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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. His weekdays off are Monday and one other day.)

Director of Music, Grant Gwynn

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Ebenezer Baptist Church

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

Sunday, September 16th, 2018



"When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'"
(John 8:12)

10:30 a.m. Worship
"The Light of the World"
(John 8:12–20)
Dr. John Oakes

WORSHIP CELEBRATION
Ebenezer Baptist Church
September 16th, 2018, 10:30 a.m.

We Gather as a Community

Welcome and Call to Worship

Hymn #16: *How Great Thou Art*

We Worship in Spirit and in Truth

Prayer & Greeting

Songs of Praise and Worship

Children's Focus

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Hymn: #58: *Fairest Lord Jesus*

God Speaks to Us through His Word

Reading: John 8:12-20

Message: "The Light of the World"

We Respond and Go Forth to Serve

Hymn #68: *Ye Servants of God*

Benediction

***You are invited to join us for refreshments
immediately after the service.***

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Monday



Robert Gaither, Hope Fellowship, Hillsboro, Oregon. Hope Fellowship began as a church plant but soon developed into a merge/re-plant with a former NAB church. They are reaching out into their neighbourhood and developing relationships with families and churches for the sake of the Kingdom.

We pray for Robert and his family of six. His wife, Tiffany, recently started working at a new school, and his four children—Josiah, Jordan, Jude, and Joanna—also changed schools this year. We also lift up the church, a rural community with a mix of affluence and poverty.

Tuesday

We pray for our neighbourhood and for all who live and work in South Vancouver. We thank God for the opportunities we have to serve and reach out to them and we ask God's help and guidance to do so more effectively.

Wednesday

We lift up today's lunch at the parsonage and other meetings to discuss youth ministry at Ebenezer. May God guide and direct us all as we seek to provide and facilitate a new programme for our youth.

Thursday

On our BC Baptist Association (NAB) prayer list this week, we remember Pastor Shel Boese and the staff, leaders and people of our neighbouring congregation, Pilgrim Baptist Church. We ask God's continued provision for and blessing on their ministries and outreach and on our gospel collaboration in the city.

Friday

We pray for our Senior Pastor, Music Director, Elders, Deacons, other staff and leaders. May they know the presence, enabling and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Saturday

We pray for our sick, shut-ins and bereaved, and for all who care for them. May they find healing and wholeness, comfort and peace, in Christ.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

A 100th Birthday in our Community

Congratulations to Irene Maas whose 100th birthday is this Tuesday, September 18th! We are delighted that God has so richly blessed you, Irene, and pray that God will comfort you and give you strength as your years increase.

Engagement Announcements

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Youth Group Parents Lunch

There will be a **lunch for all parents of Youth Group members after today's service at 12:30 p.m. in the parsonage.**

Whitecaps "Faith Night"

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Fall Membership Class

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BSF Invitation

The **women's Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) class** has started again at our church **every Tuesday morning, 9:30–11:00 a.m.**

REGULAR MID-WEEK PROGRAMMES

Challengers (55+) meets this Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. in the Lower Auditorium. Rev. Tony Tremblett will be our speaker. **Lunch will be provided.** Please do **not** bring a sandwich

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WELCOME TO EBENEZER!

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Nursery (*Located near the ramp on the north side*).

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