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Ebenezer Baptist Church

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

Sunday, May 12th, 2019



"They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith."

(Acts 6:6-7)

10:30 a.m. Worship
"Called to Serve"
(Acts 6:1-7)
Dr. John Oakes

WORSHIP CELEBRATION
Ebenezer Baptist Church
May 12th, 2019, 10:30 a.m.

Gathering of the Community

Welcome and Call to Worship

Hymn #60: *May Jesus Christ Be Praised*

Prayer and Greeting

Worship and Word

Songs of Praise

Children's Focus

Reading: Acts 6:1-7

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Hymn #54: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Message: "Called to Serve" (Dr. John Oakes)

Response and Dismissal

Song(s) of Response

Announcements

Hymn #498: *Christ for the World We Sing*

Benediction

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

Happy Mother's Day!

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Monday



Tony Campos, Casa de Luz in Patterson, California. Their first official service took place on Easter Sunday in 2018. The church desires to reach immigrant families in the community around them. We pray that Casa de Luz will shine the light of Christ in the midst of the dark places in the neighborhood where God has planted them.

Tuesday

We lift up our neighbourhood and 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 pray for our Boards of Elders and Deacons, as they seek to offer leadership to our congregation to the glory of God. Especially as we prepare for our next General (Business) Meeting on May 26, we thank God for all who have served and will serve in these roles. May they receive God's special guidance and enabling, as we all seek to minister more effectively and reach out to South Vancouver and beyond.

Thursday

On our BC Baptist Association of the NAB prayer list this week, we remember Pastor Shel Boese, the other staff and leaders, and the people of our neighbouring Vancouver congregation, Pilgrim Church. May they know God's continuing blessing and empowerment, as they pursue their common mission "to love our city and to invite our neighbours to flourish by rooting our lives in the outrageous love and life of Jesus."

Friday

We lift up Pastor John and all our staff and leaders. May they know the presence, enabling and guidance of the Holy Spirit, especially during this busy time 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, Irene, Daralee, Jose and Elena, Pearl, 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, Sharon Iseli (604-244-1636), or Freda Ross (604-326-5123). We can pray for folks publicly by name during the Pastoral Prayer and/or list them in the Sunday bulletin, as well as through the Prayer Chain.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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