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Fall Alpha

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.)

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Ebenezer Baptist Church

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

Sunday, October 27th, 2019



“When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the ‘sinners’ and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: ‘why does he eat with tax collectors and ‘sinners?’” . . . Jesus said to them, ‘It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.’” (Mark 2:16–17)

10:30 am Worship
“Tax Collectors and Sinners”
 (Mark 2:13–17)
 Dr. John Oakes

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

Ebenezer Baptist Church
October 27th, 2019, 10:30 am

Gathering of the Community

Welcome and Call to Worship

Opening Hymn #269: *Nothing But the Blood*

Prayer and Greeting

Worship and Word

Songs of Praise

Children's Focus

Reading: Mark 2:13–17

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Solo: "Rock of Ages," played by Jake Bareng

Message: "Healing and Forgiveness" (Dr. John Oakes)

Response and Dismissal

Song(s) of Response

Announcements

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

Benediction

All are invited to join us for refreshments in the narthex immediately after today's service.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Monday



Kristi TenClay, NAB Missionary, has been in **Cameroon** since 2010, teaching missionary children and international students at Rain Forest International School in Yaoundé. This school year is much different since she took on the role of interim director of the school. We pray for Kristi in her new role, that she would rest in God's strength, and that the students and staff would develop healthy balance and priorities through whatever comes their way.

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 to reach out to them and we ask God's help and guidance to do so.

Wednesday

We pray for Deacon Graham Gertz, Chair, Board of Stewardship, John Iseli, Assistant Treasurer, and all other members of the board and volunteers who assist with the financial stewardship and management of Ebenezer. As they work with the Elders and Deacons towards the final drafting and presentation of a 2020 budget at our semi-annual general (business) meeting on November 24, we ask for God's guidance and direction for them and for the whole congregation seeking to be good stewards of that with which God has blessed us..

Thursday

On our BC Baptist Association (NAB) Prayer Calendar, we remember Chaplains Dr. Ken Klassen and our own Dr. Loren Stark, as well as all the staff, spiritual care volunteers and residents of Evergreen Baptist Campus of Care, founded by the NABC Association of BC Churches and now operated by Baptist Housing. We ask for God's continuing direction, equipping and provision, as they pursue their mission and ministry.

Friday

We lift up all our staff. May they know the presence, enabling and direction of the Holy Spirit.

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

Memorial Service

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