

BAPTIST BEATS



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Hello from Edmonton –

I am praying for you and your family in this time. I feel like we are in FUD season. This acronym stands for Fear Uncertainty Doubt and is usually used in reference to stocks or investments. Rumors, fear and greed drive the market and investors are ready to jump out or go all in on any given moment.

FUD contributed to the decline of one of America's greatest companies. In 1975, Kodak developed the first handheld digital camera. But the company disregarded it because it didn't want it to compete with its photographic film business, which is kind of like someone inventing the car but dropping it because they didn't want to threaten the horse-and-buggy business.

The downfall of this massive corporation came gradually, then suddenly. As late as 1999, Kodak was dominant – just 4 years later it was delisted from the Dow Jones index, having been on there for 74 years. I recall driving through Rochester, NY in 2006 and seeing empty Kodak factories all over the city.

There were many factors adding to Kodak's demise, of course – But FUD was a factor. Fear and uncertainty led them to shelve the technology that is now in every smartphone and tablet.

And everywhere we look today there is FUD in other spheres outside of the market. Will the third wave of Covid overwhelm Canada? Will the economy rebound? Will the housing bubble burst? How will the church in Canada (and your congregation) emerge from Covid?

I read about a 2020 study from Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario. It states that the average human has 6,200 thoughts per day. They are grouped into what the researchers called 'thought worms'. When a person moves onto a new thought, they create a new thought worm that can be detected. The methods used helped to determine when a person is thinking something new because it produced a change in behaviour.

Some of our 6200 daily thoughts are normal like: "I should stop for groceries on the way home" But when FUD dominates us the thoughts can become detrimental. "I am not serving very well", "I am not a good leader" or "I don't know what to do next to pastor my people".

This is where dependence on the Word of God to cleanse and renew our mind daily is so vital in a Christian's life. In this season of FUD everywhere we look, be sure to look first into the Bible and develop the mind of Christ.

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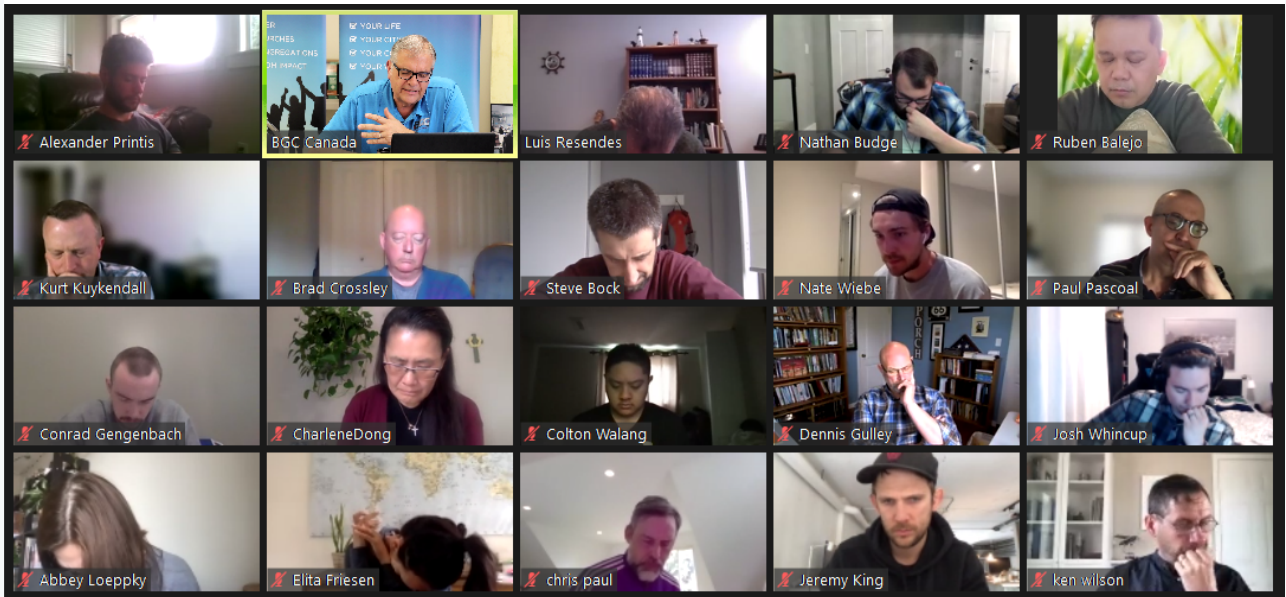
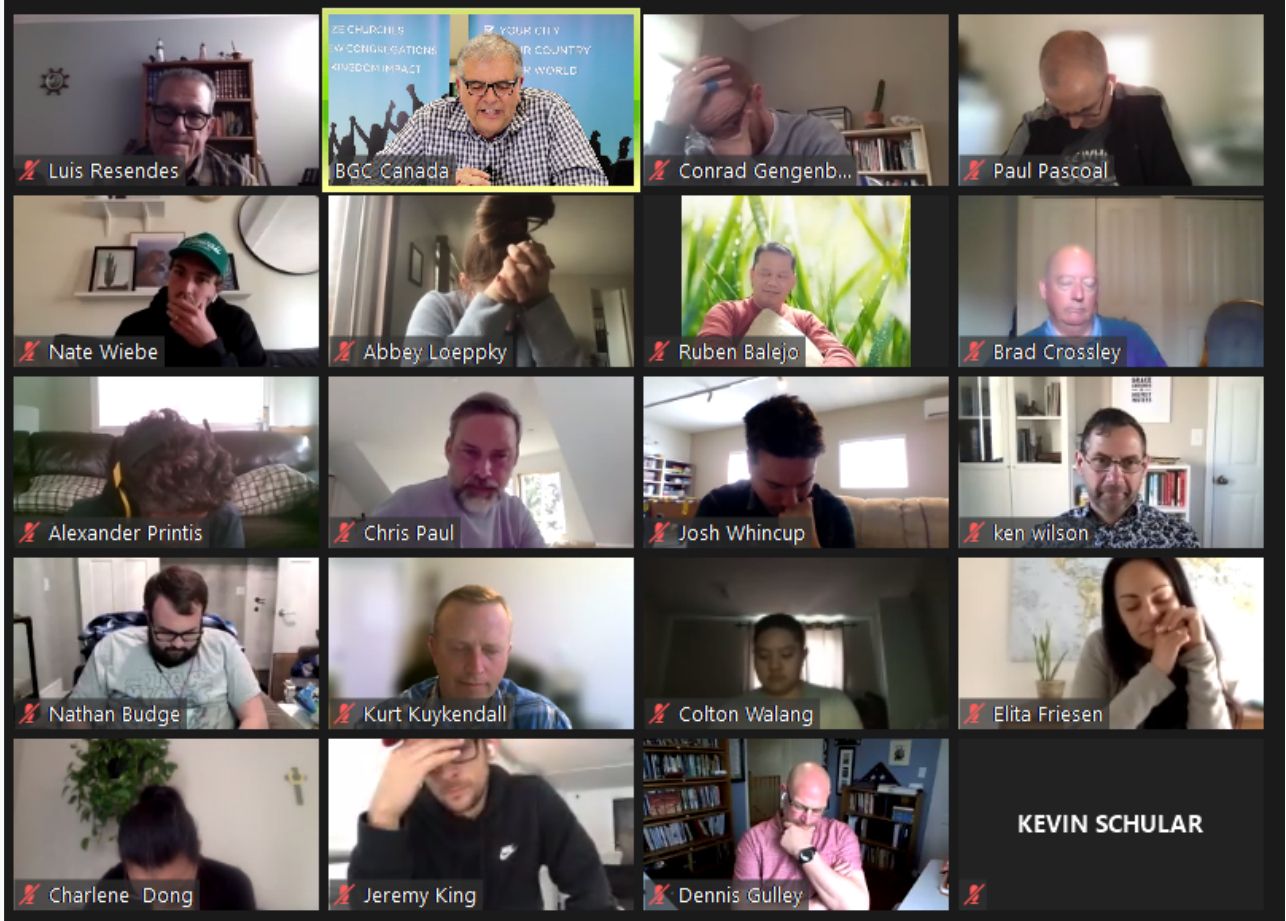


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Interesting Reads



Religious Canadians Praying for Return to In- Person Worship, but Won't Forsake Online Services in Future

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Canada Helps: 2021 Giving Report

NEW REPORT: Online giving skyrockets, while projections estimate a decline in overall giving.



Rauschenbusch "Why I am a Baptist"

Here is a solid article on Baptist distinctives - share it with your staff and leadership.



19 Ideas To Reach Your Community On Mother's Day

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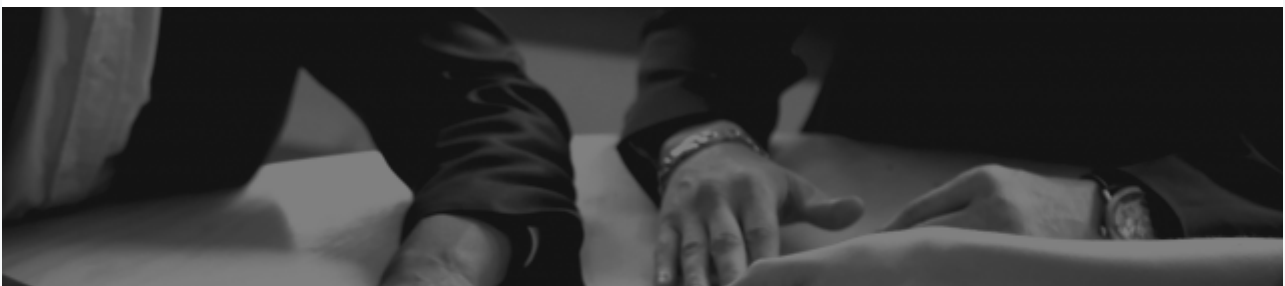
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Our motto and mission:

"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



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