

Weekly Schedule:

Sundays:

Choir Rehearsal	13:00 - 13:55 ¹
Prayer Service	13:30 - 13:55
Worship Service	14:00 - 15:45
Pre-school - Children's Bible Study	14:10 - 15:45

We have an excellent Bible study and children's program for your children, ages 3 to 10 years, 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 (Köln: Escherstr. 160)	18:30 - 20:00
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Fridays:

Youth Meeting	18:00 - 21:30
At Merheimer Straße 71 in Köln at the home of Elsa Odongo.	
Prayer Service & Bible Study (Bonn: Mittelstr. 39)	19:00 - 20:30

Church Leadership:

Pastor	Lorin Cranford pastorlorin@yahoo.com Home nr. 0223 6331 3023 (Wesseling) Mobil nr. 0173 145 3618
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Women's Ministry Leader	Alison Edwards ibcwm@yahoo.com
Children's Minister	Claire Cranford children@ibc-cologne.com
Treasurer	Kingsley Edosomwan treasury@ibc-cologne.com
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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.



SUNDAY 14:00



6 DECEMBER 2009

We welcome you to worship with us.



*Escher Straße 160 (Bilderstöckchen)
50739 Köln*

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6 December 2009

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

2. Advent

We Praise God

Preparing for Worship

Chorus
Chorus
Chorus

“Lord, the Light of Your Love“
“Lord, I Come to You“
“You Are Beautiful“

Welcome and Announcements
Birthday Recognitions

A Summons to Praise
Invocation
Hymn of Praise

“O Little Town of Bethlehem“

We Share God's Coming in Advent

Christmas in Europe
Christmas Carols in Europe
Children depart for Sunday School¹

We Seek God's Care

The Sharing of Needs
Intercession for Needs

We Share God's Saving Grace

Offertory Chorus
Receiving the Offerings²
Offertory Prayer

“Come Bless the Lord“

We Hear God's Word

Special Music

Sermon
Invitation Hymn

“Christmas as Love,” John 1:6-9
“Just As I Am“

Bro. Lorin
Hymn nr. 307

Remembering the Broken Body through the Bread

The Scriptural Reminder, Luke 22:19
The Blessing of the Bread
Chorus, “Let Us Break Bread Together”, Stanza 1 in Baptist Hymnal nr. 366
The Partaking of the Bread

Remembering the Shed Blood through the Cup

The Scriptural Reminder, Luke 22:20
The Blessing of the Cup
Chorus, “Let Us Break Bread Together”, Stanza 2 in Baptist Hymnal nr. 366
The Partaking of the Cup

The Benediction
Closing Chorus

“I Will Call Upon the Lord“

Bro. Lorin

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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.



Worship Team

Vivian von Piechowski
Vivian von Piechowski

Children's Ministry
Children's Ministry
Hymn nr. 86

Congregation
Bro. Lorin

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 during the Invitation Hymn. Pastor Lorin will help you follow the Lord's leadership in public decision.

Calendar of Events³

Sunday, Dec. 6 Second Sunday of Advent Celebration: Love

14:00 - 15:30 Christmas traditions in Europe
IBC Global Missions Offering Day

15:50 - 16:14 Called meeting of youth and Youth Ministry Leadership Team

Wednesday, Dec. 9:

18:30 - 20:00 Prayer and Bible Study at the Nathanael Kirche in Cologne
Session 18: Topic 17.0 Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 6:19-21

Friday, Dec. 11:

19:00 - 20:30 Prayer and Bible Study at BZW in Bonn (*Mittelstr. 39*)
Session 16: Topic 15b Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 6:5-15

Sunday, Dec. 14 Third Sunday of Advent Celebration: Joy

14:00 - 15:30 Christmas traditions in Africa

Sunday, Dec. 21 Fourth Sunday of Advent Celebration: Christ's birth

14:00 - 15:30 Christmas traditions from India to Asia
Collection of Baskets for “Frauen Helfen Frauen” Ministry

Sunday, Dec. 25

10:30-11:30 Christmas Morning Worship Service

Thursday, Dec. 31

22:00-00:30 New Year's Eve Celebration

Last Week's Record:

Sunday Attendance: 69

Offering: 251.12 €

Weekly Attend Avg: 79.83

Weekly Giving Avg: 307,00 €

DECEMBER 6

Sunday, December 6, is the International Baptist Convention Global Missions Offering. The money collected will be distributed: 20% - IBC Partnership Missions; 20% - Together We Build; 22.5% - European Baptist Mission; 10% - International Mission Board of the SBC; 10% - Indigenous Missionary Project; 12.5% - IBC Church Planting; 5% - Emergency Projects. Through this offering at Christmas our church joins with the other IBC congregations in supporting these mission projects above and beyond the support given through the IBC Cooperative Program giving.

Last year we had a goal of 500 Euros to this offering, which is a worthy goal for us again this year. As your pastor, I want to challenge everyone in our church to prayerfully consider how much God would have you give this year to this most important outreach ministry of our church and denomination. As you contribute, please use the church offering envelopes and mark on them “Global Mission Offering.” This way the finance team will know to count your offering toward the mission offering.

Women's Ministry Christmas Project

This year the Women's Ministry is sponsoring the filling of 20 Christmas baskets to be delivered on December 21 to the Frauenhaus Köln through the “Frauen Helfen Frauen” service through the city of Cologne. The Frauen Helfen Frauen service provides shelter to battered women and their children. A list of requested items to place in each basket is available from Alison or Elsa. This is a very worthy project for our church to contribute toward.

³**Alert to parents of preschool children:** It is 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.

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

Prayer List

IBC Baptist Church
of Cologne

as of 6 December 2009

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

IBC Cologne Concerns:

- For members & friends with **health issues**:
 - Stefanie Woehler
 - Joe Phiri, who is recovering from kidney transplant surgery.
 - Edith Morgan
- For several members & friends seeking proper **residency papers**.
- For several members & friends who are looking for **jobs**.
- For Unity Funfe who is in Phoenix, Arizona and has begun a pre-dental school studies program in the US.
- For Kingsley Iwu in the loss of his father recently in Nigeria.
- For the father of Unity Funfe in Cameroon who is suffering reoccurring health issues.
- For the **newly born babies** in our church.
 - Griffin Ward Prevost (26 Sept. 09). Now at home doing well.
- For the new mothers in our church.
 - Sarah Ohihoin in the birth of Dasha, a baby girl, Wednesday morning.
- For **new and developing ministries** in our church:
 - Youth Ministry:** Be praying for God's continued blessings on this ministry and the search for a Youth Pastor. We are seeking to expand this ministry to reach a growing number of young people in our city. Pray for the Youth Ministry Leadership team as they lead the program during this interim period.
 - Youth Pastor Search: Be praying for the Youth Ministry Leadership Team as they begin the search for a new youth pastor. Early contacts have already produced several applications for the position.
 - Prayer Ministry:** For the developing Prayer Ministry of our church, under Dean Edwards' leadership. The Prayer Ministry leads the pre-worship prayer service each week 30 minutes before the

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)

worship service. Detailed plans for a Prayer Ministry in our church are gradually taking shape. Pray that God will raise up people of deep prayer in our church.

- Women's Ministry:** For the emerging Women's Ministry of our church under the leadership of Alison Edwards. Pray for the Women's Ministry Leadership Team as they begin implementing plans for the remainder of the church year.
- Evangelism Ministry:** which is extending the outreach of our church into the Cologne / Bonn region. Pray for Mike Bergfeld, team leader, and the leadership team, as they lead the church in outreach.
- Children's Ministry:** We have continuing need of new worker's to help with the Sunday School program for our children, and for the Bonn ministry on Friday evenings. Pray for Claire Cranford who has assumed the leadership role for the Children's Ministry Leadership Team as Children's Minister.
- For several individuals who have recently begun inquiring about the meaning and importance of believer's baptism.
- For Alexandra Cürten and Kenny Bergfeld, who have professed faith in Christ and are candidates for baptism. Our next baptism service will be in January.
- For several individuals who have been visiting our services and have indicated interest in joining our church.
- For newly baptized members of our church: Laura Brandt, Lynn Boum, Iyad, and Esli Densingh.
- For God's guidance in the continuing reorganization of our church for ministry to others. Proposals currently under development to be presented to the church hopefully by December include:
 - Children's Ministry in Cologne and Bonn.
 - Welcoming Ministry.
 - Building Ministry
 - Finance Ministry
 - Men's Ministry
 - Deacon Ministry
- For God's blessings and leadership in a developing relationship with the Bibel Hochschule Wiedenest.

A presentation to the leadership and faculty of the school, given on Nov. 16, was warmly received by the school. Joint projects such as Internships and Practicum by their students in our church is envisioned over time. Relationships with other area schools is envisioned as well.

- For our Advent celebration this year as we celebrate the coming of Jesus in this traditional manner with an international flavor.
- For the IBC Global Missions offering on December 6. We have a church goal of 500 Euros to contribute to the missions projects of the IBC through this offering.

IBC Bonn Concerns:

- For the spiritual needs of people in the Bonn/Bad Godesberg area. Pray that God will use this ministry to impact the lives of many people in the area. This is a joint project between the IBC Cologne and the GZM-EFG Baptist church in Bonn. God continues to bless this effort, but we need to reach out to new individuals to involve them in the study of the Bible.
- For Rev. Robert Purdy, the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Seabrook, Texas, son-in-law of Erna, one of the Baptisten Gemeinde members in Bonn. Rev. Purdy has serious health problems.
- A special thank you to the Bonn Ministry Leadership Team of Cezar Layug, Edward and Monique Jikong for their work in leading our Friday evening ministry.
 - General Concerns:**
- For the leaders of Germany as a new government begins to lead the country. Pray that these individuals will give good governmental leadership to our country.
- For the disaster stricken regions of our world which have been hit hard these past weeks with earth

weeks.

- For the continued economic recovery around the world, and especially for the poverty level people who have suffered the worst from the economic downturn.
- 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 now to over three billion people scattered all the way from Russia and India to China and the Koreas.
- For God's peace to reign in the war torn countries of Zimbabwe, Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan and other places.
- For the complete recovery of David Qualls, a member of the men's Sunday School class at First Baptist Church, Shelby, NC. David suffered a stroke and lost the use of his right arm and leg. He is undergoing rehabilitation treatments in the effort to regain the use of them, which thus far have been positive.

BEFGD Concerns

- For the celebration of Baptist heritage and history. Worldwide we are celebrating in 2009 four hundred years of Baptist work and witness beginning at Amsterdam in 1609. In Germany, we are celebrating 176 years of Baptist witness to the residents of Germany. Today over 105 million Baptists are found around the world, and some 88 thousand Baptists are in Germany.



- On the IBC CareNet Prayer Calendar: Pray for these IBC churches and pastors today

Nice, France	James & Jen Arnold
St. Paul de Vence, France	James & Jen Arnold
Paris, France	Brian & Denise Kirby, Scott Sontag, David & Kathy Usrey
- These IBC churches are currently seeking pastors:

Germany:	Immanuel Baptist Church, Wiesbaden
	IBC Hamburg
	IBC Hannover



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| Netherlands: | ICF Oberursel
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Hoensbroek |
| | IBC Eindhoven |
| Russia: | Moscow International Christian Fellowship |
| Slovakia: | IBC Bratislava |
| Spain | Calahonda Baptist Church
First Baptist Church Rota |
| Tanzania: | IBC Dar es Salaam |

Lord, The Light of Your Love

Lord, the light of your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth You now bring us,
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine,
Fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,
Set your hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
Flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth Your word,
Lord, and let there be light.*

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
From the shadows into Your radiance;
By the blood I may enter Your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Sine on me, shine on me.

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness,
So our faces display Your likeness.
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Choruses for Today's Worship

Lord, I Come to You

Lord, I come to You,
Let my heart be changed, renewed,
Flowing from the grace
That I found in You.
And Lord, I've come to know
The weaknesses I see in me
Will be stripped away
By the power of Your love.

*Hold me closer,
Let Your love surround me.
Bring me near, draw me to Your side
And as I wait
I'll rise up like the eagle,
And I will soar with You,
Your Spirit leads me on
In the power of Your love.*

Lord, unveil my eyes,
Let me see You face to face,
The knowledge of Your love
As You live in me.
Lord, renew my mind
As Your will unfolds in my life,
In living every day
By the power of Your love.

You Are Beautiful

You are beautiful beyond description,
Too marvelous for words.
Too wonderful for comprehension
Like nothing ever seen or heard.

Who can grasp Your infinite wisdom?
Who can fathom the depth of Your love?
You are beautiful beyond description,
Majesty, enthron'd above.

And I stand, I stand in awe of You.
I stand, I stand in awe of You.
Holy God, to whom all praise is due,
I stand in awe of You.

Come Bless the Lord

Come bless the Lord,
All ye servants of the Lord,
Who stand by night in the house of the Lord.
Lift up your hands in the holy place,
Come bless the Lord,
Come bless the Lord.

I Will Call Upon the Lord

I will call upon the Lord, (*echo*)
Who is worthy to be praised, (*echo*)
So shall I be saved from mine enemies. (*echo*)

The Lord liveth, and blessed be my Rock,
And may the God of my salvation be exalted.
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