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Ebenezer Baptist Church

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

Sunday, January 19th, 2020



“If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand’ . . . Then [Jesus] looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, ‘Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does God’s will is my brother and sister and mother.’”

(Mark 3:24–25, 34–35)

10:30 a.m. Worship
“All in the Family”
 (Mark 3:20–35)
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 available for pastoral counselling and visitation by appointment. His weekly days off are Monday and Tuesday.)

Director of Music, Grant Gwynn

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Youth and Family Ministries Coordinator, Amos Bohoussou

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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

Ebenezer Baptist Church
January 19th, 2020, 10:30 am

Gathering of the Community

Welcome and Call to Worship

Opening Hymn #52: *Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven*

Prayer and Greeting

Worship and Word

Songs of Praise

Children's Focus

Reading: Mark 3:20–35

Pastoral Prayer

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

Message: "All in the Family" (Dr. John Oakes)

Response and Dismissal

Song(s) of Response

Announcements

Closing Hymn #54: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Benediction

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

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Monday



Walter and Florence Grob, NAB Missionary in Cameroon. Walter handles the missionary finances for the Cameroon Baptist Convention and serves as a resource person for the head of the Finance and Development Department. Because of security concerns, Walter's travel off the Cameroon Baptist Convention compound in Bamenda is limited, but he continues to make the most of the situation. We pray for the efforts of Walter's wife, Florence, as she attempts to open a dental clinic in Douala due to the depressed economy in Bamenda. We continue to ask that God would bring about reconciliation to the political impasse and instability in Cameroon.

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 Pastor Rick Wiebe, the other staff, leaders and people of Grace Gospel Church, Cawston, BC. We ask for God's provision, guidance and blessing for them, as they pursue their mission and ministry in the Cawston/Keremeos area and beyond.

Friday

We lift up all our staff, as we continue into 2020. 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, Lavina Hait, Eugenie Krause, Irene Maas, Ann Ramsden, Doug & Diane Reichert, Daralee Richmond, Jose and Elena Ronsano, and Pearl Weiss. 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 during the Pastoral Prayer and/or list them in the Sunday bulletin, as well as through the Prayer Chain.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Message from Pastor John

Kirsten and I have much appreciated your prayers and support during my medical leave and our trip to Dubai for our daughter, Stephanie's wedding. We felt greatly uplifted during my absence and are very grateful to all those who stepped in for me while I was away. **We join with you in praying for a Happy (and healthier!) New Year for us all.** Pastor John and Kirsten Oakes

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Ebenezer Chess Club

The Ebenezer Chess Club meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in January **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 Event

All **Ebenezer women are invited to join a group going to the Metro Theatre on Sunday, January 26 at 2:00 p.m.** to see a play. **Tickets are approximately \$25** each and we'll pay at the theatre. For more information, please see, call or text Christina. **Sign-up is at the Welcome Centre.** Parking is limited near the Metro. So we'll be carpooling.

Coming Soon

Missions Fest is **Friday, January 31 and Saturday, February 1** this year. As usual, there will be **great speakers and a Youth Rally on the Saturday evening**, 7:00–9:00 p.m. Further info is available at: www.missionsfestvancouver.ca.

REGULAR MID-WEEK PROGRAMMES

Mid-Week Bible Studies The **Wednesday Bible Study** will resume on **February 5, 7–8:00 p.m.** in the Parlour. The **Thursday study with Manny and Violet Sadiq** will resume later this month in **Pastor John's office** on the second floor, starting at 6:30 p.m.

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Choir practices continue in the Parlour on **Thursday, from 7:30–9:00 p.m., as well as Sundays after the service** from 12:15–1:00 p.m.

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Thanks for joining us. God bless you!*

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Greeters

Our greeters for January are Raj and Rani Kumar

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

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