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**1:30–5:30 p.m., Tues**  
**9:30 am–5:30 p.m., Wed & Fri**

### CHURCH LEADERSHIP TEAM

#### 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**

**Tel: 604-309-5179 (cell); Email: timf@rockofhelp.com**

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## Ebenezer Baptist Church

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

**Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018**



*"Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."  
(Romans 5:7–8)*

**10:30 a.m. Worship**  
**"The Love of God"**  
**(Romans 5:1–21)**  
**Dr. John Oakes**

**WORSHIP CELEBRATION**  
**Ebenezer Baptist Church**  
 June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 10:30 a.m.

<b>We Gather as a Community</b>
Welcome and Call to Worship
Hymn #290: <i>The Love of God</i>
Prayer and Greetings
<b>We Worship in Spirit and in Truth</b>
Songs of Praise and Worship
Children's Focus
Child Dedication— Liam Noah Zenbiu Chan
Announcements
Pastoral Prayer
Offertory Song: <i>Amazing Grace</i> (C. Tomlin, et al.)
<b>God Speaks to Us through His Word</b>
Reading: Romans 5:1-11
Message: "The Love of God" — Dr. John Oakes
<b>We Respond and Go Forth to Serve</b>
Hymn #31: <i>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</i> (Hyfrydol)
Benediction
<b><i>You are invited to join us for refreshments in the Lower Auditorium immediately after the service.</i></b>

**PRAYER AND PRAISE**

Monday



**Mayette Ativo-Bueno, National Missionary, Director of Bicol Center for Christian Leadership, Philippines.** Mayette directs the Bicol Center for Christian Leadership, which provides biblical and theological training for pastors and church leaders in the Bicol region of the Philippines. We pray for the centre, the students, and staff during the height of the typhoon season, which runs May through October. We also lift up Mayette's ministry as she strives to know students and serve them directly and intentionally.

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

As we enter summer, we pray for all taking time out for much needed rest and recreation. We also lift up our Vacation Bible School, and Youth Week and our continued search for a new Youth and Family Ministries Coordinator.

Thursday

On our NAB prayer list this week, we remember Senior Pastor Ellis Wedel (currently on leave), Joel Carlaw, Pastor of Outreach and Worship, the other staff, leaders and people of Hartland Baptist, Prince George. We ask God's continued provision for and blessing on their ministries.

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

### Pastoral Vacation

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### A Note of Thanks

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### Coffee?

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## REGULAR MID-WEEK PROGRAMMES

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### Choir

The Choir will resume Sunday practices in September.

## NEXT SUNDAY

**Canada Day Communion at 10:30 a.m.** Dr. Loren Stark will be speaking and leading Communion.

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