



INTERNATIONAL BAPTIST CHURCH OF COLOGNE

History

It all began in spring 1991...

The initial visions for starting an English speaking Church in Cologne Germany were given to some church members of a small village in the United States. They later contacted the European Baptist Mission (EBM) so that a Pastor could be sent to Cologne to help to get the Church started.

IBC-Cologne's first Minister was Dr. Calvin Hogue who was accompanied by his wife Betty Hogue from the US. He has been a real blessing and encouragement to our church.

The warm response and generosity of the German Baptist Church (Friedenskirche) had been very fruitful with our church process.

An easier start couldn't have been achieved without the support of the "German Baptist Church FRIEDENSKIRCHE in Rheinaustrasse", who allowed the new International Church to share their premises with them. This central place, located by the River Rhein in the Southern part of the right-side of the river, was home to IBC-Cologne for over 12 years.

The Church's first worship service was held at their premises in Rheinaustrasse with about 80 attendances, including guests and visitors. Among our guests were Ambassadors from several foreign countries, members of the European Baptist Convention, members of the German Baptist Church Friedenskirche Rheinaustr, and Pastors from other Baptist Churches in the surroundings area.

The intention from the beginning on was to reach all English speaking People, Businessmen, Students, Refugees, Tourists or Diplomats in the Cologne/Bonn area. We have also been members of the Bund Evangelisch-Freikirchlicher Gemeinden

in Deutschland (BEFG) ever since.

Pastor Hogue's ministry for over a period of five years was a great blessing to IBC-Cologne. Many people come to faith in the Lord JESUS CHRIST and were baptized by immersion in obedience with the Scripture.

This International Church brought nationalities more closely together, beyond the fact of just sharing a common language. People had chances of intercultural exchanges and experienced how Our Lord JESUS CHRIST is being worshiped elsewhere around the world.

IBC-Cologne is a multi-cultural, multi-racial church where diversity is appreciated and embraced.



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Pastors who served at The International Baptist Church of Cologne:

Dr. Hogue USA 1991-1996

Dr. Hatfield USA 1996

Dr. Philips USA 1997

Dr. Howard USA 1997

Dr. Oglesby USA 1997-1999

Willson UK 2000-2008

Prof. Cranford USA 2008

Dr. Hogue USA 2008

Prof. Cranford USA 2008-2010

Dr. Jett USA 2010-2012

Ps. Martin USA 2013-current

Individual talents are blessings given by God to serve our church and community. Our members serve in different areas of ministry, which includes Children's Ministry, Women's Ministry, Adult + Youth Bible Study, Sports ministry, Prayer groups & Missions.

IBC-Cologne is a church that is alive.

Based on where the Lord is working now in our church and the spiritual gifts God has given us, we will continue to reach out to people throughout Cologne. Please remember IBC-Cologne in your prayers. We want to be a light in this city so that people accept JESUS as their Saviour.

Now, in 2014, we have the opportunity to respond to new challenges and goals that the Lord has laid before us.

Our desire is to love and serve our Heavenly Father, our Lord Jesus Christ and to love and serve our brothers and sisters.

Our Vision is to build a strong local church, as well as to serve the worldwide Church through Praise & Worship Events, Conferences & Mission trips for the Glory of God.

We are glad that you have found our website and pray that you may be able to join us in person for worship, fellowship and service!

The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship in the Holy Spirit, be with you.