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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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 regular weekday day off is Monday.)

Director of Music, Grant Gwynn

Family Ministries Coordinator, Tim Froese

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BOARD OF DEACONS

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Ebenezer Baptist Church

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

Sunday, April 22nd, 2018



*"I am not ashamed of the gospel,
because it is the power of God
that brings salvation to everyone
who believes: first to the Jew,
then to the Gentile."
(Romans 1:16)*

10:30 a.m. Worship
"The Power of God"
(Romans 1:1–17)
Dr. John Oakes

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

Ebenezer Baptist Church

April 22nd, 2018, 10:30 a.m.

We Gather in Jesus' Name

Welcome and Call to Worship

Hymn #52: *Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven*

Prayer and Greetings

We Worship in Spirit and in Truth

Songs of Praise and Worship

Children's Focus

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Offering: Hymn #319: *Blessed Assurance*

God Speaks to Us through His Word

Reading: Romans 1:1-17

Message: "The Power of God" — Dr. John Oakes

We Respond and Go Forth to Serve

Hymn #9: *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

Benediction

You are invited to join us for fellowship and refreshments in the Narthex immediately after the service.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Monday



Jeff Van Putten, Westside Community Church, North Ridgeville, Ohio. Jeff and Mollie have seen God do amazing things both in and through their missional communities. We pray for them as they seek to live out the Gospel in everyday life, and ask that their missional community would have opportunities to love and serve the people around them.

Tuesday

We intercede for our neighbourhood and for all who live and work in South Vancouver. We thank God for the opportunities we have to serve and reach out to them and we ask God's help and guidance to do so more effectively.

Wednesday

We lift up the missions and outreach ministries of Ebenezer and other NAB churches. We pray for the new Alpha programme, which has just begun. May God continue to raise up and minister to all participants, and may we be bold in inviting our friends and neighbours to join us.

Thursday

On our NABC prayer list this week, we remember Lead Pastor Roger Liegmann, Pastor Carrie Liegmann, Children's Pastor Kristi Kort, and Worship Intern Steven Wickenheiser, the other staff, leaders and people of Westmount Church, West Kelowna. We ask for God's direction, provision, and power in all their ministries.

Friday

We pray for our Senior Pastor, Music Director, Family Ministries Coordinator, Elders, Deacons, other staff and leaders. May they know the presence, enabling and direction of the Holy Spirit as they exercise their ministries in God's service.

Saturday

We pray for our sick, shut-ins and bereaved, and for all who care for them. May they find healing and wholeness, comfort and peace, in Christ.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baptism Classes—Next Sunday

Have you been considering baptism? Would you like to learn more about becoming a church member? If so, please let me know. **I will be offering baptism classes at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings, beginning next Sunday, April 29.** *John Oakes*

New Alpha

Alpha continues Wednesday, April 25, at 6:30 p.m. It's not too late to sign up and join the course or to invite your friends. **Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.** in the Lower Auditorium. **This week's talk and discussion: "Why Did Jesus Die?"**

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REGULAR MID-WEEK PROGRAMMES

Challengers 55+—April 25

Speaker: Pastor John Oakes. Please bring a sandwich for your lunch.

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Greeters

Our Greeters for April are Sharon and John Iseli.

Prayer Partners during the Worship Service

April 29: Doug Reichert; Diana Reichert

Nursery (*Located near the ramp on the north side*).

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

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April 22: Reah and Dana Cabang

April 29: Florence Decolongon and Libby Neely

Choir

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