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CHURCH LEADERSHIP TEAM

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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.)

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Ebenezer Baptist Church

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

Sunday, March 10th, 2019



"[Jesus] also said, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how.'"

(Mark 4:26-27)

10:30 a.m. Worship
"Seed Thoughts"
(Mark 4:26-29).
Dr. Loren Stark

WORSHIP CELEBRATION
Ebenezer Baptist Church
March 10th, 2019, 10:30 a.m.

Gathering of the Community

Welcome and Call to Worship

Hymn #82: Blessed Be the Name

Prayer and Greeting

Worship and Word

Songs of Praise

Children's Focus

Reading: Mark 4:26-29

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Hymn #324: 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Message: "Seed Thoughts" (Dr. Loren Stark)

Response and Dismissal

Songs of Response

Announcements

Song: Still

Benediction

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

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Monday

Ron and Jeannie Seck, NAB Missionaries in Hungary. Much of Ron and Jeannie's work involves training and assisting leaders and churches in ministry, but they are also heavily involved in expanding the work into new nations and communities. This month and next include a trip to north-eastern Bulgaria to lead a CHE Vision Seminar for Global Nomads which is quickly followed by two to three weeks in Macedonia to train a new team there. Pray for safe travels for Ron and Jeannie. Pray as well for the upcoming vision seminar and trainings.



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.

Wednesday

We lift up Senior Pastor John Oakes and all our staff and their families, including Music Director Grant Gwynn, Youth and Family Ministries Coordinator Amos Bohoussou, Office Secretary Barbara Loveys, Caretaker Ke Ming Zhou, and Night Watchman, Bekele Gebreab. We ask God to strengthen, equip, encourage and empower them all, as they work to help our church to grow in grace and further God's Kingdom.

Thursday

On our BC Association of NAB prayer list this week, we pray for Brian Meunier, Interim Executive Director, Chaplains Dr. Ken Klassen and our own Dr. Loren Stark, and all leaders, staff and residents of the Evergreen Baptist Campus of Care, White Rock. We ask God's richest blessing on them as they pursue their mission, "demonstrating God's love," to "provide safe, quality health care that meets the physical, social, mental and spiritual needs of residents in a campus of care community where all can live with dignity."

Friday

We lift up our 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, Irene, Daralee, Jose and Elena, Pearl, 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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