

**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 choose and share his life-giving gospel.

**Thursday** We lift up Senior Pastor Dan Hoffman, the other staff, leaders and people of Fort George Baptist Church & Lighthouse in Prince George, B.C., as they pursue their mission of "building fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ."

**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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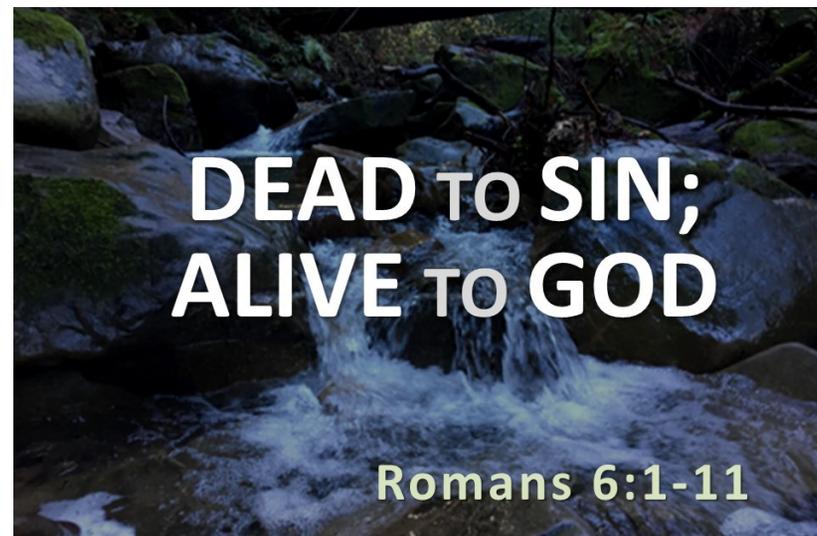
Bill Konnert (Moderator), Rajender Kumar, Jack Masing, John Oakes, Sharon Tobert.



# EBC Update

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

**Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021**



**10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration**

**Sermon: Dr. John Oakes**

**"Life or Death?"**

**Romans 6:1-11**

**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!

## SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

**Call to Worship**

**Prayer & Peace**

**Opening Hymn #16: How Great Thou Art**

**Songs of Praise**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Bible Reading: Romans 6:1–11**

**Message: “Life or Death?” (Pastor John Oakes)**

**Song(s) of Response**

**Announcements**

**Closing Hymn: How Deep the Father’s Love (Stuart Townend)**

**Benediction**

## NEXT SUNDAY

**Communion Celebration at 10:30 a.m.** Pastor John will preach on “Taking a Vacation with Jesus” (Luke 10:38–42).

**In-person Services** Following the BC Government’s introduction of Phase 3 of the “Restart” programme, **there is now no need to preregister 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](http://www.rockofhelp.com), [Facebook](#), and [YouTube page](#).

## MID-WEEK PROGRAMMES

**Women’s Prayer Meeting** Our women’s **Zoom prayer meeting meets online on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m.** Access is available through this [link](#). The Zoom ID is 648 4054 7657, password is 413664.

## OTHER NEWS

**Bible Study “Potluck”** All who have been part of Pastor’s John’s Friday evening Zoom **Bible Study** or of his pre-COVID studies held on Wednesday or Tuesday evenings at the church **are invited to a potluck dinner on Saturday, July 31, at 6:30 p.m. in the backyard of the parsonage.** To attend, please call or email John and Kirsten by Thursday to let them know how many you will be and what you will bring.

**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 15th.** 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.

**Thank you to our VBS helpers!** We had a wonderful time at VBS this past week. The children enjoyed singing and learning from God’s Word, making crafts and playing games. A special thank you to Meg Tobert, Charissa Ratum, and Ezra Secaluya who led the program and all the others who helped out.

## PRAYER AND PRAISE



**Monday** We pray for our **NAB missionaries, Charles and Haneeseah Stevens with Transformation Church in Sacramento, California.** Formerly known as New Life Ministries, Transformation Church changed its name to reflect a refinement to their vision: they want to walk alongside those in the journey of transformation. Charles and Haneeseah planted the church, with the goal of being a ministry that outwardly demonstrates the Spirit that is inwardly directing us. We pray for Charles, a co-vocational planter who works a full-time job and leads a young church in addition to raising his children with Haneeseah.

**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.