A New Beginning with Hayward

HISTORY

By the Lord's sovereignty, the church in Hayward has had **three** "**new beginnings.**" We began in **1978**, and bought a meeting hall in 1979. The Lord blessed us with much solid increase. Eventually, many saints migrated to begin other new localities as the remaining saints joined the church in Pleasanton for about six years. However, the Lord brought us back to Hayward for a second start around **2008**. This year, **2022**, the Lord unexpectedly gave us a new meeting hall close to the CSU East Bay campus and many new residential areas. Now we sense a **third new beginning in resurrection**, and **we are looking for saints to join us in this fresh, new church life!**

CURRENT CHURCH LIFE

The church in Hayward currently consists of 25-35 saints of all ages, from young people to retired seniors. Currently, we have 10-12 in the children's meeting , 5-6 YP, 2-3 college age, 4-5 YWS and the remainder being older working or retired saints. Regularly scheduled meetings are Lord's Day, Tuesday prayer meeting, Thursday dinners, Friday small group, and Saturday YP. We also have a bi-monthly blending time with the saints in Fremont. The Chinese-speaking saints from Union City meet in one of the larger classrooms at the new Hayward meeting hall as well. While the current number of saints in Hayward is small, **the Lord has truly blessed the church life here in a very blended way.**

CAMPUS WORK

Starting in 2018, the saints in Hayward have given renewed attention to the students at Cal State East Bay (CSUEB). The campus has 16,000 students and it was ranked #3 by The Chronicle of Higher Education in 2018 of the Most Diverse Public Institutions in the continental US. We have an active student club and are assisted by the SJSU campus team in our outreach to the students. Before the pandemic, we had 5 attend the National College Training and 8 attend the NorCal College Conference. **Please join us to reach many more young students on campus to become part of the one new man for the Lord!**

CITY HIGHLIGHTS

The city of Hayward is being actively re-developed in many places, especially in South Hayward near our meeting hall. There are many brand-new housing units being built with many young families moving in. The city has a good mix of industrial. commercial, as well as residential areas. In addition, Hayward is probably one of the last "affordable" areas in the Bay Area, while still being "commutable" to the various employment hubs around the bay. In terms of public transit, there are 2 BART stations in the city of Hayward. Hayward is ranked #3 nationally as the most ethno-racially and linguistically diverse city in America. It is the sixth largest city in the Bay Area and the third largest in Alameda County. Median age is 34.6 years

HAYWARD WELCOMES YOU

- Hayward is a young, vibrant church, with some mature saints, burdened for the gospel.
- Hayward has **a lot of potential** for children's work, laboring with young people, and with college students.
- We need shepherds to cherish and nourish the new ones.
- To see some recent pictures of our new meeting hall, please go to our church website, <u>http://churchinhayward.org</u>
- Click on **Connect with Us** to **receive updates** and **prayer burdens**.
- We currently have two rooms available for young brothers interested in corporate living -- "Below market rent, and an easy commute to work around the Bay Area."

