



Irvington Presbyterian Church

Fremont, CA

February 2016

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,

In just a short while the season of Lent will be underway. Lent is a 40 day period of time for us to reflect on who we are in relation to God. Yes, we are aware that we're sinners in need of a savior but what does that really mean? We don't act like terrorists. Sometimes we're a little rude on the freeway but hey we're not too bad. So why do we need a savior if we can do it ourselves? That's why we need Lent.

We're kicking off Lent with an **Ash Wednesday service on Feb. 10 at 7:00 pm.** The idea "Dust to dust, ashes to ashes" is based on Genesis 3:19, Genesis 18:27, Job 30:19, and Ecclesiastes 3:20 which says that we came from dust and to dust we will return. It's kind of humbling that of all our self-made importance we come down to a pile of dust. Ash Wednesday helps us put things in perspective as we start off the season of reflection.

Then on Valentine's Day, Sunday February 14 we kick off a new sermon series specifically for Lent called "The Jesus Creed". When Jesus had to summarize all his teaching he summed it up using an ancient Jewish creed called the "shema". Jesus said to "love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength and your neighbor as yourself." For six weeks we're going to talk about that creed, memorize it and practice evaluating our lives in relations to it.

For the six weeks of Lent starting the week of Valentine's Day I'm going to be offering unique small groups called "**Jesus Creed Groups**" that will meet once a week for worship, prayer, teaching and reflection on the Jesus Creed. They will conclude the week before Easter. Together in small groups we will learn and practicing applying this great creed to our lives. There will be groups meeting during the day and evening to accommodate everyone's schedule.

What will you do for Lent? I hope you'll attend the **Ash Wednesday service on February 10** and join a **six week Jesus Creed group**. Let me know how I can assist you to do these by calling the church at 510-657-3133 or pastor@irvingtonpres.org. Let's love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength now and for eternity.



Pastor Larry

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Missions - The Heart of the Church

MISSIONARIES OF THE MONTH

FEATURING: JACK AND JOANNE BLANCH



Have you ever wondered what kind of training goes with God's call to full time service? For the Navigator Organization it is very detailed Biblical study and Scripture memory and each of their workers is skilled in teaching individuals how to study and learn and how to apply the lessons in their own lives. This form of study and learning is called discipling or discipleship. It is the basic method used by the Navigators and was instigated and perfected by the founder of the organization, Dawson Trotman back in the late 1930's at the beginning of World War II.

Jack and Joanne Blanch, a couple you help to support with your Mission dollars, both have now and have had for many years, individuals they have discipled who now are actively passing on these skills to others so that the workers for Christ increase exponentially.

The Blanches have worked in various places in the U.S. as well as in Europe, spending the longest amount of time in Santiago De Compostela, Spain where their children were born and raised while they carried on an active ministry with University students. Their lovely, quiet personalities and dedication to the Lord have been very influential in furthering God's Kingdom.

Jack and Joanne now live in retirement in Colorado Springs, Colorado but continue to carry on an active ministry in spite of serious health issues. Jack is the author of a book called "What If God Exists" and has had great success in using that to initiate conversations with atheists and non believers. Pray for them as

12 HOURS OF PRAYER PRAYER WARRIORS NEEDED!



IPC is having it's annual 12 hours of prayer on Saturday February 13, 2016 7am to 7pm. Each person prays for at least 30 minutes in the Sanctuary, consequently this requires at least 24 people to sign up to participate. Sign ups will be held on January 31, and February 7 following church services or you may call Darlene Neesham at 510-656-3832. Those who have participated in the past found it to be very rewarding and I am sure it will be again this year. If you have questions or suggestions please see Darlene.

PER CAPITA

Each member of the church is requested to donate \$35.15 for our annual per capita apportionment. This money goes to help pay for the operations of the Presbyterian Church (USA). at our national level (General Assembly), the regional level (Synod of the Pacific) and the area level (Presbytery of San Francisco). Mark your check or giving envelope PER CAPITA if you can help out pay for your membership.

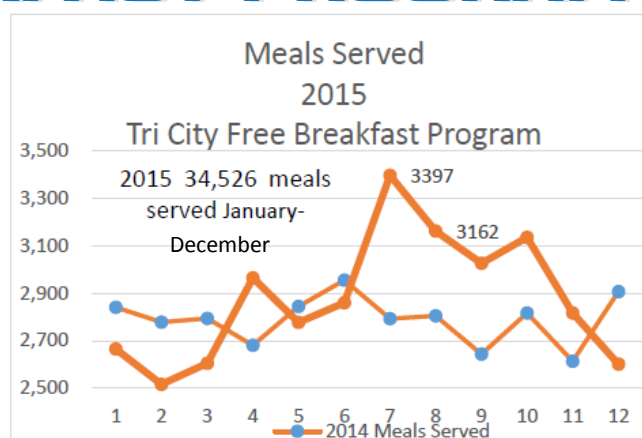
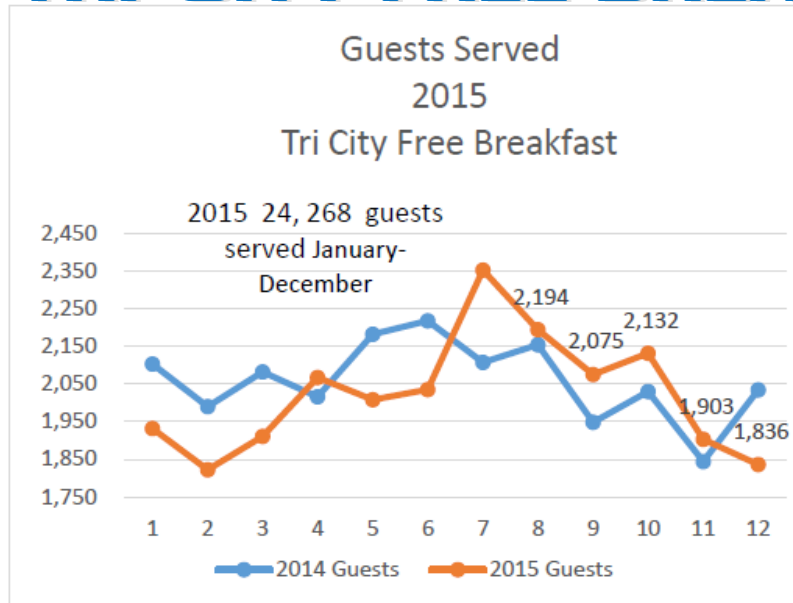
LADIES OUT TO LUNCH

Come and join us for some wonderful fellowship and a fun luncheon:



Tuesday, February 17th
Olive Garden
39145 Farwell, Fremont
510-796-7500

TRI-CITY FREE BREAKFAST PROGRAM



Help feed those in need by sending in a check to TCFBP, P.O.Box 1336, Fremont CA 94538

All individual donations will be matched dollar for dollar by the Harriett Despeaux Good Works Fund,

FIRST CHURCH WIDE "GOTS"

What is the "First Church Wide GOTS? GOTS stands for "Gathering of The Servants". This is open to all church members and non-members. It is a time for worship, for prayer, for event planning and for service. All IPC Committees are joining into a common monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of each month. The new Churchwide plan is for all Teams/committees to meet on the same night, from 7-9, the first 45 minutes or so to share plans for whatever each team has in the making, and the remainder of the time will be the individual teams meeting. This will allow everyone to get involved in each project and give those who have a particular interest or talent to help make the event successful.

The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, 2 February. This kick-off meeting will begin with a dinner for all participants at 6:00 pm. Come join the fun!

ANNUAL CONGREGATION LUNCH & MEETING

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR 28 FEBRUARY

Come to the IPC Annual Potluck Congregational Meeting & Corporation Meeting, immediately following worship services. You will receive the annual church report, elect corporation trustee,

SMALL GROUP MEETINGS

Join a small group for the upcoming Jesus Creed. These groups will be meeting for six (6) weeks beginning on 14 February and ending on 27 March. Any questions, please see Pastor Larry.

FEBRUARY 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST 9:30 AM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY	2 6:00 PM FIRST CHURCH WIDE GOTS MEETING	3 7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST 8:00 AM MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP 6:00 PM PRAISE GROUP PRACTICE 7:00 PM CHOIR PRACTICE	4	5 7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST 9:30 AM - NOON CHURCH CLEANUP DAY	6
7 8:45 AM BIBLE STUDY 10:00 AM WORSHIP, COMMUNION & CHILDREN'S CHURCH	8 7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST 9:30 AM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM MCKOWEN HOME BIBLE STUDY	9 TBD PRESBYTERY MTG NOE VALLEY, SF	10 7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST 8:00 AM MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP 7:00 PM ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE	11	12 7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST	13 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM 12 HOURS OF PRAYER
14 8:45 AM BIBLE STUDY 10:00 AM WORSHIP & CHILDREN'S CHURCH JESUS CREED SMALL GROUPS START	15 PRESIDENT'S DAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	16 7:00 PM TRI-CITY FREE BREAKFAST PROGRAM STEERING COMMITTEE	17 7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST 8:00 AM MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP 6:00 PM PRAISE GROUP PRACTICE	18	19 7:00 AM FREE BREAKFAST	20
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Congregation Happenings Highlights for February

2nd - 1st Church Wide GOTS
 6th - Church Cleanup Day
 9th - Presbytery Meeting (Noe Valley Pres, SF)
 10th – Ash Wednesday Service - 7:00 PM
 13th - 12 Hours of Prayer (7 am - 7 pm)
 14th - Jesus Creed Small Groups (6 Weeks)
 15th - Presidents' Holiday - Church Office Closed
 17th - Ladies Out to Lunch
 23rd - Session Meeting
 14th - SIS Meeting
 28th - Annual Potluck Lunch Congregational Mtg

March 2016

1st - GOTS Meeting
 3rd - 5th - Bass Conference
 8th - Tri-City Free Breakfast Steering Committee
 13th - Daylight Savings Time Starts
 17th - Session Meeting
 17th - Ladies Out to Lunch
 20th - Palm Sunday Service
 25th - Good Friday Service
 27th - Easter Sunday Service

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
 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.

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Please note: February 23rd is the deadline for the March 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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<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.