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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**

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## Ebenezer Baptist Church

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

**Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019**



*"The Most High does not live in houses made by men. As the prophet says: 'Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. What kind of house will you build for me? says the Lord. Or where will my resting place be? Has not my hand made all these things?'"*  
(Acts 7:48-50)

**10:30 a.m. Worship**  
**"The Message of Stephen"**  
(Acts 7:1-53)  
**Dr. John Oakes**

**WORSHIP CELEBRATION**  
**Ebenezer Baptist Church**  
**May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 10:30 a.m.**

**Gathering of the Community**

Welcome and Call to Worship

Hymn #68: *Ye Servants of God*

Prayer and Greeting

**Worship and Word**

Songs of Praise

Children's Focus

Reading: Acts 7:44-53

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Hymn #449: *Take My Life and Let It Be*

Message: "The Message of Stephen" (Dr. John Oakes)

**Response and Dismissal**

Song(s) of Response

Announcements

Song: *By Faith*

Benediction

***You are invited to join us for refreshments  
downstairs in the Lower Auditorium immediately  
after the service.***

**PRAYER AND PRAISE**

Monday



**Alcides Gonzales, Field Coordinator for Hispanics for Christ in San Lorenzo, Paraguay.** In 2010, Alcides started an orphanage to serve a needy community. He is now focusing on planting new churches across Paraguay even as he serves as the pastor at Iglesia Cristiana Evangelica Florida in San Lorenzo, where he has pastored since 1995. We pray for the continued training in evangelism and for the gospel to spread throughout Paraguay.

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 Deacon Graham Gertz, other members of our Board of Trustees and all who help maintain our buildings and grounds, not least our faithful caretaker, Ke Ming Zhou, and Bekele Gebreab, our night watchman. We thank God for them. May they know God's special guidance and enabling, as we seek to make our facilities ever more accessible, useful and attractive to the many who pass through our doors from Ebenezer, Faith Chinese Baptist and all our other renters and user groups.

Thursday

On our BC Baptist Association of the NAB prayer list this week, we remember Dan O'Connell (Moderator) and the other leaders and people of Open Door Fellowship, Barriere, 66 km north of Kamloops. As they seek to reach out to their small town and beyond, may they know God's continuing provision, blessing and empowerment.

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 Doug, 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.**

**STEWARDSHIP: YEAR 2019**

Weekly Goal: \$ 4,420.00

YTD Goal: \$ 98,400.00

Rec'd May 19: \$ 6,890.30

YTD Rec'd: \$ 103,878.74

*Thank you for your faithful giving to the Lord!*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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