

BAPTIST BEATS



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Hello from Edmonton. I hope you are doing well in this wearisome time of COVID19. The pandemic continues to radically alter our church ministries, national economies and family networks. In this unhappy time for so many people in our country, let's proclaim with confidence the message the angels gave to the shepherds:

"Do not be afraid for I bring you good news of GREAT JOY that will be for all people."

Of course, the good news was not about a vaccine for coronavirus but a cure for the greatest burden every human has - our sins. The angel continued:

"Today in the city of David a SAVIOUR has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord" Luke 2:10-11

You've likely heard it many times that this is the "new normal". So what does that mean for pastors and ministry leaders who are trying to engage their community and help people find and follow Jesus? Many pastors are expressing ministry fatigue and a sense that they are "flying blind" in regards to the gauges we typically use to measure ministry effectiveness like attendance, conversions, newcomers and, invitational culture.

In our monthly BGC Zoom calls we are walking through Thom Rainer's book: The Post-Quarantine Church. He encourages pastors to move towards a simple

church model that emphasizes two words: focus and eliminate. Focus on the Great Commission and eliminate any church programs and budget that will take away focus on the Great Commission. I hope you will join us on Zoom every third Wednesday of the month. One hour once a month will keep you connected to the BGC mission.

Laura and I wish you a Merry Christmas and all of God's best in 2021.

Executive Director

Kevin Schular



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**PASTORS AND
LEADERS ZOOM**

JANUARY 20, 2021 - 10 AM MST

BGCC Monthly Zoom Meetings

Did you miss the last Zoom meeting?

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

Zoom Meeting notes - [HERE](#)

[Register Here](#)

Important T4 Updates

The CRA has made a change for the T4 tax forms. There are four (4) new Other Information Codes (57 to 60) that are required to assist the government to validate COVID-19 related benefit programs. These codes report subtotals of employment income (Box 14 and Code 71) paid to individuals from March 15 to Sept 26, 2020.

- Here are the time frames for the four codes:
 - (57) March 15 – May 9, 2020
 - (58) May 10 – July 4, 2020
 - (59) July 5 to August 29, 2020
 - (60) August 30 – September 26, 2020
- Please note that codes 57 – 60 would include actual earnings plus taxable benefits from box 40 for the specified time periods.
- If there is no income in any of these codes leave it blank (the CRA does not want a zero put in that box).
- If more than six codes are required on a T4 slip create a second T4 slip where you would fill in the employer and employee information and include the extra codes only.

For more information visit the CRA [website](#)

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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/tearfundSunday2020>

Interesting Reads



The Intentionally Intercultural Church: A Place for All Peoples

Coming out of Covid can you lead your church to be intentionally diverse?

Raymond J. de Souza: Are we supposed to take David Lametti at his word that C-6 won't target faith leaders?

The justice minister claims the bill does not mean what it says, but refuses to entertain a simple amendment that would put everyone's mind at ease



Christmas

Did you know these details about Christmas?



The Global Elite's Plan for Your Future: The Great Reset

We talked about the Great Reset on our December Zoom call. Here is an article on this topic from Christian Broadcasting Network

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



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