

Thursday We lift up some of our local missions that we support: **Crisis Pregnancy Centre and Kingscrest ESL**. We pray for them as they minister to specific needs in our city. We ask that you would bless their workers, the interactions and the connections they are making.

Friday We pray for our whole church community; our elders, deacons, staff, congregation, and ministries. May we trust in Christ and know the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we anticipate being able to open up more programs and ministries.

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 Hait, Lavina Hait, Linda and Tor Hoen, Diane Reichert, Jose and Elena Ronsano, Jean Tsui, and Pearl Weiss. We lift up Carol Townsend, Crista Lof, Michelle Kahlon, and their families after the passing of Rick. 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.

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Sunday, April 24th, 2022



10:30am Worship Celebration

Sermon: "The New Kingdom"

Acts 1:1-11

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WELCOME TO EBENEZER!

We continue to worship in person at Ebenezer or online.
We invite you to wear a mask (especially while singing) and maintain physical distance while you are in the building in order to help everyone stay safe and well.

Please remember to stay home if you are not feeling well and we encourage you to join us online if you are not yet fully vaccinated.
May God bless you richly today and every other day!

WORSHIP SERVICE

Welcome & Call to Worship

Prayer

Opening Hymn: #319 Blessed Assurance

Songs of Praise and Worship

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Sermon: "The New Kingdom" (Pastor Jerry Ritskes)

Song of Response

Closing Hymn: #238 Because He Lives

Benediction

THIS WEEK

Communion Celebration at 10:30am Pastor Jerry Ritskes will be leading us through a new series on the book of Acts called, "He Acts".

MID-WEEK PROGRAMS & NEWS

CHALLENGERS Bible Study and Fellowship Everyone is welcome! Meets every **Wednesday at 11am in the Lower Auditorium**. Pastor Tony Tremblett will be speaking. **Please bring a sandwich for lunch.**



There will be a **Spring Women's Ministry Event on Saturday, May 14th from 1-3pm**. All ladies are invited! Join us and bring your favourite cup or mug that reminds you of a moment or blessing in your life. If you would like to help, speak to Christina Whitman.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

Monday We pray for our NAB missionaries, **Chris and Laurie Finchum with Citywalk Church in Yuba City, California**. For twenty years, Chris and Laurie Finchum prayed for God to send people to plant life-giving churches in Yuba City, Laurie's hometown. The Holy Spirit prompted them while visiting family there in 2016 that they were the people they have been praying for. Citywalk is a church that seeks to walk people into a growing relationship with Jesus, whether they are a long-time follower or just investigating faith. **Pray for the whole team at Citywalk as they work to establish a second campus in neighboring Marysville, seeking to serve their cities with the grace and goodness of Jesus.**



Tuesday We lift up our world; for people caught in the crossfire of war, famine, flood, acts of violence. "We pray that you would be merciful on the people of Ukraine and Russia and end this war. Grant wisdom to world leaders to effectively stop evil. Allow for the truth to be known, for lies to be shown for what they are, and for evil-doers to be thwarted. Lord, we pray for those who have lost loved ones, homes, and livelihoods. Comfort and provide for the needs of those who have been displaced and seek refuge. Lord, we ask for mercy and we seek justice. We pray that you would be at work in both."
(Prayer written by a Resonate missionary in Ukraine, Rev. George de Vuyst)

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. Help us to see the need, the courage to respond, and the witness to Your goodness and loving kindness.