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#### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH LEADERSHIP

##### Pastoral Staff:

Senior Pastor, Dr. John Oakes [Tel: 604-779-2356 (cell);  
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Director of Music, Grant Gwynn

##### Board of Deacons:

Crista Lof, Chair Board of Christian Nurture,  
Darren Lof, Chair Board of Missions  
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Graham Gertz, Chair Board of Stewardship  
Graham Gertz, Chair Board of Trustees, Vice-Chair Deacons  
Vacant, Chair Board of Ushers and Welcomers  
Rhea Ravanera, Chair Board of Deacons & Women's Ministries

##### Board of Elders:

Darren Lof; Sharon Tobert; Brian Kinniston; Joseph Neely; John Oakes;  
Johnny Ratum

# THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

Ebenezer Baptist Church

October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 10:30am

## God Calls Us to Worship

Welcome and Call to Worship

Hymn #36: *Now Thank We All Our God*

## We Offer Ourselves to God

Songs of Praise and Worship

Children's Focus

The Life of the Church (*Announcements*)

Pastoral Prayer

Choir: *He's Been Faithful* (Carol Cymbala)

Tithes and Offerings

Choir Offertory: *He Will See You Through* (Ron & Cheryl Cochran)

## God Speaks to Us through His Word

Scripture Reading: Luke 17:11-19

Message: "An Attitude of Gratitude" - Dr. John Oakes

## We Respond and Go Forth to Serve

Hymn #26: *For the Beauty of the Earth*

Benediction

*You are invited to join us for fellowship in the Narthex immediately after the service. Coffee, tea and light refreshments will be available.*

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

### Monday



**Jeremy Martinson, River City Southwest, Fargo, North Dakota.** Jeremy helped plant River City Southwest, where he is the teaching pastor. Jeremy and his wife, Lois, have three children. We pray that the people of River City Southwest would create relationships with their neighbours that will turn into Gospel opportunities. We ask God's grace so that the leaders would continue to be developed to support the church's mission for church planting.

### Tuesday

We pray for all those suffering from the devastating gun massacre in Las Vegas this past week and from the continuing impact of natural disasters worldwide. We ask God's comfort for the bereaved and guidance and assistance for emergency workers, relief agencies, and law enforcement officers.

### Wednesday

We pray for our elders, deacons, and staff. We ask God's continuing guidance, direction, and protection, as we plan for 2018, seeking the extension of God's Kingdom in our midst .

### Thursday

On our NABC prayer list this week, we remember Pastor Mark Fast, the other leaders and people New Hope Bible Fellowship, in Oroville, Washington. We pray for God's continued provision for and blessing on their ministries and outreach in both English and Spanish in the Oroville area some six kilometers south of the Canadian border crossing to Osoyoos, BC.

### Friday

We pray for all our ministry leaders, as we continue our Fall programming, including our Wednesday evening prayer meeting, Bible Study, and children's activities, our youth programmes on Friday and Sunday mornings, and "Challengers" for seniors.

### Saturday

We pray for our sick and for our shut-ins, who are unable to attend worship at this time, and for all who care for them. May they find healing and wholeness, comfort and peace, **in Christ.**



SERMON NOTES:

Lined area for sermon notes.

WELCOME TO EBENEZER!

A warm welcome to all 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 stay 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!

THIS MORNING

Greeters

Our Greeters for October are Harry and Sandra Gertz

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.

Sunday School: Youth:

The 9:15 am Get Up! for Youth (Grade 7-12)

Noah's Place (2-4 yrs); Children K - Grade 6

Children's Sunday School is from 11:00-12:00, during the church service. Children are invited to leave the church after the Children's Focus. The 2-4-year-olds are to be picked up at the close of the service. Children Kindergarten to Grade 6 will be released from the Parlour at the end of the service.

Noah's Place Helpers

October 8: Debbie and Meg Tobert

October 15: Brian Kinniston and Cason Lof

Choir

12:10-1:00 pm Practice in the Parlour. See Music Director Grant Gwynn if you would like to sing.

NEXT SUNDAY

Morning Worship at 10:30 am. Dr. George Sears will be speaking on the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant (Matthew 18:21-35).

STEWARDSHIP: YEAR 2017

Weekly Goal: \$ 4,038.46

YTD Goal: \$ 161,538.40

Rec'd Oct 1: \$ 4,793.40

YTD Rec'd: \$ 162,765.82

Thanksgiving Offering to date: \$750.00

Thank you for your faithful giving to the Lord.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### A baby girl!

Congratulations to Ian and Adrienne Tiltman and big brother James (Grandmother Barbara Loveys) on the birth of June Elizabeth Tiltman, born September 30, 2017, 7lbs 9oz. Mother and baby are doing well.

### Check out our new website design!

Thanks to the hard work and creativity of a specially commissioned communications taskforce (Brian Kinniston, Joseph Neely, Kevin Hammerstrom, and I), **we are pleased to launch a redesign of the church website at [www.rockofhelp.com](http://www.rockofhelp.com)**. This remains a "work in progress" and **we welcome your feedback** as we seek to improve our communications media at Ebenezer. *John Oakes*

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### Pastor John in Thanksgiving week

Pastor John will be away the week after Thanksgiving, returning to the church office October 17<sup>th</sup>. **In the event of a pastoral emergency this coming week, please contact one of the elders.**

### Soundboard Training

**We are still looking for people to work in the area of the sound.** Our current sound team will do the training at a time and date TBA. If you are interested, please see our music director Grant Gwynn.

### Kingcrest International Neighbours

Fall term is here at Kingcrest and we are very busy and also in need of Teachers. Due to work one of our teachers is not able to continue teaching. We were therefore unable to sign in new students and every class rooms is full. But we still have more students who wish to register. **Do you know anyone who is able to joint our Kingcrest team to teach English twice a week, Tuesday and Thursday night from 7-9 pm?** Please contact me at [778-688-4795](tel:778-688-4795). *Roberto Galdamez, Kingcrest Office Administrator.*

### German language sing-along

Our neighbours at Martin Luther Church would like to invite anyone of us who is interested to come to a German language sing along on Oct. 21, 2017 at 5:00 pm in the evening at ML Church, 505 East 46th Ave.

### Hope for Dalit Women - Ladies Dinner

See the poster either by the library or by the office: **The Dalit Freedom Network is hosting a fund-raising dinner on Monday October 23rd** at 6:00 pm at the Bombay Banquet Hall in Surrey.

## WEEKLY PROGRAMMES

### WEDNESDAYS



#### Challengers 55+

All are welcome to come to **Challengers on Wednesdays for a time of singing, sharing and Bible Study at 11:00 am.** Rev. Tony Tremblett will be our speaker. **We will be having a luncheon provided (ham dinner) so don't bring a sandwich.**



#### UPLIFT (6:30-8 pm)

Uplift includes **a children's programme for ages 5-12** and for adults there is **a time of prayer before Pastor John Oakes leads an open Bible Study on Jesus' Parables.** The prayer time will be 6:30-7:00pm in the Sanctuary and the Bible Study from 7:00 - 8:00 in the Parlour. Youth Alpha and Basketball (Grades 6-9) N.B.: **The Bible Study will be taking a break this week, resuming October 18<sup>th</sup>.**

### THURSDAYS



#### Choir

**Thursdays from 7:30-9:00 pm in the Parlour and Sundays from 12:10-12:55 pm.**

Anyone who would like to sing is welcome. See our Music Director, Grant Gwynn.

### FRIDAYS

#### Friday Night Alive!

If you are in grades 7-12, you are invited to join us as we learn about God and grow in Christ! We have **a mid-sized Youth Group that meets every Friday from 6:30-9:30 pm. Younger youth also meet Sunday mornings at 9:15 am for "Get Up!"**

We have regular fun events and retreats. See the calendar on our church webpage.

**Find us on Facebook and sign up for email updates.**

