

Wednesday We pray for our whole congregation. May we rest secure in Christ and look to the future with the confidence that only he can provide, as we answer God's call to ministry and outreach.

Thursday We lift up Senior Pastor Joel Carlaw, the other staff, leaders and people of Hartland Baptist Church in Prince George, B.C., as they centre themselves around God and reach out to their community.

Friday We pray for wisdom for our leaders and staff as they make decisions and lead the ministries of our church during this time of transition and change.

Saturday We continue to pray for those who are sick, shut-in and bereaved, and for all who care for them. We especially remember: Elsie Baum, Agnes Becker, Russ and Rita Crossley, Bekele Gebreab, John and Frieda Hait, Lavina Hait, Linda and Tor Hoen, Ileen Konnert, the family of Irene Maas, Diana Reichert, Margaret Ronsano and family, Jose and Elena Ronsano, Rick and Carol Townsend, and Pearl Weiss.

If you would like prayer for any person or reason, please contact Sharon Iseli (604-244-1636), Freda Ross (604-326-5123) or the church office. We can pray during the Pastoral Prayer and/or list them in the Sunday bulletin, as well as through the Prayer Chain.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP TEAM

PASTORAL STAFF

Senior Pastor, Dr. John Oakes

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(Pastor John is available for pastoral counselling and visitation by appointment on Wednesday and Friday mornings. His weekly days off are Monday and Tuesday.)

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EBC Update

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

Sunday, August 1st, 2021



10:30 a.m. Communion Celebration
Sermon: Dr. John Oakes
“Taking a Vacation with Jesus”
Luke 10:38-42
Music Leader: Kirsten Oakes

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WELCOME TO CHURCH!

We are excited to welcome you back to worship in person at Ebenezer or online. Our health guidelines have relaxed, but we still encourage you to wear a mask and observe social distancing, as needed. We also welcome you to sing in worship when wearing a mask. May God bless you richly today and every other day!

COMMUNION WORSHIP SERVICE

Call to Worship

Prayer & Peace

Opening Hymn #359: Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

Songs of Praise

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Bible Reading: Luke 10:38-42

Message: "Taking a Vacation with Jesus" (Pastor John Oakes)

Hymn of Response #451: I Surrender All

Communion

Closing Hymn: *By Faith* (K. & K. Getty and Stuart Townend)

Benediction

NEXT SUNDAY

Worship Celebration at 10:30 a.m. Pastor John will begin a two-part series on the Book of Jonah, preaching on "Answering God's Call" (Jonah 1-2).

In-person Services Following the BC Government's introduction of Phase 3 of the "Restart" programme, **there is now no need to pre-register for services or to restrict numbers.** Please continue to stay home if you are feeling unwell and participate in the services online.

Sunday Services Recordings of all our services remain accessible via our website www.rockofhelp.com, [Facebook](#), and [YouTube page](#).

MID-WEEK PROGRAMMES

Challengers (55+) Challengers will be having **a summer gathering on August 18** to celebrate being able to get together again. Lunch will be served. Stay tuned for further information about Challengers starting up again in September. Contact Jack Masing for further information.

OTHER NEWS

Church Dinner We will be celebrating the reopening of our in-person church services with our first church dinner. Hot Roast Beef and Chicken will be served **downstairs after the service on August 15. This will also be Pastor John and Kirsten's last Sunday with us** and an opportunity to say goodbye and thank them for their ministry with us. We hope you will be able to join us for this time of celebration and thanksgiving.

Pastor John is available to meet with anyone by appointment at his church office on Wednesday and Friday mornings. To make an appointment, **please call or email him.**

Online Giving

You can now give by Interac e-transfer through online banking. There is no charge to the church. **Details of the process to follow are available [here](#).** Those who typically give by cheque can continue to do so in person at our services or by mailing them to the church office.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Monday



We pray for our **NAB missionaries in Cameroon, Dennis and Nancy Palmer**, who have been working at Mbingo Baptist Hospital in northern Cameroon for the past 15 years. They currently work in hospital development, which includes a number of larger projects, including a long-term project to develop radiation therapy for cancer patients, a hydroelectric dam, and a telepathology system.

We ask God to bless them with good health and safety in the midst of the continuing COVID pandemic and ongoing civil unrest in Cameroon.

Tuesday We lift up our neighbourhood and all who live and work in South Vancouver. May we take every opportunity to serve and reach out with the gospel as the COVID-19 shutdowns lift.