

# BAPTIST BEATS

March 1, 2023



Hello from Edmonton – I love the time of year leading up to Easter. In these days, we prepare our hearts and minds as we meditate on our Lord’s passion. His faithfulness to go all the way to Calvary calls us to follow with the same commitment. “Let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith.

Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God’s throne. Think of all the hostility he endured from sinful people; then you won’t become weary and give up.” (Hebrews 12) I trust you are preparing to preach with Holy Spirit anointing and power on the good news of Christ’s death, burial and resurrection!

## **Reframe Conversations**

All across the BGC we are engaging at the District level on conversations dealing with Canadian culture and values that are at odds with scripture. How can we faithfully live out our calling as Christian pastors and leaders and navigate new laws and public opinion? Your District Minister is leading the discussions. We are compiling our responses and will share them on a national Zoom call soon. Let your voice and concerns be heard!

## **Celebration in Niagara Falls May 16-18**

This year BGC National Celebration will be held in beautiful, historic Niagara Falls Ontario. Our theme is: Firm and Focused – taken from 1 Corinthians 15:58. See the details elsewhere in Baptist Beats and plan to be with us for this time of encouragement, conference business and fellowship.

Executive Director

Kevin Schular D. Min

*Kevin Schular*

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**CELEBRATION 2023**

**FIRM**  
**& FOCUSED**

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**1 Corinthians 15:58**

**MAY 16-18, 2023**

**Niagara Falls, ON**

**Sheraton Fallsview Hotel**

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**Ordination of Aaron Dalman**

Have you been ordained? Baptists have historically taught that ordination is the function of the local church. The Conference can assist or be involved but the church has the authority to ordain. I was pleased to be invited by Pastor Harv Sawatzky and Martensville Baptist Church in Saskatchewan to participate in the

ordination council for Aaron Dalhman on February 25-26. Matt Teigrob and I were there from the BGC and Chet Ingram came from Ebenezer in Saskatoon and three elders from the church made up the council. After examining his call, philosophy of ministry and doctrine, the council recommended to the church that Aaron be ordained. The church approved and the ordination service was held on February 26. What about you? Please reach out to your District Minister to learn more.







*Pastor Harvey Sawatzky explaining the significance of ordination in a Baptist church*



*Elders at Martensville Baptist Church in Saskatchewan laying hands in  
dedicatory prayer for Aaron*

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*Pastor Leyton & Brenda Erickson, Matt & Teresa Teigrob - Matt is the BGCS District Minister*





Ebenezer Baptist Church - Saskatoon, SK



Arabic Ministries - Ebenezer Baptist Church, Saskatoon, SK





*Bhutanese & Nepali Ministries - Ebenezer Baptist Church, Saskatoon, SK*







District ministers will be engaging with their pastors to discuss the current question before the Conference. Do we need to update our documents or produce a pastoral statement similar to our Statement on Marriage? Don't miss your opportunity to listen, discuss and share your position on this matter. Once the conversations have taken place in each district we can review the findings in a future Zoom meeting

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BGCC PASTORS &  
LEADERS ZOOM

15 MARCH 2023

10 AM MDT

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Click [HERE](#) to register for the Zoom meeting

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## Cuba Mission

Laura and I were able to travel to Cuba in February on a mission trip. I have been involved there for 18 years helping churches and pastors. The societal need is massive as the failed centrally planned economy is ineffective and the black market is the only viable option for getting goods and services. Yet the churches of the Eastern Baptist Convention are thriving as they win people to Christ and their churches are growing. They have learned how to navigate the challenges of living in a country that oppresses Christians. I love serving these



people and pastors. I was able to share with them how connection with BGC and Canadian Baptist Seminary can strengthen their Convention. It was my joy to speak at their national meeting as well as in many churches. If you want to explore opportunities for mission in Cuba please contact me anytime.



*Kevin and Laura at Baracoa*



*Kevin speaking at national Baptist convention in Cuba*





*They were expecting 800 for the meeting but over 1300 traveled for the four-day meeting*



*New President of Eastern Baptist Convention*





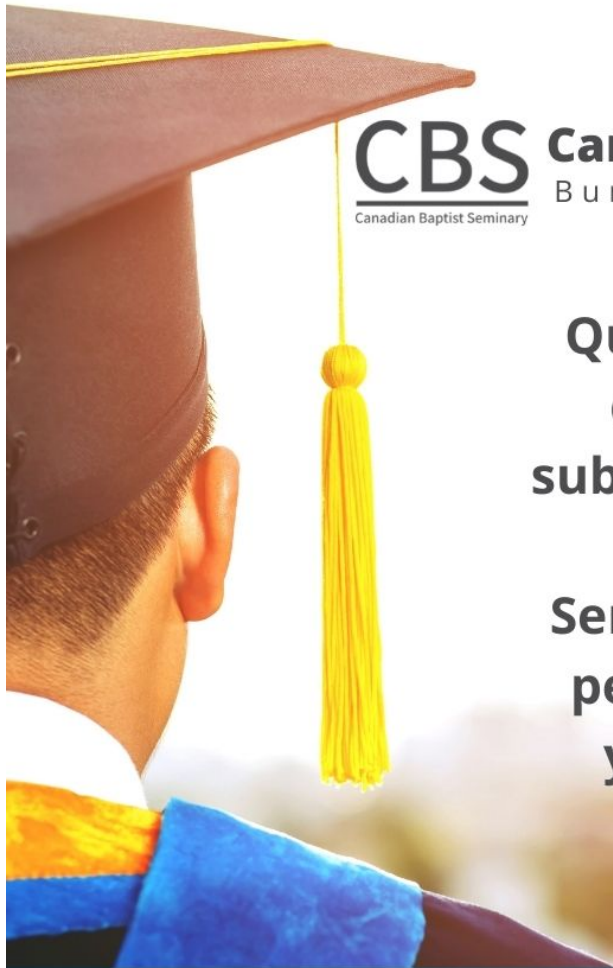
*Pastor telling us about building project*





*Visiting the Baptist seminary*






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**You Belong to God**

Pastor - never forget whose you are!

## 8 Reasons In-Person Church Attendance Is Good

These are good reasons to remind your people about



## A Christian Reflection on Religious and Secular Iconoclasm

Should we tear down statues of historical figures that are not politically correct in this culture?

## Asbury Revival | Testimonies of What We Saw

This video celebrates what God is doing now on campus



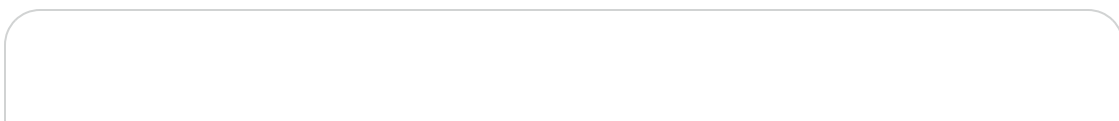
## The ASBURY REVIVAL - 8 Crucial Questions We Need To Ask

However, this video tries to balance experience with scripture. What do you think? Is he too critical or about right? Many viewer comments give a more balanced perspective.

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# 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

## **Multiplying Faith Communities**

***BGCC CHURCHES STRIVE TO MULTIPLY THEIR MINISTRY THROUGH CHURCH PLANTING AND OTHER INNOVATIVE APPROACHES.***

7 Essentials of the BGCC

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