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

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THANKSGIVING COMMUNION

Ebenezer Baptist Church

October 7th, 2018, 10:30 a.m.

We Gather as a Community

Welcome and Call to Worship
 Hymn #36: *Now Thank We All Our God*
 Prayer and Greeting

We Worship in Spirit and in Truth

Choir Anthem: *My Heart Is Filled* (K. Getty, S. Townend)
 Songs of Praise and Worship
 Children's Focus
 Announcements
 Pastoral Prayer
 Offertory Song: *Give Thanks*

God Speaks to Us through His Word

Reading: Matthew 6:25-34
 Message: "Don't Worry! Be Happy!"

We Share in Communion

Hymn #162: *Let Us Break Bread Together*
 Right Hand of Fellowship to New Members
 Communion
 Special Offering

We Respond and Go Forth to Serve

Hymn #54: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*
 Benediction

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

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Monday



Chris Finchum, Citywalk Church, Yuba City, California. Citywalk Church is still gaining momentum, with plans to launch officially in January 2019. We pray for Chris, his wife Laurie, and the launch team, as they hope to reach 100 people before January. We ask that they would be unified and grow spiritually. We especially lift up the community interest party on October 7 and follow-up with the connections made there as they meet the community and share about the church.

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 Graham Gertz, Assistant Treasurer John Iseli, other members of the Boards of Trustees and Stewardship, and all offering leadership and support in our property and financial ministries. We pray that God will guide and empower, bless and uphold them in their service, especially as Graham prepares a budget for our upcoming semi-annual business meeting next month.

Thursday

On our NABC prayer list this week, we remember Dan O'Connell (Moderator), the other leaders and people of Open Door Fellowship Barrière, BC, some 65 km north of Kamloops. We ask God's continued provision for and blessing on their ministries and outreach.

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 continues Friday, October 12 with the second session of our **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 3, 10-11 a.m. in the Parlour**. Please try to join us for this important time of prayer.

Pastoral Care

Pastor John is taking his last **week's vacation in Toronto** after Thanksgiving, **returning October 16**. **In the event of a pastoral emergency**, please **contact the other Elders and/or the church office**.

All-Church Lunch

All are invited to join us for a free all-church lunch on Sunday, October 28 after the morning service.

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. **We will be having baked chicken for lunch with pie for dessert for \$5.**

Wednesday Bible Study

Pastor John's **9-week Bible study on "Church Leadership" will not meet on October 10. It resumes on Wednesday, October 17, 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Parlour**. All are invited.

Choir Practices

Choir meets today after the service and coffee time. Thursday practices continue 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 21**, after the service.

WELCOME TO EBENEZER!

A warm welcome to all our visitors! Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, we are happy to see you. We hope you enjoy your time with us and sense God's presence. If you'd like to get in touch, please fill out the Welcome Card in the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate or contact our Senior Pastor directly. Thanks for joining us. God bless you!

THIS MORNING

Greeters

Thank you to our greeters for September, George and Fe Whitelaw. Our Greeters for October are John and Sharon Iseli.

Prayer Partners during the Worship Service

October 14: Doug Reichert; Diana Reichert

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.

Noah's Place Helpers

October 7: Debbie and Meg Tobert
October 14: Doug Reichert; Diana Reichert

Choir

There is a practice today from 12:15-1:00 pm after the service and coffee time.

NEXT SUNDAY

Worship @ 10:30 a.m. Dr. Lyle Schrag will speak on "How To Make Thanksgiving Last Forever" (Psalm 116).

STEWARDSHIP: YEAR 2018

Weekly Goal: \$ 4,230.00	YTD Goal: \$ 172,970.00
Rec'd Sept 30: \$ 4,968.00	YTD Rec'd: \$ 179,097.78

*Our Thanksgiving Offering to September 30th: \$ 375.00
Thank you for your faithful giving to the Lord!*

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!



Mary Adetayo Sebiotimo comes originally from Nigeria, where she started going to church from a very tender age. She finally gave her life to Christ in 2016 after multiple attempts before then. Mary moved to Canada in order to continue her education and on her arrival, searched for the nearest Baptist church, which turned out to be Ebenezer. She was baptized on June 10, 2018 and is still growing under the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

"I am so excited to finally become an official member of the family of Ebenezer Baptist Church," Mary says. "I hope to spread God's love by doing his works through this body of Christ."



Cason Lof has attended Ebenezer with his family from an early age and been an active participant in children's and youth ministries and programmes here. Now in Grade 12, he remains a member of the Youth Group. Cason recalls some times when he felt closer to God than others. He reached a really significant point of decision at Green Bay Bible Camp, where he has worked, as well as attended, when he made a deeper commitment of faith praying with his sister, Julia. Following that experience, he decided to

get baptized in June. As he becomes a church member, it will be exciting to see where God leads Cason.



Meg Tobert grew up at Ebenezer, where she has attended many Sunday School, youth and children's programmes. "For as long as I can remember," she says, "I always loved God and learning about him." But at age six, she realized that she needed God in a special way and decided to make her faith her own by accepting Jesus into her heart. Since then, Meg has continued to learn about Jesus and her faith has been specially strengthened during three

years working at Green Bay. Her experiences there, at church, and at school, prompted her to get baptized this year. As she enters membership, she looks forward to what God has in store for the future.

A Prayer for Our Members

Loving God, we thank you for calling us to be disciples in the fellowship of this church. We thank you for one another and especially today for Cason, Mary, and Meg, who are joining us in membership. By the power of your Holy Spirit make us all more like Jesus Christ, that together we may serve you and witness to your redeeming love in the world. We ask this in Jesus' precious name. Amen.

THE EBENEZER COVENANT (From our church Constitution 2(h-j))

Having been led as we believe by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, **we do now, in the presence of God, angels, and this assembly most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.**

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit,

- to walk together in Christian love;
- to strive for the advancement of this Church in knowledge, holiness, and comfort;
- to promote its prosperity and spirituality;
- to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines;
- to give it a sacred pre-eminence over all institutions of human origin;
- to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expense of the Church, the relief of the poor and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

We also engage,

- to maintain family and secret devotion;
- to religiously educate our children;
- to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances;
- to walk circumspectly in the world;
- to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment;
- to avoid all tattling, backbiting and excessive anger;
- to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Saviour;
- to watch over one another in brotherly love;
- to remember each other in prayer;
- to aid each other in sickness and distress;
- to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech;
- to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Saviour, to secure it without delay.