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CHURCH LEADERSHIP TEAM

PASTORAL STAFF

Senior Pastor, Dr. John Oakes

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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

Ebenezer Baptist Church
Third Sunday of Advent
December 15th, 2019, 10:30 am

Gathering of the Community

Welcome and Call to Worship

Opening Hymn #178: "O Come All Ye Faithful"

Prayer and Greeting

Worship and Word

Songs of Praise

Advent Reading and Song - The Cabang family

Children's Dismissal

Announcements

Reading: 2 Samuel 11:1-5, 26-27

Choir: "Night of Glory"

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

Carol #187: "Away in a Manger"

Message: "The Source of Love" Matt 1:6 (Dr. George Sears)

Response and Dismissal

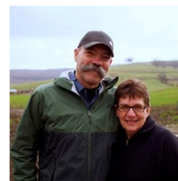
Carol #188: "The First Noel"

Benediction

All are welcome to stay for coffee and fellowship in the Narthex after today's service.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Monday



Vern and Gloria Wagner, NAB Missionaries in Romania. The experience Vern and Gloria bring to Camp Falcon Rock in Romania is a blessing to all who are actively working toward getting the camp up and running. They are in the final stages of installing the entire water/sewage system, and soon hope to be able to break ground on the main lodge. Pray for the continued projects and permits. Pray as well that Vern and Gloria

would find comfort in the Lord and their current community when they are missing their children and grandchildren in Canada.

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 Faith Chinese Baptist Church, the Montessori School and all the other regular and occasional groups and renters which make use of our building. We thank God for our facilities and for the many opportunities which they provide to serve God and others. May our church home continue to be a community centre for and a means of outreach to our local community and beyond.

Thursday

Vancouver Zion Baptist Church is on our BC Baptist Association (NAB) Prayer Calendar. We pray for Pastor David Cho, their leadership team, and the people of their congregation asking for God's continuing direction, equipping and provision for each of them as they pursue their callings to spread the gospel.

Friday

We lift up all our staff, as we are in the busy seasons of Advent and Christmas. 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, and Pearl Weiss. For those having recent losses: Debbie and Greg Tobert and family; the family of Sylvia Schmuland. May they find healing, 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 during the Pastoral Prayer and/or list them in the Sunday bulletin, as well as through the Prayer Chain.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Homegoing From Our Fellowship

Sylvia Schmuland went to be with our Lord on Friday, December 6th, 2019. We pray for her extended family as they remember her life and mourn her passing. Service details will be announced as soon as they become available.

Pastor John

Pastor John continues to be on **medical leave**. He welcomes our prayers. If you have any pastoral needs or concerns, please contact one of the Elders listed at the back of the bulletin.

Wedding Ceremony Postponed

Julia and Luke had planned to come back to Vancouver to have a celebration of their marriage here at Ebenezer this December but are sad to say it will be postponed to next year as Luke is waiting for his travel visa. They would like to wish everyone here a very Merry Christmas and hope to see you very soon!

Our Daily Bread:

The regular print and large print editions of Our Daily Bread for January/February are available at the Welcome Centre.

Ebenezer Chess Club

The Ebenezer Chess Club meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in December from **7:00–9:00 p.m. in Room 3B**. Meetings are bi-monthly. **Contact Simon Chan** for details (simon.chan7@gmail.com). Next meeting December 17th.

Expense Claims for 2019:

If you have expenses to be charged to the church for 2019 that are still outstanding, please submit your receipts with a pink "Requisition for Payment Form" available outside of the church office as soon as possible. This will help us with our year-end accounting. Thank you.

Greetings and Reports:

Christmas Greetings and year-end reports from our friends and supported ministries will be displayed on the Missions bulletin board by the ramp entrance.

Christmas Reading From Our Church Library

One Wintry Night - Ruth Bell Graham; **A Treasury of Christmas Miracles** - Karen Kingsbury; **A Christmas Promise** - Thomas Kinkade; **Starry, Starry Night** - Lurlene McDaniel; **The Winter Seeking** - Vinita Wright; **Christmas Child - DVD**; **The Nativity Story - DVD**. We also have some "Pastor Picks" books displayed.

Christmas Eve Service

December 24th at 6:30 there will be a Community Christmas Eve Service.

REGULAR MID-WEEK PROGRAMMES

Mid-Week Bible Studies **Tuesday Bible Study** with Pastor John Oakes and **Thursday Bible Study with Manny and Violet Sadiq are in recess until the New year.**

Youth & Young Adults **Thursday, December 19, Celebration dinner 7:00 pm L/A**

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Choir practices continue in the Parlour on Thursday, December 19 from 7:30–9:00 p.m., as well as next week Sunday prior to the service at 9:30 am.

WELCOME TO EBENEZER!

*A warm welcome to all our visitors! Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, we are happy to see you. We hope you enjoy your time with us and sense God's presence. If you'd like to get in touch, please fill out the Welcome Card in the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate or contact our Senior Pastor directly.
Thanks for joining us. God bless you!*

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Greeters

Our Greeters for December are Minda Francisco and Elena Sinocruz

Prayer Partners during the Worship Service

December 8: Loren Stark; Kirsten Oakes

December 15: Queen Adonri; Rose Masing

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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Choir

Choir practice today **in the Sanctuary** after the Service 12:15-1:15. We are singing next Sunday. Pre-service practice 9:30 a.m. December 22.

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