



### **GENTLE PRAYER**

For I know the plans that I have for you, says the Lord,

plans for peace and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Then you shall call upon Me, and you shall come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you.

You shall seek Me and find Me, when you shall search for Me with all your heart.

### JEREMIAH 29:11-13

(MODERN ENGLISH VERSION)





You're being summoned by someone multiple times. Initially, you're called from a state of despair, dwelling in the darkness where death and sin hold sway (1 Peter 2:9). Afterwards, you're beckoned to walk with the person who called you His own (Isaiah 43:1–2). And now, you're being urged to bring others along to join in following your path as you tread the same trail as the One who initially summoned you (2 Timothy 2:2).

May this guidebook assist you in leading others while following Christ. May you and your fellow believers in the local church continue to thrive as you progress along the path of discipleship. You will discover valuable insights on fellow travelers who can help shoulder your burdens, rejoice in your triumphs, overcome trials, and navigate life's challenges together.

## PEOPLE IS OUR MISSION





### CONNECT WITH GOD, MAKE DISCIPLES

We are called to fulfill the Great Commission, not only to let people know about God and the eternal salvation, but touching hearts, improving lives, and creating second chances. We are here for the people, as a humble servant and wise counsel. We focus on the people, creating impact and changing them for the better.

### **OUR VALUES**



Everyone deserves and is encouraged to belong to a spiritual family.



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Everyone deserves and is encouraged to grow in their ministry.



Everyone is unique and deserves to be treated with love and respect.



Sunday Service is a special time to worship and build relationships.



### PASTOR SUGI HENDRIC Senior Pastor

Pastor Sugi founded IFGF Pinole in 1993 and has been serving as the church's Lead Pastor. That same year he married his wife, Jen. Together, they are blessed with three children: Tiffany, Christian, and Samuel. Ps. Sugi's passion is to raise up next-generation leaders locally in the Bay Area and to share the good news with people in many nations, including Nepal, India, and Bangladesh.



### PASTOR JOSH SURJONO

**Outreach Pastor** 

Pastor Josh is passionate about guiding students and young professionals to know the love of God. He loves meeting new people, and you can usually find him chatting with different people while carrying his adorable baby Zaxton. Come say hi if you've never met him yet!



### PASTOR JEFFRI HALIM

Preaching Team Leader & Caregroup Coach

Pastor Jeffri or Ko Jep has a heart of servanthood. When not preaching, you will find him organizing cables, leading the video crew, or caring for his two daughters. If you have multiple talents just like Ko Jep or an interest in ministering, connect with us!

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# LET'S CONNECT AT CAREGROUP

DM us on Instagram <u>@ifgfpinole</u> or email us at <u>home@ifgfpinole.org</u>.



/ Students / Pleasant Hill (DVC) / Berkeley (Cal) / South Bay

- / Young Professionals / Hayward / Tri-valley / South Bay
- / Young Couple / Tri-valley
- / Young Family / Tri-valley
- / Families Caleb Generation / East Bay Area

For more information: Student Caregroups: Ps. Joshua: +1(951)-522-9581 Young Professional, Couple, and Family Caregroups: David: +1(510)-367-1568

Whatever season you are in, wherever you are from, wherever you live, **you belong.** 



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## DOES ANY OF THESE RESONATE WITH YOU?

Making people feel welcomed is important.

I like to worship using musical instruments.

Design & Art is my passion.

I love taking care of children.

Cooking is my forté.

I want to learn how to do a live-stream video.

I love to fellowship & share the gospel.

## LET'S BUILD THE HOUSE OF THE LORD TOGETHER

We minister and serve as a way to honor God and worship Him. Be part of a ministry today, DM us on our instagram <u>@ifgfpinole</u> or go to <u>ifgfpinole.org/serve</u> to register.

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# BIBLE STUDY

### / COME

Each semester, we hold a six week foundational Bible Study to explore what it means to follow Christ.

We encourage you to join this class if you are interested in knowing more about the Christian faith. For those who desire to minister in the church, attending and completing this class is mandatory.

### / SERVE

As Christians we are called to serve. Yet, serving has slightly different meaning as we know it. Instead of out of obligation, we are called to serve out of our abundance of joy knowing that God loves us. He enables us to serve by blessing us with spiritual gifts, unique personality and interests. Find out what yours are through this eye-opening class.





To register, scan or go to: ifgfpinole.org/biblestudy

# TESTIMONIES

### CALISTA KURNIAWAN

### South Bay CG

My name is Calista, and I am a 19-year-old student at De Anza College, majoring in business administration. Last September, I moved to the United States to pursue my education, knowing no one upon arrival. I started to join the IFGF care group. It's not often that I immediately feel a deep sense of belonging, but this community is capable of that. Therefore, since then, I have started attending care groups every week, along with the IFGF Sunday service. What drew me to this church



is the sense of community it offers. For me. a church is more than a physical building; it is about the individuals who make up the church community. I found it easier to adapt to the new environment while cultivating a strong relationship with God. It helps me gain wisdom, develop my character, improve my interactions with others, and increase my overall well-being. As a result of strengthening my relationship with God and being a part of this community. I made the decision to be baptized at the IFGF church. I wholeheartedly surrendered my life to God and continued to live obediently to please Him every day. I actively participate in IFGF care groups, Sunday services, and events, including a transformative retreat at Lake Tahoe. My involvement in the IFGF community has enriched my relationship with Jesus and facilitated personal growth.

### **CATHLEEN SAPUTRA**

### Berkeley CG

I first heard of IFGF Pinole when I came to the Bay Area during my freshman year in 2021, where such a loving church community welcomed me with open arms. I am truly blessed to be surrounded by such God-loving and God-fearing people who continually support me throughout my faith journey. Witnessing the embodiment of God's love and mercy within this community and in the visible guidance of His hand in how our Berkeley care group has flourished has been nothing short of astounding. Never did I expect to find a student community so rooted in Christ, with such hunger for the word, and so excited to serve and worship, but that was exactly what I found in CG Berkeley.

I thank God every day for planting me here at IFGF Pinole and for all the faith, fellowship, and fun I get to experience. Whether it's the people I get to do life with, those I get to serve alongside, the life-changing moments at our retreats, or the family in Christ I continue to grow with, I have found a spiritual home where I get to worship endlessly together with a close-knit community that supports and uplifts each other. It's safe to say that I wouldn't be the person I am today without IFGF Pinole and everyone in it!



### **ANTONY & ERNA**

#### South Bay Pro CG

I'm Antony, also known as Abang. I first discovered IFGF Pinole in 2005 while studying at Diablo Valley College. My journey with the church has been one of growth and faith, from the Pinole campus to the satellite campus in San Ramon. My wife, Erna, joined me on this spiritual journey just six months ago, in December 2022.

Living abroad for 18 years has been challenging. From navigating college to university, job hunting, visa applications, and even the struggle to secure a marriage visa, we've faced numerous trials. These hardships could have easily led us to distance ourselves from our church and community. However, our church community's unwavering support and prayers have been our beacon of hope. Our story is a testament to the power of community, demonstrating how it can bring us closer to Jesus, even in the face of adversity.



# UPCOMING EVENTS



Oct 2023	Fall Retreat
Nov 12, 2023	30th Anniversary
Feb 2024	Spring Retreat
Mar 31, 2024	Resurrection Sunday Celebration

### JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SERVICE

### PINOLE CAMPUS / 2:15 PM

Pinole Valley Community Church 2885 Pinole Valley Road Pinole, CA 94565

### TRI-VALLEY CAMPUS / 10:30 AM

Bollinger Canyon Elementary 2300 Talavera Dr San Ramon, CA 94583

### SOUTH BAY CAMPUS / 2:30 PM

550 E Remington Drive Sunnyvale, CA 94087 (Neighborhood Room in The Recreation Center Building)

### MISSED A SUNDAY SERVICE?

We got you covered, listen to the latest sermons at <u>ifgfpinole.org/sermons/.</u>







These service times may change. For the most updated information, scan the QR code or visit our website at <u>ifgfpinole.org</u>.