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**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](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**

**ADVENT COMMUNION**  
**Ebenezer Baptist Church**  
December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018, 10:30 a.m.

**Gathering of the Community**

Welcome and Call to Worship

Hymn #171: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (v. 1 solo-Miriam Davidson)

Prayer and Greeting

**Worship and Word**

Songs of Praise

Children's Focus and Lighting of Advent Wreath

Advent Song: *When God Is A Child* (v. 1)

Announcements

Reading: Romans 13:11-14 (read by Darren Lof)

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory: *Now Come Redeemer of our Race* (D. Buxtehude), played by Wayne Faszer

**Communion**

Message: "Christmas Preparations" (Dr. John Oakes)

Song: *Behold the Lamb* (K. & K. Getty, S. Townend)

Communion

**Response and Dismissal**

Special Offering

Hymn #172: *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Benediction

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

**PRAYER AND PRAISE**

Monday



**Geoff Hartt, Executive Director of Hispanics for Christ.**

Geoff Hartt leads Hispanics for Christ, which exists to plant Spanish-speaking churches and to train leaders for those churches. They currently have church planters in the United States, Mexico, Paraguay, and Argentina. We pray for continuing discussions about formal partnerships between Sioux Falls Seminary, Hispanics for Christ, and the Argentinian schools.

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 our preparations and programming for the Advent and Christmas seasons, including all our regular and special worship services, the Advent Bible Study (Wednesdays), the Christmas Gathering (December 8), and the Stanley Park Carol Ride (December 23). We pray that God will bless and minister through all that we do to build up our church and spread the gospel.

Thursday

On our BCNAB prayer list this week, we remember Pastor Roger Liegmann (Lead), Pastor Carrie Liegmann, as well as the other staff, leaders and people involved in the WestMOUNT/BCNAB church plant, Kelowna. We ask God's continued provision for and blessing on their ministries and outreach as they work to build a new congregation together.

Friday

We lift up our Senior Pastor, Music Director, Elders, Deacons, other staff and leaders. May they know the presence, enabling and guidance of the Holy Spirit, especially during this busy season in the church year.

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.

**If you would like prayer for any person or reason,  
please contact Pastor John or the church office. We  
can pray for folks publicly by name during the Pastoral  
Prayer and/or list them in the Sunday bulletin, as well  
as arranging prayer through the Prayer Chain.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### Year-End Wrap-Up

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