

Church Leadership

This time of transition requires the leadership of ICC to be particularly vigilant in their planning and leading of the church. We ask all members to continue to pray for each of our Elders as they face the many challenges of the church today:



Alex Bermudez

Alex currently serves as Chairman of the Elder Board.



Jim Gerdeen

Jim has been on the Elder Board for one year.



Wing Lai

Wing has served the church in many capacities.

Congregational Survey --- ICC Member Profile

Recently with the help of Gary McKinney a Congregational Survey was held using email. Information gathered from the survey provided the following indicators of who we are. Members are:

- Half under the age of 40, with 1/3 ages 30-39 & 1/3 over 50
- 9 of 10 have a college education, over 2/3 have a graduate degree
- Half were born outside the U.S., and have children at home
- Over half of the children are under the age of 12, and more than 90% speak a language other than English
- Asians & Caucasians each make up 1/3 of the attendants, while Africans and Hispanic account almost equally for the other 1/3.



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ICC “HAPPENINGS”

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“I will build my church.” Matthew 16:18

Introducing: www.icccolumbia.org

The new ICC web site has been launched. It serves as a “tool” to better communicate who we are and what we are all about. It is an excellent way to make available various ICC printed information (provided as printable PDF files in the tab sections). Coupled with the newly prepared church outreach card, each of us now has a wonderful way to tell our story. Be sure and check out the site, and get some church outreach cards to give to friends and other contacts.



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WELCOME

Welcome to our web site. Our name describes who we are, and what we are about - a Christian based church dedicated to serve Internationals in Columbia, MO.

UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY

We focus on assisting Internationals with English language skills by providing a free Conversational English Language Program (CELP). ICC offers numerous opportunities for students to speak English with ICC members from many countries.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE

Additional information is available using the tabs on the left side

Schedule of Events

Worship
Sunday 11:00 am --12:30 pm

Children's Sunday School
Sunday 11:00 am -- 12:30 pm

Conversational English

ICC Outreach Card

It looks much like a business card, and we are hopeful that it will serve for each of us to represent the “business” of ICC ministering to international students and Internationals. It introduces the ICC Conversational English Language Program (CELP) and was designed as a way to let people know about CELP and our new web site. They are available at the church. Be sure and get some to give to your friends and other contacts!



African Choral Group

One of the nicest blessings we receive from being an “international” church is experiencing other cultures. We were particularly blessed with the singing of the African Choral Group. What a joy to hear a worship service in another language and “rhythm.” Their enthusiasm was contagious, and lots of toes were “tapping” throughout the congregation during their performance. Please include them in your prayers for their current efforts in establishing their own church.



Like to know more about....

- ICC Mission Statement
- ICC Purpose
- ICC Plan
- ICC Vision

Check the ICC Website Tab!

From the Editor

This issue of *Happenings* was intended to focus on aspects of the current **transition period** the church is in with the departure of Pastor Paul. Although it truly is a “transition” time for ICC, once we began to look at all the things that were happening we realized that the church continues to function, and function well, as evident by this newsletter. The church still faces many issues, including obtaining a new Pastor. But in the meantime, we are thankful for how well things are going and that God continues to provide for us at ICC.

Guest Speakers

During this transition period when ICC does not have an assigned Pastor, various qualified ICC members have taken turns providing the Sunday Celebration sermons. These have included Jim Gerdeen, Jeff Anderson and Lewis Wimberley. In addition guest speakers have been invited to speak at the Sunday Celebration.



Randy Dolan



Prof. Stephen Montgomery-Smith



Randy Scott

After Church Dinners

A new activity has been initiated occasionally providing a catered food dinner following the Sunday Celebration. Subsidized by the church, a donation of only \$1.00 for children and \$2.00 for adults has made this activity very popular, and a wonderful way to fellowship with church members and guests.

