

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 through 10, 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:

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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



13 DECEMBER 2009

We welcome you to worship with us.



*Escher Straße 160 (Bilderstöckchen)
50739 Köln*

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13 December 2009
THE WORSHIP OF GOD

We Praise God

Preparing for Worship

Chorus
 Chorus
 Chorus

“Long Time Ago”
 “Angels From the Realms”
 “The First Nowell”

Worship Team

Welcome and Announcements
 Birthday Recognitions

A Summons to Praise
 Invocation
 Hymn of Praise

“To God Be the Glory”

Ojeifo Ohihoin
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 Children’s Ministry
 Children’s Ministry
 Hymn nr. 4

We Share God’s Coming in Advent

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

We Seek God’s Care

The Sharing of Needs
 Intercession for Needs

Congregation
 Bro. Lorin

We Share God’s Saving Grace

Offertory Hymn
 Receiving the Offerings²
 Offertory Prayer

“Go Tell It On the Mountains”

Hymn nr. 95

We Hear God’s Word

Special Music
 Sermon
 Invitation Hymn
 The Benediction
 Closing Chorus

“Christmas as Joy,” John 12:44-50
 “Lord, I’m Coming Home”

Bro. Lorin
 Hymn nr. 309
 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.

Prayer Concerns

Our church maintains a Prayer List of requests submitted by members and friends. Everyone is encouraged

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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.

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 Leadership Team members listed in the bulletin.

Calender of Events³

- Sunday, Dec. 13** 14:00 - 15:30 **Third Sunday of Advent Celebration: Joy**
 Christmas traditions in Africa
- Monday, Dec. 14** 18:00- 19:00 Meeting of youth and Youth Ministry Leadership Team at Pastor’s home, Aachenerstr. 128, 50389 Wesseling.
- Wednesday, Dec. 16:** 18:30 - 20:00 Prayer and Bible Study at the Nathanael Kirche in Cologne
 Session 19: Topic 18.0 Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 6:22-23
- Friday, Dec. 18:** 19:00 - 20:30 Prayer and Bible Study at BZW in Bonn (*Mittelstr. 39*)
 Session 17: Topic 16 Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 6:16-18
- Sunday, Dec. 21** 14:00 - 15:30 **Fourth Sunday of Advent Celebration: Christ’s birth**
 Christmas traditions from India to Asia
- Sunday, Dec. 25** 10:30-11:30 Christmas Morning Worship Service
- Thursday, Dec. 31** 22:00-00.30 New Year’s Eve Celebration

Praises to our God!

Last Sunday our church began receiving the Christmas missions offering the IBC Global Missions offering. We have a church goal of 500 Euros to contribute to the spread of the Gospel through our convention. To date 375 Euros has been contributed toward this offering. The offering will remain open through the month of December for everyone to have a chance to contribute. Special yellow envelopes are available for you to use in making your contribution. What a wonderful beginning we have made toward supporting missionary work literally around the world through this offering.

Also last Sunday our Women’s Ministry began collecting funds to put together twenty Christmas baskets to contribute to the **Frauen Helfen Frauen** ministry to battered women in our city. Elsa reported that all the necessary funds for the purchase of the requested materials were collected last Sunday. We praise God for the generosity of everyone in this most helpful local ministry project.

Hopefully we as a church are learning the principle set forth by Jesus and recorded by Paul in Acts 20:35: “In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” What a blessing to realize that our church is bearing witness to the love of God and the salvation of Christ not only to individuals in our city who are hurting but also through the missionary endeavors literally of several hundred missionaries supported by the IBC Global Missions offering.

Last Week’s Record:

Sunday Attendance: 63
 Offering: 324,00 €
 IBC Global Mission offering: 375,00 €
 Weekly Attend Avg: 79.47
 Weekly Giving Avg: 307.37 €

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 14 December 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.

IBC Cologne Concerns:

- For members & friends with **health issues**:
 - Stefanie Woehler
 - Joe Phiri, who is recovering from kidney transplant surgery. Joe expects to be released from the hospital in Cologne the first part of this coming week.
 - 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. The dedication service for Griffin is scheduled for January 3.
- For the new mothers in our church.
 - Sarah Ohiohoin in the birth of Dasha, a baby girl. Mother and daughter are at home and both doing well.
- 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 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 Eslie 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 Practicums by their students in our church is envisioned over time. Relationships with other area schools is envisioned as well. Initial contacts have already been made with the Bibel Hochschule in Bornheim and the Theologisches Seminar Elstal.
- For our Advent celebration this year as we celebrate the coming of Jesus in this traditional manner with an inter-

national 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. As of Dec. 6, we have received 375 Euros toward the goal.

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. We thank God for the current positive condition for Rev. Purdy.
- 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 quakes, typhoons etc.
- Bro. Cezar has requested prayers especially for the suffering people of the Philippines who have suffered greatly under multiple typhoons during the past few 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 Koreans.
- 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 Calender:
Pray for these IBC churches and pastors today
Hannover (IBC), Germany Bob & Debbie Hnat
Hannover (ICC), Germany currently no pastor

These IBC churches are currently seeking pastors:
Germany: Immanuel Baptist Church, Wiesbaden
IBC Hamburg
IBC Hannover
ICF Oberursel

Netherlands: Emmanuel Baptist Church, Hoensbroek
IBC Eindhoven

Russia: Moscow International Christian Fellowship

Slovakia: IBC Bradislava
Spain: Calahonda Baptist Church
First Baptist Church Rota

Tanzania: IBC Dar es Salaam

Long Time Ago in Bethlehem

Long time ago in Bethlehem
So the Holy Bible say
Mary's Boy Child, Jesus Christ,
Was born on Christmas day.

While shepherds watched their flocks by night
They saw a bright new shining star
And heard a choir from heaven sing
The music came from afar.

Chorus:

*Hark, now hear the angels sing,
A King was born today
And man will live forevermore
Because of Christmas day.*

Now Joseph and his wife Mary
Came to Bethlehem that night
They found no place to bear her Child
Not a sing room was in sight.

By and by they found a little nook
In a stable all forlorn
And in a manger cold and dark
Mary's little boy Child was born.

Trumpets sound and angels sing
Listen to what they say
That man will live forevermore
Because of Christmas day.

Mary's Boy Child, Jesus Christ,
Was born on Christmas day.

The First Nowell

The first nowell the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Choruses for Today's Worship

*Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,
Born is the King of Israel!*

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east, beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.

And by the light of that same star
Three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a King was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.

This star drew night to the north-west;
Over Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay
Right over the place where Jesus lay.

Then entered in those wise men three
Full reverently upon their knee,
And offered there in His presence
Their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
That hath made heaven and earth of nought,
And with His blood mankind hath bought.

Angels From the Realms of Glory

Angels, from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth.
Ye who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:

*Come and worship, Christ, the new born king.
Worship Christ, the new born King.*

Shepherds, in the field abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing,
Yonder shines the infant-light;

Sages, leave your contemplations,
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great desire of nations,
Ye have seen His natal star;

Saints, before the latar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord descending
In His temple shall appear:

Go Tell It On the Mountains

*Go tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!*

While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light.

The shepherds feared and trembled
When lo! Above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Saviour's birth.

Down in a lowly manger
The humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn.

