

**Thursday** We lift up Pastors Dr. Raymond Seetoh and Benedict Chan, the staff, leaders and people of Cornerstone Evangelical Baptist Church in Richmond, B.C., as they pursue their mission "to love others by sharing the hope of Jesus Christ to those who do not know him through our church and school, and by equipping the body of believers through worship, Christian education, and community."

**Friday** We give thanks for the ministry of Pastor John and Kirsten Oakes over their four years with us and pray for God's continuing guidance, provision and protection for them as they prepare to move back to Ontario to be with family in John's retirement.

**Saturday** We pray for those who are sick, shut-in or bereaved. We especially remember: Elsie Baum, Agnes Becker, Russ and Rita Crossley, Bekele Gebreab, John and Frieda Hait, Lavina Hait, Linda and Tor Hoen, Bill Konnert and family, Diana Reichert, Margaret Ronsano and family, Jose and Elena Ronsano, Rick and Carol Townsend, Jean Tsui, Pearl Weiss, and the Zilkie family after the passing of Margo's father.

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 on vacation from August 16–31 before he formally retires on September 1. Please direct all future ministry and other enquiries and concerns to the church office)

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# EBC Update

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

**Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021**



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

**Sermon: Dr. John Oakes**

**"How Much Do We Care?"**

**Jonah 3–4**

**Music Leader: Grant Gwynn**

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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!

## WORSHIP SERVICE

**Call to Worship**

**Prayer & Peace**

**Opening Hymn #31: Love Divine**

**Songs of Praise**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Bible Reading: Jonah 3–4**

**Message: “How Much Do We Care?” (Pastor John Oakes)**

**Hymn of Response #332: All Will Be Well**

**Announcements**

**Closing Hymn #61: And Can It Be?**

**Benediction**

## NEXT SUNDAY

**Worship Celebration at 10:30 a.m.** Pastor Albert Baerg will be preaching and leading our Sunday service.

**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

**Challengers (55+)** Challengers will be having **a summer gathering this coming Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>** 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

**Celebrating 90!** This coming Tuesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> is **Freda Ross’s 90<sup>th</sup> birthday**. Happy birthday, Freda! We thank God for his faithfulness to you and pray continued blessings on you.

**COME DOWNSTAIRS AFTER THE SERVICE FOR LUNCH!** Lunch will be served downstairs after today’s service. This is **Pastor John and Kirsten’s last Sunday with us** and an opportunity to **say goodbye and to thank them** for their ministry with us. We hope you can stay!

**Thank You** On behalf of the Konnert family, **Bill would like to thank the Ebenezer Church family for all the prayers and well wishes that they received.** They would also like to thank all those who were involved in the Celebration of Ileen’s Life.

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

**Monday** We pray for our **NAB missionaries, Jake and Alison McGregor serving with Kingdom Community in Lodi, California.** For years, Jake and Alison have worked together at One-Eighty Youth Programs, an after-school programme to meet the needs of teens and their families in Lodi, resulting in the planting of Kingdom Community. We pray for Jake and Alison as they engage those far from God with his mission in the community to announce the Kingdom!



**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 with compassion as the COVID-19 shutdowns lift.

**Wednesday** We pray for our whole congregation. May we trust in Christ and know the guidance of the Holy Spirit during the forthcoming time of pastoral transition, search and change.