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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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Youth and Family Ministries Coordinator, Amos Bohoussou

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Ebenezer Baptist Church

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

Sunday, November 24th, 2019



"Jesus went up on a mountainside and called to him those he wanted, and they came to him. He appointed twelve that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach and to have authority to drive out demons."

(Mark 3:13-15)

10:30 a.m. Worship "The Faithful Few" (Mark 3:13–19) Dr. George Sears

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

Ebenezer Baptist Church November 24th, 2019, 10:30 am

Gathering of the Community

Welcome and Call to Worship

Opening Hymn #240: "All Hail the Power"

Prayer and Greeting

Worship and Word

Songs of Praise

Children's Focus

Reading: Mark 3:13-19

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Hymn #449: "Take My Life and Let It Be

Message: "The Faithful Few" (Dr. George Sears)

Response and Dismissal

Song(s) of Response: "Oceans" (J. Houston, M. Crocker, S. Ligthelm)

Announcements

Closing Song: "Psalm 19" (T. Butler)

Benediction

All are welcome for coffee Fellowship in the Lower Auditorium after today's service. All church members will then be invited to stay for the Semi-Annual Church Business Meeting.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Monday



Laci and Eszter Daróczi-Csuhai, National Missionaries in Hungary. Laci and Eszter are Directors and Master Trainers with the Misszió az Egészséges Közösségekért (MEK) Team in Hungary. Laci is responsible for teaching advanced Community Health Evangelism in Hungarian-speaking areas. This upcoming February and March, Laci and Eszter will be joining Ron and Jeannie Seck on a church visitation

tour in North America to share about the transformational work being done among the Roma in Hungary. Pray for their continued work with MEK.

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.

<u>Thursday</u>

Our own Ebenezer Baptist Church is on our BC Baptist Association (NAB) Prayer Calendar this week. We pray for Pastor John and our leadership team asking for God's continuing direction, equipping and provision for each of them as they pursue their callings to serve our congregation here. And we give thanks for our sister churches here in BC who are praying for us this week.

<u>Friday</u>

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.

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 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 continues to be on medical leave. He welcomes our prayers.

Church Meeting—Today

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Please pick up your 2019 financial giving to the end of Oct statements at the Welcome Centre if you have not already done so.

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Family Ministries Ice Skating

Family Ministries event is next Sunday December 1, 2:00 p.m.–4:15 p.m at Sunset Rink, 390 East 51st Avenue, Vancouver. There is a small entry fee and skate rental fee. Please sign up at the Welcome Centre.

Ebenezer Chess Club

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

Women's Get Together

Ladies - come join us for an afternoon of tea/coffee, baking and carol singing on **Saturday December 7 at 2:00**, downstairs in the lower auditorium.

Challengers Christmas Banquet

Tickets for the Challengers Christmas Banquet on December 11 at 11:00 am are available today. \$15.00

Save the Date

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

REGULAR MID-WEEK PROGRAMMES

<u>Mid-Week Bible Studies</u> The **Tuesday Bible Study** has now been **suspended** and will resume on Wednesday December 4th in the Parlour. The Thursday study with Manny and Violet Sadiq, is cancelled this week (November 28th) but will resume on December 5th.

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