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**Church Office Hours:**  
**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 days off are Monday and one other day.)

**Director of Music, Grant Gwynn**

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## Ebenezer Baptist Church

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

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



*"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things."*  
(Philippians 4:8)

**10:30 a.m. Worship**  
**"New Year's Priorities"**  
(Philippians 4:1–9)  
**Dr. John Oakes**

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

**Gathering of the Community**

Welcome and Call to Worship

Hymn #178: *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Prayer and Greeting

**Worship and Word**

Songs of Praise

Children's Focus

Reading: Philippians 4:1-9 (read by Samuel Tobert)

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

Message: "New Year's Priorities" (Dr. John Oakes)

**Response and Dismissal**

Songs of Response

Announcements

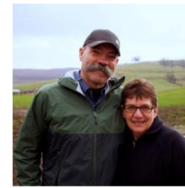
Hymn #181: *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

Benediction

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

**PRAYER AND PRAISE**

Monday



**Vern and Gloria Wagner, NAB Missionaries in Romania.** The experience Vern and Gloria bring to Camp Falcon Rock in Romania is a blessing to all who are actively working towards getting the camp up and running. Some recent projects include water and sewage pipes being laid, as well as continuing work on a water tank that will hold approximately 120,000 liters. We pray for all the continued projects and permits. We also ask that Vern and Gloria would find comfort in the Lord and in their current community whenever they miss their children and grandchildren back in Canada.

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 Amos Bohoussou, our new Youth and Family Ministries Coordinator, as he prepares to begin ministry with us this coming week. We pray that God will also strengthen and sustain him as he adjusts to life in Vancouver and to his studies at Regent College. We ask God's blessing on him and on his work among us as we strive under God to build up our church and to spread the gospel in 2019.

Thursday

On our BCNAB prayer list this week, we remember Senior Pastor Mark Fast, as well as the other staff, leaders and people of New Hope Bible Fellowship, Oroville, WA. We ask God's continued provision for and blessing on their ministries and outreach.

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 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.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Thanks for Your Service

**Many thanks to all who contributed to our Christmas services**, including musicians, readers, sound technicians, ushers, decorators, bulletin printers, and the many others who served behind the scenes! **We pray for all our visitors** over the Christmas season.

### Congregational Prayer Meeting

Congregational **prayer meetings are now being held on the second Saturday of every month. Please join us** for our first meeting of the new year **on Saturday, January 12, 10:00–11:00 a.m. in the Parlour.**

### Janice Katzberg

**Janice Katzberg's funeral arrangements in January will be announced as soon as the details are finalized.** We pray for her family and friends, who continue to grieve her passing.

### Youth Group

Youth Alpha has now finished. Our **youth programming will resume in January** after Amos Bohoussou, our new Youth and Family Ministries Coordinator, arrives.

### Year-End Wrap-Up

If you have **outstanding expense claims for 2018 church programmes, please submit them** with your receipts to the church office by tomorrow at the latest, using the pink Cheque Requisition forms.

### Christmas Greetings

**Greeting cards and year-end letters** addressed to the church have been **posted on the Missions Board** by the ramp entry in the narthex area.

### Coffee Service Volunteers Needed

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### Wednesday Bible Study

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## THIS MORNING

### Greeters

Thank you to our Greeters for December, Jack and Rose Masing  
Our Greeters for January will be Rajender and Raj Rani Kumar

### Prayer Partners during the Worship Service

January 6: 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

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### Noah's Place Helpers

December 30: Florence Decolongon

January 6: Aurea Sayo and Hans Fajarillo

### Choir

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## NEXT SUNDAY

**Communion @ 10:30 a.m.** Dr. John Oakes will be speaking on "The 'Mystery' of Christ " (Ephesians 3:1–12).

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