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CHURCH LEADERSHIP TEAM

PASTORAL STAFF

Senior Pastor, Dr. John Oakes

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Director of Music, Grant Gwynn

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Ebenezer Baptist Church

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

Sunday, March 17th, 2019



"It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed . . . Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven . . . which we must be saved." (Acts 4:10,12)

10:30 a.m. Worship
"A Courageous Witness"
(Acts 4:1-22)
Dr. John Oakes

WORSHIP CELEBRATION
Ebenezer Baptist Church
March 17th, 2019, 10:30 a.m.

Gathering of the Community

Welcome and Call to Worship

Hymn #244: *At the Name of Jesus*

Prayer and Greeting

Worship and Word

Songs of Praise

Children's Focus

Reading: Acts 4:1-22

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Hymn #214: *O How He Loves You and Me*

Message: "A Courageous Witness" (Dr. John Oakes)

Response and Dismissal

Songs of Response

Announcements

Hymn #502: *We've a Story to Tell*

Benediction

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

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Monday



David Ibarra, Field Coordinator for Hispanics for Christ in Rafaela, Argentina. We pray for David's ministry with Hispanics for Christ, training pastors and planting new churches, even as he continues to serve as pastor of Iglesia Jesucristo Mi Esperanza. Last month, the church held a ministries fair to connect people with the different ways they can serve. We ask that the fruits of this fair would continue to edify the body and that God would give David strength and wisdom as he helps the church reach people in Argentina for Jesus Christ.

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 all our building renters and users, especially our long-term tenants Faith Chinese Baptist Church and the Montessori School. As they seek to serve others in many different ways, may God bless their ministries, programmes and activities. We thank God for them, for our building and for all those who serve to make it possible for Ebenezer to bless so many in our neighbourhood and beyond by opening our doors and extending our hospitality.

Thursday

On our BC Association of NAB prayer list this week, we pray for Senior Pastor, Rev. Brad Reid, Ministry Coordinator Melinda Bahr and all leaders, staff and members of Zion Baptist Church, Terrace, BC. We ask God's richest blessing on them as they pursue their mission to be "a Christ-centered family," which "reaches people for Jesus, encourages growth and shows his love through action" in Terrace and beyond.

Friday

We lift up our Senior Pastor, 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.

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A Note of Thanks

It is with grateful hearts that we express our **thanks for the beautiful bridal shower the ladies of Ebenezer held for Joanne**. Your generosity is overwhelming, and we truly appreciate the love and support we have received from our family at EBC. *Brian and Joanne*

Family Ministries Bowling Night

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Women's Ministries Meetings

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REGULAR MID-WEEK PROGRAMMES

Challengers

Challengers (55+) continues on **Wednesday** at 11:00 am when **Rev. Tony Tremblett will be our speaker. Please bring a sandwich for your lunch.**

Choir Practices

Choir practices continue this week on **Thursday, March 21 and next Sunday, March 24**. Anyone who would like to sing is welcome to join the choir.

Friday Youth Group

Friday youth group continues 7–9 p.m. on the evening of Friday, March 22, in the Youth Room with Amos Bohoussou, Youth and Family Ministries Coordinator.

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Nursery (*Located near the ramp on the north side*).

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