

Weekly Schedule:

Sundays:

Choir Rehearsal 13:00 - 13:55¹

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, three through ten 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.

Nursery Care (2nd - 4th Sundays) 14:15 - 15:45

Youth Worship Service (1st - 3rd Sundays) 14:15 - 15:45

Single Women's Ministry Group (2nd - 4th Sundays) 15:45 - 16:30

Wednesdays:

Prayer Service & Bible Study (Köln: Escherstr. 160) 18:30 - 20:00

Fridays:

Prayer Service & Bible Study (Bonn: Mittelstr. 39) 19:00 - 20:30

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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



23 MAY 2010

We welcome you to our worship service.



Escher Straße 160 (Bilderstöckchen)

50739 Köln

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THE CHURCH'S DEDICATION OF CHILDREN AND PARENTS

Joseph Akanni

Minister: Today, we present this child to the International Baptist Church and to consecrate him to God, along with his parents. What can we affirm about Griffin?

Congregation: Children are made in the image of God, and by creation all children are sons and daughters of God.

Minister: As this child grows up among us, how will we show him that he is a child of God?

Congregation: We will love him and nurture him as our own.

Minister: What will we teach about the history of the family of God?

Congregation: We will teach about God's wondrous acts of creation; about the sinful fall of humankind; about Abraham, the father of our faith; about Moses, who led our ancestors out of bondage; about Ruth's example of faithfulness; about the Jewish hope for a Messiah; about Jesus Christ the Savior, and about the history of the church as the people of God.

Minister: What will we expect of Joseph?

Congregation: We look to the day when he will profess faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, enter the waters of baptism, join us at the Lord's Table, confirm the heritage which we will pass along to him, and come as an adult to full commitment to God's will and work.

Minister: Do you, as parents, assume your primary responsibility for guiding Joseph in the way of Christ?

Parents: Yes, we gladly accept this important duty.

Minister: And do you, church, pledge to maintain a nurturing environment that will clearly share the love and purposes of God with all children who come into our care?

Congregation: Yes, for these children belong to us, as well. We will pray for God's strength and guidance in fulfilling this responsibility.

Today we dedicate to the Lord



Joseph Ehimwenma Akanni

Parents: Reeta Akanni Anderson Akanni

"Children learn what they observe."

If children live with criticism, they learn to condemn and be judgmental.
If children live with hostility, they learn to be angry and fight.
If children live with ridicule, they learn to be shy and withdrawn.
If children live with shame, they learn to feel guilty.
If children live with tolerance, they learn to be patient.
If children live with encouragement, they learn confidence.
If children live with praise, they learn to appreciate.
If children live with fairness, they learn justice.
If children live with security, they learn to have faith.
If children live with approval, they learn to like themselves.
If children live with acceptance and friendship, they learn to find love in the world.¹

¹Dorothy Knolte, "Children Learn What They Observe," *Westminster Collection of Christian Quotations*, compiled by Martin H. Manswer. Westminster John Knox Press,

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 23 May 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.
 - Edith Morgan
 - George Arredondo, who continues to suffer from an infection.
- For several members & friends seeking proper **residency papers**.
 - For Iyad Jawabr
- For several members & friends who are looking for **jobs**.
 - For Elias Kenyinwaye
- For members of our church needing to find a place to live.
- For members living in other parts of the world:
 - Unity Funfe who is in Phoenix, Arizona and enrolled in a pre-dental school studies program in the US.
 - Eslu Densingh who is completing his bachelor's degree back home in India. Prayer for his acceptance into a master's program at the Cologne university.
- For new mothers in our church:
 - Anna Kenyinwaye
- Newly born babies** in our church.
 - Calista Kenyinwaye A dedication service for her is scheduled for May 30. Maxim Kern, the nephew of Anna, also will be dedicated on May 30.
 - Joseph Akani, a dedication service is scheduled for May 23.
- 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. The team is moving toward a recommendation to come first to the Church Leadership Team and then to the entire membership.
- 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.
- For the **Single Women's Ministry Group** that will begin meeting the second and fourth Sundays of each month after the afternoon worship service. Rachel Holota-Mwakazi is the group leader. Their first meeting was May 9. Pray that our church can minister to single women and mothers in our city through this program. A developing ministry is now underway with plans for expansion taking shape.
- Men's Ministry, under the leadership of George Arredondo. Pray for God's guidance in structuring and training the men in our church to serve Christ.
- Evangelism Ministry:** which is extending the outreach of our church into the Cologne / Bonn region. Pray for 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 serves as Children's Minister.
- For several individuals who have recently begun inquiring about the meaning and importance of believer's baptism.
- For several individuals who have been visiting our services and have indicated interest in joining our church.
- 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 in the near future include:
 - Children's Ministry in Cologne and Bonn.
 - Welcoming Ministry.
 - Building Ministry
 - Finance Ministry
 - Men's Ministry
 - Deacon Ministry
- For the newly elected members in the church for ministry. God has raised up a solid core of individuals in the church who have committed themselves to service to the Lord through our church. Pray for God's blessings and guidance upon each one. Also, pray that the remaining gaps in min-

istry positions can be filled soon.

- For the **Worship Ministry Team** in its expanding ministry;
 - For Lynn Boum who has assumed the responsibility for arranging for the special music each week in the worship service.
 - For Solomon Idemudia who has felt God's leading to assume the position of Worship Minister in our church.
- Pray for the growing ministry of our Worship Team. God is blessing with new, talented members with a serious commitment to serve through the music ministry of our church.
- For the **Welcome Team** with the organization of teams of ushers set to begin their work on Sunday, May 16. A special thank you goes to Vivian and Ojeifo for organizing this group.
- For the **Pastor Search** getting underway in the search for a new spiritual leader of the church. Pray that God will lead the CLT to the right person to recommend to the church.

IBC Bonn Concerns:

- For the spiritual needs of people in the Bonn/Bad Godesberg area. This is a joint project between the IBC Cologne and the GZM-EPG 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.
- Pray for the regular stream of new members coming to the Bible study.
- For the new Hauskreis meeting on Thursday evenings as an outgrowth of the Friday evening program. It is a supplementary study of our Friday evening Bible studies.
- 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 the government seeks to lead the country. Pray that the these individuals will give good governmental leadership to our country.
- For God's peace to reign in the war torn countries of Zimbabwe, Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan and other places.
- For the disaster stricken regions of our world which have been hit hard these past weeks with earth quakes, typhoons etc.
- PRAY FOR HAITI.** We must pray earnestly for the severely suffering people of the country of Haiti. To date over four million US dollars in aid has been raised by Baptist groups to provide relief to Baptist churches and agencies in Haiti. A building project for constructing earthquake resistant homes for \$3,000 each is now underway with various Baptist agencies. Scholarship aid to enable students to continue their education at the Christian University of North Haiti have been provided. Many other projects are being implemented as well.

Pray for these IBC churches and pastors today

Leidschendam, Netherlands Bill & Jo Laughlin
Rotterdam, Netherlands

Richmond Ofori-Tawiah & Esther Ofo-Ofori

Pray for the eight IBC churches currently without a pastor. Four of these have a interim pastor who is giving leadership to

- PRAY FOR CHILI.** All of the Baptist churches in the earthquake zone were either destroyed or badly damaged. Extensive relief efforts to help the churches rebuild and become functional again.
- For the victims of the cyclone in Fiji who are recovering from the severe damage done on the island in the Pacific.
- For the victims in the mud slide in Rio de Janeiro Brazil.
- For the victims of the earthquake in China.
- For the nation of Poland in the loss of their governmental leaders.
- For the father of Unity Funfe who lives in Cameroon and suffers from serious heart problems.
- 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.hina and the Koreans.

BDEGD Concerns:

- For the **administrative leadership of the Bund** as they seek to give guidance to Baptists across Germany in witness and ministry. Regina Claas is General Secretary; Andreas Lengwenath and Klaus Faatz lead the business and finance division; Christoph Stiba leads the missions division; Friedrich Schneider leads the church development division; Friedbert Neese leads the pastoral assistance division; Volker Spangenberg leads the Fachhochschule, Theologisches Seminar Elstal; Christian Rommert leads the youth ministries division.
- For the leadership of the **Landesverband Rheinland** of the Bund. This is the regional organization of Baptists in our area. Frieder Nierstrat, Sabine Grzibek, and André Carouge serve as volunteer leaders of this group.
- For the joint meeting of leaders from the IBC and the BEFGD on July 1 in Elstal. Pastor Lorin is one of four IBC leaders representing the IBC at the meeting.
- For the **Friedenskirche Baptisten Gemeinde Köln.** Pastor Krebs has accepted the call to pastor a Baptist church in northern Germany, and will be leaving the Cologne church at the end of July. Also, the church is still searching for a new Gemeinde Leiter.

the church.

EBF Prayer Focus for this week: Union of Evangelical Free Churches (Baptists) in Germany. Number of churches: 828. Number of church members: 83,747. President: Hartmut Riemenschneider; General Secretary: Regina Claas

Fear Not

Fear not, for I am with you
Fear not, for I am with you
Fear not, for I am with you
Says the Lord
(repeat)

I have redeemed you
I've called you by name
Child, you are Mine
When you walk through the waters,
I will be there,
And through the flame.
You'll not be drowned,
You'll not be burned,
For I am with you.

Don't Let My Love Grow Cold

Don't let my love grow cold;
I'm calling out, 'light the fire again.'
Don't let my vision die;
I'm calling out, 'light the fire again.'

You know my heart, my deeds;
I'm calling out, 'light the fire again.'
I need Your discipline;
I'm calling out, 'light the fire again.'

I am here to buy gold,
Refined in the fire:
Naked and poor,
Wretched and blind, I come.
Clothe me in white,
So I won't be ashamed:
Lord, light the fire again!



When I Look Into Your Holiness

When I look into Your holiness,
When I gaze into Your loveliness,
When all things that surround become
Shadows in the light of You,
When I've found the joy of reaching Your heart,
When my will becomes enthralled in Your love,
When all things that surround become shadows
In the light of You,

I worship You, I worship You,
The reason I live, is to worship You.
I worship You, I worship You,
The reason I live, is to worship You.

These Are the Days of Elijah

These are the days of Elijah,
Declaring the word of the Lord:
And these are the days of Your servant Moses,
Righteousness being restored.
And though these are days of great trial,
Of famine and darkness and sword,
Still, we are a voice in the desert crying
'Prepare ye the way of the Lord.'

*Behold He comes riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call;
Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee,
Out of Zion's hill salvation comes.*

These are the days of Ezekiel,
The dry bones becoming as flesh;
And these are the days of Your servant David,
Rebuilding the temple of praise.
These are the days of the harvest,
The fields are as white in the world,
And we are the labourers in the vineyard,
Declaring the word of the Lord.

Draw Me Close

Draw me close to you, never let me go
I lay it all down again
To hear you say that I'm Your friend

You are my desire, no one else will do
Cause nothing else could take your place
To feel the warmth of Your embrace,
Help me find the way, bring me back to you

You're all I want
You're all I've ever needed
You're all I want
Help me know You are near.