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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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## Ebenezer Baptist Church

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

**Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019**



*"Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume . . . 'Leave her alone,' Jesus replied. 'It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial.'"*  
(John 12:3, 7)

**10:30 a.m. Communion**  
**"Something Beautiful for God"**  
(John 12:1-8)  
**Dr. John Oakes**

COMMUNION CELEBRATION  
Ebenezer Baptist Church  
April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 10:30 a.m.

Gathering of the Community

Welcome and Call to Worship

Hymn #3: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Prayer and Greeting

Worship and Word

Songs of Praise

Children's Focus

Reading: John 12:1-8

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

Message: "Something Beautiful for God" (John Oakes)

Communion

Hymn #451: *I Surrender All*

Communion

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

Special Offering

Response and Dismissal

Hymn #332: *All Will Be Well*

Benediction

***You are invited to join us for refreshments in the Narthex immediately after the service. If you would like prayer after the service, please go to the front row and someone will pray for you.***

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Monday



**Mayette Ativo-Bueno, National Missionary, Director of Bicol Center for Christian Leadership in the Philippines.** BCCL seeks to serve and empower the body of Christ, not only through theological and pastoral instruction in the classroom, but also by mobilizing workers for the harvest field, providing resources for pastors and churches, and being a model of servant leadership. We pray that BCCL would be able to expand its facilities to increase its ministry efforts and we lift up Mayette's ministry as she strives to know each student and serve them directly and intentionally.

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 our Music Director, Grant Gwynn, our organists, choir, members of our worship team, and all who contribute to the musical life and ministry of Ebenezer. We especially pray for the preparations for our Easter services, including the joint NAB service on Good Friday. As we seek to "worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness" (Ps. 29:2), as well as "in Spirit and in truth" (John 4:23), may God bless our musicians, who contribute so much to the spiritual life of our congregation. And may God be glorified and his Kingdom extended through our praises and prayers!

Thursday

On our BC Association of NAB prayer list this week, we join with other local churches in praying for Senior Pastor John Oakes, the other staff, leaders, and people of our own congregation of Ebenezer. We ask God's continuing provision, blessing and strength, as we pursue our mission "to win and build passionate lifelong followers of Jesus Christ."

Friday

We lift up all our 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 (604-244-1636), or Freda Ross (604-326-5123). 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

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