

# BAPTIST BEATS



January 27, 2021



Hello from Edmonton.

My friends, I want you to know that I am praying for you. As we reach the end of the first month of 2021, we freely acknowledge that we are in a completely different paradigm of ministry.

Growing into our mission as the church has never been a simple process. The history of the church has seen seasons of renewal and reformation. As Eugene Peterson has written, *the church is equal parts mystery and mess*. There has always been a bit of three steps forward and two steps back to our life together. But since COVID crash-landed on us one year ago, the pace of change and pressure has accelerated. Every leader in the Canadian church recognizes we are facing a very peculiar, painful, and unsettling time; it's anybody's best guess what "a new normal" will be.

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- Eugene Peterson

There are a lot of news articles about decentralized finance and money at present. The central thesis is that currency has to be freed from control by central banks and government. The rise of cryptocurrency and precious metals shows the desire of millions to have a means of exchange that is decentralized.

What about church? Evangelicals have held up preaching of the Word and worship as the central piece of our church. What if COVID is propelling us to a more decentralized form of church? Most of our churches have relied on a

singular tool of the Sunday expression: gather, sing, give, listen to the Word, greet our friends and go out into the world.

None of us took a course in seminary on how to pastor a church in this kind of environment. As a pastor and/or leader how is your soul? Is it leadership weakness to admit that the lack of COVID-19 progress is wearing on you? Are you showing a lack of faith for grieving over what has happened in the last year? Some of the articles below in Interesting Reads deal with these matters in more detail.

Please fill out the survey below. We want to engage our pastors and leaders with resources that will build you up and equip you for effective ministry in 2021 and beyond. And please know you have a friend and brother here to support and cheer you on!

Executive Director

**Kevin Schular**



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B G C C N a t i o n a l  
**PASTORS &  
LEADERS ZOOM**

**FEBRUARY 17, 2021  
10 AM MST**

*BGC is Better Together*



## **BGCC Monthly Zoom Meetings**

Did you miss the last Zoom meeting?

To find the past Video - [HERE](#)

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**THIS SATURDAY – JANUARY 30, 2021**



# Canadian Religious Freedom Summit

Join us on January 30, 2021 to protect and promote freedom for gospel ministry in Canada.

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# BGC Updates



- BGC is hosting a monthly Zoom call for our pastors and leaders. Next one is February 17. Please join in for one hour once a month.
  - Our Global personnel are safe and healthy. Many are in lockdown and have been using Zoom and Skype to engage with their people.
  - Missional alignment with our national and district leaders is progressing well. There are weekly connection calls and synergy is building. Please encourage your district coach to pursue a closer connection within the BGC family.
  - Our seminary is proposing a new M.A. degree in church revitalization and church planting. Canadian Baptist Seminary is out of debt and looking ahead to how we can bless our Conference and the church in Canada. Once the degree has cleared the internal approval process, it will be offered at our campus in Langley, BC.
  - Kairos is another option for pastors seeking theological education. Please contact Kevin Schular for information on the partnership with BGC and Sioux Falls Seminary
  - Prayer ministry – there is a weekly prayer page sent out to those requesting it. Are you receiving it? [Email](#) Josh in National office to be included. Also, a Day of Prayer and Fasting is planned for March 3. In the past, we have had a Week of Prayer to start the calendar year. This year we thought to change it up and seek engagement from all our pastors and leaders for one day of intense focus. Canada is in need of spiritual awakening!
  - BGC Canada has been gifted a church building in Stettler, AB. The congregation there had dwindled to 5 people. We will close the church for now but look to replant it when COVID restrictions are more favorable to a launch.
  - BGC has a ministry into Iran by satellite TV connected through The House of Omeed. We are broadcasting sermons by BGC pastors dubbed into Farsi. We are hearing good reports from those who view the broadcast.
  - The national office reports that we are in stable financially. Donations from churches are down from last year but expenses are less as well. The result is a small surplus at end of 2020. Praise God and thanks so much for your continued support.
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day of  
**PRAYER & FASTING**

MARCH 3, 2021

FOCUSED PRAYER FOR OUR  
CONFERENCE AND CANADA

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TEARFUND SUNDAY 2020:

*Jubilee*

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Back again this year is Tearfund (World Relief) Sunday! This year's sermon theme is Biblical Jubilee – a radical and counter-cultural idea that focuses on justice, mercy, and restoration. Available as a physical or digital engagement anytime from September 2020 to June 2021, all gifts made this year will be leveraged 2X and go help families living in the Democratic Republic of Congo escape extreme poverty.

To learn more and register visit: <https://tearfund.ca/tearfundunday2020>

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## Interesting Reads



### **Working from home is starting to fall apart, top bankers warn**

Working from home is not always great



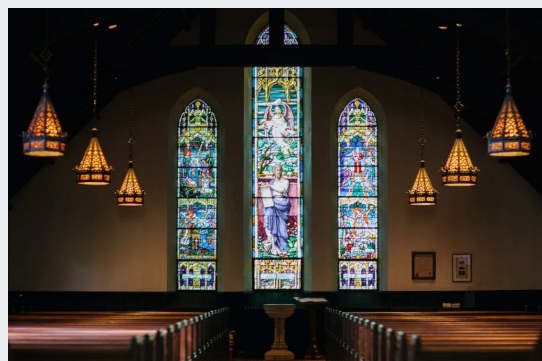
### **Worship and Discipleship in World COVID**

Can you play chess without your queen? Can the church do well without the centrepiece of preaching or worship? Read this blog to analyze your perspective



### **'The Great Reset' For Dummies**

The Great Reset has massive implications for the world. Look



### **8 Ways 2020 Has Been Good For The Church**

The year 2020 was an

what the global elites want to enact by 2030: **global monitoring of everything and everybody where privacy is curtailed, dissent is unthinkable, and spiritual submission is mandatory.**

extraordinary experience. There are very few who look at the year with gratitude, and the "2020" jokes are everywhere.

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## Seven Essentials of the BGCC

Our motto and mission:

*"A Network of Churches that make disciples who live and spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ in their Communities, throughout Canada, and out to the Nations."*

Together, we have identified seven essential areas where God is at work among our church families. These seven areas are also critical to the future growth and health of our churches.

We highlight one Essential in each issue of Baptist Beats



### Church Care

**BGCC CHURCHES LOVE, CARE AND SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER AS WE SERVE GOD TOGETHER.**

7 Essentials of the BGCC

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