

# BAPTIST BEATS



December 10, 2021



Hello and Merry Christmas!

This is the season of advent as we celebrate the Incarnation of our Lord. I trust you can pull away from the busyness of church calendar and family activities to meditate on the gift God gave us in His Son coming to earth. Preach that message with conviction and courage this month!

This is also a season of serious reflection for the church in Canada and the BGC in particular. The swift passage of Bill C4 this month has been stunning. We will deal with the implications of this Conversion Therapy Ban law on your ministry and religious freedom in Canada on our BGC Zoom meeting on December 15. See details for joining the call elsewhere in this email.

I have been reading in Daniel this week as I progress through the Bible-in-a-year plan I follow. We know that Daniel stood for God in a time of great upheaval for his people. Taken as a captive to Babylon he kept living for God in spite of pressure from his new society. Even when thrown into the den of lions for not following the king's new law about worship, he kept his confidence in God's promises and salvation.

Daniel 10:18 in the NLT especially caught my attention: "Don't be afraid for you are very precious to God. Peace! Be encouraged! Be strong!" I am thrilled to know that God saw something precious in his servant who was obediently living for Him. We might say Daniel was a special servant of Jehovah so that's why he was precious to God but I believe the Lord sees all His faithful followers the same way. This is the time for me, you and all of us who follow Christ to not be afraid and to encourage our people to be strong in the Lord.

Many good things are happening across our Conference – salvation decisions, baptisms, church growth and lives transformed. This Christmas let's renew our dedication to serve the Lord with distinction and lead well in His name.

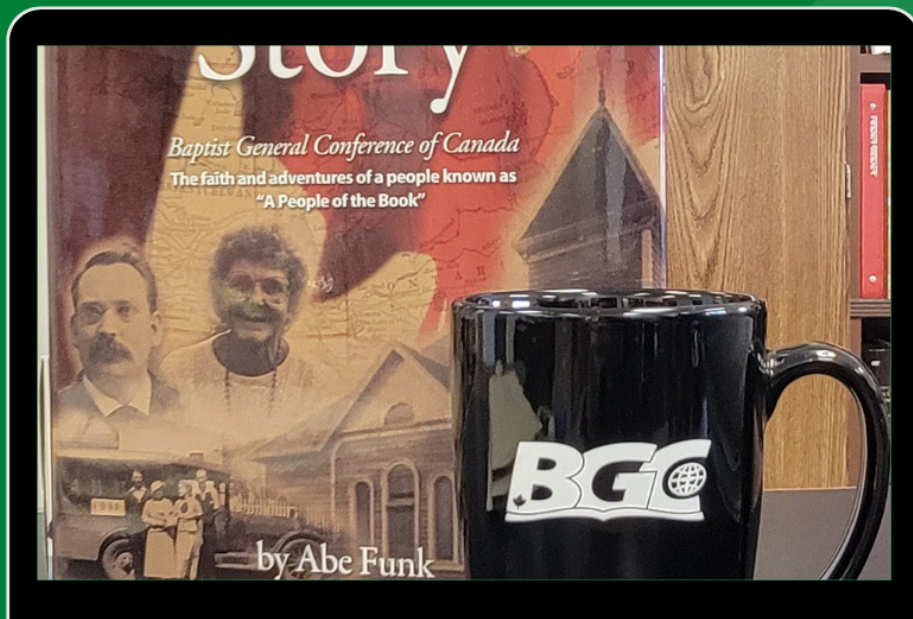
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**BGC CANADA**

**Pastor & Leaders Monthly Zoom**  
**Dec 15, 2021 - 10:00 AM MDT**



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**Discussion on Bill C4**  
**and one of the 7 Essential, Church Care**

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*New members being welcomed at the newest BGC church - Olivet Baptist,  
Toronto*



*Presenting BGCC Church Certificate to Pastor Pascal at  
Olivet Baptist Church, Toronto*



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*Kevin and the District Ministers have fellowship while meeting as they discuss and strategize church planting*







Laura Russell, a BGCC Missionary visits the National office



*Worship the King  
with a Special Offering this Christmas!*

This year's offering will be going toward two projects:

 **The RM People Wholeness Project** - is a social media campaign geared towards RM women who are experiencing marital struggles. They receive an average of 15 women contacting them a day. Five female local believers respond to these inquiries and one female local believer is being equipped for face to face meetings but they are hoping for two more. (This project is part of the Evans ministry in ES Asia.)

 **The Tairaha Literacy and Translation Project** in the Solomon Islands is working to have the Bible translated into the heart language of the Tairaha speaking people. (This project is the ministry of Naaman & Lorae Brignall.)

Any gifts designated for the "Christmas Offering" will be divided between these two projects but you may also designate to either project.



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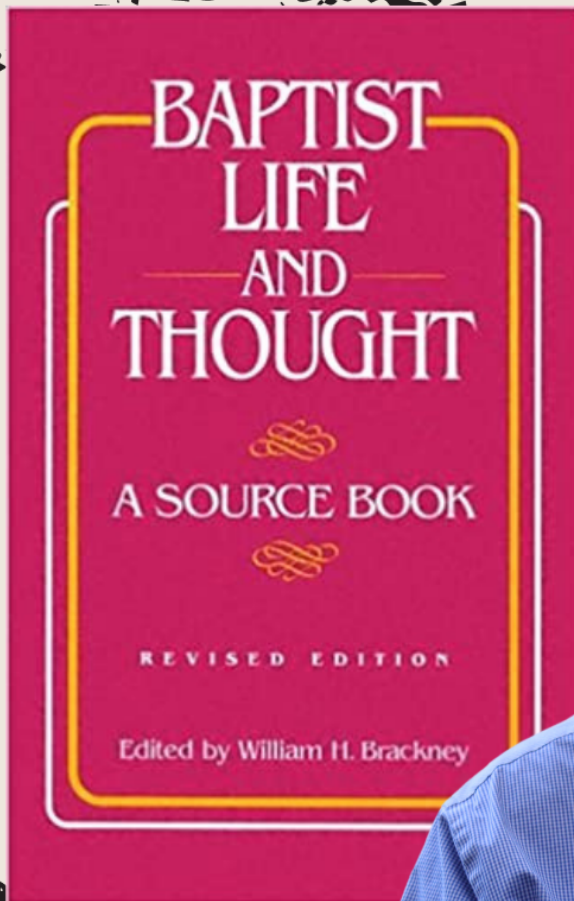


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Wednesday afternoons



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# Interesting Reads



## Conversion therapy ban receives royal assent, now law in Canada

Bill C-4 makes providing, promoting or advertising conversion therapy a criminal offence.

## Is the Father Greater than the Son?

Christmas is a good time to teach on the doctrine of God and Trinity.



## Changing ways of approaching truth: When "West" sometimes means "North" (but still really means "West")

Michael Fast has written a good article on how to find and know Truth



## Federal government introduces legislation to ban conversion therapy in Canada

The new legislation appears to be stricter and more comprehensive

than the version that was lost with the dissolution of Parliament before the October election



## Religiosity in Canada and its evolution from 1985 to 2019

Religious change in Canada over the years

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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

# Church Care

**BGCC CHURCHES LOVE, CARE AND SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER AS WE SERVE GOD TOGETHER.**

7 Essentials of the BGCC

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