

OUR MISSION

The International Christian Fellowship exists to facilitate Christian Community and make disciples among the English-speaking population of San Pedro Sula.

OUR VISION

To be a radiating center for the gospel locally (in San Pedro Sula), regionally (in Honduras) and globally, fulfilling the great commission of Matthew 28:16-20.

OUR BELIEFS

1. We believe in the Bible as the inspired, infallible, authoritative Word of God.
2. We believe that there is but one true and living God, who is everlasting, infinite in power, full of love, wisdom and goodness; that He is the creator of all things, visible and invisible. We believe in the Trinity - that there are three persons of individual essence, who are co-equal, co-existent and co-eternal - namely the Father (Whose name has variously transliterated to English as Yahweh or Jehovah), the Son (Jesus Christ - God Incarnate) and the Holy Spirit (the Great Comforter).
3. We believe man is a created being, made in the likeness and image of God, but through Adam's transgression and fall sin came into the world. Romans 5:12 (NIV) Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned--
4. We believe that Salvation is made possible through the death of Jesus Christ on the cross and His resurrection on the third day. Salvation is the gift of God to man, separate from works, based on grace through faith in Jesus Christ.
5. We believe in water baptism by immersion for believers (Matt.28:19). This ordinance is the Christian's identification with Christ and His church.
6. We believe the ordinance of The Lord's Supper is a commandment of our Savior; and is a memorial to His death and resurrection.
7. We believe in a literal Hell and a literal Heaven-Hell being a place of eternal separation for those that have rejected Jesus Christ as Savior. Heaven is a place of eternal fellowship with God, for the Christian.
8. We believe in the imminent coming of our Lord, admonishing us to be watchful. We believe we should live holy lives. This belief motivates us to be urgent and zealous in evangelizing the unsaved.
9. International Christian Fellowship believes that The Bible teaches that marriage is the exclusive, covenant relationship between one man and one woman.

OUR CORE VALUES

To be an international community that is...

- * Welcoming - We welcome all who come our way and we desire to provide them a home away from home in a caring international community where they can belong and grow.
- * Worshipping - In response to God's grace to us in Christ, we seek to glorify God in every area of life and gather to worship Him for who He is and all He has done for us through Christ.
- * Teaching - We are committed to clear, balanced, Christ-centered teaching and preaching because we believe that God's Spirit continues to speak through God's Word to transform lives.
- * Caring - We desire to be a caring, gospel-centered community, accepting others despite differences in culture and background, and voluntarily sharing our time, gifts and resources with each other for the building up of the body.
- * Serving - The gospel moves us to humbly love and serve those around us in Honduras and further. We are committed to spreading the gospel in word and deed - sharing our hope in Christ, demonstrating compassion, and working for justice and renewal in society - both directly and in partnership with other churches, ministries, and missionaries.
- * Equipping - We believe in godly servant leadership that is committed to helping each person follow Jesus and use his or her gifts to serve the church and the world.
- * Sending - Our desire is that all who come through and invest in this community of believers will become more Christ-like, receive fresh vision, and be equipped to be more effective as salt and light wherever God leads them.

CHURCH OVERVIEW

ICF was founded in 1997. Prior to the Corona virus pandemic, we had approximately 50-60 adult members plus children. The attendance on Sunday mornings was 70-100 including 20-30 children involved in Sunday School or the nursery. As a result of the pandemic, our weekly attendance has declined to about 25 people. The church meets every Sunday afternoon at 2:00 in a borrowed Spanish church building.

The congregation of ICF comes from a wide variety of denominations and church backgrounds. The majority of members are North Americans or Hondurans but we also have members from, El Salvador, the Philippines, Russia, Haiti and other countries. Essentially, most are English-speakers but we have provided a Spanish translation for

those that do not speak English. ICF members are educators, business people, missionaries, lawyers, medical professionals, students, and stay-at-home spouses.

CHURCH STRUCTURE

We have an Elder-led church structure. The pastor also serves as an Elder. The self-supported pastor receives a stipend to help offset housing expenses.

CHURCH LIFE

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| <p>Sunday worship service: Worship and song Call to worship Shared Prayer Offering Weekly Communion Preaching/ teaching</p> <p>Activities for adults Weekly prayer and Bible study</p> <p>Ministry Teams Worship Discipleship Missions Administrative Fellowship</p> <p>Small Groups Weekly- Ladies Coffee</p> | <p>Activities for youth</p> <p>Activities for children ICF Kids - age 0 thru 6th grade - meets during the sermon portion of the Sunday service Weekly - Age 0-6th Grade - Children’s Church during the sermon portion of the service</p> <p>Events Easter Sunrise Service Easter Children’s Celebration Fall Festival Annual Thanksgiving meal and outreach Annual Christmas Eve Service Monthly Community Outreach in Public Hospital</p> |
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LOOKING AHEAD

Statement Concerning ICF's Vision

ICF seeks to be a community of spiritual nourishment for English-speaking believers That encourages, inspires, challenges, and equips members of the ICF community to grow deep in Christ (in order to know, love, and obey Him more)

In such a way that they live out their faith in word and deed as effective witnesses for Him in their unique spheres of influence.

ICF members stand alongside one another in ministry - both in the secular workplace and in mission organizations. They encourage, support, and aid one another in outreach such as: inner city soup kitchens, feeding programs, education and community development programs, orphan care, textile and trade industry, and parent/child play groups.

Strengths

- Diversity brings many perspectives, gifts, and experiences
- Members seek and need the family community of the church as most are away from "home" and "family".
- Several unique ministries represented in the body provide various inroads into the community.

Challenges

- People from different backgrounds, cultures, and denominations
- Constant turnover of people
- Members and regulars are busy and multi-committed

WHAT MEMBERS SAY ABOUT ICF

- ▶ We provide a church to those who need and crave a place to worship in the English language or feel more comfortable with a church body comprised mostly of foreigners. ICF becomes FAMILY to those far from "home".
- ▶ Our church is a warm, loving, caring church. Without our church I would be much drier than I am now, and therefore; I'm grateful that she is here.
- ▶ A place of worship & praise and a REFUGE for so many mission teams and of course so many ex-patriates that reside & work in this area.
- ▶ ICF has been a RESPITE for me - to be among God's people in a crazy world. A place to find rest, greeting and relationship, in a balanced gospel atmosphere. The Bible teaching has provided pastoral correction and assurance, and the consideration of the

members as well as staff has "called me by name" when my own ministry situation that has often been lonely if not alienating. The teaching has been Biblical without being sectarian, providing much needed nourishment for my hungry heart. Not only so, but ICF was, without being pushy, quick to permit my participation in my giftedness, without pushing me into areas where I would not do well.... And the emphasis on weekly communion has permitted me assurance of continued cleansing, when the world I live in dirties me every day.