

Weekly Schedule:

Sundays:

Choir Rehearsal 13:00 - 13:45¹
Worship Service 14:00 - 15:30
Pre-school - Children's Bible Study 14:00 - 15:30
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

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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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¹All members who would be a part of the worship team are encouraged to be present one hour before the beginning of the worship service in order to prepare the music for the worship service.



The Worship of God

SUNDAY 14:00



4 JANUARY 2009

We welcome you to worship with us.

Escher Straße 160 (Bilderstöckchen)
50739 Köln



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04 January 2009
THE WORSHIP OF GOD
 in
 Seeking God's Blessing on our Church

Preparing for Worship

Worship Team

Chorus "Open the Eyes of my Heart Lord"
 Chorus "My Jesus My Savior"
 Chorus "Fear Not"

Welcome and Announcements
 Birthday Recognitions

Vivian von Piechowski
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We Praise God

A Summons to Praise from God's Word,
 The Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet are like
 burnished bronze, says this: I know your deeds and your love and faith
 and service and perseverance, and that your deeds of late are greater
 than at first.... Nevertheless what you have, hold fast until I come. (Rev.

Bro. Lorin

2:18-19, 25 (NASB)

Invocation¹

Solomon Idemudia

Hymn of Praise "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Hymn nr. 13

We Seek God's Care

The Sharing of Needs
 Pastoral Intercession for Needs

Congregation
 Bro. Lorin

We Share God's Saving Grace

Scripture lesson: Responsive Reading² nr. 591

Bro. Lorin & Congregation

Offeratory Prayer

Francis Adoga

Offeratory Hymn "Redeemed How I Love to Proclaim It"

Hymn nr. 446

Receiving the Offerings³

Chorus "Give Thanks"

We Hear God's Word

Sermon "God's Church under Blessing," Acts 2:41-47

Bro. Lorin

Invitation Hymn⁴ "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

Hymn nr. 191

The Benediction

Bro. Lorin

Closing Chorus "I Will Sing of the Mercies"

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²The pastor reads the light print and the congregation reads in unison the **darkened print**.

³Our congregation is a Free Church and thus receives financial support only from the free will offerings of the members and others who wish to contribute to the ministries of the church. For fund transfer, use the following information for the church: Kölner Bank, BLZ: 37160087; Konto, 680020000.

⁴For those wishing to publicly confess Christ as Savior and Lord, to rededicate your life to serving Christ, or to request membership in the church by transfer of letter, you should come forward to speak with the pastor about your desire. Pastor Lorin will help you follow the Lord's leadership in public decision.

Prayer Concerns

Our church maintains a Prayer List of requests submitted by members and friends. Everyone is encouraged to submit the names of individuals etc., who need the prayers of the church. We will post these names on a printed list each week. On Wednesday evening especially, the church will be praying for each need that is listed. But members are also encouraged to take this list home, place it in your Bible, and each day as you spend time reading the scriptures to be reminded to pray for these individuals on the Prayer List. To submit a name, just write it out on a slip of paper and hand it to the pastor or one of the Church Council members listed on the bulletin.

Calendar of Events⁵

Wednesday:

18:30 - 19:30

Prayer and Bible Study at the church

This Wednesday evening we resume the study of the book of James, with Jas. 3:1-12.

Upcoming IBC events:

(more info on website/IBC office)

16-19 January: Men's Conference, Lenk, Switzerland

13-17 March: Ministry Leadership Conference, Algarve, Portugal

4-9 July: Interlaken Summer Experience, Interlaken, Switzerland

Euroventure Youth Camp, Grindelwald, Switzerland

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Sermon Series

Beginning with today's service, I will be bringing a series of sermons under the general heading of "God's Church." For the next several weeks we will explore what the New Testament has to say about the nature, structure, and mission of the church. Hopefully we can learn to better serve Christ as a congregation through this study of God's Word.

Closely connected to this is a new internet structure at <http://cranfordville.com/IBC> Cologne for the worship services. The new listing will post a page for each month with the following materials available each week:

Bulletin

Sermon Brief

Background Bible Study

Photos of the service



The **Sunday Bulletin** will continue to be posted, usually by Friday before the coming Sunday. This is an advanced copy of the printed bulletin for Sunday. It is especially useful for those with a responsibility in the worship service. Additionally, a hyperlink to instrumental music for the hymns is available for those unfamiliar with any of the scheduled hymns.

The **Sermon Brief** is a new feature and will contain an overview of the Sunday morning sermon with highlights and major sermon points, and will be posted by Monday after the Sunday service.

The **Background Bible Study** is a detailed study of the scripture text for the sermon, containing usually about 18 to 25 pages of study materials. For those who want to go deeper into the scripture text, and who want to understand the basis of my sermonic interpretation of the text, this will provide in depth treatment much beyond the treatment possible in the sermon.

Photo albums of the worship service will continue to be posted in our Google Photos web site. This is for everyone's enjoyment of the service. When Claire has taken the picture, a much higher resolution copy is available by request for you to print out.

⁵**Alert to parents of preschool children:** it will be very important for you to keep your children *closely supervised* while inside the building. They must not be allowed to wander around and get into rooms etc. that are not a part of our lease agreement. Thank you for taking care of this.

Please take a copy home with you in order to remember to pray for these concerns.

Prayer List¹

IBC Baptist Church
of Cologne
as of 4 January 2009

He [Jesus] was teaching and saying, "Is it not written, "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations?" (Mark 11:17)

The following indicates individuals and situations that we as members of the International Baptist Church in Cologne need to be praying for daily.

- For possible mission projects next summer. The International Baptist Convention has entered into a partnership agreement with the Virginia Baptist Convention for joint mission ventures. Beginning conversations have taken place between Pastor Lorin and Craig Waddell, mission projects coordinator for the VBMB, about a mission group for sometime in June or July of 2009. Be much in prayer for God's guidance into how we can partner with Virginia Baptists in outreach activities to win people to Christ in our city.
- Pastor Lorin and Claire. Pray that they will make the transition into retirement and ministry to the church easily and smoothly.
- For former members of IBC church Cologne, that many of them will find God leading them to return to active service in our church. We rejoice over those whom God has led to reunite with our church already this fall.
- For national leaders around the world as they try to come to grips with the deepening economic troubles world wide. In the past such difficulties have often preceded major wars. Pray that God will intervene to give wisdom for solving these problems quickly and without violent conflict developing.
- For the world wide ministries of Christ to the World Ministries (CTTWM). Pastor Lorin has served for several years as biblical and theological editor, as well as writer, for this Texas based organization that broadcasts radio dramas and Bible studies to over 100 million people scattered all the way from Russia to China and Korea.
- For the Russian Christians and specifically for the Far East Broadcasting (FEBC). CTTWM recently received word from the FEBC National Director Rudi Wiens of growing concerns that he has over growing political tensions against evangelical Christianity.
- For several new projects currently underway by CTTWM: 1) radio broadcasts throughout Pakistan began on Oct. 30; 2) beginning broadcasts in the Hindi language, the 4th language throughout December in Mongolia; 3) preparations for teaching Chinese seminary students in nine cities over China during February 2009; 4) preparations for broadcasts of the gospel from Radio Sotak in Baghdad Iraq via the internet targeting the middle east; 6) for the recruiting of several more volunteers with experience in radio broadcast script writing to develop the radio broadcasts more rapidly, along with graphic artists and Bible study guide writers.
- For our church as we move into a new year with many exciting plans for growth and

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outreach to our city.

- For the finance team who will shortly begin working on a proposed budget to be presented to the church at the end of January for its consideration and approval.



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CareNet

On the IBC CareNet Prayer Calender for Jan. 4:

IBC Church to Pray for today:

IBC Church, Copenhagen, Denmark
IBC Church, Brackley, England

Pastor & Wife Team:

Erik & Kim Nielson / Tom & Barbara Suiter
Peter Idris & Ruth Taylor

These IBC churches are currently seeking pastors:

Germany:

Immanuel Baptist Church, Wiesbaden
IBC Stuttgart
IBC Hamburg
IBC Hannover

England:

Sedge Fen Baptist Church

Netherlands:

Emmanuel Baptist Church, Hoensbroek
IBC Eindhoven

Russia:

Moscow International Christian Fellowship

Slovakia:

IBC Bratislava

Ukraine:

Kiev International Bible Church

Tanzania:

IBC Dar es Salaam

Pray for the pastor search committee of these sister congregations.

Prayer for Brian & Christine Butler who begin their ministry to the IBC Buenos Aires church this month.



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