

BAPTIST BEATS



September 10, 2020



Hello from Edmonton. I hope you are doing well spiritually, mentally and emotionally! Did you get some rest in the summer? My wife and I had a two-week road trip that was so good for us on many levels.

This season of COVID has adversely affected many pastors and leaders. A feeling of inadequacy as a leader and losing connection with the congregation are two main expressions coming from pastors across Canada.

How is your re-opening plan going? Please be mindful of your provincial guidelines and operate within them.

But more importantly, how is your church going to re-open to the needs of your community? On our next [BGC Zoom call on September 23](#) we are going to be discussing church turn-around. The break during COVID has allowed many to rethink how the Canadian church can be more fruitful. This is a key moment for us in the BGC – will we step up in faith or fall back on familiar, comfortable routines that kept the saints content but didn't reach the lost in our context.

CHURCH TURN AROUND is NOT:

- Focusing on numbers, it's focusing on souls.
- About being current, it's about contextualizing the message.
- A mechanical, methodological strategy, it requires Spirit Inspired innovation and courage.
- Watering down the Gospel, it's about removing the human barriers that prevent people from coming to Christ.

- Making members, it's about making disciples who make disciples who make disciples. Church leaders must:
- Be honest with where they are at and where the church is at.
- Be willing to confront their own personal preferences for the sake of the mission.
- Be faith-filled, bet-the-farm, risk-takers.

I trust you will enter this season of ministry with faith and courage. Join us on September 23 for a discussion of how to move forward into greater fruitfulness.

Executive Director

Kevin Schular



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

National BGCC Zoom Meeting



zoom

Date: Sept 23, 2020 (Wednesday)

Time: 10:00 AM MDT

For all BGCC Pastors and leaders

Click to register

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Introducing Central Canada's New District Minister

Welcome to Ken Wilson the new District Minister for BGC–Central Canada. Ken (Chopper) will begin his role on September 15. He is very familiar with the BGC having served in our churches in Calvary Baptist, Sioux Lookout, Ontario and Grant Memorial Baptist in Winnipeg. The Central Canada district has entered a new relationship with BGC Canada. Their DM will report to National Office. Chopper will be 75% in the district and 25% with National. Ken is a graduate of Moody Bible Institute and was a missionary pilot before transitioning to local church ministry. With his wife, Lisa, they have raised 4 daughters and now are enjoying their first grandson. The family likes to spend time outdoors, explore area attractions, share good food, and search for great local coffee. Pray for Chopper as he begins his new ministry role this month.

Let's Meet Across 5 Time Zones!



Sept 26, 2020

- 5:00 PM MST



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Zoom [link](#)

Canadian Baptist Seminary

CBS
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CBS is moving forward even under the stress of COVID!

Our seminary is located in Langley, BC on the campus of Trinity Western University. We were one of the founders of the ACTS consortium: Associated Canadian Theological Schools. CBS has seen the ebb and flows over the years, particularly with our finances. Two years ago we were deeply in arrears to our seminary partners and could not always pay our staff on time.

With God's help and a great response from BGC churches and individual donors, we have changed the narrative. CBS is now stable financially and we are planning for future ministry effectiveness.

BC universities have a mix of in-person and online this fall. However, this has not adversely impacted our enrollment. Many pastors and laypeople are taking courses during COVID.

Our Regents are considering a new M.A. degree that I believe will be especially valuable in this season of the Canadian church. Revitalization of the church

and church planting will be the major emphasis. Once the Regents approve it, the next step is presenting it to ACTS. This could all be completed by end of 2020.

I became President of CBS in 2018. Initially, there was a lot of stress on me as we negotiated for a new position within the ACTS consortium and tried to raise funds to pay off debt. Now that part is behind us and we are looking ahead with faith and confidence. I believe CBS can make a kingdom impact for our Conference in the immediate future. Visit us online for more information about courses or degree programs.

KAIROS

CBS is also partnering with Kairos Project at Sioux Falls Seminary. This is competency-based theological education. Several BGC pastors and missionaries are enrolled in Master and Doctoral studies with Kairos. Please check out <https://sfseminary.edu>.

October 27-28, 2020

School of Orientation

Your wait is over. School of O will be on Zoom for those of you that have not attended School of O yet because you are new to the BGCC.

October 27, 2020 : 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM MST

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October 28, 2020 : 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM MST

Click the button below to register

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TEARFUND SUNDAY 2020:

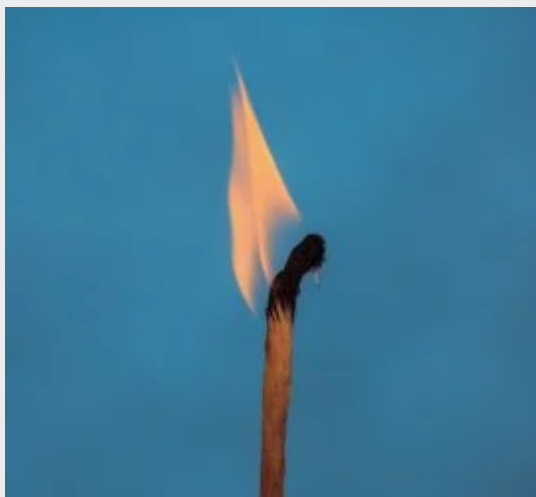
Jubilee

tearfund

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/tearfundSunday2020>

Interesting Reads



How Do I Avoid Pastoral Burnout During COVID-19?

Self care for pastors during COVID



Statement on Racism

Racism – does that affect you? Whether you receiving the brunt of it or are oblivious to racist attitudes within – all of us need to check ourselves in the light of God's Word. This concise statement from the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada is a good beginning point for you and

your church to work through
together.



Flourishing Update

Do you know someone who has giftings for church planting? This article could be a good step to guide their thinking.



The Coming "Religion Recession"

Will there be a post-pandemic revival? This American perspective says not likely

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

Leadership Development

BGCC churches have a plan for discovering, developing and enabling its existing and emerging leaders

7 Essentials of the BGCC

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