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The Christ-Centered Church

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Welcome to our Service

Good morning and welcome to Ebenezer, both in person and Livestream. We are glad you are here today and invite you to stay after the service for coffee and fellowship.

To access the Livestream, visit our website: www.ebenezercrc.com and click on the Livestream button that appears at the top of the page.

IF YOU ARE NEW OR VISITING and would like to talk to someone or would like more information about our church, come visit the Welcome Centre or fill out one of the cards found in the back of the chairs in the sanctuary and place it in the offering bag.

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG — *All Creatures Of Our God And King*
— *Holy Forever*

GOD'S GREETING & WE GREET EACH OTHER

SONG — *Jesus, Thank You*

LORD'S SUPPER

SONG — *Psalm 25*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER

THANK OFFERING 1 - Ebenezer Ministries
2 - Resonate Global Mission

(Ages 3 & 4 are dismissed for Sunday School)

SCRIPTURE — 1 Thessalonians 2 : 17—3 : 13

SERMON — Faith, Love And Persecution

SONG — *Strength Of My Life*

PARTING BLESSING

CLOSING SONG — *The Servant Song*

Church Family

Today we will **Celebrate the Lord's Supper** together. Praise God for this tangible expression of our unity in Christ.

We rejoice with **Dan & Christina V** as they celebrate **5 years** of marriage this week! We are so thankful for you and praise God for His faithfulness through the years.

Our condolences go out to **Jan & Gea T** and their family with the passing of **Gea's mom** this past week. We pray that God will surround you with His strength, comfort and peace.

Monique T is home from hospital and continuing her recovery. Please pray that healing will progress swiftly so she is able to get back to doing everyday things.

We continue to pray for **Gary F, Chad G, Jacob H, Tom T, Monique T, Jenny V, Ed V, Erin V, and Colleen V**. We pray that God will provide you all with peace, comfort & healing.

FUNDRAISING GALA FOR JACOB THE BATTEN WARRIOR You are cordially invited to the fund-raising gala for Jacob H on Thursday September 28 at 5:30pm right here at Ebenezer. The evening will be filled with delicious gourmet food, fun and laughter. There will be an opportunity to take part in the silent auction and have some fun outsmarting (and out bidding) the other tables for the most delicious world-famous desserts.

This is an evening not to be missed, if you don't have a babysitter, don't worry! Kids are welcome and will be entertained with games, crafts, and other fun things while you can sit back and enjoy the evening. RSVP by September 24th via the google form send out by email or sign up at the welcome centre.

GOURMET SUPPER BY DONATION.

Jacob and his family needs a bigger "warrior wagon" as the challenges of getting around are putting strains on the family's current vehicle situation. Let's open our hearts and hands to help Jacob and his family. His fight is our fight!

The **September / October Today** devotionals are available at the Welcome Centre. If you typically receive the large print devotional, you will find a copy in your mailbox. The **September Banner** is available at the Welcome Centre
September Prayer Calendar is in your mailbox.

Ebenezer News

LADIES & LEMONADE Every Wednesday from 9:30—11:00 am (until September 13) COME JOIN US RAIN OR SHINE for fellowship and snacks at the church fellowship hall or patio Wednesday mornings All women are invited & independent play for kids is encouraged.

BOOK ENDS BOOK CLUB will be meeting at Wendy T's home on September 13 at 7:30. We will be discussing the last chapters, (8 – 12) of "Give Me This Mountain." Feel free to join us even if you weren't able to come last month! Bring a snack to share! Any questions, contact Alesha S

AT GEMS GIRLS' CLUBS, girls are discovering that when they put their hope in God, everything changes (Isaiah 40:31). Every club meeting is filled with fun and friends as we dig into Queen Esther's story to learn who God is and what He says about us. Plus, we're putting our faith into action and making a difference in the lives of others.

Are you ready to rise up and join us? Invite a friend and register for the 2023-2024 GEMS season today! We're kicking off on Wednesday, September 20th at 6:30 pm for all girls in grades 4-8! Registration forms are available on our website or through the church office. Our GEMS leaders are getting excited about the upcoming year! We spent a couple of days attending the Summit virtually and mapping out the calendar, learning about this year's theme (IT'S. SO. GOOD!), and brainstorming. We are in need of at least **two more counselors**. So, if you've been feeling a little nudge to get involved with this thriving ministry to girls, talk to any of our GEMS leaders (Christine H, Karen H, KerryAnne H, Kelly L, Michelle O, Carrie T, Nicole V, or Charlene V!!

LIBRARY NEWS: The library will be closed for the month of September to do inventory. We are asking the congregation to go through their homes to look for books and dvds that belong to the library. We are also asking that no one signs out books or DVDs for the month of September. Thank you, Library Team

COFFEE BREAK: We are asking the women of Ebenezer to please take a few minutes to fill out this short survey for our Coffee Break Ministry. There are two versions of this survey: this online survey and also a paper version in your mailboxes. Please fill our whichever version is most convenient for you. Thank you for your time. Coffee Break Ministries.

Online Survey: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdTxvp1cGJQmznqG_5ly9ds_vx2VPtI6hw897vENqG0xM1IKA/viewform?usp=sf_link

FAMILY FIRE - is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at familyfire.com. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

Coming Up @ Ebenezer

Sunday, September 10 @ 9:30 am Prayer Meeting
@ **10:00 am Worship Service**

Tuesday, September 12 @ 7:00 pm Administration Meeting

Wednesday, September 13 @ 9:30 am Ladies & Lemonade
@ 2:30 PM MEWS Social

Sunday, September 17 @ 9:30 am Prayer
@ **10:00 am Worship Service**

Prayer Calendar

The **September Prayer Calendar** is available in your mailboxes. Join us each day in praying for the matters raised by denominational agencies and for two households from our Ebenezer congregation.

Sunday September 10 Resonate: Mission Emphasis Week begins
Families:

Monday September 11 Candidacy Committee: Harvest Workers
Families:

Tuesday September 12 ReFrame: Bangladesh
Families:

Wednesday September 13 World Renew: West Africa
Families:

Thursday September 14 Resonate: Preparations
Families:

Friday September 15 Thrive: Disability and Accessibility: Training
Families:

Saturday September 16 Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee: Connections
Families:

ANNUAL SAFE CHURCH TRAINING & REFRESHER is required for all volunteers. This video has been recorded and is available to be viewed at www.ebenezercrc.com. Under Ministries you will find Safe Church Ministry and you can follow the link provided there. Once you have viewed the video, please fill in and sign the Safe Church Completion Form which can be found on the website or print one [HERE](#) There will also be forms available at the Welcome Centre.

Deacon's Corner

1st Offering — EBENEZER MINISTRIES This offering is used to cover day-to-day expenses of the church, fund the various ministries at Ebenezer, cover the salaries of staff, and contributes to the ministry shares that we are committed to as members of CRC Denomination.

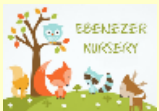
2nd Offering — RESONATE GLOBAL MISSION Resonate Global mission works to help churches live out the mission to be Christ's disciples in spreading the good news and living out what we are taught. Resonate can help deepen your passion for mission, strengthen your capacity to follow God on mission, and amplify the impact you and your church have in your neighbourhood and around the world. For more information see resonateglobalmission.org.

Next Week — FORT SASKATCHEWAN CHURCH PLANT— BRIDGE CHURCH

E-TRANSFER: To send an e-transfer donation use finance@ebenezercrc.com.

Thank you so much for your recent offering for the **Ministry to Seafarers** of \$627.25. Your continued support through prayers and gifts makes it possible to carry on this ministry. Summer is generally a bit quieter here in the Port of Vancouver with ship traffic down somewhat. But this past summer has been exceptional. The labour strike had a big impact, of course, but even before that began we were noticing a downturn in ship traffic - especially for container ships. Now with summer essentially behind us, it will be interesting to see what happens. September and October are always busier times, as Christmas merchandise is arriving and the new grain harvest begins to ship out in earnest. We are gearing up for another busy season, especially with Christmas approaching and the need to plan for gift giving again. Please keep this Ministry in your ongoing prayers.

May our Lord continue to bless you all in your service for Him, and as you reach out around the world. Blessings, Rev. Gary Roosma



NURSERY COMMITTEE is looking to create a substitute volunteer list. This list would be used to cover no shows as well as sick coverage for the nursery Sunday mornings. If this is something that interests you please let Mariska know.

NURSERY is requesting parents to complete the **NURSERY REGISTRATION AND CONSENT FORM** for each child attending the nursery. Please place the completed form in Mariska Z's mailbox. This form can be found by the Nursery.

Thank You To Our Volunteers

WORSHIP TEAM: Wilbur

PROJECTION & AUDIO: Christina / Dan

SERVING ELDER: Harry D

GREETERS: James & Cindy H

USHERS: Luke K, Alyse K

WELCOME CENTER: Wendy T

COFFEE DUTIES: John & Carol W, Sadie H

NEXT WEEK: Joel & Candice P, Dale & Karen H

NURSERY

Infants: Candice P, Emily M

Toddlers: Ava Marie L, Kourtney H

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Age 3: Mariska Z, Morgan L, Rebeca K

Age 4: Jenna D, Rory L, Chaim H

NEXT WEEK: Reuben

NEXT WEEK: Jamie / Pete

NEXT WEEK: Harold H

NEXT WEEK: Dennis & Ruby

NEXT WEEK: Mitchell M, Diana M

NEXT WEEK: Bea V

NEXT WEEK:

Infants: Mariska Z, Carrie B

Toddlers: Teddy D, Julie B

NEXT WEEK:

Age 3: Tammy M, Rachel K, Sophia M

Age 4: Alicia B, Ethan H, Stella M



FRIENDSHIP MINISTRY 2023-24: We are currently looking for someone to fill Wendy's role on the leadership team for our Friendship Ministry. This ministry starts on Monday, October 16th from 7:00-8:15. Friendship is a relationship ministry between our mentors and our friends for the purpose of studying God's word and deepening our faith. We meet Monday evenings with a worship service including Prayer, singing and a bible story which is told by our storytellers together with our friends. We then break into groups for 1 on 1 time to further study God's word and how we can apply that to our lives. At this time, we also share our prayer concerns and things that are going on in our lives. Our much loved snack ladies provide a snack each week. We close our evening with prayer and a Shalom Circle. If you have a heart for adults with disabilities this could be a ministry for you! Please call me if you are interested in this position or have any questions. Thank you. Carolyn D.



SAFE CHURCH FACT: Did you know...All adults who volunteer in the Nursery and Sunday School are required to have updated Vulnerable Records Checks. If you would like to volunteer in either of these ministries, please contact the Church Office.