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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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Ebenezer Baptist Church

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

Sunday, November 4th, 2018



"Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.'" (John 14:6–7)

10:30 a.m. Communion
"The Way, the Truth and the Life"
(John 14:1–7)
Dr. John Oakes

COMMUNION CELEBRATION
Ebenezer Baptist Church
 November 4th, 2018, 10:30 a.m.

We Gather as a Community
Welcome and Call to Worship
Hymn #52: <i>Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven</i>
Prayer and 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 14:1-7
Message: "The Way, the Truth and the Life"
We Share in Communion
Hymn #162: <i>Let Us Break Bread Together</i>
Right Hand of Fellowship to New Members—Shawn Kahlon, Loren and Sigrid (Sig) Stark
Communion
Special Offering
We Respond and Go Forth to Serve
Hymn #63: <i>Praise Him! Praise Him!</i>
Benediction
<i>You are invited to join us for refreshments immediately after the service.</i>

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Monday



Todd Toole, Mercy Church, Hebron, Kentucky, serves as lead pastor. We pray that the church would continue to reach the people of Boone County, the fastest growing in Kentucky. We also ask that God would enable it to live up to its mission of offering impactful worship experiences, providing effective discipleship opportunities centred on small groups, and maintaining its outward focus by serving others.

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 the preparations for our next semi-annual general (business) meeting on November 18. As we move towards approving a new budget for 2019 and making necessary changes to our Constitution and Bylaws, we pray that God will guide and empower, bless and uphold all our members, as we work together to become an ever more fruitful and outward-looking community.

Thursday

On our NAB prayer list this week, we remember Executive Minister Bob Krahn and other members of the BCNAB Executive Council, including Moderator Rev. Matt Dressler, Treasurer André Deepwell, Melinda Bahr, Rev. Harry Bicknell, Rev. Tim Doling, and Dr. Ken Klasen. We ask God's continued provision for and blessing on their ministries and leadership.

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

Church Meeting—November 18

All members are invited to attend our next semi-annual general (business) meeting on Sunday, November 18 after the Sunday service in the Lower Auditorium. There will be **two main resolutions** on the agenda: **1), to approve a 2019 budget and 2), to approve changes to our Constitution and Bylaws, which are needed to bring them in compliance with the new BC Societies Act.** If you are a member, **please pick up your official notification of this meeting, together with necessary documentation,** immediately from the Welcome Centre after the service.

Youth Group

Youth Alpha continues **Friday, November 16** with "**Bible: Why and How Do I Read the Bible?**" We'll be meeting in the **Youth Room (3A)** and **starting** the programme **at 7:00 p.m.**

Ladies' Talk & Tea

Join us **Saturday, November 17 at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlour.** We'll take time to talk, pray, and discuss the future of **EBC Women's Ministry.**

New Appointment

The Elders are pleased to announce the appointment of a new Youth and Family Ministries Coordinator to succeed Tim Froese, who left at the end of July. **Amos Bohoussou will be joining us on January 1, 2019. Please pray for Amos** as he prepares to move from Montreal to work here and to study at Regent College. A full announcement is available from the Welcome Centre after the service.

REGULAR MID-WEEK PROGRAMMES

Challengers

Challengers (55+) meets this Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. in the Lower Auditorium. **Pastor John will be our speaker. Pizza will be provided for your lunch.**

Wednesday Bible Study

Pastor John's **9-week Bible study on "Church Leadership"** continues on **Wednesday, November 7, 6:30–8:00 p.m. in the Parlour.** All are invited.

Choir Practices

Choir meets today and 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 have begun to practise our Christmas music.**

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 October, John and Sharon Iseli
Our Greeters for November will be Bob and Elfrieda Brose

Prayer Partners during the Worship Service

November 11: 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

November 4: Queen and Efe Agbonmwandolor
November 11: Debbie and Meg Tobert

Choir

There is a practice today from 12:15–1:00 pm after the service and coffee time. We will practise Sunday, November 11th at 9:30 am.

NEXT SUNDAY

Worship @ 10:30 a.m. Dr. John Oakes will be speaking on "The True Vine" (John 15:1–8), Part 7 of his sermon series: "Who Do You Think Jesus Is?"

STEWARDSHIP: YEAR 2018

Weekly Goal: \$ 4,230.00	YTD Goal: \$ 197,890.00
Rec'd October 28: \$ 2,706.00	YTD Rec'd: \$ 223,523.97

Thank you for your faithful giving to the Lord!

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!



Shawn Kahlon

Shawn began coming to Ebenezer in 1995. At that time, he participated in College and Careers events with Michelle. Shawn and Michelle got married at Ebenezer in 2000 and they received a lot of prayer a few months later when Shawn got sick. Shawn was baptized at Ebenezer in a memorable service on June 10. Having the fellowship and support of a church community is a big reason why he now wants to become a member.



Sigrid and Loren Stark

Sigrid (Sig) was born in Vancouver in November 1956. She and her family were active members of Bethany Baptist Church when it was on Quebec Street. While attending John Oliver High School, she had frequent contact with the youth of Ebenezer. After graduating and working briefly, she attended NABC in Edmonton where she studied music, received a Diploma in Music, and met Loren.

Loren was born in Edmonton in October 1951 and grew up in various communities in Alberta. At each new place he and the family were actively involved in a Baptist church. After graduating High School and attending university in Calgary, Loren worked for a few years with the Alberta Treasury Branches and then began attending NABC in Edmonton, graduating with degrees in Religious Education and Theology. A Master's degree (Taylor Seminary) and a DMin (Carey Theological College) would follow.

Loren and Sig were married in October 1978. Over the past 40 years they have had four children—two girls (Alita & Danica) and two boys (Daniel and Jonathan) and have served at four churches—Loren as pastor and Sig through music. Loren retired from Pilgrim Baptist Church, Vancouver in November 2016 after 33 years of full-time pastoral ministry and now works part-time as the Associate Chaplain at Evergreen Baptist Campus of Care. Sig has worked as a fundraiser and has been the Director of Fund Development at L'Arche Greater Vancouver for the past ten years.

The desire of both is that they could continue to serve God and others at Ebenezer Baptist Church.

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 Shawn, Loren and Sig, 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.

THE EBENEZER COVENANT (From our Constitution)

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 department;
- to avoid all tattling, backbiting and excessive anger; and 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.

[Senior Pastor's Historical Note: This covenant was originally published by J. Newton Brown in *The Baptist Church Manual: Containing the Declaration of Faith, Covenant, Rules of Order and Brief Forms of Church Letters* (Philadelphia, PA: American Baptist Publication Society, 1853), pp. 23-24]