

Weekly Schedule:

Sundays:

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

Fridays: (at Pastor's home in Wesseling)

Choir Rehearsal 18:30 - 19:30

Church Leadership:

Interim Pastor	Calvin Hogue Home nr. 02236 331 3023 Cell phone nr. 0173 145 3618
Pastor	Lorin Cranford lorin.cranford@gmail.com Home nr. 02236 702 5102
Evangelism	Billy D'Almeida evangelism@ibc-cologne.com
Welcome	Vivian von Piechowski welcome@ibc-cologne.com
Church Secretary	Linda Akinyi-Okundaye churchsecretary@ibc-cologne.com
Worship Ministry	Solomon Idemudia worship-ministry@ibc-cologne.com
Children's Ministry	Marianne D'Almeida children@ibc-cologne.com
Treasurer	Kingsley Edosomwan treasury@ibc-cologne.com
Financial Secretary	Francis Adoga finance@ibc-cologne.com

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.

IBC - International Baptist Church Cologne
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The Worship of God

SUNDAY 14:00



14 DECEMBER 2008

We welcome you to worship with us.

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50739 Köln (Bilderstöckchen)

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14 December 2008
THE WORSHIP OF GOD
 in
 Celebrating Advent

Call to Worship
 Praise and Worship

Chorus, "Give Me Oil in My Lamp"
 Chorus, "Hosanna"
 Chorus, "Blessed be the Name of the Lord"

Welcome and Announcements
 Birthday Recognitions

Hymn of Praise "Joy to the World"
 Invocation¹

Thanksgiving for God's Blessings
 Worship Around the World

Global Missions Offering

Offertory Hymn "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

Offertory Prayer
 Receiving the Tithes and Offerings²

Chorus "Shine, Jesus Shine"
 Dedication in Marriage, Mr. & Mrs. Solomon Idemudia

Special Music
 Proclaiming the Word,
 Hymn of Invitation, "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"
 The Benediction
 Chorus "King of Kings"

An Invitation:

Anyone who feels led of God to profess faith in Christ is invited to come forward to the front of the sanctuary during the Invitation time at the end of the sermon. Pastor Hogue will greet you and help you publicly confess faith in Christ as Savior and Lord. Those wishing to join the church by transfer of church letter should come forward at this time as well. Additionally, those wishing to rededicate themselves to serving Christ should come forward.

Birthday List

Those who are celebrating birthdays this coming week are invited to come forward during the

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²Our 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.



Pastor Hogue

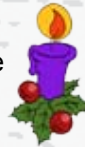
Pastor Hogue
 Pastor Hogue

Hymn nr. 68
 Billy D'Almeida
 led by Pastor Hogue

Hymn nr. 62
 Kingsley Edosomwan

by Pastor Hogue

Avram Sturz
 Pastor Hogue
 Hymn nr. 191
 Pastor Hogue



Third Sunday of Advent



recognition time so that the pastor can pray for each one.

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 Bro. Calvin or one of the Church Council members listed on the bulletin.

Important Dates to Remember:

Dec. 31: New Year's Service with Pastor Lorin & Claire

Jan. 16-19 IBC Lenk Winter Conference for Men



IBC Home Missions Children's Sanatorium Russia 20%
 Together We Build Grace Fellowship England 20%

Global Missions



Offering 2008

IBC Church Planting 5%
 IMP 5%
 Emergency Projects 5%

Adventus

The four Sundays of Advent are now celebrated universally by different Christian groups, although from its beginning in the fifth century AD the celebration was dominantly a Roman Catholic tradition. The name Advent comes from the Latin *Adventus*, which means 'arrival' or 'coming.' The focus of the four week celebration is, and should be, to prepare oneself spiritually for celebrating the coming of Christ into this world. Christians in the west celebrate the birthday of Christ on Dec. 25, while Eastern Orthodox Christians celebrate it later in January. The Dec. 25 tradition became official in 435 AD as a replacement of the celebration of the birthday of of Persian god Mithras and the Roman *Natalis Solis Invicit* celebration of their sun god on Dec. 25. The lighting of candles during Advent began among German Lutherans. The symbolism of the candles differs but generally underscores the royalty of Christ as the saving Light of the world. May we use these Sundays to prepare our hearts for the coming of our Savior.



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 14 December 2008

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.

- Calvin and Betty Ann Hogue. Pastor, we pledge to pray for God's blessings on your leadership of the church in the coming months. We pledge to continue praying for you in ministry as the time to return to California nears.
- 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 as they are in the process of selling their home in North Carolina and preparing for the move to Germany on December 29. Pray that God will send a buyer soon. *Our return trip to Germany is now booked for a flight from Charlotte to Frankfurt on Dec. 29 with arrival Tuesday morning, Dec. 30.* We are now in the final countdown of 15 days until we return home to Wesseling.
- 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

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in which we do broadcasts through out India; 3) the broadcasts of the Life of Christ series throughout December in Mongolia; 4) preparations for teaching Chinese seminary students in nine cities over China during February 2009; 5) 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 outreach to our city.



International
Baptist Convention



CareNet

On the IBC CareNet Prayer Calender for Dec. 14:

IBC Church to Pray for today:

Heidelberg (IBC), Germany
Hannover (ICC), Germany

Pastor & Wife:

Bob & Debbie Hnat
Altus & Diane Newell, Jan & Giner Horak

These IBC churches are currently seeking pastors:

Argentina:	IBC Buenos Aires
Germany:	Immanuel Baptist Church, Wiesbaden IBC Stuttgart IBC Hamburg IBC Hannover IBC Munich
England:	Sedge Fen Baptist Church
Netherlands:	Emmanuel Baptist Church, Hoensbroek IBC Eindhoven
Russia:	Moscow International Christian Fellowship
Slovakia:	IBC Bratislava
Tanzania:	IBC Dar es Salaam

Pray for the pastor search committee of these sister congregations.

