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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH LEADERSHIP

PASTORAL STAFF

Senior Pastor, Dr. John Oakes

Tel: 604-779-2356 (cell); Email: seniorpastor@rockofhelp.com
(Pastor John is available for pastoral counselling and visitation by appointment. His days off are Monday and one other day.)

Director of Music, Grant Gwynn

Family Ministries Coordinator, Tim Froese

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BOARD OF DEACONS

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Ebenezer Baptist Church

*Winning and building passionate,
life-long followers of Jesus Christ*

Sunday, May 13th, 2018



"It is not those who hear the law who are righteous in God's sight, but it is those who obey the law who will be declared righteous . . . This will take place on the day when God judges people's secrets through Jesus Christ." (Romans 2:13, 16)

10:30 a.m. Worship
"The Law of God"
(Romans 2:12–29)
Dr. John Oakes

WORSHIP CELEBRATION
 Ebenezer Baptist Church
 May 13th, 2018, 10:30 a.m.

We Gather in Jesus' Name

Welcome and Call to Worship

Hymn #63: *Praise Him! Praise Him!*

Prayer and Greetings

We Worship in Spirit and in Truth

Songs of Praise and Worship

Children's Focus

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Offering Hymn #366: *The Lord's My Shepherd*

God Speaks to Us through His Word

Reading: Romans 2:12-29

Message: "The Law of God" — Dr. John Oakes

We Respond and Go Forth to Serve

Hymn #315: *Rock of Ages*

Benediction

***You are invited to join us for fellowship and refreshments
 in the Narthex immediately after the service.***

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Monday



Tony Campos, Casa de Luz, Sacramento, California.

Casa de Luz is an Hispanic church reaching the immigrant families in the community around them. We pray for a new church plant in Patterson, California, and opportunities to support two large churches as they start Hispanic ministries. We also lift up a group seeking to join Casa de Luz in future ministry in Stockton, California. Above all, we ask that Casa de Luz will shine the light of Christ in the midst of dark places.

Tuesday

We intercede for our neighbourhood and for all who live and work in South Vancouver. We thank God for the opportunities we have to serve and reach out to them and we ask God's help and guidance to do so more effectively.

Wednesday

Over the coming Victoria Day Weekend, youth and volunteers from NAB churches will be travelling to and from the May Youth Camp and Green Bay Work Weekend. We pray that the Holy Spirit will move among our youth and that God will grant safety to all as they spend a fruitful time at the camp.

Thursday

On our NABC prayer list this week, we remember Pastoral Elder, David Strauss, Associate Pastor, Justin Poehlke, the other leaders and people of Rose of Sharon Baptist Church, Langley. We pray for God's continued provision for and blessing on their ministries, including the Aldergrove Christian Academy, Sharon Manor seniors' housing complex, and New Life Christian Counselling.

Friday

We pray for our Senior Pastor, Music Director, Family Ministries Coordinator, Elders, Deacons, other staff and leaders. May they know the presence, enabling and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Saturday

We pray for our sick, shut-ins and bereaved, and for all who care for them. May they find healing and wholeness, comfort and peace, in Christ.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alpha

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Semi-Annual Church Business Meeting

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VBS Team Meeting

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Missions Lunch

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REGULAR MID-WEEK PROGRAMMES

Challengers 55+—May 16

Speaker: Rev. Tony Tremblett. Please bring a sandwich for your lunch.

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May 13: Queen Agbonmwanadolor; Rose Masing; Zulay Ho

Nursery (*Located near the ramp on the north side*).

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