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Ebenezer Baptist Church

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

Sunday, March 1st, 2020



“He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. And he was amazed at their lack of faith. Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village. Calling the Twelve to him, he sent them out two by two and gave them authority over evil spirits.”

(Mark 6:5–7)

10:30 a.m. Communion

“A Mission to Share”

(Mark 6:1–13)

Dr. John Oakes

CHURCH LEADERSHIP TEAM

PASTORAL STAFF

Senior Pastor, Dr. John Oakes

Tel: 604-779-2356 (cell); Email: seniorpastor@rockofhelp.com
 (Pastor John is available for pastoral counselling and visitation by appointment. His weekly days off are Monday and Tuesday.)

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 Rhea Ravanera; Loren Stark

COMMUNION CELEBRATION

Ebenezer Baptist Church
March 1st, 2020, 10:30 a.m.

Gathering of the Community

Welcome and Call to Worship
Opening Hymn #516: *I Love to Tell the Story*
Prayer and Greeting

Worship and Word

Songs of Praise
Children's Focus
Reading: Mark 6:1-13
Announcements
Pastoral Prayer
Offertory
Message: "A Mission to Share" (Dr. John Oakes)

Communion

Hymn #162: *Let Us Break Bread Together*
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.)
Benevolent Offering

Response and Dismissal

Closing Hymn #498: *Christ for the World We Sing*
Benediction
All are invited to join us for refreshments in the narthex immediately after today's service.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Monday



Jamie Hamblet, Disciples Church of Mandan in Mandan, North Dakota. Disciples Church of Mandan launched on December 8, 2019, focusing their time, energy, and resources on building meaningful worship, relationships, and roles to maximize their impact, first in their communities and then all around the globe. An essential element of their mission is to ask of their neighbours, "What do you need?" and "How can I help?" We pray for them as they press into the Mandan community and ask that God would send workers for the harvest.

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 Elfrieda Brose, Chair, and members of the Board of Nominations. We ask God's richest blessings on their ministry and we lift up their and our ongoing process of discernment, as we look to the future and seek to ensure that we follow God's leading in nominating and electing our leaders.

Thursday

On our BC Baptist Association (NAB) Prayer Calendar, we remember Pastors Roger and Carrie Liegmann, and all the other staff, leaders and people of WestMOUNT Church, West Kelowna. We ask for God's provision, guidance and blessing for them, as they follow their "heart . . . to see people in our community connecting with God, connecting with life-giving relationships, and connecting to their God-given purpose and destiny."

Friday

We lift up all our staff, as we continue into 2020. 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 members of the Ebenezer community who can no longer attend regularly for health reasons, including Elsie Baum, Waldemar Becker, Bev Bender, John & Frieda Hait, Lavina Hait, Eugenie Krause, Irene Maas, Ann Ramsden, Doug & Diane Reichert, Daralee Richmond, Jose and Elena Ronsano, and Pearl Weiss. 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 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.

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