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Fall Alpha

### CHURCH LEADERSHIP TEAM

#### PASTORAL STAFF

##### Senior Pastor, Dr. John Oakes

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 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, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019**



*“No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment. If he does, the new piece will pull away from the old, making the tear worse. And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the wine will burst the skins, and both the wine and the wineskins will be ruined. No, he pours new wine into new wineskins.” (Mark 2:21–22)*

**10:30 am Communion**  
**“New Wine and Old Wineskins”**  
 (Mark 2:18–22)  
 Dr. John Oakes

# COMMUNION CELEBRATION

Ebenezer Baptist Church  
November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019, 10:30 am

## Gathering of the Community

Welcome and Call to Worship  
Opening Hymn: *Holy Spirit* (Keith Getty and S. Townend)  
Prayer and Greeting

## Worship and Word

Songs of Praise  
Children's Focus  
Reading: Mark 2:18–22  
Announcements  
Pastoral Prayer  
Offertory  
Message: "New Wine and Old Wineskins" (Dr. John Oakes)

## Communion

Hymn: *Behold the Lamb* (K. & K. Getty, S. Townend)  
Communion  
(All who know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour are welcome to receive Communion in their pews. We consume the bread and cup together.)  
Special Offering

## Response and Dismissal

Closing Hymn: *In Christ Alone* (Keith Getty and Stuart Townend)  
Benediction  
**All are invited to join us for refreshments in the narthex immediately after today's service.**

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

### Monday



**Jay Ashcraft, Lighthouse Ministries, Antioch, California.** Lighthouse Ministries is a network of house churches seeking to reach those in Antioch, Pittsburg, and Bay Point, California. Pastor Jay Ashcraft, who helps guide Lighthouse, is a gifted evangelist who is passionate about sharing the gospel with others. In fact, one of the key guiding principles of Lighthouse is to reach the unreached peoples in their cities. Pray that the

Holy Spirit would soften hearts in the neighbourhood surrounding these house churches.

### 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

We pray for Deacon Noel Pocdolacion, Chair, members of the Board of Ushers and Welcomers and for our whole team, including greeters, of people who help make Ebenezer a more welcoming and accessible community to all-comers. We ask for God's guidance and direction for them and for the whole congregation seeking to show hospitality to those who come our way on Sunday mornings and other occasions.

### Thursday

On our BC Baptist Association (NAB) Prayer Calendar, we remember Senior Pastor Brad Reid, Ministry Coordinator Melinda Bahr, the other staff, leaders and people of Zion Baptist, Terrace, BC. We ask for God's continuing direction, equipping and provision, as they pursue their ministry and mission to be "a Christ-centred family who reaches people for Jesus, encourages growth and shows his love through action."

### Friday

We lift up all our staff. May they know the presence, enabling and direction of the Holy Spirit.

### 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,

**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

### Operation Christmas Child

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**The Ebenezer Chess Club is scheduled to continue** on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in November **from 7:00–9:00 p.m. in Room 3B.** Meetings are bi-monthly. **Contact Simon Chan** for details (simon.chan7@gmail.com).

### Fall Alpha

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### Congregational Prayer Meeting

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### Family Ministries Ice Skating

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