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Baptist Beats  
**THE HEART BEAT**  
of the BGCC



**Interesting Reads**

**BGCC National Board Meeting**  
June 22, 2017

**National Celebration Camp Nakamun, AB**  
June 22-24, 2017

**Donations**



Have you heard about our 360 Strategy? [BGC360.CA](http://BGC360.CA)



**Kevin Schular, Executive Director**

Hello from Edmonton. I trust you are having a good summer and that the Lord is leading your life and ministry.

We had a good National Celebration at Camp Nakamun in Alberta on June 22-24. We registered 79 delegates and 126 attendees from 39 churches. Please look at the pictures below and get a sense of the wonderful fellowship and community we experienced as a BGC family. Next year the Celebration will be in the Winnipeg area - dates coming soon.

Please read about the proposed addition to our Affirmation of Faith. Also we had a lengthy discussion about theological education and leadership development in the BGC. The role of Canadian Baptist Seminary was a big part of that conversation. The Conference decided to take this next year to consider the future for training our leaders to best serve our churches.

It is a privilege to serve as Executive Director of the BGCC. I look forward to seeing you on my travels in the next months.

**Ernest (Ernie) Kratofil**



We all witnessed an amazing, never to be forgotten moment: Ernie Kratofil was receiving his honorary doctorate from CBS on Friday night. During the ceremony, as he was seated in front of us all, the Lord called him home! Our missionary nurses and camp director rushed forward to do CPR for almost an hour - but he was in heaven. The delegates retired to the dining hall where we sang, prayed and shared. Ernie's family joined with us and spoke lovingly of their father. They released us to enjoy the food that had been prepared for what would have been the reception following the doctorate presentation. Please pray for Connie and the family. The memorial service for Ernie Kratofil will be July 8 in Saanichton, BC at Friendship Community Church.

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### Interesting Reads

1. Is Preaching Stressing you Out? This is for You - [ChurchLeaders.com](#)
  2. 3 Evidences That Confirm the Bible is Not Made Up - [Answers in Genesis](#)
  3. Why do Churches wound their Pastors? [Article](#)
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### Proposed Addition to our Affirmation of Faith

We have a solid doctrinal statement in the BGC. However, there is nothing written about the origin of the universe or humanity. At the AGM last month the following two articles were presented and tabled. They will be voted on in 2018. Please pray over this proposal and send any comments or edits to [office@bgc.ca](mailto:office@bgc.ca). Here are the proposed additions:

**Creation:** We believe the Triune God created everything - both physical and spiritual - out of nothing (Genesis 1, Revelation 4:11, John 1:1-3, Colossians 1:16–17). We believe God created human beings, male and female, in His own image and likeness (Genesis 1:26-27, 5:1) and therefore with unique, intrinsic worth (James 3:7–10) from conception (Psalm 139:13–16) to natural death (Hebrews 9:27).

**Humanity:** We believe Adam and Eve experienced perfect relationship with their Creator (Genesis 1:31) and were appointed stewards (Genesis 1:28–30) of God's good creation (Genesis 1:31). We believe they sinned by choosing to disobey God (Genesis 3) and thereby brought death to the human race (Genesis 2:17, 3:19, Romans 5:12, 1 Corinthians 15:21–22).

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Prayer, Prayer, Prayer and More Prayer



Pastor Bill Danyluk - BGCS District Minister



Pastor Roger Helland - BGCA District Minister



Pastor Kevin Schular - BGCC Executive Director



Pastor Richard Ang - CBS President



Pastor Bernard Mukwavi - BCBC Distict Minister



Pastor Lorne Meisner - BGCCC District Minister



The Amazing Race At Celebration





WINNERS of The Amazing Race!  
Dallas & Marcie Rempel



Free Time!





Honoring Ernest Kratofil - Honorary Doctorate



Ernest Kratofil and Richard Ang



Ernest Kratofil and Cal Netterfield



More Prayer - Dick and Shirley Stephens



Prayer - Kevin and Laura Schular



Pastor Murray Archibald - Shabat Shel Shalom





Women's Ministry In an Era of Change Workshop



How To Share Your Faith With Muslims Workshop



New Initiatives In Mission Workshop



Getting Along With People Workshop





In Fellowship



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Special Thanks to Emily Fast for all the great pictures for this edition and at Celebration 2017.

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### **Seven Essentials of the BGC**

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.

<http://bgc.ca/about-us/7-essentials>

We will highlight one Essential in each issue of Baptist Beats:

#### **Global / Cross Cultural Ministry:**

BGCC churches have a plan for cross-cultural engagement because we live in a multi-cultural nation and in a global village.

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