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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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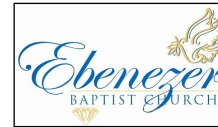
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## Ebenezer Baptist Church

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

**Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019**



*"The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name. Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ."  
(Acts 5:41-42)*

**10:30 a.m. Communion  
"Persecution and Growth"  
(Acts 5:17-42)  
Dr. John Oakes**

**WORSHIP CELEBRATION**  
**Ebenezer Baptist Church**  
May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 10:30 a.m.

**Gathering of the Community**

Welcome and Call to Worship  
Hymn #16: *How Great Thou Art*  
Prayer and Greeting

**Worship and Word**

Songs of Praise  
Children's Focus  
Reading: Acts 5:17-42  
Announcements  
Pastoral Prayer  
Offertory  
Message: "Persecution and Growth" (Dr. John Oakes)

**Communion**

Hymn #162: *Let Us Break Bread Together*  
Communion  
*(All who know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour are welcome to receive Communion)*  
Special Offering

**Response and Dismissal**

Hymn #517: *Freely, Freely*  
Benediction

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

**PRAYER AND PRAISE**

Monday



**Paco Damian, Field Coordinator with Hispanics for Christ in Queretaro, Mexico.** In 2004, God put a desire in Paco's heart, together with Israel Contreras, to start Fusion Ministries, a church-planting ministry established in the state of Queretaro in central Mexico. After planting their first church, Iglesia Bíblica Misionera (Bible Missionary Church) in Queretaro, three other churches have been planted around Mexico. Paco and his wife, Shawna, have two children. We pray for Paco and his ministry through Hispanics for 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 Deacon Noel Poddolacion, chair of the Board of Ushers and Welcomers, our ushers, welcomers, greeters and all who help with making Ebenezer a more welcoming and inclusive community, especially for visitors and newcomers. May we know God's special guidance and enabling, as we seek to minister more effectively to all who enter our doors.

Thursday

On our BC Association of NAB prayer list this week, we remember NAB Executive Director Dan Hamil. We thank God for his leadership and pray that he and his family may know God's continuing guidance, blessing and empowerment, as Dan seeks to offer leadership to the NAB Conference of churches in our joint mission "to glorify God by making disciples of Jesus Christ at home and internationally."

Friday

We lift up Pastor John and 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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