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### *This Week @ International Baptist Church Berlin, Week of 7. February 2010*



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Register for Parents Night Out TODAY! See below.

New Sermon Series: “Be-Attitudes: Be Blessed” Begins Sunday

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#### **An Encouraging Word: Prayer—Recreation as Re-Creation**

What do you do for fun? For me, it’s mountain biking!

I love to get on my bicycle and get out into nature to enjoy the exercise and the elements. I love to hear my breathing and to feel my muscles as I’m riding over rocks and roots while climbing a mountain pass from Argentina into Chile. I love to see God’s handiwork in the Monkey Puzzle trees, the glaciers, the lakes, the volcanoes, the lava flows, and the birds as I pedal through the Patagonian forest. Oops, I slipped on a wet root and fell into a puddle of water and scraped my knee. It doesn’t matter! A little mud and a little blood make it even more fun!

Okay, so mountain biking isn’t your idea of fun; that’s okay! But what do you do for fun? What do you do for pleasure? How do you get away from your work? What’s your form of recreation? No time for play? You are too busy! Don’t just take it from me. Listen to what the Bible says about the rest of not working: “God rested from all his work” (Gen. 2:3), “...do no work...” (Exodus 20:10), “God rested and was refreshed” (Exodus 31:17), “...the people rested...” (Exodus 16:30).

I think it’s fair to say: God made us for work, and God made us for play! Though all of us could benefit from a lesson on the merits of hard work, our Protestant work-ethic often leads us toward ALL WORK and NO PLAY. Without the rest of play we become un-balanced believers often lifeless and downright boring. What’s more, we miss out on all that God has in store for us through play.

Rest from our work gives us the opportunity of being refreshed through recreation. For me, mountain biking gets my thoughts off of work, eliminates stress, provides some exercise for my body, and gets me in touch with the outdoors. Through the recreation of mountain biking I’m re-created! My mind is clear, my emotions are soothed, my body is relaxed, and my spirit is open. As a result, I am re-energized to work, a much better husband—that’s what Laurie says, and closer to God.

I am grateful for the opportunity I had to get away this past week for a bit of restful play. It did me good! I’m refreshed and re-created. Anybody else feeling the need for some fun? How about a games night? Square dancing? Mountain biking?

May God continue to accomplish his work in my life and yours as we discover all that he has in store for us through play.

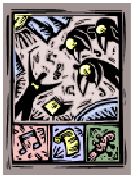
Back to work,

Scott Corwin, Pastor

[Note: The link takes you to our [www.ibcberlin.org](http://www.ibcberlin.org) website where you can read, comment, ask questions, and interact with this and other “blog thoughts” by Pastor Scott.]

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### **A Concert of Prayer, Sundays @ 11:30-12:00 h Fellowship Room**

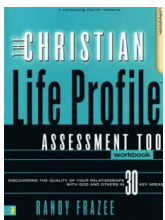


A **Concert of Prayer** is a block of time set aside to seek the Lord in a guided time of prayer with other believers. Think of it this way: The orchestra gathers with each participant offering the unique contribution of their own instrument as the conductor guides and directs the group in their performance of a particular piece of music. That’s what a concert of prayer is about! Each participant offers their own prayer contributing to the prayers of others as together the whole group is guided and directed by the Spirit and by Scripture.

Join us on Sundays during January for a time of seeking the Lord together in this time of guided corporate prayer! Be a part of what God is doing in and through our church as we fan into flame a spiritual passion in our lives for him. For more information contact Scott ([scott@ibcberlin.org](mailto:scott@ibcberlin.org)).

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### **Christian Life Profile Workshop, Our Core Commitments: Beliefs, Practices, and Virtues--Thinking, Acting, and Being Like Jesus**



*“We will assess regularly our growth as apprentices of Jesus Christ and encourage each other to set and achieve personal growth goals.”*

*RECOMMENDED FOR INDIVIDUALS, COUPLES, SERVICE GROUPS...*

Missed the workshop? Not to worry! We’re offering the workshop again on Saturday 20. March from 9:00 – 12:00 h. See details @ “Upcoming Events” on our website. Can’t wait until then? Talk your SERVICE group leader into having the workshop come to your group for two consecutive weeks! That would be the perfect place to accelerate the process for your group. SERVICE group leaders...you are now challenged to make it happen! Contact [scott@ibcberlin.org](mailto:scott@ibcberlin.org).

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### **Coming to IBCB...**



#### **Parents Night Out, Saturday 13. February, 17:00 – 21:00 h**

As a special gift to our parents, a group of ICBers is providing a ministry of care to your children while you have a chance to go on a Valentine’s date! Please, register your children by Wednesday 10. February. If you want to volunteer to help out on this evening—individual, SERVICE group, etc.—let us know. Contact info: [scott@ibcberlin.org](mailto:scott@ibcberlin.org)

### **Youth Urban Retreat Weekend, 19-21 February**

Want to do something fun and different with your friends? Then invite ALL your friends 14-18 to join us for an evening of fun in the city—midnight bowling, “lock in,” helping people in need, photo scavenger hunt, games and music. The weekend is designed to GENTLY introduce non-Christians to good Christian fun. No hard sell just fun in a Christian context. Plan on attending...invite your friends!



**Ghana Mission Project 2010:** We are in the final stages of scheduling a date for us to take a team of at least five people to work alongside Harold Holdbrook for 10 days this Spring. We will be serving in the church, the school, the institute, and in church-planting. If you want to learn more about becoming a “world Christian” by preparing, training, and going on this mission trip, please, watch the eNotes for more information and contact Scott ([scott@ibcberlin.org](mailto:scott@ibcberlin.org)).

**Berliner Stadtmission World Conference 2010:** We will be supporting this year’s “City Mission World Association” (September) both here in Berlin and in Wittenberg. In the meantime, we’re looking for young bi-lingual volunteers (16 yrs. +) to help host the world when they arrive in Berlin. You can assist with information, logistics, technical, etc., but you will need to participate in an orientation to get to know the Stadtmission and to learn about your responsibilities. Are you...or your group...interested in making this an “extending care” project? If so, contact Scott ([scott@ibcberlin.org](mailto:scott@ibcberlin.org)) or talk to Konstanze Agbor, she knows something about this, too! ☺

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### **Other Events**

**Marriage Madness: Blue Skies Ministries—Ingo and Capri Tophoven**

- Saturday, March 6th, 10am-12pm “Talk To Me, Baby”
- Saturday, March 13th, 10am-12pm “Sex, Lies, & the Church”
- Saturday, April 3rd, 10am-12pm “Cross-Cultural Bliss?”
- Saturday, April 10th, 10am-12pm “Forgiveness in Marriage”

For more information go to: [www.blueskiesministries.com](http://www.blueskiesministries.com)

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**Laib und Seele—Bring Food Goods to Distribute @ Berliner Tafel e. V. Steglitz**



In partnership with our host church, Baptisten Gemeinde Steglitz, and our neighbor church, Ev. Matthäus Kirchen Gemeinde, you are invited to bring donated food goods for people in need ANY time. Each Thursday at 9:00 h volunteers assist with preparing food and distributing it beginning at 12:00 noon. Place food goods in the “Berliner Tafel” basket in the foyer. If you are interested in volunteering your time, please, contact Scott ([scott@ibcberlin.org](mailto:scott@ibcberlin.org)) or contact Angelika Albert @ 791 90 44.

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**IBCB Calendar**

**February**

- 13 Parents Night Out
- 14 Leaders and Deacons Meeting
- 14 Be-Attitudes: God is Blessed
- 19 Youth Urban Retreat Weekend
- 21 Be-Attitudes: Blessed are the Poor in Spirit
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