

Weekly Schedule at Wiersberg Strasse:

Sundays:

Worship Service 15:00 - 16:30
Pre-school - Children's Bible Study 15:00 - 16:30
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:

Choir Rehearsal 19:00 - 20:00

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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The Worship of God

SUNDAY 15:00



Beginning on the 7. September, we will be worshipping at the Nathanael Kirche facilities on Escher Straße 160. Our Sunday meeting time will be 2:00 pm, an hour earlier than at present.

10 AUGUST 2008

We welcome you to worship with us.



Escher Straße 160
50739 Köln

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10 August 2008
THE WORSHIP OF GOD

in
Celebrating Our Cultural Diversity on International Day

We Praise God

Preparing for Worship

“Come, now is the time”
“Fear not”
“In the Name of Jesus”

Worship Team
Chorus
Chorus
Chorus

Welcome and Announcements
Birthday Recognitions

Sister Vivian von Piechowski
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A Summons to Praise from God's Word, Psalm 46:1-3

Bro. Lorin

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though
the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar
and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

Congregational Response, Chorus “Here I Am to Worship”

Invocation¹

Bro. Samy Rungiah

Presentaton by VBMB team

Kimberlee Gibson, Team Leader

Special Music,

Team Members

Report on Leipzig BWA Youth Conference

Team Members

We Seek God's Care

The Sharing of Needs
Intercession for Needs

Congregation
Bro. Lorin

We Share God's Saving Grace

Special Music

Sister Marianne D'Almeida

Quand je contemple ta sainteté

Je suis heureux

Testimony

Bro. Fasil Abate

Offeratory Prayer

Bro. Kingsley Edosomwan

Hymn of Praise, Hymn nr. 165

“Amazing Grace”

Congregation

Receiving the Offerings²

We Hear God's Word

Special Music

Na so so wonder Jesus dey do
On the Mountain
We give glory to Thee Lord

Sermon

“Jesus, the Word” John 1:1-18

Bro. Lorin
Congregation

Time of Prayer and Reflection

Prayer of Blessing for Pastor and Mrs. Cranford

Chorus, “Are You a Winner?”

The Benediction

Bro. Lorin

An Invitation:

Anyone who feels led of God to profess faith in Christ is invited to meet with the pastor immediately after the worship service for further instruction. Also, any who feel led of God to apply for membership in the church should meet with Pastor Lorin after the service for *counseling* on how to become a member of the IBC Church Cologne.

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 listed on the bulletin.

Calender of Events for The Coming Weeks

Monday:

8:45

VBMB team flight home from Cologne airport

Wednesday:

18:30 - 19:30

Prayer and Bible Study at the church

Thursday:

11:45

Flight to NC by Pastor & Mrs. Cranford from Frankfurt airport

Friday:

19:00 - 20:00

Choir Rehearsal at the church

Sunday, August 17, 2008

15:00 - 16:30

Dr. Jimmy Martin, general secretary of the IBC, filling the pulpit

Sunday, August 24, 2008

15:00 - 16:30

Dr. David Packer, pastor of the IBC Düsseldorf, filling the pulpit

Sunday, August 31, 2008

15:00 - 16:30

Bro. Kurt Steinhart, German Baptist missionary, filling the pulpit

Sunday, September 7, 2008³

Worship service in new facilities, at 14:00 Uhr. Welcoming service for Pastor & Mrs. Hogue.

Special Word of Appreciation

We want to give a special word of appreciation to the members of the Virginia Baptist Mission Board team who have been with us this past week helping us with outreach activities.

³**Alert to parents of preschool children:** With the move to the Nathanael Reformierte Kirche on Sept. 7, 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. In the Landeskirche tradition, the altar area at the front of the sanctuary is very sacred and only those leading in worship should enter into this part of the worship center. Thank you for your help in this.

¹We have an excellent Bible study and children's program for your children during the worship service for the youth and adults. Just after the end of the prayer we encourage you to allow your children to go with the other children as they leave the worship service together with the teachers

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.

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 10 August 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.

1. Bro. Ordi Hossau, who is currently serving God on a mission trip in villages located in Indonesia..
2. Bro. Wilfred Samuriwo, who is recovering from surgery on his shoulder.
3. Bro. Joe Phiri, who is recovering from lung problems.
4. Baby Helen and her parents, Joy and Jenor, as she remains in a coma.
5. Calvin and Betty Ann Hogue, as they finish an interim pastorate in Stockton, California, and begin making plans to travel to Cologne to help the church this fall during the interim period.
6. Sister Vivian von Piechowski, that she will have a successful pregnancy and birth in October. The doctor has put her on bed rest to protect the baby.
7. Zimbabwe, that peace may return to this troubled country, and that believers in Christ may have opportunity to give witness to the love of God to their fellow countrymen during this time of chaos. And for other countries caught up in war and strive.
8. Elizabeth Merritt, wife of the former general secretary of the IBC. She had successful open heart surgery recently in Hattiesburg, Mississippi (USA). She continues to recover at an assisted care facility.
9. For formerly members of IBC church Cologne, that many of them will find God leading them to return to active service in our church.
10. For Michael, a US soldier and Stefanie Wöhler's friend, who is having emotional problems after returning home from the war in Iraq.
11. For wives everywhere longing to become mothers.
13. Stephen Nganga, a young man from Kenya, who has lost his job and is now seeking a new position. He requests our prayers.
14. For the world wide ministries of Christ to the World Ministries (CTTW). Pastor

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- 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 eastern Russia to China and Korea. This summer we are developing materials to reach millions of people in Outer Mongolia through radio broadcasts. Broadcasts over most of India began on July 6 and will continue for several months.
15. For a Christian witness at the Olympic games now being held in Peking, China.
 16. For the Virginia Baptist Mission Board team who will be flying back home tomorrow morning. Pray for a safe trip back home.
 17. For a smooth transition to the new meeting place at the Nathanael Reformierte Kirche. The Wednesday evening prayer and Bible study on September 3 will begin our use of the facility. The first Sunday service will be September 7 at 2:00 pm, when the Hagues begin their ministry with us.
 18. Stefanie Wöhler lost her grandmother on Friday, July 29. We want to lift up Stefanie as she tries to be a Christian witness to her family during these days of bereavement.
 19. For a safe trip back to North Carolina by Pastor Lorin and Claire on Thursday. Pray that we will be able to successfully sell our home and belongings there as we prepare to move to Wesseling at the end of December.



Jesus is the Word
John 1:1-18 Sermon Notes
Pastor Lorin Cranford

Literary Design of Scripture Text:

A 1-5 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The **light** shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

B 6-8 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the **light**, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

C 9-13 *The true **light**, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.*

A' 14 And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of **grace and truth**.

B' 15 John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'"

C' 16-18 *From his fullness we have all received, **grace upon grace**. The law indeed was given through Moses; **grace and truth** came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.*

Sermon Emphasis:¹

Jesus is the Logos (λόγος, ὁ). That is, He stands as the Divine breath spoken by God, and is the foundation of the connection of God to both creation and to redeemed humanity. This double theme underlies the entire story of Jesus told by the gospel writer in the fourth gospel.

I. Jesus is the light of the world, vv. 1-13

Clearly, from a careful analysis of John's poetic structure to this Prologue, one can see that the heart of this connection to the world is as "light." In the threefold pattern above (A, B, C) one can see the most important aspects of Jesus as light to the world.

II. Jesus is the exclusive source of grace and truth to the community of believers, vv. 14-18

The central point of Jesus' relation to the community of believers in verses 14-18 is as the source of "grace and truth," given to those who have accepted Him. Again the threefold pattern (A', B', C') parallels that in the first section, but advances the idea a step further in focusing on the believing community.

¹The Prologue of the Gospel of John, verses 1-18, is arranged in a beautiful pattern of "step parallelism" that was commonly used among ancient Jewish writers. Two sets of parallel statements are found. First, Jesus as the divine Logos is related to creation (verses 1-13), and then He is related to the believing community (vv. 14-18). The threefold internal division of thought inside each section is set up in parallel fashion to its counterpart in the other section, as is charted out below:

A Logos	light
B John / witness	The World
C received	light

A' Logos	grace and truth
B' John / witness	The Believing Community
C' received	grace and truth