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Senior Pastor, Dr. John Oakes

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THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

Ebenezer Baptist Church
October 13th, 2019, 10:30 am

Gathering of the Community

Welcome and Call to Worship

Opening Hymn #36: *Now Thank We All Our God*

Choir Anthem: "Ten Thousand Reasons" (M. Redman)

Prayer and Greeting

Worship and Word

Songs of Praise

Children's Focus

Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Hymn #111: *Come, Ye Thankful People*

Message: "Finding Peace in an Anxious World" (Dr. John Oakes)

Response and Dismissal

Song(s) of Response

Announcements

Closing Hymn #54: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Benediction

***All are invited to join us for refreshments in the narthex
immediately after today's service.
Happy Thanksgiving!***

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Monday



Sorin Crivceag, Iglesia Comunidad West Hills, Salem, Oregon.

Pastor Sorin grew up outside of Bucharest, Romania, and his wife, Laura, grew up in Argentina. They met while attending the Bible institute at Word of Life Argentina. After years of ministry in South America, Romania, and Florida, they moved to Salem, Oregon, in 2015 to work with Hispanics for Christ to plant Iglesia Comunidad West Hills. We pray the church would be an effective and vibrant witness of Christ's love in their community.

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 to reach out to them and we ask God's help and guidance to do so.

Wednesday

On Thanksgiving Sunday, we give thanks for the many ways that God has blessed Ebenezer over 92 years of mission and ministry in South Vancouver. We are especially thankful for our all members, leaders and staff, past and present, for our wonderful facilities, and for how God has used this congregation to draw people to Christ and build them up in the faith and love of Jesus. May we continue to know God's strength and power, as we seek to live out Christ's Great Commission to "go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded" (Matthew 28:19-20).

Thursday

On our BC Baptist Association (NAB) Prayer Calendar, we remember Rev. Joseph Li, the other staff, leaders and people of Redeemer Chinese Baptist Church, which meets at St. Luke Lutheran Church on 148th Street, Surrey. We ask for God's continuing direction, equipping and provision, as they pursue their mission to share the gospel and equip God's people in Surrey and beyond.

Friday

We lift up all our staff. May they know the presence, enabling and direction of the Holy Spirit, as we continue our Fall programming.

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 John & Frieda Hait, Doug & Diane Reichert, Eugenie Krause, Irene Maas, Daralee Richmond, Jose and Elena Ronsano, Pearl Weiss, and Sylvia Schmuland. May they find healing and wholeness, comfort and peace, in Christ.

If you would like prayer for any person or reason, please contact the church office, 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

Thanksgiving Thanks!

Many thanks to all who prepared, presented at and attended last Sunday's Thanksgiving lunch. A good time was clearly had by all!

Fall Alpha

Alpha continues this Wednesday, October 16, 6:30–8:30 p.m. We start in the Lower Auditorium for dinner. **All are warmly invited!**

Ebenezer Chess Club

The Ebenezer Chess Club continues on Tuesday, October 15 from 7:00–9:00 p.m. in Room 3B. Meetings are bi-monthly. **Contact Simon Chan** for more details (simon.chan7@gmail.com).

Evergreen Tea and Bake Sale

All are welcome on Saturday, October 19, 1:00–3:00 p.m. to the Ladies Auxiliary Tea and Bake Sale in the Manor Lounge (1531 Everall St., White Rock) **at the Evergreen Baptist Campus of Care.** Baked goods can also be left for pick-up in the church kitchenette no later than noon on Friday the 18th.

Ushers, Welcomers and Greeters Meeting

All **ushers, welcomers and greeters** are invited to **meet with Noel Pocdolacion and Pastor John at 12:15 p.m. after church next Sunday, October 20, in the Senior Pastor's office** on the third floor.

Family Ministries Indoor Sports and Games Night

Saturday, October 26 at 6:30 p.m., Lower Auditorium, there will be a Family Ministries indoor sports and games night, including carpet bowling. All are warmly invited. Please **sign up at the Welcome Centre** to give us an idea of expected numbers and/or **see Amos for more information.**

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THIS MORNING

Greeters

Our greeters for October are John and Sharon Iseli.

Prayer Partners during the Worship Service

October 20: Sharon Iseli; Merle Eisner

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

The Church nursery is open for the use of parents with infants up to 2-years-old, but there are no care providers.

Noah's Place (2–4 yrs); Children K—Grade 6

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