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Ebenezer Baptist Church

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

Sunday, February 23th, 2020



*“Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. He said to her, ‘Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering.’”
 (Mark 5:33–34)*

10:30 a.m. Worship
 “Signs and Wonders”
 (Mark 5:21–43)
 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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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

Ebenezer Baptist Church
February 23rd, 2020, 10:30 a.m.

Gathering of the Community

Welcome and Call to Worship

Opening Hymn #78: *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds*

Prayer and Greeting

Worship and Word

Songs of Praise

Children's Focus

Reading: Mark 5:21–43

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Song: *Just As I am* (C. Elliot, et al.)

Message: "Signs and Wonders" (Dr. John Oakes)

Response and Dismissal

Song(s) of Response

Announcements

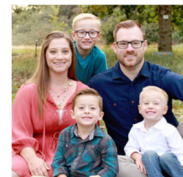
Closing Hymn #359: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Benediction

All are invited to join us for refreshments in the narthex immediately after today's service. If you'd like to stay for prayer, please go to the front row of the pews.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Monday



Matt Van Peursem, Catalyst Woodland in Woodland, California. Matt and his wife, Kirsten, started Catalyst as a place that seeks to make the truth of Jesus relevant to those who find it irrelevant, to have a solid biblical foundation, to love one another, and ultimately to help people find and follow Jesus. They have now been officially worshipping at their new location on Main Street in downtown Woodland for a year. We pray that Catalyst would manifest God's presence in their community

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 Jack Masing, Rev. Tony Tremblett, Pastor John and all who give leadership and/or participate in our Challengers (55+) ministry, which meets at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesdays in the Lower Auditorium for worship and fellowship. We thank God for our seniors and for their lives of faith and service and we ask God's protection, guidance, wisdom, healing and richest blessings for them all.

Thursday

On our BC Baptist Association (NAB) Prayer Calendar, we remember Pastors Lyndon Dojohn (Lead), Kevin Bessey (Worship and Fellowship), Chris Miller (Student Ministries), and all the other staff, leaders and people of Lakeview Heights Baptist, West Kelowna. We ask for God's provision, guidance and blessing for them, as they pursue their purpose to "reach people for Christ." "disciple people in Christ," and "release people for ministry" in West Kelowna 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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Nursery (*Located near the ramp on the north side*).

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