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Ebenezer Baptist Church

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

Sunday, March 24th, 2019



"All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all." (Acts 4:32-33)

10:30 a.m. Worship
"A Community of Prayer"
(Acts 4:23-37)
Dr. John Oakes

WORSHIP CELEBRATION
Ebenezer Baptist Church
March 24th, 2019, 10:30 a.m.

Gathering of the Community

Welcome and Call to Worship

Hymn #52: *Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven*

Prayer and Greeting

Worship and Word

Songs of Praise

Children's Focus

Reading: Acts 4:23-37

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Hymn #412: *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

Message: "A Community of Prayer" (Dr. John Oakes)

Response and Dismissal

Songs of Response

Announcements

Hymn #8: *To God Be the Glory*

Benediction

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

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Monday



Matt Van Peurse, Catalyst Woodland in Woodland, California. Matt and his wife, Kirsten, started Catalyst as a place that seeks to make the truth of Jesus relevant to those that find it irrelevant, to have a solid biblical foundation, to love one another, and to avoid unnecessary divisions. They added a second Sunday service last fall, and they formally opened their new location on Main Street in downtown Woodland at the beginning of the year. We pray that Catalyst would manifest God's presence in their community.

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 the whole Challengers community, who meet faithfully every Wednesday morning for worship and fellowship, together with Jack Mas-ing, Rev. Tony Tremblett, Grant Gwynn, and Pastor John, who offer leadership and teaching to the group. We thank God for the Challengers, for their continuing contributions to the life and ministry of Ebenezer, and for their testimonies of faith and devotion. May God bless them richly as their years increase and they grow in grace.

Thursday

On our BC Association of NAB prayer list this week, we pray for our own members, Executive Minister, Dr. Bob Krahn, and his wife Dawn. We ask God's richest blessing on them as Bob pursues his ministry with the BC Baptist Association and his greatest joy "to help churches grow healthy and to rekindle their passion for evangelism."

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, 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, Sharon Iseli, 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 through the Prayer Chain.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

John and Frieda's 70th Anniversary

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Family Ministries Bowling Night

There will be a **Family Ministries Bowling Night on Saturday, March 30, 6–8:00 p.m. at Lucky 9 Lanes, Richmond.** Cost is **\$20 per person. Please see Amos for details and sign up at the Welcome Centre.**

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Women's Ministries Meetings

All Ebenezer women are welcome to join us for our regular Women's Ministries meetings on the **3rd Saturday @ 10:00 a.m.**, and the **4th Monday @ 7:00 p.m. of each month. *Please note that the Monday evening meeting is cancelled this month.***

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

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