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Ebenezer Baptist Church

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

Sunday, September 8th, 2019



*“John wore clothing made of camel's hair,
 with a leather belt around his waist, and he
 ate locusts and wild honey. This was his mes-
 sage: ‘After me will come one more powerful
 than I, the thongs of whose sandals I am not
 worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptize you
 with water, but he will baptize you with the
 Holy Spirit.’” (Mark 1:6–8)*

10:30 am Worship
“Water in the Desert”
 (Mark 1:1–8)
Dr. John Oakes

CHURCH LEADERSHIP TEAM

PASTORAL STAFF

Senior Pastor, Dr. John Oakes

Tel: 604-779-2356 (cell); Email: seniorpastor@rockofhelp.com
 (Pastor John is normally available for pastoral counselling and visitation by ap-
 pointment. His days off are Monday and one other day.)

Director of Music, Grant Gwynn

Tel: 604-324-7674; Email: grant.gwynn45@yahoo.ca

Youth and Family Ministries Coordinator, Amos Bohoussou

Tel: 236-808-5911; Email: amos@rockofhelp.com

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 Rhea Ravanera; Loren Stark

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

Ebenezer Baptist Church
September 8th, 2019, 10:30 am

Gathering of the Community

Welcome and Call to Worship

Opening Hymn #60: *May Jesus Christ Be Praised*

Prayer and Greeting

Songs of Praise

Worship and Word

Children's Focus

Reading: Mark 1:1-8

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Hymn #58: *Fairest Lord Jesus*

Message: "Water in the Desert" (Dr. John Oakes)

Response and Dismissal

Song of Response

Announcements

Closing Hymn #81: *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*

Benediction

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

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Monday



Derek Fekkes, Roots Church, Stanwood, Washington. Pastor Derek grew up in the community of Stanwood and Camano Island. In 2013, he and his wife, Annlee, returned with the goal of planting a new church to proclaim the gospel of Jesus. Roots Church opened in April 2017. They strive to be a diverse group of believers, unified in the gospel. They will be moving into their own space rather than sharing a facility which will allow them to

meet on Sunday mornings. We pray that this transition is smooth and that the new space will provide a greater platform for the gospel to be heard and witnessed in their community. Visit <https://rootschurchstanwood.com> to find out more about Roots Church.

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 Amos Bohoussou, Youth and Family Ministries Coordinator, Deacon Jennifer Sinclair, Chair, Board of Christian Nurture, the members of that board and all who minister to our children, youth, young adults and families. We ask God's direction for and richest blessings on them, as they seek to help us all care for and nurture the young people whom has entrusted to our care.

Thursday

On our BC Baptist Association (NAB) Prayer Calendar, we remember Senior Pastor Dan Hoffman, Youth Ministry Worker Spencer Price, the other leaders, staff and people of Fort George Baptist and The Lighthouse, Prince George, May they know God's continuing guidance, equipping and provision, as they pursue their mission to "building fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ."

Friday

We lift up all our staff. May they know the presence, enabling and direction of the Holy Spirit, especially as we begin our Fall programming.

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 John & Frieda Hait, Doug & Diane Reichert, Eugenie Krause, Irene Maas, Daralee Richmond, Jose and Elena Ronsano, Pearl Weiss, and Sylvia Schmuland. May they find healing and wholeness, comfort and peace, in Christ.

If you would like prayer for any person or reason, please contact the church office, 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

"Life Shared" and Fall Alpha

All are invited to a **three-week course on personal evangelism, "Life Shared," continuing Wednesday, September 11, 7-8:15 p.m. in the Parlour.** We are holding **Alpha again this Fall, beginning Wednesday, September 25, 6:30–8:30 p.m.. Please sign up at the Welcome Centre.**

Children and Youth Workshop

Children and Youth Ministry Safety Training will be on **Saturday, September 14, 9:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. in the Lower Auditorium.** All interested in being involved, or currently involved in working with our children and youth are requested to attend. Lunch will be provided. **Please talk to Jennifer Sinclair** if you have any questions. **Sign-up is at the Welcome Centre.**

Youth and Family Ministries Event

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Congregational Prayer Meeting

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Volunteers Needed

We're **looking for teachers and assistants for Sunday School and pre-school!** If you are interested, **please talk to Jennifer Sinclair**, our Deacon of Christian Nurture. Training and support will be provided.

Bible Study Fellowship for Women

BSF will be meeting on Tuesdays from 9:30-11:00 a.m., beginning September 10 in the church. They will be **studying Acts and the Letters of the Apostles.** For more info or to register, go to www.bsfindernational.org, contact Ee Laine at eelaine.bsf@gmail.com or come to the first class!

REGULAR MID-WEEK PROGRAMMES

Mid-Week Bible Studies resume this month. **Beginning Tuesday, September 10, Pastor John will be leading a study on the book of Mark in the Parlour 7:00–8:15pm. On Thursdays, Manny and Violet Sadiq will continue their study on the book of Acts in the third floor classroom, starting September 12.**

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Choir practices **begin Thursday, September 12 from 7:30–9:00 p.m.** and Sunday, September 15 from 12:15–1:00 p.m.

WELCOME TO EBENEZER!

A warm welcome to all our visitors! Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, we are happy to see you. We hope you enjoy your time with us and sense God's presence. If you'd like to get in touch, please fill out the Welcome Card in the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate or contact our Senior Pastor directly. Thanks for joining us. God bless you!

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Greeters

Our greeters for September are Rajender and Raj Rani Kumar.

Prayer Partners during the Worship Service

September 8: Sharon Iseli; Merle Eisner

September 15: Queen Adonri; Rose Masing

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

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