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Fall Alpha

CHURCH LEADERSHIP TEAM

PASTORAL STAFF

Senior Pastor, Dr. John Oakes

Tel: 604-779-2356 (cell); Email: seniorpastor@rockofhelp.com (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, November 17th, 2019



"Jesus withdrew with his disciples to the lake, and a large crowd from Galilee followed. . . . Whenever the impure spirits saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, "You are the Son of God."

But he gave them strict orders not to tell others about him."

(Mark 3:7, 11–12)

10:30 a.m. Worship
"Knowing the Enemy"
(Mark 3:1–12)
Dr. George Sears

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

Ebenezer Baptist Church November 17th, 2019, 10:30 am

Gathering of the Community

Welcome and Call to Worship

Opening Hymn #3: Praise to the Lord

Prayer and Greeting

Worship and Word

Songs of Praise

Children's Focus

Reading: Mark 3:1-12

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Choir Anthem: "Psalm 23: Surely Goodness, Surely Mercy" Words and Music by Shane Barnard

Message: "Knowing the Enemy" (Dr. George Sears)

Response and Dismissal

Song(s) of Response

Announcements

Closing Song: Living Hope (B. Johnson, P. Wickham)

Benediction

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

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Monday



Geoff Hartt, Executive Director of Hispanics for Christ. Geoff Hartt leads Hispanics for Christ, which exists to plant Spanish-speaking churches and to train leaders for those churches. Hispanics for Christ provides vision casting, strategic planning, and coaching for church planters in the Americas. There are currently church planters in Argentina, Canada, Mexico, Paraguay, and the United States. Pray for

the ongoing efforts in church planting and leadership training throughout North and South America.

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 Faith Chinese Baptist Church, the Montessori School and all the other regular and occasional groups and renters which make use of our building. We thank God for our facilities and for the many opportunities which they provide to serve God and others. May our church home continue to be a community centre for and a means of outreach to our local community and beyond.

Thursday

On our BC Baptist Association (NAB) Prayer Calendar, we remember Senior Pastor Jacob John and the other leaders of our neighbouring congregation Acts 29, which meets at Pilgrim Church. We ask for God's continuing direction, equipping and provision, as they pursue their calling "to equip people, to disciple nations, one life at a time."

Friday

We lift up all our staff, as we approach the busy seasons of Advent and Christmas. May they know the presence, enabling and direction of the Holy Spirit.

<u>Saturday</u>

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 or Freda Ross (604-326-5123). We can pray for folks publicly during the Pastoral Prayer and/or list them in the Sunday bulletin, as well as through the Prayer Chain.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor John

Pastor John is on **medical leave**. He is expected back in the office Thursday.

Church Meeting—November 24

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Ebenezer Chess Club

The Ebenezer Chess Club meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in November from 7:00–9:00 p.m. in Room 3B. Meetings are bi-monthly. Contact Simon Chan for details (simon.chan7@gmail.com).

Youth and Youth Leaders' Conference

The youth and youth leaders' conference "Awakening" will be at Glad Tidings Church, 3456 Fraser St., Vancouver, November 22–23. Cost is \$50 on the eventbrite website and sponsorships are available. Please contact Amos Bohoussou for more info.

Family Ministries Ice Skatina

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Save the Date

for our upcoming Church Christmas Dinner on Saturday, December 14 in the Lower Auditorium at 6:00 p.m. All welcome!

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