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Ebenezer Baptist Church

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

Sunday, January 26th, 2020



“Listen! A farmer went out to sow his seed . . . [Some] seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, multiplying thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times . . . [Some], like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop—thirty, sixty or even a hundred times what was sown.”

(Mark 4:3, 8, 20)

10:30 a.m. Worship
 “Spiritual Growth”
 (Mark 4:1–20)
 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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 Rhea Ravanera; Loren Stark

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

Ebenezer Baptist Church
January 26th, 2020, 10:30 am

Gathering of the Community

Welcome and Call to Worship

Opening Hymn #48: *Come, Thou Almighty King*

Prayer and Greeting

Worship and Word

Songs of Praise

Children's Focus

Reading: Mark 4:1-20

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Hymn #516: *I Love to Tell the Story*

Message: "Spiritual Growth" (Dr. John Oakes)

Response and Dismissal

Song(s) of Response

Announcements

Closing Hymn: *By Faith*

Benediction

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

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Monday



Calvin and Susanne Hohn, NAB Missionaries in Cameroon. Calvin Hohn serves in the role of leading and coordinating NAB missionary ministries and the Cooperating Missions for the Cameroon Baptist Convention. Calvin and Susanne live and work in Bamenda, their youngest daughter, Elianna, is seven hours away attending school. Elder daughter, Ysabelle, is in Canada at college. Calvin, Susanne, and Elianna are in areas of the country that are relatively safe, despite the ongoing unrest. But we continue to pray against the violence and discord between the English- and French-speaking populations, asking God to use his people to lead the way of peace, forgiveness, and resolution.

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 our Elder and Church Events Coordinator, Rhea Ravanera, for our Coffee Fellowship Coordinator, Carol Townsend, and for all the Elders, Deacons and everyone else who works to build the social and fellowship life of Ebenezer. May our community continue to grow together, as well as out into our neighbourhood and may God enable us all to do our part.

Thursday

On our BC Baptist Association (NAB) Prayer Calendar, we remember Pastors Matt Dressler (Lead), Dave Kirsch, Jeff Gates, and Lloyd Andersen, the other staff, leaders and people of Midtown Church, Chilliwack, BC. We ask for God's provision, guidance and blessing for them, as they pursue their mission to be "a place to learn," "a people to love," and "a partnership to share" the love of Christ in Chilliwack 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, Doug & Diane Reichert, Eugenie Krause, Irene Maas, 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 and Kirsten

Kirsten and I 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 healthy!) 2020 for us all.** Pastor John and Kirsten Oakes

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Missions Fest

Missions Fest is Friday, January 31 and Saturday, February 1 this week. As usual, there will be **great speakers and a Youth Rally on the Saturday evening, 7:00–9:00 p.m. Please contact Jennifer Sinclair @ 604-657-8646 for more info.** Further details are also available at www.missionsfestvancouver.ca.

Ebenezer Chess Club

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

REGULAR MID-WEEK PROGRAMMES

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