

## Weekly Schedule at Wiersberg Strasse:

### Sundays:

Worship Service 15:00 - 16:30  
Pre-school - Children's Bible Study 15:00 - 16:30  
We have an excellent Bible study and children's program for your children during the worship service for the youth and adults. We encourage you to allow your children to go with the other children as they leave the worship service together with the teachers.

### Wednesdays:

Prayer Service & Bible Study 18:30 - 19:30

### Fridays:

Choir Rehearsal 19:00 - 20:00

### Church Leadership:

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*The International Baptist Church of Cologne is a congregation of believers who gather to worship our God through Jesus Christ, His Son. We strive to be a caring and loving group of Christians who give faithful witness to the salvation available to all through faith in Jesus Christ. Our congregation is a participating member of the International Baptist Convention and the Bund Evangelisch-Freikirchlicher Gemeinden in Deutschland.*

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# Baptismal Service

FRIDAY 18:30



Beginning on the 7. September, we will be worshipping at the Nathanael Kirche facilities on Escher Straße 160. Our Sunday meeting time will be 2:00 pm, an hour earlier than at present.

8 AUGUST 2008

The Confession of Faith by Linda and Henry Okundaye



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8 August 2008  
at the Friedenskirche Köln

**BAPTISMAL SERVICE**  
in  
Confession of Faith in Christ

**Praise to Our God**  
“Daystar”

Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir (recording)

Prelude

Welcome to the Service

Invocation

Hymn of Praise, “O Happy Day” (see insert)

Responsive Reading,<sup>1</sup>

*Affirming God’s Command, Matthew 28:16-20*

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them.

**When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted.**

And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

**Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,**

and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.

**And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”**

Chorus, “All About Jesus”

The Congregation

**The Confessing of Faith**

The Sharing of Faith

Conversion Testimony of Linda Akinyi - Okundaye

Conversion Testimony of Henry Okundaye

Hymn of Confession, “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

The Congregation

I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus,  
No turning back, no turning back.

Tho none go with me I still will follow,  
Tho none go with me I still will follow,  
Tho none go with me I still will follow,  
No turning back, no turning back.

My cross I’ll carry till I see Jesus,  
My cross I’ll carry till I see Jesus,  
My cross I’ll carry till I see Jesus,  
No turning back, no turning back.

**The Affirmation of Faith through Baptism**

Liturgy of Affirmation

Pastor, “Do you, Linda and Henry, by your baptism profess faith in Christ as your Savior and Lord? And do you commit yourself to faithfully serve Him?”

**Candidates, “I do”**

Pastor, “Do you, the members of IBC Church Cologne, pledge yourselves to pray for, to give encouragement to, and to help these candidates serve Christ through our congregation?”

**Congregation, “We do”**

Sermon, “Christian Baptism,” Matt. 28:16-20  
Baptism

Bro. Lorin Cranford

Scripture Reading, Rom. 12:9

Bro. Juan Arroyo

Prayer of Blessing

Bro. Lorin Cranford

Baptism of Henry Okundaye

Chorus, “I’m Trading my Sorrows”

The Congregation

Scripture Reading, Phil. 4:6

Sister Joyce Auko

Prayer of Blessing

Bro. Lorin Cranford

Baptism of Linda Akinyi - Okundaye

Chorus, “I’m Trading my Sorrows”

The Congregation

Chorus, “I Surrender All”

The Congregation

Benediction

Bro. Lorin Cranford

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**The Significance of This Baptismal Service**

In Baptist heritage and tradition, baptism, as taught by God’s Word, is a public confession of one’s personal faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Thus, only one old enough to personally profess faith can be baptized scripturally. As such it must be by immersion of candidates in water and be administered by an ordained minister acting under the authorization of a local congregation. As one of the two church ordinances commanded by Jesus to His followers, baptism pictures the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ as the basis of one’s hope of salvation. Additionally it symbolizes to the individual death to the old life, the laying aside of that life in burial, and the spiritual resurrection to new life in Christ. With one’s baptism as a profession of faith in Christ, membership in a local congregation then is granted by the church.

Linda and Henry thus confess their faith in Christ as Savior and Lord in this service. We, the members of the International Baptist Convention church of Cologne, welcome Linda and Henry into full membership in our church on the basis of their baptism. We pledge to them our prayers, encouragement and support as they seek to serve Christ through the ministries of our congregation.

<sup>1</sup>The Pastor reads the light print, and the congregation, in unison, reads the **dark print**.

Scripture Reading for Henry:

by  
Bro. Juan Arroyo

Rom. 12:9

Text to be read:

Henry, today you profess faith in Christ through your baptism. You have chosen Romans 12:9 as the scripture text that you want to live by in your service to the Lord.

Hear then what God says to you through His Word.

**“Your love must be real. Hate what is evil, and hold on to what is good.”**

Henry, may God help you live by this teaching so that He can bless your service to Him.

Scripture Reading for Linda:

by  
Sister Joyce Auko

Phil. 4:6

Text to be read:

Linda, today you profess faith in Christ through your baptism. You have chosen Philippians 4:6 as the scripture text that you want to live by in your service to the Lord.

Hear then what God says to you through His Word.

**“Don’t worry about anything, but in all your prayers ask God for what you need, always asking him with a thankful heart.”**

Linda, may God help you live by this teaching so that He can bless your service to Him.

## O Happy Day<sup>1</sup>

### Stanza 1:

O hap-py day that fixed my choice  
On thee, my Sav - ior and my God!  
Well may this glow - ing heart re-joice,  
And tell its rap - tures all a - broad.

### Refrain:

Hap - py day, hap - py day,  
When Jes - sus washed my sins a - way!  
He taught me have to watch and pray,  
And live re - joic-ing ev - 'ry day;  
Hap - py day, hap - py day,  
When Je - sus washed my sins a - way.

### Stanza 2:

'Tis done - the great trans - ac - tion's done,  
I am my Lord's, and he is mine;  
He drew me and I fol - lowed on,  
Re - joiced to own the call di - vine.

(repeat refrain)

### Stanza 3:

High heav'n that hears the sol - emn vow,  
that vow re - newed shall dai - ly hear;  
Till in life's lat - est hour I bow,  
And bless, in death, a bond so dear.

(repeat refrain)

<sup>1</sup>Baptist Hymnal, nr. 457; Words: Philip Doddridge; Refrain: Anonymous

## I Surrender All<sup>1</sup>

### Stanza 1:

All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der,  
All to him I free - ly give;  
I will ev - er love and trust him,  
In his pres -ence dai - ly live.

### Refrain:

I sur - ren - der all, I sur - ren - der all  
All to thee, my bless - ed Sav - ior,  
I sur - ren - der all.

### Stanza 2:

All to Jes - us I sur - ren - der,  
Make me, Sav - ior, whol - ly thine;  
Let me feel thy Ho - ly Spir - it,  
Tru - ly know that thou art mine.

(repeat refrain)

### Stanza 3:

All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der,  
Lord, I give my - self to thee;  
Fill me with thy love and pow - er,  
Let thy bless - ing fall on me.

(repeat refrain)

<sup>1</sup>Baptist Hymnal, nr. 347; Words: Judson W. Van DeVenter; Music: Winfield S. Weeden