

### Thursday

We lift up Lead Pastor Jeff Gates and the other staff, leaders, and people of our fellow BCBA Church, Lakeview Heights Baptist Church, West Kelowna, B.C. May God bless them in their mission to “reach people for Christ,” “disciple people in Christ,” and “release people for ministry.”

### Friday

We pray for wisdom for our leaders and staff as they make decisions and lead the ministries of our church during these challenging times.

### Saturday

We continue to pray for those who are sick, shut-in and bereaved, and for all who care for them. We especially remember: Elsie Baum, Russ and Rita Crossley, Bekele Gebreab, John & Frieda Hait, Lavina Hait, Ileen Konnert, Irene Maas, Diana Reichert, Jose and Elena Ronsano, Rick and Carol Townsend, and Pearl Weiss. May they find healing, comfort and peace, in Christ.

If you would like prayer for any person or reason, please contact Sharon Iseli (604-244-1636), Freda Ross (604-326-5123) or the church office. We can pray for folks during the Pastoral Prayer and/or list them in the Sunday bulletin, as well as through the Prayer Chain.

### **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 weekly days off are Monday and Tuesday.)

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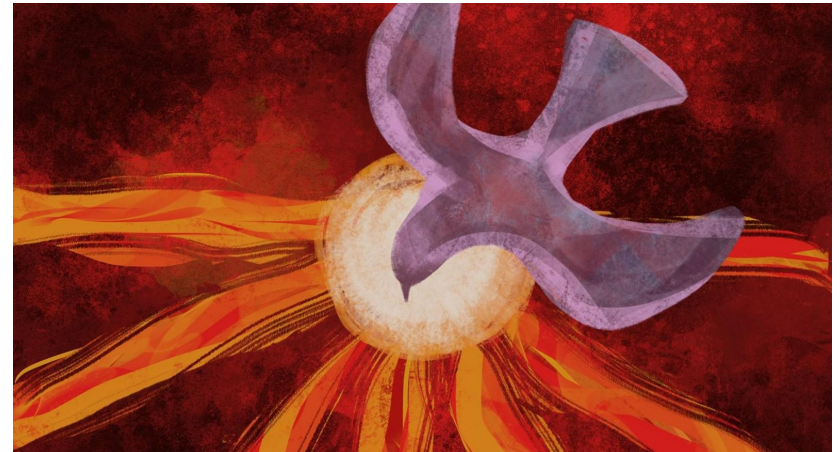
Bill Konnert (Moderator), Rajender Kumar, Jack Masing, John Oakes, Rhea Ravanera, Loren Stark, Sharon Tobert.



# EBC Update

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

**Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021**



**10:30 a.m. Pentecost Sunday**

**Sermon: Dr. John Oakes**

**“Three Keys to Successful Relationships”**

**Ephesians 5:20–6:9**

**Music Director: Grant Gwynn**

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## WELCOME TO TODAY'S SERVICE!

We warmly invite you to worship with us. Following the latest B.C. Government Health Orders, we are meeting **online only** until "further notice based on direction from the Provincial Health Officer."

We will let you know as soon as the situation changes.  
May God bless you richly today and every other day!

## SERVICE ORDER

Call to Worship

Prayer

Opening Hymn #319: *Blessed Assurance*

Songs

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 5:20-6:9

Message: "Three Keys to Successful Relationships"

(Pastor John)

Song of Response

Pastoral Prayer

Closing Hymn #95: *Pentecostal Power*

Announcements

Benediction

## NEXT SUNDAY

**Online Service at 10:30 a.m.**— Dr. John Oakes will be concluding his sermon series "Practical Spirituality: Lessons from Living from Ephesians" with "Fighting the Good Fight" (Ephesians 6:10–24).

## MID-WEEK PROGRAMMES

**Bible Study** All are welcome to join the Friday evening **Bible study on Zoom at 7:00 p.m.** Pastor John Oakes will be continuing the series on "The Character of God." Go to [this link](#) and enter Meeting ID: 851 704 4556.

**Women's Prayer Meeting** Our women's **Zoom prayer meeting meets online on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m.** Access is available through [this link](#). The Zoom ID is 648 4054 7657, password is 413664.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**A Note from Pastor John** "Many thanks to all who prayed for me and all who worked so hard in my recent absence on medical leave. I am especially grateful to the staff, the church leadership and to the pastors who offered supply ministry so well every week: Dr. George Sears, Dr. Bob Krahn, Pastor Albert Berg and Pastor Tony Tremblett. To everyone who served in any way, your contribution has been and is gratefully appreciated." *Pastor John*

### Sunday Services

Recordings of all our services can be accessed via our website [www.rockofhelp.com](http://www.rockofhelp.com), [Facebook](#), and the church's [YouTube page](#).

### Daily Bread Devotionals

The June/July/August "Daily Bread" Devotionals are here! **If you would like a copy, please call the church office (604-324-7674) or email [office@rockofhelp.com](mailto:office@rockofhelp.com) to arrange a pick-up or to have one mailed.**

**NAB Triennial 2021 "Reimagine Hospitality"** Due to the ongoing concerns over COVID-19 and the difficulties in international travel, **the Triennial Conference will be online!** Excitingly, **this also means that it will be free and accessible** to thousands more in the NAB family than usual. "Reimagine Hospitality" **will be July 9-11.** You can access more information to register at <https://nabtriennial.vfairs.com/>.

## PRAYER AND PRAISE



**Monday** This week, we pray for **NAB Missionaries in Brazil, Brandon and Marci Jones.** Brandon teaches at the Baptist Theological Seminary of Rio Grande do Sul in Porto Alegre, Brazil, with Lyndell Campbell-Réquia. Brandon and Lyndell recently worked with Sioux Falls Seminary to launch the "Kairos Project" in Brazil, opening up theological education to a larger number of pastors and leaders. Please pray for the Jones family as they continue to learn enough Portuguese to be considered fluent.

### 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 them.

### Wednesday

We pray for our whole church community. May we live and enjoy healthy relationships as individuals, families, and a church community.