



Kid's Cove Newsletter

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Worship Services
9:00am & 10:30am

COMING UP:

March 4

2nd Grade Bible Presentations

March 16

Mini Madness Camp Fundraiser

March 31

Journey to the Cross: Easter Experience

April 1

Palm Sunday
Easter Egg Hunt

April 8

Easter: 8, 9:30, & 11

April 15

VBS Registration Begins

May 6

Sanctuary Family Communion

May 20

Veritas Family Communion



There's a lot going on, so don't forget you can always check our *Google Calendar* link on the children's page of our website: www.irvinepres.org

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Letter from Lauren

What's in a story? A story can be a powerful tool. Stories can teach us, preserve a legacy, and even inspire the imagination. Recently an elderly relative of mine passed away. He had been a librarian for many years, and even worked at the Huntington Library in Pasadena for a time. But, what struck me most as we celebrated his life was his love of a good story! He was one of those rare individuals that knew the true power stories held, and was fascinated by them even to the point of making it his life's work to preserve great stories.

God is the author of the greatest story of all and we each have our own chapter. As followers of Christ it is our calling to share His story with the world. Each spring we ask our IPC family to consider becoming a part of the Children's Ministry team. Really what we are asking is for you to share God's story with the children of IPC, and how you've been a part of that story. What can be more simple and yet so filled with adventure and excitement? It is my hope you will consider taking up the charge to help the next generation discover their part in God's big story.

Blessings-

Lauren Knips



"You're goofy, Mr. Schmelzter! I like that in a teacher."

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Jump on Board

with Children's Ministries

2012– 2013 Opportunities

- **Summer Sundays :**
 - Session 1: June 24– July 29
 - Session 2: August 5 - September 9
- **Vacation Bible School**
July 16– 20
- **BEACH Club 2012– 2013**
Wednesday Nights: October - May
- **Sunday School 2012– 2013**

Teach: to impart knowledge

You can teach Sunday mornings or at Vacation Bible School to help children grow in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Lead: to guide someone along a way or direct on a course

You can lead children in a game, a craft, on a path towards faith.

Plan: an orderly arrangement of parts of an overall objective

You can plan a Sunday School class or small group lesson that will show God's love to children.

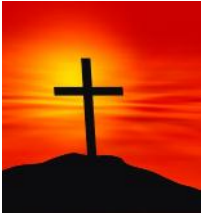
Support: assist, help

You can be a support to a VBS leader by helping in an area you're interested in like crafts, games, or Bible.

Serve: contribute to the welfare of others

You can serve the children and families of IPC weekly, every other week, or even once a month.

Teach - Lead - Plan - Support - Serve



Celebrate Palm Sunday & Easter with us!

Palm Sunday, April 1st, be sure to bring your One Great Hour of Sharing offering to church. We will be dedicating this special offering during the worship service. Have your child meet their teacher in the Jenny Hart Galleria to receive their palm branch for the Palm Processional at both the 9am and 10:30am services.

Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday, invite friends and neighbors and join us after 2nd service approximately (11:45am)! Egg hunt for Kindergarten and below will be located on the Jenny Hart playground. Egg hunt for elementary aged children will be on the basketball court. Don't forget your basket! Also, there will be two special eggs at our hunt, one with a coupon for a VBS goodie bag and another for a FREE VBS.

Easter Sunday, April 8th, please note the following schedule changes to Sunday School:

8:00 am -

Children's program for Kindergarten and under

9:30 am & 11:00am -

Children's program for 6th grade and under



One Great Hour of Sharing

Each year we participate in the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) along with other Presbyterian Churches throughout America. It is a powerful opportunity for our kids to see the incredible impact giving can make. This year's campaign begins February 22nd and the offering will be dedicated on Palm Sunday, April 1st. Your child will receive a fish bank and offering calendar in Sunday School. If your family will not be at Church on February 12th you may pick one up from the church office. We hope you and your family will embrace this opportunity to send the message of God's love in practical ways to those in need around the world.



2nd Grade Bibles

March 4th our second grade class will be presented with their very own Bible! This celebration marks an important step in the growth of each child's spiritual development. If your child is in 2nd grade and you haven't let us know you child will be participating please contact us as soon as possible!

FAMILY COMMUNION

May 6th Sanctuary service

May 20th Veritas service

Children are invited to stay an extended amount of time in worship to participate in communion with their family. Children that are too young to take communion may go forward to receive a blessing.

For questions contact Pastor Tim Avazian at 949-786-9627 x204 or tpavazian@irvinepres.org.



Tentmakers is a great opportunity for Dads, Uncles, Grandpas, and Step-dads to spend time with their Kindergarten—5th grader to learn about God and his relationship with us while fellowshiping with others. For the 2011/2012 year, Tentmakers meets the 1st Sunday of every month at 6:30pm at IPC.

Family Ministry Lunch

On March 18th everyone is invited to engage with Children, Jr. High, High School Ministries for an all church lunch to share stories, listen and encourage each other while we explore current experiences and future opportunities in Family Ministry.

Please RSVP to Kayte Turner at kayte@irvinepres.org with the number of family members attending and children's ages. Childcare provided for children ages 3 and under. Children ages 4 and above are encouraged to attend the lunch.

CAMP FUNDRAISER



YOU'RE INVITED TO

IPC's Annual Family Ministries Camp Fundraiser

Mini Madness

Friday, March 16th - 5:30pm

Join us for a miniature golf tournament at Boomers. After miniature golf we will gather at IPC for dinner served by Tacos & Co., entertainment, silent auction and more!

Tickets are available now! \$25 for adults and \$15 for children 6th grade and younger. (It is not mandatory to participate in the miniature golf portion of the evening.) For tickets, please visit the Family Ministries table on Sundays, or contact Kayte in the church office at Kayte@irvinepres.org or 949-786-9627 x201.

Want to sponsor a hole or donate to our silent auction?

Contact jclemmons@irvinepres.org

A look back. . . Winter Camp 2012



Summer Camp 2012: July 29-August 3

Adventure Mountain is a safe, fun environment for 5th-6th graders to pursue a better understanding of life with Jesus. Campers participate in interactive games and activities intentionally designed for the pre-teen mindset in both enjoyment and thought. Through sound biblical teaching we aim to empower you and your campers to pursue a life where Jesus is the center. As we embark on the adventure of interacting with creativity, imagination and reality, we will find out who we say Jesus is by what we say and do. Let's go spuddleplunking this summer!



Join us for an amazing experience where families will travel through various stations. Each one offers the opportunity to grow together as a family and explore God's love together in an interactive way.

When: Saturday, March 31st
(stations will be open from 10am–11:30am)
Cost: \$15/family

Want to get involved?

Even if you don't have children here are some ways to be a part of the experience:

- Donate items for the baskets to be given to Orangewood Children's Home
 - Individually wrapped candies (*non-chocolate*)
 - Small items to fill Easter Eggs (*ie. stickers, bouncy balls, mini erasers*),
 - Small toys or games (*i.e. paddle balls, mini Frisbees, mini bubbles, activity booklets, or coloring books*)
- Lead a station
- Assist at a station or serve as a greeter on the day of the event

Contact Lauren or come by the Family Ministries Patio table for more info!
lauren@irvinepres.org or 949-786-9627 x206



Parent's Corner

Raising Christ Centered Kids

Conversation Starters:

1. What is one of your favorite fiction stories? Why?
2. If you could travel anywhere in the world this summer where would it be?
3. What does sacrifice mean? What is something you could sacrifice for Jesus?



Monthly Challenge

March- Take some time to research your family history, you never know what incredible stories you may find. Or invite an elderly relative over for dinner and ask them to share stories from their childhood.

April- Invite a family you know to one of our Easter events. You can include them in the Easter Experience, Palm Sunday Egg Hunt, or invite them to service on Easter Sunday.

May- Develop the family habit of sharing stories. Kids love to hear and tell stories. A great time for this is around the dinner table. Have some paper and crayons for kids to draw about their day, and then ask them to share with everyone. This will open them up to sharing more than just the usual "fine" answer.

Something to Think About

As parents, we take hundreds of pictures of our kids, write down the funny things they say, and mark their heights on doorframes and walls. All these little details can be easy to forget. So we keep records.

Our Heavenly Father has seen us grow in leaps and bounds too! Maybe one day in heaven we'll watch our own highlights reel in HD while munching popcorn (loaded with real butter, hallelujah!), and we'll find that our stories make for captivating cinema.

Usually, though, our day-to-day stories seem more like the monotonous movie *Groundhog Day*. Most of the change we

experience is gradual. That's why it's so important to stop and look back from time to time, recognizing how far God has taken us and praising Him for it!

One way of preserving your family's faith story is to journal. Journaling may involve a notebook, but it's not a homework assignment. It's a chance to record this great journey God has you on. You might find that journaling your prayers helps you stay focused on God and intentional about how you speak to Him. Or you may like to create succinct lists of prayer requests and praises or highlights of experiences. It's your call how you and your family would like to do it. Journaling is more than simply documenting your family's faith story. It may even help you gain better perspective right now, as it's all laid out before you in ink and exclamation points. And as always, ask the Holy Spirit to soften your heart to what He reveals.

Vacation Bible School: SONRISE Nation Parks

July 16– July 20



Pack your hiking boots and get ready for exciting wilderness thrills as you head out to beautiful SonRise National Park! As kids explore our very own IPC National Park, they'll learn the most important survival skill of all: they can always depend on Jesus and His promises of true peace, true riches, true power, true love and true hope! "And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus." Philipians 4:19

VBS is offered for children entering 1st grade – 6th grade in the fall of 2012. Mini-VBS will be offered for potty-trained 3, 4 and 5 year olds, as well as children entering Kindergarten this fall. Children ages Pre-K and under must have a volunteering parent on campus at all times. Free childcare will be offered for children of parent volunteers born after September 1, 2010.

JR. HIGH STUDENTS! We invite our students entering grades 7 and 8 to be a part of our VBS Jr. High Service Team. Students will have the opportunity to serve with the missions team in a hands-on and creative with our VBS kids.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: entering grades 9-12 will be invited to serve as guides for our VBS kids.

We look forward to seeing your child at VBS. Registration forms will be available on our website and in the office beginning April 8. Registration starts April 15. Please contact Kayte Turner with any questions (949) 786-9627 or email at kayte@irvinepres.org.

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Crafts, Recreation, Bible Teaching, and Dinner Team
Pick-up an application at the Family Ministry's table or download from our website!



6th Grade Celebration

Parents of 6th grade students, mark your calendars for a time of celebration for you and your child June 8th – June 9th. Our ministry has been privileged to be a part of your child's spiritual journey and we want to send them off with a grand farewell.

Our time together will begin with a family dessert celebration at 7pm. Then continue as 6th graders are invited to stay for an over-nighter. They will get to spend time with the leaders who have been a part of their life this last year as well as those who will be leading them in Junior High, and look forward to them joining our Junior High Ministry. More details to come!

Teacher Appreciation

Sunday June, 10th we will have the opportunity to appreciate all our school year volunteers for Sunday School and BEACH Club. Details coming soon.

Jump up Sunday

June 24th is when all our children and students will move to the next grade. Please check the Sunday School board that day for new room locations!

March 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 SHINE Week 5	3
4 2nd Grade Bibles	5	6	7 Beach Club 4-6 grade	8	9 SHINE Week 6	10
11	12	13	14 Beach Club 4-6 grade	15	16 Camp Fundraiser	17
18 Family Ministries Lunch	19	20 Guy Talk 4th-6th Boys	21 Beach Club 4-6 grade	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Beach Club 4-6 grade	29	30	31 Family Easter Experience

April 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Palm Sunday	2	3	4 NO Beach Club	5	6	7
8 Easter 8:30am,9am,11am	9	10	11 NO Beach Club	12	13	14
15 VBS Registration begins	16	17	18 Beach Club 4-6 grade	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Beach Club 4-6 grade	26	27	28
29	30					

May 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Beach Club 4-6 grade	3	4	5
6 Family Communion Sanctuary	7	8	9 Beach Club 4-6 grade	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 LAST BEACH CLUB	17	18	19
20 Family Communion Veritas	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

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