

BAPTIST BEATS



November 5, 2020



Hello from Edmonton. I hope you are doing well and praising God for His faithfulness to you and your church in this season of COVID. We are not seeing any relief from coronavirus anytime soon. This is a test of our character, trust and resilience.

We held School of Orientation last week. It was great to see 29 new leaders in the BGC in the Zoom meetings. One text we looked at was 2 Timothy 2 where Paul writes to Timothy:

"Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything."

Paul says being fruitful in ministry incorporates the mental toughness and perseverance of a soldier, the discipline of an elite athlete and the patience of a farmer who plants, waters - and then has a harvest time. He ends by telling Timothy to think this over and adjust life and thinking accordingly.

Many pastors across Canada are fatigued and frustrated because of COVID. (Make sure to read the article below in Interesting Reads about not giving up.) It is challenging to lead in this time. I pray you will not only survive but prosper in every way in your life, marriage, family and ministry in this season.


Executive Director

Kevin Schular



School of Orientation 2020

School of Orientation was held on October 27-28. We have a solid group of new pastors and leaders entering into ministry positions in the BGC. We had 29 participants coming from across 5 provinces who were in attendance this year. It was great to see everyone's faces even if it was only virtually, it was still a great time of learning, fellowship and prayer.



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NATIONAL PASTORS AND LEADERS ZOOM

november 18, 2020

10:00 AM MST

click to register

Register [here](#)



National Board Updates

The BGC board held its fall meeting on October 20. It was great to see new board members: Leyton Erickson from Saskatoon and Carter Krahn from Sioux Lookout, ON. Also, our two new District Ministers were at their first board meeting. Dennis Gulley from Alberta and Ken Wilson from Central Canada have begun their

ministry and I am so glad to be serving together with them. They are both quality leaders and I look forward to how they lead their districts forward in the coming months. The BGC is in solid shape financially and that is due to our churches continuing to support the national office. Thanks for your faithfulness!

*Photo from pre-COVID

BGC WOMENS

PASTORS WIVES VIRTUAL RETREAT

November 21, 2020

9:00 AM MST

Zoom - [click to register](#)

Zoom [link](#)

New Satellite TV Outreach

You may remember that BGC has held International Discipleship Training in Armenia for the last three years. We quietly brought Persian house church leaders to a safe location and trained them. Then we sent them back home to pass on the training they received to others. This year we were unable to hold IDT due to Covid. But the Lord opened a door for BGC to reach even further into the region. Our House of Omeed in Coquitlam has done excellent ministry for several years with Iranians who have moved to BC. Ahmad Zeividavi and his staff are seeing people won to Christ and assimilated well into Canada. House of Omeed has come to the attention of a Christian satellite ministry and they offered Ahmad several time slots. He was able to build a studio and we have videoed several messages that will be broadcast into Iran this month. Please pray for the



expanded outreach of IDT. Donations for this project are gratefully received at the House of Omeed.



Introducing Alberta's New District Minister

Welcome to Dennis Gulley the new District Minister for Alberta. Dennis began his role on October 1. He has served in vocational ministry for more than 30 years. He served as Associate Pastor of Youth and Education at Bethany Baptist Church in Portland, OR for 10 years, as the Associate Regional Minister of the Alberta Baptist Association of the North American Baptist and Director of the Youth Ministry Program at Taylor Seminary for 9 years, and have served as the Lead Teaching Pastor of Leduc Fellowship Church for the past 12 years. He and his wife Joanne and have been married for 29 years and have been blessed with 5 amazing daughters, three by birth and two by international adoption, two great sons-in-law, and two grandchildren. His greatest passion is to see people meet and walk in a deep and intimate relationship with Jesus Christ and to get involved in his body, the Church, to journey with others. He has carried this passion through 22 years of pastoral ministry and 9 years of regional ministry and teaching. Please pray for him as he continues through this new ministry.



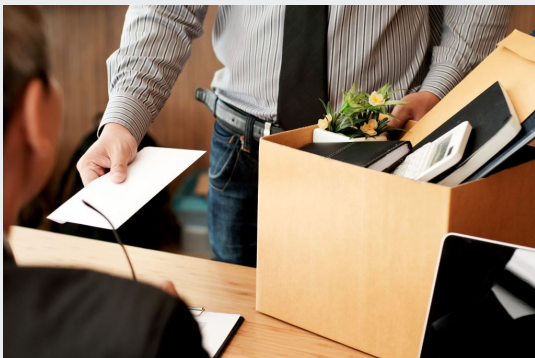
CANADA



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



**Why You Shouldn't Quit
Ministry Right Now, Even**



**Ottawa Legislation Bills to
Expand Euthanasia, Ban
Conversion Therapy**

Though You Feel Like It

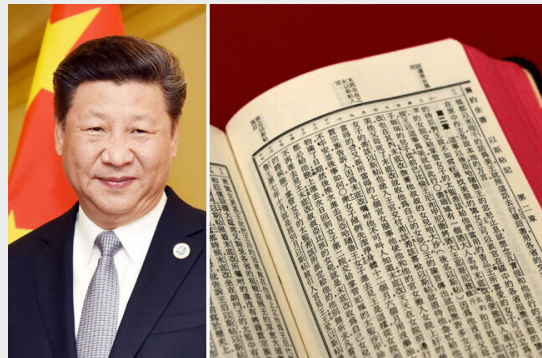
If you've thought about quitting, here's why you shouldn't

The Justice Committee has started its study of Bill C-7, to remove key safeguards and expand euthanasia, and is able to recommend changes to the bill. This is a critical time to contact your MP to ask for changes. The committee will also study Bill C-6, to ban conversion therapy, in the near future. See the EFC's resources at TheEFC.ca/C-6 and TheEFC.ca/C-7, including description of the bills and sample letters for contacting MPs.



Are QAnon Theories coming into Canadian churches?

How conspiracies like QAnon are slowly creeping into some Canadian churches



Chinese Textbook Rewrites Bible Story to Make Jesus Sinful

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

Creative Community Engagement

BGCC CHURCHES FIND WAYS TO EFFECTIVELY ENGAGE THEIR COMMUNITY, NATION AND WORLD.

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