at mortal risk, providing them and their future generations a productive future and eternal hope. Thousands of children have benefited since then.

Currently over 1019 children and hundreds more graduates and their families are served daily. Hope Unlimited's recipe for success works because it has the right ingredients...

The right PERSPECTIVE: Christ-centered and biblically based

The right PROGRAM: Rescue, Transformation, Reintegration


The right PEOPLE: House Parents and Staff who are qualified, professional and committed Christians

The right PLACE: Beautiful rural youth ranches away from the streets

And the PERSERVERANCE to keep fighting until each child is rescued.

In the rescue phase, children at mortal risk are referred by the courts and provided with immediate emotional support, psychological and medical care and spiritual healing. The transformation phase lasts from 4-8 years and includes educational programs and vocational coursework with the context of family life. In the re-entry phase, the now young men and women intern with local businesses for 1 year and live at a transition home for 6 months. When they graduate (at around 18 years old), they are guaranteed a job and ongoing support through the Graduate Center. Each one receives basic household furniture and a complete set of tools for the trade he or she has learned. No wonder 85% of Hope graduates are in stable living situations, meaningfully employed and active in a local church.

You can see that the spirit of Christ is growing and thriving in part due to your support of IPC Missions. Join us for the 30 Days of Prayer (see an IPC Mission Team member) and continue to financially support this worthy cause as well.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 7:00 PM WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING	2 7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST 7:00 PM E-TEAM MEETING	3 10:00 AM CHURCH DAY OF PRAYER
4 NATIONAL PASTOR RECOGNITION DAY 9:00 AM BIBLE STUDY 10:00 AM WORSHIP & CHILDREN'S CHURCH	5 7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST 9:30 AM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY	6 7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST 8:00 AM MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP 6:00 PM PRAISE GROUP PRACTICE	7 7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST 8:00 AM MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP 6:00 PM PRAISE GROUP PRACTICE	8 7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST	9 7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST	10 10:00 AM CHURCH DAY OF PRAYER
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18 9:00 AM BIBLE STUDY 10:00 AM WORSHIP & CHILDREN'S CHURCH MISSION SUNDAY	19 7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST 9:30 AM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY	20 TBD - LADIES OUT TO LUNCH 7:00 PM DEACONS MTG	21 7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST 8:00 AM MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP 6:00 PM PRAISE GROUP PRACTICE	22 7:00 PM SESSION MTG	23 7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST	24 ALL DAY PEANUT BUTTER MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY
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Please note: October 24th is the deadline for the November issue.

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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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<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.org. 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, check your in-box for your electronic copy of the Cornerstone.