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Ebenezer Baptist Church

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

Sunday, February 2nd, 2020



“He said to them, ‘Do you bring in a lamp to put it under a bowl or a bed? Instead, don't you put it on its stand? For whatever is hidden is meant to be disclosed, and whatever is concealed is meant to be brought out into the open. If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear.’”

(Mark 4:21–23)

10:30 a.m. Communion

“Light and Growth”

(Mark 4:21–34)

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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COMMUNION CELEBRATION

Ebenezer Baptist Church
February 2nd, 2020, 10:30 am

Gathering of the Community

Welcome and Call to Worship
Opening Hymn #31: *Love Divine* (Tune: #172)
Prayer and Greeting

Worship and Word

Songs of Praise
Children's Focus
Reading: Mark 4:21-34
Announcements
Pastoral Prayer
Offertory
Message: "Light and Growth" (Dr. John Oakes)

Communion

Hymn: *Behold the Lamb* (K. & K. Getty, S. Townend)
Communion
(All who know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour are welcome to receive Communion in their pews. We consume the bread and cup together.)
Special Offering

Response and Dismissal

Closing Hymn #8: *To God Be the Glory*
Benediction

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

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Monday



Julie Stone, NAB Missionary in Cameroon. Under normal circumstances, Dr. Julie Stone serves in Cameroon at Banso Baptist Hospital, but due to the ongoing crisis, she has been working at Mboppi Baptist Hospital, as well as Mbingo Baptist Hospital and the health center in Bamenda. Her duties mostly focus on teaching, but she also cares for patients, which she considers a privilege, because she is free to share the truth of Jesus and what he has done to deliver people from the second death. Though she is continuing to serve in other medical settings, Julie's heart longs to return to Banso. We pray for guidance for a possible return, even if it is only to visit and encourage staff. We also remember the ongoing strife in the areas around Banso Baptist Hospital, as well as the overall situation 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 our Music Director Grant Gwynn, our organists, our worship team and the many musicians who help lead and enrich our Sunday services. We ask God's richest blessings on their ministry and we lift up our worship life together, as we answer Jesus' call to glorify God "in Spirit and in truth."

Thursday

On our BC Baptist Association (NAB) Prayer Calendar, we remember Pastors Dave Fields (Lead)Rev. Harry Bicknell (Associate), Colton Conrad (Youth), the other staff, leaders and people of Summit Drive Baptist, Kamloops. We ask for God's provision, guidance and blessing for them, as they pursue their mission of "developing caring, passionate followers of Jesus" in Kamloops 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 Waldemar Becker, 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

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