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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.)

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Ebenezer Baptist Church

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

Sunday, March 3rd, 2019



"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth . . . But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."
(Matthew 6:19-21)

10:30 a.m. Communion
"True Devotion"
(Matthew 6:1-8, 16-21)
Dr. John Oakes

COMMUNION CELEBRATION
Ebenezer Baptist Church
March 3rd, 2019, 10:30 a.m.

Gathering of the Community

Welcome and Call to Worship

Hymn #31: *Love Divine* (Tune: #172)

Prayer and Greeting

Worship and Word

Songs of Praise

Children's Focus

Reading: Matthew 6:1-8, 16-21

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

Message: "True Devotion" (Dr. John Oakes)

Communion

Choir Anthem: *Remember* (Randy Vader & Jay Rouse)

Communion

(All who know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour are welcome to receive Communion)

Special Offering

Response and Dismissal

Hymn #378: *Be Thou My Vision*

Benediction

You are invited to join us for refreshments in the Narthex immediately after the service. If you wish to stay for prayer, please go to the front row.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Monday



Dr. Julie Stone, NAB Missionary in Cameroon. Due to the ongoing crisis in Cameroon, Julie has been working at Mboppi Baptist Hospital, but she has also spent time at the health center in Bamenda and at Mbingo Baptist Hospital. She teaches, but she also cares for patients, which she considers a privilege because she is free to share the truth of Jesus and what he has done to save and deliver people. We pray for the ongoing strife in the areas around Bansa Baptist Hospital, for the overall situation in Cameroon, and for the successful start of a chemotherapy program at Mboppi Baptist Hospital.

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.

Wednesday

We lift up Senior Pastor John Oakes and all our staff and their families, including Music Director Grant Gwynn, Youth and Family Ministries Coordinator Amos Bohoussou, Office Secretary Barbara Loveys, Caretaker Ke Ming Zhou, and Night Watchman, Bekele Gebreab. We ask God to strengthen, equip, encourage and empower them all, as they work to help our church to grow in grace and further God's Kingdom in our neighbourhood, in this city, and beyond.

Thursday

On our BC Association of NAB prayer list this week, we pray for our own Darren and Crista Lof, as they explore and seek God's will for a new church plant under Gather Steveston with a mission to "build up and equip each other" to "go and make disciples of all nations" and "to bring glory to God." We ask God's richest blessing on them as they continue their ministries with us, while discerning this fresh opportunity.

Friday

We lift up our Elders, Deacons, 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.

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