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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 days off are Monday and one other day.)

**Director of Music, Grant Gwynn**

**Youth and Family Ministries Coordinator, Amos Bohoussou**

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## Ebenezer Baptist Church

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

**Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018**



*"The mystery of Christ . . .  
has now been revealed by the Spirit  
to God's holy apostles and prophets.  
This mystery is that through the  
gospel the Gentiles are heirs togeth-  
er with Israel, members together of  
one body, and sharers together in  
the promise in Christ Jesus."  
(Ephesians 3:4-6)*

10:30 a.m. Communion  
"The 'Mystery' of Christ"  
(Ephesians 3:1-12)  
Dr. John Oakes

COMMUNION CELEBRATION  
Ebenezer Baptist Church  
January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 10:30 a.m.

Gathering of the Community

Welcome and Call to Worship  
Hymn #197: *We Three Kings*  
Prayer and Greeting  
Announcements

Worship and Word

Songs of Praise  
Children's Focus  
Reading: Ephesians 3:1-12 (read by Amos Bohoussou)  
Pastoral Prayer  
Offertory  
Message: "The 'Mystery' of Christ" (Dr. John Oakes)

Communion

Hymn #194: *As with Gladness Men of Old*  
Communion  
Special Offering

Response and Dismissal

Hymn #188: *The First Noel*  
Benediction

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

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Monday



**Shan Reed, NAB Missionary in Japan.** For the past six years, Shan has been part of Komyo Christian Church. Shan has seen God at work in a lot of the areas of ministry she serves in, including with the Japan Baptist Conference youth, the Anointed Gospel Choir she is a part of, and the ongoing English classes and baking classes at Komyo Church. We pray for Shan as she works with the Japan Baptist Conference youth. We especially ask that the events during the Christmas season would continue to bear fruit in new relationships and deeper understandings of who Jesus is.

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 Amos Bohoussou, our new Youth and Family Ministries Coordinator, as he begins ministry with us. We pray that God will also strengthen and sustain him as he adjusts to life in Vancouver and to his studies at Regent College. We ask God's blessing on him and on his work among us as we strive under God to build up our church and to share the gospel in 2019.

Thursday

On our BCNAB prayer list this week, we remember Senior Pastor Phil Johnson, Associate Pastor Richard Andres, as well as the other staff, leaders and people of Osoyoos Baptist Church. We ask God's continued provision for and blessing on their ministries and outreach.

Friday

We lift up our Senior Pastor, Music Director, Elders, Deacons, other staff and leaders. May they know the presence, enabling and guidance of the Holy Spirit, especially during this busy season in the church year.

Saturday

We pray for our sick, shut-ins and bereaved, and for all who care for them. We especially remember Ebenezer members who can no longer attend regularly for health reasons, including Eugenie, Eugene, Irene, Daralee, Jose and Elena, and Sylvia. May they find healing and wholeness, comfort and peace, in Christ.

**If you would like prayer for any person or reason, please contact Pastor John or the church office. We can pray for folks publicly by name during the Pastoral Prayer and/or list them in the Sunday bulletin, as well as arranging prayer through the Prayer Chain.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Congregational Prayer Meeting

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### Meet Amos at the Parsonage

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### Season's Greetings

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### Coffee Service Volunteers Needed

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## REGULAR MID-WEEK PROGRAMMES

### Challengers

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Our Greeters for January are Rajender and Raj Rani Kumar

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January 13: Sharon Iseli; Merle Eisner; Johnny Ratum

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

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