

**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 the staff, leaders and people of Bethany Baptist Church in Richmond, B.C., as they pursue their mission of "glorifying God by making disciples of Jesus Christ" and as they reach across cultures to empower people for ministry.

**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 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, 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 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,  
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**Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

*From inside the fish Jonah prayed...*

*"In my distress  
I called to the LORD,  
and he answered me.  
From the depths of the grave  
I called for help,  
and you listened to my cry."*

*Jonah 2:1-2*

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

**Sermon: Dr. John Oakes**

**"Answering God's Call"**

**Jonah 1-2**

**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!

## WORSHIP SERVICE

**Call to Worship**

**Prayer & Peace**

**Opening Hymn #8: To God Be the Glory**

**Songs of Praise**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Bible Reading: Jonah 1-2**

**Message: "Answering God's Call" (Pastor John Oakes)**

**Song of Response**

**Announcements**

**Closing Hymn #37: All Creatures of Our God and King**

**Benediction**

## NEXT SUNDAY

**Worship Celebration at 10:30 a.m.** Pastor John will finish his two-part series on the Book of Jonah, preaching on "How Much Do We Care?" (Jonah 3-4).

**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 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

**Ileen Konnert** went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, August 4 after an extended illness. As **we give thanks** for her long and faithful life, confident that she is now with Christ forever, **we also pray for Bill, Mark, Andrew and her family**, asking that they may know God's peace, comfort and strength. **Ileen's Memorial Service will be held at Ebenezer on Thursday, August 12, at 2:00 p.m.** All are invited.

**Church Luncheon** Lunch will be served downstairs after the service on August 15th. This will 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.

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

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

**Monday Shan Reed, an NAB missionary, has been serving as a long-term missionary in Japan since 2001.**

For the past ten years, she has been an integral part of the Komyo Christian Church family, which she helped plant with Paul and Melissa Ewing. Having handed over the leadership of the church to a Japanese pastor, they are now beginning to look toward the next church plant God has for them in Japan. Shan's areas of ministry include participating in a gospel choir, leading English classes, and teaching Bible studies. She is currently in the US to connect with churches and partners. We pray for times of rest and for good connections with supporters.



**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.