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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

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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, July 1st, 2018



*"But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."
(Matthew 6:6)*

10:30 a.m. Worship
"He Needs Prayer"
(Matthew 6:5-15)
Dr. Loren Stark

COMMUNION CELEBRATION

Ebenezer Baptist Church

July 1st, 2018, 10:30 a.m.

We Gather as a Community
Welcome and Call to Worship Hymn #37: <i>All Creatures of Our God and King</i> Prayer and Greetings
We Worship in Spirit and in Truth
Songs of Praise and Worship Children's Focus Announcements Pastoral Prayer Tithes and Offerings Hymn #412: <i>What a Friend We Have in Jesus</i>
God Speaks to Us through His Word
Reading: Matthew 6:5-15 Message: "He Needs Prayer" — Dr. Loren Stark
We Share in Communion
Communion Benevolent Offering
We Respond and Go Forth to Serve
Song: <i>Jesus Draw Me Close</i> Benediction <i>You are invited to join us for refreshments in the Lower Auditorium immediately after the service.</i>

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Monday



Tamas and Tunde Modi, National Missionaries, Romania, working at Camp Falcon Rock. Tamas is the camp director, and Tunde serves as the administrator. They are native to Romania, but are supported by NAB churches to enable them to serve as God has called them. This past December, they had their first child, a healthy baby girl they named Jazmin. Tamas is scheduled to take part at Triennial at the end of this month, so pray for safe travels for him, especially while he is away from the rest of his family. Pray as well for the continued fundraising and development of Camp Falcon Rock.

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

We pray for all those involved in the planning and preparation for our VBS, Shipwrecked. We ask God to guide us as we minister to the children and families in our church and in our neighbourhood.

Thursday

On our NAB prayer list this week, we remember Lead Pastor - Dr. Stefano Piva, Executive Pastor - Jerry Ritskes, Adult Ministries Pastor - Joe Kung, Youth Pastor - Kelly Madland, and Children's Ministries Director - Christine Pfortmueller of Bethany Baptist Church in Richmond. 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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Coffee?

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Vacation Bible School, July 9-13

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

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