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## **CHURCH LEADERSHIP TEAM**

#### **PASTORAL STAFF**

Senior Pastor, Dr. John Oakes

Tel: 604-779-2356 (cell); Email: seniorpastor@rockofhelp.com

(Pastor John is available for pastoral counselling and visitation by appointment. His days 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, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019



"Jesus said to his disciples: '... So watch yourselves. If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him. If he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times comes back to you and says, "I repent," forgive him."

(Luke 17:1, 3-4)

10:30 a.m. Worship
"Finding the Faith to Forgive"
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# WORSHIP CELEBRATION Ebenezer Baptist Church

February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 10:30 a.m.

## Gathering of the Community

Welcome and Call to Worship

Hymn #315: Rock of Ages

Prayer and Greeting

## Worship and Word

Songs of Praise

Children's Focus

Reading: Luke 17:1-10

Choir Anthem: Pray Now (Karen Gooch, et al.)

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Hymn #313: Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Message: "Finding the Faith to Forgive"

(Dr. John Oakes)

Apostles' Creed (Hymn Book #622)

## Response and Dismissal

Songs of Response

Announcements

Closing Song: By Faith

Benediction

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

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

## <u>Monday</u>



**Walter and Florence Grob, NAB Missionary in Came- roon.** Walter handles the missionary finances for the Cameroon Baptist Convention. He and his wife, Florence, are currently in North America in the middle of their home assignment. We pray for the Grobs to experience rest in the midst
of their travels visiting supporting churches. We also lift up
the ongoing conflict in Cameroon, and especially the Baptist

educational institutions that are having difficulty functioning amidst the unrest.

## <u>Tuesday</u>

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.

## <u>Wednesday</u>

We lift up Deacon Noel Pocdolacion, other members of the Board of Ushers and Welcomers, and all who minister as ushers, welcomers, greeters and/or helpers at the Welcome Centre. We thank God for their ministry of hospitality, asking God's special blessing on them and on us all, as we seek to enable Ebenezer to be as welcoming and accessible to visitors and newcomers as to members and regular attenders.

## Thursday

On our BCNAB prayer list this week, we remember Pastor Raymond Seetoh, the other staff, leaders and people of Cornerstone Evangelical Baptist Church, Richmond, as they pursue their vision "to be a biblically -based, Christ-centered community of multi-generational believers that love the Lord above all else, desire spiritual maturity, and share the message of hope and salvation through Jesus Christ." We ask God's continued provision for and blessing on their ministries and outreach.

## <u>Friday</u>

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.

## <u>Saturday</u>

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.

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