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### CHURCH LEADERSHIP TEAM

#### PASTORAL STAFF

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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, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019**



*"Stephen, a man full of God's grace and power, did great wonders and miraculous signs among the people. Opposition arose, however, from members of the Synagogue of the Freedmen . . . These men began to argue with Stephen, but they could not stand up against his wisdom or the Spirit by whom he spoke." (vv. 8-10)*

**10:30 a.m. Worship**  
**"The Ministry of Stephen"**  
**(Acts 6:8-15)**  
**Dr. John Oakes**

WORSHIP CELEBRATION  
Ebenezer Baptist Church  
May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 10:30 a.m.

Gathering of the Community

Welcome and Call to Worship

Hymn #41: *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Prayer and Greeting

Worship and Word

Songs of Praise

Children's Focus

Reading: Acts 6:8-15

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Hymn #366: *The Lord's My Shepherd*

Message: "The Ministry of Stephen" (Dr. John Oakes)

Response and Dismissal

Song(s) 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



**Gary Clatterbuck, NAB missionary**, is the field coordinator for Russia working under Moscow Theological Seminary. He helps provide consultants, upon request, to ten different Learning Centres across Russia. A law passed last year calls for tighter restrictions on missionaries and evangelism. We pray for the hearts and actions of Russia's leaders, as well as for the complicated logistics created for Gary's work with

MTS.

Tuesday

We lift up our neighbourhood and 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 pray for Youth and Family Ministries Coordinator, Amos Bohoussou, Deacon Crista Lof, members of the Board of Christian Nurture, and all leaders, teachers and helpers, who contribute to family, youth and children's ministries. Especially during May Camp weekend, and as we look forward to this year's VBS and Youth Week, we thank God for them all. May they receive God's special guidance and enabling, as we all seek to minister to the young people for whom we care and intercede.

Thursday

On our BC Baptist Association of the NAB prayer list this week, we remember Interim Lead Pastor Larry Woelke, the other staff, leaders, and people of Faith Baptist Church, Vernon. May they know God's continuing blessing and empowerment, as they pursue their mission to be a "a Christ-centred, biblically-functioning body of believers committed to worship [the] Lord . . . , win the lost to Jesus Christ . . . , build believers up in the faith . . . , share and care for one another . . . , serve as a body . . . , and give of [their] resources and lives in a unified effort, touching people with the love of Christ."

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 time 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 Doug, 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.**

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