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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

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

Youth and Family Ministries Coordinator, Amos Bohoussou

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Bill Konnert; Sharon Tobert; Rajender Kumar; John Oakes,
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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

Ebenezer Baptist Church
Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 22nd, 2019, 10:30 am

Advent Worship

Welcome and Call to Worship

Opening Hymn #170: "Joy to the World"

Prayer and Greeting

Songs of Praise

Advent Reading and Song The Tobert Family

Children's Dismissal

Solo: "The King is Coming" Soloist: Jennifer Sinclair;
Pianist Euan Secaluya

Announcements

Scripture Reading: Romans 3:10-12, 21-26, Matthew 5:6

Choir: "Night of Silence" Pianist Charissa Ratum
Organist Wayne Faszler

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

Carol #180: "What Child Is This"

Message: "My Sufficiency has been Suffocified"
Dr. Loren Stark

Duet: #184: "Silent Night" Sig Stark and Bill Konnert

Benediction

Everyone is welcome to stay for coffee and fellowship in the Narthex after today's service.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Monday



Jon Putz, Central Baptist Church Southeast Campus in Edmonton, Alberta. Central Baptist Church was founded in 1900 and has launched many church plants around the city of Edmonton. They have intentionally adopted a multi-site model, striving to function as one church in two locations. Pray for Jon Putz, site pastor for the southeast campus, and Jeremy Putz, the lead pastor of Central Baptist, and the staff. They are looking into launching a chapter of Safe Families, a ministry to kids and families in crisis. Pray for their focus next year on what it means to do justice in their community. Pray that the people who call either campus their home would find connection and opportunity for mission.

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

Pilgrim Church is on our BC Baptist Association (NAB) Prayer Calendar. We pray for Pastor Shel Boese, the leadership team, and the people of the congregation asking for God's continuing direction, equipping and provision for each of them as they pursue their callings to spread the gospel.

Friday

We lift up all our staff, as we are in 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, and Pearl Weiss. For those having recent losses: Debbie and Greg Tobert and family; the family of Sylvia Schmuland and the Ratum family. May they find healing, 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 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 **leave**. He welcomes our prayers. If you have any pastoral needs or concerns, please contact one of the Elders listed at the back of the bulletin.

Expense Claims for 2019:

If you have expenses to be charged to the church for 2019 that are still outstanding, please submit your receipts with a pink "Requisition for Payment Form" available outside of the church office as soon as possible.

Greetings and Reports:

Christmas Greetings and year-end reports from our friends and supported ministries will be displayed on the Missions bulletin board by the ramp entrance.

Christmas Reading From Our Church Library

One Wintry Night - Ruth Bell Graham; **A Treasury of Christmas Miracles** - Karen Kingsbury; **A Christmas Promise** - Thomas Kinkade; **Starry, Starry Night** - Lurlene McDaniel; **The Winter Seeking** - Vinita Wright; **Christmas Child - DVD; The Nativity Story - DVD**. We also have some "**Pastor Picks**" books displayed.

Christmas Eve Service

December 24th at 6:30 there will be a Community Christmas Eve Service in the Sanctuary. Special Music, Readings and Carols with Candle Lighting and a message from Dr. George Sears.

Youth and YA Pick-up Basketball

Pick up basketball with youth and Youth Pastors of other churches in the EBC gym on Saturday, January 4th, 2020 at 10:00 am

Young Adults

Sunday, January 5th after the Worship Service we will meet at the Welcome Centre. Please bring money for lunch.

Save the Dates

Missions Fest is Friday January 31 and Saturday February 1st - Great speakers. Youth Rally Saturday Feb 1st 7-9 pm.

Memorial Service

The Celebration of Life for Sylvia Schmuland will take place on Friday, January 10, 2020 here at Ebenezer Baptist Church at 12:00 noon.

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Choir The first post service practice in the New Year will be on **Sunday January 12th** and the **first Thursday evening practice will be on January 16th, 7:30-9pm**. May God richly bless you over the Christmas season!

WELCOME TO EBENEZER!

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Thanks for joining us. God bless you!*

THIS MORNING

Greeters

Our Greeters for December are Minda Francisco and Elena Sinocruz

Prayer Partners during the Worship Service

December 22: Minda Francisco; Fe Fajardo; Eulah Secaluya

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

The Church nursery is open for the use of parents with infants up to 2-years-old, but there are no care providers.

Noah's Place (2-4 yrs); Children K—Grade 6

Children's Sunday School is from 11:00-12:00. Children are invited to leave the service after Children's Focus. The 2-4-year-olds are to be picked up at the close. Children Kindergarten to Grade 6 will be released from the Parlour at the end of the service.

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December 29: Queen Adonri and Efe Agbonmwandolor

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Thank you choir for an awesome season of choral singing! We will break now and reassemble early in the New Year. See Announcements.

NEXT SUNDAY

Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. Tony Tremblett will be speaking.

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