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Ebenezer Baptist Church

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

Sunday, March 8th, 2020



“Herod himself had given orders to have John arrested, and he had him . . . put in prison. He did this because of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, whom he had married. For John had been saying to Herod, ‘It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.’ So Herodias nursed a grudge against John.”

(Mark 6:17–19)

10:30 a.m. Worship
 “Truth to Power”
 (Mark 6:17–19)
 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

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

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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

Ebenezer Baptist Church
March 8th, 2020, 10:30 a.m.

Gathering of the Community

Welcome and Call to Worship

Opening Hymn #550: *He Lives*

Prayer and Greeting

Worship and Word

Songs of Praise

Children's Focus

Reading: Mark 6:14-29

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Hymn: *Speak O Lord* (K. Getty and S. Townend)

Message: "Truth to Power" (Dr. John Oakes)

Response and Dismissal

Song(s) of Response

Announcements

Closing Hymn #451: *I Surrender All*

Benediction

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

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Monday



Ken MacDonald, Southwest Community Church in Edmonton, Alberta. Ken and his wife, Marg, have served in the NAB for 47 years and have discovered their love for church planting. Last January, he stepped down from the role of lead pastor at Terwillegar Community Church, though he still teaches there on occasion, to focus his full attention on leading Southwest Community. In January, they had their largest attendance in three years as a church plant. We pray for their continued growth, especially spiritual growth of the leadership team, and for their search for a permanent home.

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 Deacon Graham Gertz, Chair, Board of Stewardship, and Acting Chair, Board of Trustees, together with the members of those boards and all who serve to oversee and administer the stewardship of our financial and building resources. We ask God's direction for and richest blessings on them, as they seek to help us all be good stewards of all that God has entrusted to our care.

Thursday

On our BC Baptist Association (NAB) Prayer Calendar, we remember Jenn Koop, Executive Director, and all the other staff and volunteers at Green Bay Bible Camp, West Kelowna. We ask for God's provision, guidance and blessing for them, as they follow their mission to "communicate the teachings of Jesus Christ to people from all walks of life" and "to help Christians regenerate their faith while training and equipping people to serve Jesus."

Friday

We lift up all our staff. 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 members of the Ebenezer community who can no longer attend regularly for health reasons, including Elsie Baum, Waldemar Becker, Bev Bender, 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 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

Visit from our Missionaries in Eastern Europe

On **Saturday, March 14, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. in the Parlour** there will be an **opportunity to hear from missionaries Ron and Julie Seck** and the CHE team. Refreshments will be served. See insert for more details.

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Young Adults' Lunch

All **young adults** are **warmly invited to join Pastor John and Kirsten for lunch after church** in the parsonage on **Sunday, March 29**, beginning at **12:30 p.m.** Please save the date and let us know if you're coming.

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REGULAR MID-WEEK PROGRAMMES

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