

Wednesday We pray for our neighbourhood: for those needing hope, for those struggling to make ends meet, for those overwhelmed with the challenges of life. May we be vessels of God's goodness, love, kindness, and mercy.

Thursday We pray for our fellow BCBA Church, Rose of Sharon Baptist Church in Langley. We lift up their staff, leaders, and people as they minister to their community and as they search for a new lead pastor.

Friday We pray for our whole church community; our leadership team, staff, and our congregation. May we trust in Christ and know the guidance of the Holy Spirit during this time of pastoral transition, search 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, Kurt Gottschling, John and Frieda Hait, Lavina Hait, Linda and Tor Hoen, Diana Reichert, Jose and Elena Ronsano, Rick and Carol Townsend, Jean Tsui, and Pearl Weiss. May they find healing, 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

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*If you are in need of pastoral care or visitation, please contact one of the Elders or the church office.



EBC Update

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

Sunday, January 2nd, 2022



10:30 a.m. Communion Celebration

Sermon: Dr. George Sears

“The Risk of Neutrality”

Matthew 12:38-45

Music Leader: Grant Gwynn

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WELCOME TO CHURCH!

We are excited to worship in person at Ebenezer or online. **We remind you that it is mandatory to wear a properly fitted mask while you are in the building and observe social distancing.** We also welcome you to sing in worship while wearing a mask. Please remember to stay home if you are not feeling well.

COMMUNION SERVICE

Welcome & Call to Worship

Prayer

Opening Hymn: #20 *Revive Us Again*

Songs of Praise and Worship

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading: Matthew 12:38-45

Sermon: "THE RISK OF NEUTRALITY" (Dr. George Sears)

Song of Response

Communion

Closing Song: "10,000 Reasons"

Benediction

THIS WEEK

CHALLENGERS Bible Study and Fellowship is on Winter break. **Weekly meetings will resume on Wednesday, January 12th.**

Worship Celebration at 10:30 a.m. We welcome Pastor Jerry Ritskes back to preach at our Sunday service next week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes Our organizer, Mamta Misquitta, received a call from Samaritans Purse office. **They personally thanked us for generously participating in packing the shoeboxes and wished us all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

2022 Offering Envelopes For those who use the personal numbered offering envelopes, we did not order new offering box envelopes for 2022 due to COVID. If you have not used all of your 2020 or 2021 envelopes, you can continue to use those by crossing off the old date and writing the current date. **Anyone who would like a new set of envelopes for 2022, please contact the church office or Christina Whitman and we can give you a box with a new number. Thank you for your faithful giving to Ebenezer.**

A Note from Pastor George and Judy Sears *Thanks to all of you at Ebenezer, leadership, staff and congregation overall, for your loving support of Judy and I over these last 4 months of Pastoral Internship. The contact by your leadership, in the early summer was a surprise and very encouraging, for the both of us. You all have been very encouraging over the months and generous with your time, gifts and cards, particularly over the Christmas season. We will continue to pray for the Lord's leading in the life of Ebenezer in the months ahead.*

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Monday We pray for our NAB Missionaries, Paul and Melissa Ewing, NAB Church Planters in Japan. Paul serves as the NAB field director for the mission field of Japan and works closely with the Japan Baptist Conference. They helped plant Komyo Christian Church, which was recently handed over to a national lead pastor, Hiroyuki Saijo. The church was also recently accepted into the Japan Baptist Conference. **Pray for Paul and Melissa as they navigate ministry in Japan and walk through the leading of the Holy Spirit.**



Tuesday As we enter a New Year, we pray renewal in our hearts and our land. We pray that we would see opportunities to grow as followers of Christ both individually and as a community. We pray for a peace beyond understanding, love beyond measure, joy despite circumstances, and that we would listen to the leading of the Holy Spirit in all things at all times.