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## **CHURCH LEADERSHIP TEAM**

### **PASTORAL STAFF**

**Senior Pastor, Dr. John Oakes**

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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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**ADVENT COMMUNION**  
**Ebenezer Baptist Church**  
December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 10:30 a.m.

**Gathering of the Community**

Welcome and Call to Worship

Hymn: *Hark! The Glad Sound*

Prayer and Greeting

**Worship and Word**

Songs of Praise

Children's Focus and Lighting of Advent Wreath

Advent Song: *When God Is A Child* (vv. 1-2)

Reading: Luke 1: 46-56 (read by Margaret Ronsano)

Anthem: *The Wonder of It All* (Lee Black & Jason Cox)

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Hymn #435: *We Give Thee But Thine Own*

Message: "A Song for the Ages" (Dr. John Oakes)

**Response and Dismissal**

Songs of Response

Announcements

Hymn #169: *Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne*

Benediction

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

**PRAYER AND PRAISE**

Monday



**Laci and Eszter Daróczy-Csuhai, National Missionaries in Hungary.** Laci is responsible for teaching advanced Community Health Evangelism to leaders and workers in Hungarian-speaking areas. Recently, Laci and a team of volunteers from two NAB churches transformed two shipping containers into a mobile community centre for the Roma in Boldog. Eszter also works setting up and leading Women's Cycle of Life and children's training programs. We pray for their continued work in Hungary.

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), 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 Jenn Koop, Executive Director, Joel Unrau, Programme Manager, as well as the other staff and leaders of Green Bay Bible Camp, Kelowna. We ask God's continued provision for and blessing on their ministry and outreach and we pray for all campers and volunteer staff, past and future.

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. We especially remember Ebenezer members who can no longer attend regularly for health reasons, including Janice, Eugenie, Eugene, Irene, Daralee, Jose and Elena, and Sylvia. 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.**