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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 days off are Monday and one other day.)

**Director of Music, Grant Gwynn**

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**Youth and Family Ministries Coordinator, Amos Bohoussou**

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## Ebenezer Baptist Church

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

**Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019**



*"Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."  
(Acts 2:46-47)*

10:30 a.m. Communion  
"Natural Church Growth"  
(Acts 2:42-47)  
Dr. John Oakes

COMMUNION CELEBRATION  
Ebenezer Baptist Church  
February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019, 10:30 a.m.

Gathering of the Community

Welcome and Call to Worship

Hymn #131: *The Church's One Foundation*

Prayer and Greeting

Worship and Word

Songs of Praise

Children's Focus

Reading: Acts 2:42-47

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

Message: "Natural Church Growth" (Dr. John Oakes)

Communion

Hymn #162: *Let Us Break Bread Together*

Communion

*(All who know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour are welcome to receive Communion)*

Special Offering

Response and Dismissal

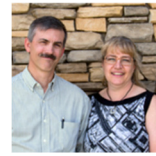
Hymn #132: *Onward, Christian Soldiers*

Benediction

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

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Monday



**Jeff and Sonya Kilmartin, NAB Missionaries in Cameroon** have fostered a connection with some of the Fulbe people in Nigeria. Jeff holds a position at the seminary in Ndu and Sonya is teaching English classes. They have made multiple forays into Fulbe communities, including five weeks staying in a village in Nigeria. Upon their return to Cameroon, they have been redirected to Banyo, a city in a safer part of the country. We continue to pray for peace and safety amid the ongoing and escalating unrest in Cameroon, focused in the Anglophone section of the country.

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 Youth and Family Ministries Coordinator, Amos Bohous-sou, Deacon Crista Lof, members of the Board of Christian Nurture, Youth Group helpers, Sunday School and Noah's Place teachers, and all who contribute to our vital ministries with youth and children. We also pray for our young people themselves, asking God's special blessing on them and on our youth and family ministries, as we strive under God to glorify God, to build up our church, and to share the gospel in 2019.

Thursday

On our BCNAB prayer list this week, we remember Lead Pastor Stefano Piva, Executive Pastor Jerry Ritskes, the other staff, leaders and people of Bethany Baptist Church, Richmond as they pursue their vision "to glorify God by making disciples of Jesus Christ." 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

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**There is still time to join one of these groups. Please sign up at the Welcome Centre** or contact the leaders directly. Study materials will be available.

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### Shoreline Clean Up

A couple of EBC folk will be going to the **"Shoreline Clean Up"** event beginning **10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 2, at Lumberman's Arch, Stanley Park. If you're interested** in being part of this, **please see the poster in the narthex and/or contact Amos.**

### Janice Katzberg's Funeral

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