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**1:30–5:30 p.m., Tues**  
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### CHURCH LEADERSHIP TEAM

#### PASTORAL STAFF

**Senior Pastor, Dr. John Oakes**

Tel: 604-779-2356 (cell); Email: [seniorpastor@rockofhelp.com](mailto:seniorpastor@rockofhelp.com)

(Pastor John is available for pastoral counselling and visitation by appointment. His weekdays off are Monday and one other day.)

**Director of Music, Grant Gwynn**

#### BOARD OF DEACONS

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Darren Lof; Sharon Tobert; Brian Kinniston; Bill Konnert; John Oakes; Johnny Ratum



## Ebenezer Baptist Church

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

**Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018**



*"Jesus said, 'I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. All who ever came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved.'" (John 10:7-9)*

10:30 a.m. Worship  
"The Gate"  
(John 10:1-10)  
Dr. John Oakes

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

**We Gather as a Community**

Welcome and Call to Worship

Hymn #68: *Ye Servants of God*

Prayer & Greeting

**We Worship in Spirit and in Truth**

Songs of Praise and Worship

Children's Focus

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

**God Speaks to Us through His Word**

Reading: John 10:1-10

Message: "The Gate"

**We Respond and Go Forth to Serve**

Hymn #165: *Hallelujah, What a Saviour!*

Benediction

***You are invited to join us for refreshments  
 immediately after the service.***

**PRAYER AND PRAISE**

Monday



**Clifton Jang, Cornerstone Trinity Excelsior, San Francisco, California.** Cornerstone Trinity Excelsior launched in April of this year with a team led by Pastor Clifton and his wife, Adrienne. The desire of CTX, as they call themselves, is to build community and allow others to worship and experience God's love in parts of San Francisco. Every fifth Sunday of the month, CTX worship together by going out into their community to serve, by making food for and praying with the homeless. We pray for this outreach, that the love of Jesus which they express would manifest in the lives of everyone with whom they interact.

Tuesday

We pray 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 lift up Deacon Crista Lof, Pastor John and other members of the Christian Nurture Board, and all offering leadership and support to our children's and youth ministries. We pray that God will guide and empower them and bless and uphold our Ebenezer families and their children through the church and in every other way.

Thursday

On our NABC prayer list this week, we remember Rev. Len Mittelstaedt (Lead Pastor), Pastor Chris Laser (Youth and Young Families), the other staff, leaders, and members of Faith Baptist Church, Vernon. We ask God's continued provision for and blessing on their ministries and outreach in that city and beyond.

Friday

We pray for our Senior Pastor, Music Director, 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

### Youth Group

**Youth Group will start again on Friday, October 5**, when Pastor John and a team will be leading a **new Youth Alpha**. All **youth** between Grades 7 and 12 **are invited** and encouraged **to join us at 7:00 p.m in Room 3A (the Youth Room)**.

### Church Prayer Meeting

Our **next church prayer meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 4, 10-11 a.m. in the Parlour**. Please try to join us for this important time of prayer.

### Evergreen Ladies Auxiliary

Renew friendships and make friends at the **Evergreen Ladies Auxiliary Bake Sale and Tea** by donation in the Manor Lounge 1531 Ever-all Street, White Rock **Saturday, October 6, 2018 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.** Everyone is welcome.



### Library News

The book ***Our Lives Are Made Up of Stories***, written by Julia Lof's YWAM base leader, Kirsten Kelly, has been **graciously donated to our library**. We also have **three copies of *A Life Worth Living***, by Nicky Gumbel, which is a follow-up to the Alpha course.

### BSF Invitation

The **women's Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) class has** started again at our church **every Tuesday morning, 9:30–11:00 a.m.** **This year's study** is a brand new Old Testament course called **"People of the Promised Land."**

## REGULAR MID-WEEK PROGRAMMES

### Challengers

**Challengers** (55+) meets this Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. in the Lower Auditorium. Rev. Tony Tremblett will be our speaker. **Please bring a sandwich for your lunch.**

### Wednesday Bible Study

Pastor John's **9-week Bible study on "Church Leadership"** continues on **Wednesdays, 6:30–8:00 p.m. in the Parlour**. All are invited.

### Choir Practices

**Choir meets today after the service** and coffee time, Thursday practice continues on October 4 at 7:30 p.m. **If you would like to sing with us for the Christmas season, you are welcome to join us just for the season. We begin practising our Christmas music on Sunday, October 23**, after the service.

## WELCOME TO EBENEZER!

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## THIS MORNING

### Greeters

Our greeters for September are George and Fe Whitelaw

### Prayer Partners during the Worship Service

September 30: Queen Agbonmwanadolor; Rose Masing; Zulay Ho

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

The Church nursery is open for the use of parents with infants up to 2-years-old but there are no care providers.

### Noah's Place (2-4 yrs); Children K—Grade 6; Youth Sunday School

Children's Sunday School is from 11:00-12:00. Children are invited to leave the service after Children's Focus. The 2-4-year-olds are to be picked up at the close. Children Kindergarten to Grade 6 will be released from the Parlour at the end of the service.

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### Choir

The Choir has a Sunday practice today from 12:15–1:00 pm after the service and coffee time.

## THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

**Communion @ 10:30 a.m. Dr. John Oakes** will speak on "Don't Worry! Be Happy!" (Matthew 6:25–34).

### STEWARDSHIP: YEAR 2018

Weekly Goal: \$ 4,230.00	YTD Goal: \$ 168,740.00
Rec'd Sept 23: \$ 3,909.00	YTD Rec'd: \$ 174,128.78

*Thank you for your faithful giving to the Lord!*

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