

**Friday** We pray for our whole church community: that we would continue to grow and spread the Good News. We pray for the ongoing work of the Search Committee as we look for a new pastor. We also pray for those involved in planning the Vacation Bible School ministry for children in our congregation and city.

**Saturday** We pray for those who are sick, shut-in or bereaved. We especially remember: Elsie Baum, Agnes Becker, Russ and Rita Crossley, Kurt and Martha Gottschling, John Hait, Lavina Hait, Diane Reichert, Jose and Elena Ronsano, Jean Tsui, and Pearl Weiss. May they find healing, wholeness, 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 during the Pastoral Prayer and/or list them in the Sunday bulletin, as well as through the Prayer Chain.

*"The LORD bless you and keep you;  
the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;  
the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace."  
~ Numbers 6:24-26, NIV*

### CHURCH LEADERSHIP TEAM

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## Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022



### 10:30am Communion Celebration

### "Awkward Gifts...Yet Joy to Come"

### John 3:10-15

### Pastor Ward Cowie

### Music Leader: Hansel Gonzales

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## WELCOME TO EBENEZER!

We continue to worship in person at Ebenezer or online.  
**We invite you to wear a mask (especially while singing) and maintain physical distance while you are in the building in order to help everyone stay safe and well.**

Please remember to stay home if you are not feeling well and we encourage you to join us online if you are not yet fully vaccinated.  
May God bless you richly today and every day!

## COMMUNION WORSHIP SERVICE

### Welcome & Call to Worship

### Prayer

Opening Hymn: #243 *Crown Him With Many Crowns*

### Songs of Praise and Worship

Special Music: "Way Maker"

### Announcements

### Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading: John 3:10-15 (ESV)

Sermon: "Awkward Gifts...Yet Joy to Come"

Pastor Ward Cowie

### Song of Response

### Communion

Closing Song: #291 *Wonderful Grace of Jesus*

### Benediction

## THIS WEEK

**Worship Service at 10:30am** Dr. George Sears will be preaching at our Sunday service next week.

## MID-WEEK PROGRAMS & NEWS

**CHALLENGERS Bible Study and Fellowship meets Wednesdays at 11am in the Lower Auditorium.** Pastor Tony Tremblett will be speaking. Please bring a sandwich for lunch this week. The following week (August 17th), Challengers will be having lunch out at the Flamingo Restaurant. See Merle or Jack to RSVP with your \$10.

**Vacation Bible School for children ages 5-11 will be happening August 15th to 19th from 9:30am to 12:30pm.**

Join us for a week full of fun where children will sing songs, play fun games, make crafts, and learn more about God! Registration forms are available at the Welcome Desk. To register by email: [office@rockoffhelp.com](mailto:office@rockoffhelp.com) or call the church office: 604-324-7674. **If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact Meg Tobert or Sharon Tobert.**



## PRAYER AND PRAISE

**Monday We pray for our NAB missionaries in Cameroon: Craig and Maureen Moody.**

Craig and Maureen have served as missionaries in Cameroon in a variety of capacities throughout the years. This time, Craig is serving as the Finance Manager for the Rain Forest International School, and Maureen is the interim field director for Cameroon, taking over the position Calvin Hohn held previously held.

**Pray for Maureen as she undertakes the many and varied responsibilities of field director.**



**Tuesday We lift up our world: for people caught in war, poverty, famine, flood, acts of violence, and other natural disasters.** We pray for people around the world struggling to find shelter and food in the midst of extreme heat and drought. We ask for relief in these situations, that changes would be made and needs would be met.

**Wednesday We pray for our neighbourhoods and our country:** We lift up the ongoing reconciliation efforts. May you pave the way forward in healing the brokenness and relationships in our communities.

**Thursday We lift up our fellow BC Baptist Association (NAB) Church, Trinity Church in Kelowna.** We lift up their pastors, leaders, and people of Trinity Church as they pursue their mission to "Love God, love others, and change the world through Christ" and as they reach out to their community.