

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.

IBC - International Baptist Church Cologne

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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



1 FEBRUARY 2009

We welcome you to worship with us.

Escher Straße 160 (Bilderstöckchen)

50739 Köln



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1 February 2009
THE WORSHIP OF GOD
at
the Lord's Table

We Praise God

Preparing for Worship

Chorus
Chorus
Chorus

"We Will Give Ourselves, No Rest"
"Salvation belongs to our God"
"When the Music Fades"

Worship Team

Vivian von Piechowski
Vivian von Piechowski

Welcome and Announcements
Birthday Recognitions
Business Meeting to Adopt IBC Annual Report

A Summons to Praise
Invocation¹
Hymn of Praise,

Psalms 150:1-2
"Revive Us Again"

Bro. Lorin
Sandi Prevost
Hymn nr. 263

We Seek God's Mercy

The Sharing of Needs
Affirming God's Mercy, Responsive Reading²

Congregation
Psalm 103

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits —

who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.

He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.

He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

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

as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.

The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children.

Intercession for Needs

Bro. Lorin

We Adore God's Son

"All to Jesus I Surrender"

Hymn nr. 374

Offeratory Hymn
Receiving the Offerings³
Offertory Prayer
Personal Testimony

Billy D'Almeida
Jason Provost

We Remember God's Gift

Special Music, "Je lève les yeux vers les montagnes" (Ps 121)
"Dieu tout puissant" (Baptist Hymnal Nr. 35)

Marianne D'Almeida

Sermon, "God's Church: At the Lord's Table," 1 Cor. 11:17-34

Bro. Lorin

Invitation Hymn

"Just As I Am"

Hymn nr. 187

Chorus,

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

Bro. Lorin

Preparation for Supper Observance "Were You There?"

Remembering the Broken Body through the Bread

The Scriptural Reminder, Luke 22:19

The Blessing of the Bread

The Partaking of the Bread

Remembering the Shed Blood through the Cup

The Scriptural Reminder, Luke 22:20

The Blessing of the Cup

The Partaking of the Cup

The Benediction

Bro. Lorin

Chorus

"I will Call upon the Lord"

An Invitation:

For 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.

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.

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 1 February 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.
- For Joe Phiri, who is recovering from surgery this week at the Universitätsklinikum.
- For President Barack Obama of the United States as he assumes leadership of that country and begins impacting other countries around the world.
- 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 Norman Bridges, a member of the Sunday School class at First Baptist Church, Shelby, NC. Norman had a growth on his spine removed surgically last week, and the prognosis is that he will never be able to walk again because of the nerve damage. The report the latter part of this week is encouraging that he will not experience full paralysis.
- For our church as we move into a new year with many exciting plans for growth and outreach to our city.
- For the finance team who is working on a proposed budget to be presented to the church at the middle of February for its consideration and approval. The process is moving along with the Church Council considering the budget during the first weeks of February, and then the church adopting a budget by the end of February.
- For God's peace to reign in the war torn country of Zimbabwe.
- For the ProChrist crusade coming up March 29 - April 5. People all over Germany will have the opportunity to hear the Gospel message presented by Ulrich Parzany, a former leader of the YMCA in Germany.

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- For the Evangelism Team who will be leading our church in the ProChrist crusade.
- For the country of Costa Rica that suffered a very destructive earth quake on Jan. 8. Here is a letter from Pastor Ron Tucker:

Greetings from IBC in Costa Rica. I'm addressing this to leaders of a number of churches abroad who are unaware of our disaster here, and have been unable to help us because they don't know the need. Please pass it on to your pastor or the appropriate leadership and pray with us here that God will lead all of us to do great things for Him. This, then, is information, and a request as well for intervention. God's people always respond well to known needs.

Members of San Jose's International Baptist Church yesterday toured some of the devastated area from the 6.2 earthquake of January 8. Twenty-three bodies have been recovered, many are still missing. More than 425 homes were totally destroyed, and over 2000 people are in makeshift shelters, many in tent cities. Total damage is estimated at over \$100 000 000.00 US dollars. One highway has to be rerouted.

We zeroed in on the Fraijanes area where Pastor Roy Soto of the Shalom Church and 8 or 10 other area pastors have taken charge of the relief work. Lots of goods have been received there and our carload added to them, but to our great surprise, the money we could offer, about \$300, was the first money they had received at all!



On the IBC CareNet Prayer Calender for Feb. 1:

IBC Church to Pray for today:

Buenos Aires, Argentina
Vienna, Austria
Antwerp, Belgium

Pastor & Wife Team:

Brian & Christine Butler
Jon & Suzanne Wright
Mark & Angela Pertuit

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

Spain

Calahonda Baptist Church

Norway

NSBC Stavanger

Slovakia:

IBC Bratislava

Tanzania:

IBC Dar es Salaam

Calendar of Events⁴

Sunday
Today Immediately After the worship service, all young people interested in forming a youth musical group are asked to meet with Toby and Ordi at the front of the sanctuary.

Wednesday:
 18:30 - 19:30 Prayer and Bible Study at the church
 James 4:13-17

March 31 - April 5

19:30 Uhr ProChrist Evangelism Crusade in Köln Nippes

The ProChrist crusade is coming at the end of March. Our church will be a participant in this effort to reach out to the city of Cologne, and indeed, all of Germany with the Gospel message. We join other area Baptist churches, Brethern churches, and several Christian groups who are sponsoring the Cologne segment of the crusade.

- Put this date, 29 March - 5 April, on your calendar. You will be hearing more details as time goes by. The Evangelism Team is having a planning meeting soon and will make recommendations to the church about specific ways we can be involved.
- The meeting will be held in a large tent in a park not far from our church.
- Herzliche Einladung zu spannenden Abenden mit Musik, Theater, Gesprächen und einer unglaublichen Nachricht in Köln
- Predigt jeden Abend bei Pfr. Ulrich Parzany
- Jeden Abend ab 19:30 Uhr vom 29. März bis 5. April



July 4 - 9

The Interlocken Summer Experience

This is the annual IBC summer retreat for leaders and members of the International Baptist Convention church world wide. We received brochures and registration forms this week and they are available on the information table in the foyer of the church.

The retreat takes place in the Jungfrau resort town of Interlocken Switzerland every summer and is a time of worship, spiritual growth seminars, fellowship and much more. This year the evening speaker will be Terry Boyle and the morning speaker is Stuart Briscoe. Boyle serves as field pastor for *Insight for Living* in the United Kingdom; this organization is the Bible Teaching Ministry of Chuck Swindoll's ministry. Briscoe is minister at large for the Elmbrook Church in Brookfield, Wisconsin in the US. Under Briscoe's leadership this congregation grew from 300 to more than 7,000 in attendance in the space of a few short years.

For booking information for accommodations, go to the web site Interlocken Tourism at <http://interlockentourism.ch>. Or you can request information via email at mail@interlockentourism.ch.

From the testimonies of those who have attended it is an unforgettable experience that leaves you wanting to return again and again.



Report from Last Sunday

Attendance in worship service: 74

Offering: 146,46 €

⁴**Alert to parents of preschool children:** With the move to the Nathanael Reformierte Kirche, 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 your help in this.

Synopsis of the Annual Report to the International Baptist Convention

Each year member congregations are asked to submit a report on the activities and giving record of the church to the IBC. This material is then compiled by the convention leadership into an annual report of the convention and is made available to member churches. The giving records to the convention of all the churches provides a foundation for the convention to plan out its annual budget. We were supposed to have turned in this report at the end of December, but with Pastor Lorin arriving in January we have been given some 'grace time' and have been requested to submit our report on February 2. So this morning we are presenting this report for your authorization, so it can be sent in to the IBC office in Wiesbaden tomorrow. Here is a summation of the full report. A copy of the complete report is available online at the IBC church information page under Annual IBC Reports (cranfordville.com):

I. CHURCH INFORMATION

- Name of Church: International Baptist Church of Cologne
- Name of Pastor: Lorin L Cranford
- Name a contact person in addition to the pastor: Linda Akinyi Okundaye

II. CHURCH MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

- Membership & Baptisms
 - TOTAL CURRENT MEMBERSHIP 57
 - TOTAL BAPTISMS IN 2008: 4
- Worship Service Attendance
 TOTAL WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE (Average) 45
 NATIONALITIES REPRESENTED (Members and regular attenders): 30

III. CHURCH FINANCES (Please state in Euro)

- Total Annual Church Budget: no budget adopted
- Total Receipts € 37.999,59
 What percentage of your annual budget is given to IBC Cooperative Program? 7%
- Total Gifts to IBC Cooperative Program € 1.526,14
- Other IBC Giving (Global Missions Offering etc.) € 377,--
- Gifts to National Union none
- OTHER missions causes / direct mission(ary) support. none

IV. ORGANIZATIONS/MINISTRIES

- Please list your ongoing ministries:
- Bible Studies: Wednesdays @ 18:30 – 19:30
 Children's Sunday School: Sundays @ 14:00 – 15:30
 Worship Practice: Sundays @ 13:00 – 13:50

V. CURRENT CHURCH LEADERS

- Chairman of Deacons/Elders none
- Other church staff/leaders: Church Council members listed

VI. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

- History of Church: attached to the report
- Events of Significance during the Year:
 - calling of Lorin and Claire Cranford as pastor in July
 - calling of Calvin and Betty Ann Hogue in Sept. as interim pastor for four months
 - relocating of meeting place to Nathanael Kirche in Sept.