

BAPTIST BEATS



February 4, 2022



Hello – I hope you are doing well. February is usually my “down” month. I get weary of winter and cold temps. Covid restrictions adds to the dissonance I feel within. The truckers protest reminds us of the deep divide in our nation over how to deal with the pandemic.

I know I need the Lord more than ever and I intentionally spend more time in the Word of God, prayer and reading that helps me focus on eternal matters. The Lord always reveals himself to us when we are fully present before Him. In prayer, I confess my anxieties, struggles, and fears to him. More important than anything else is to follow the Lord. The rest is secondary – what really counts is that he is the center. I can get through the February blahs and live in victory.

I am praying for you! Please read through this edition of Baptist Beats and take note of all the opportunities coming up for connection with your colleagues across Canada. I hope to see you on Zoom or in-person in June when we hold our Celebration in Edmonton. That will be a fun and full three days together. Make plans now to attend and watch for more information on the sessions.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kevin Schular'.

Executive Director
Kevin Schular, D. Min

At the end of January, I was glad to drive to Dallas Valley in Saskatchewan for the BGC pastors and wives retreat. We had a good three days together and it was so good to fellowship, pray, talk about ministry and eat lots of good food.

Saskatchewan district is moving forward with hiring their District Minister and there will be an announcement coming soon!





This advice from one coach to another could also be good for pastors to hear as well.

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PARCELLS TO ZIMMER

ON BEING A HEAD COACH

1. "YOUR BEST FRIENDS WILL DISAPPOINT YOU."
2. "FOUR OR FIVE THINGS HAPPEN IN PRO FOOTBALL EVERY DAY THAT YOU WISH WOULDN'T HAPPEN. IF YOU CAN'T HANDLE THOSE, YOU NEED TO GET ANOTHER JOB."
3. "IT'S LONELY."

In January I travelled to Cuba and met with Baptist leaders from the seminary and Convention. It was a powerful week to be with people who faithfully serve under communism, poverty and food shortages. One pastor I talked with was sentenced to 2 years hard labor for preaching. Halfway through his sentence he thought: "If this is all they can do to me I will keep serving the Lord". When he was released he went right back to his church. God help us in the BGC to serve with same resolve!







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Discussion on one of the 7 Essential, GLOBAL/CROSS-CULTURAL MINISTRY

Does your church support First Nations ministry? Todd and Krystal Wawrzyniak are BGC missionaries serving with Indian Life in Canada! Contact the BGC office for information on how to schedule a meeting with them.



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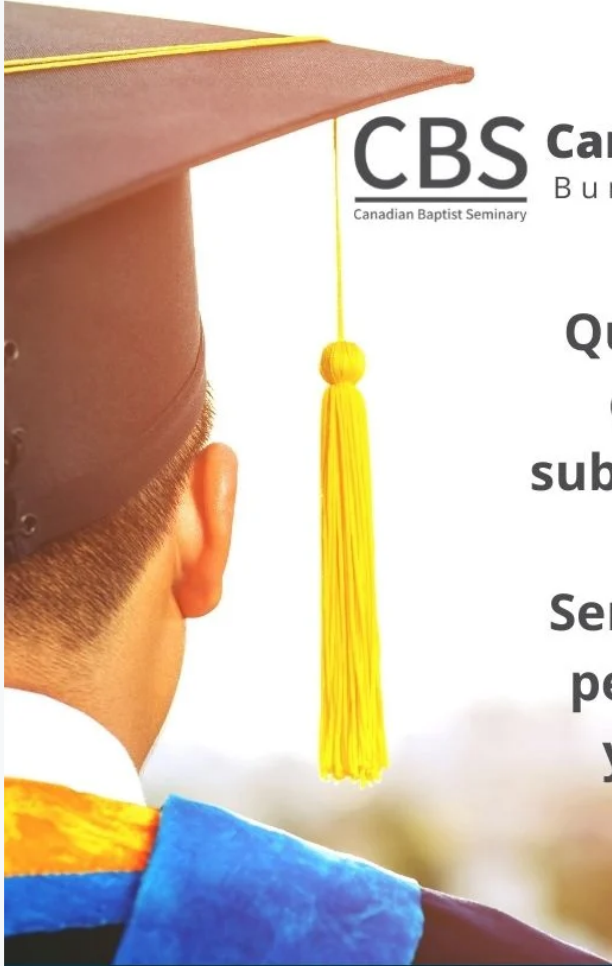
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3 INSIGHTS FROM GORDON MACDONALD

1. Every leader has a 25-year timeframe to maximize their giftedness
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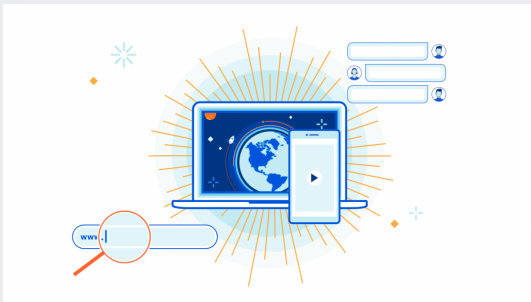


6 Outreaches To Families With Children That You Should Do

6 Outreaches To Families with Children That Your Church Could Start in 2022.

Understanding Clergy Resilience

How resilient are you in ministry? This article gives you 4 resources to draw from to keep you serving well.



In 2021, the Internet went for TikTok, space and beyond

TikTok has dethroned Google as the most popular domain in 2021. The internet is moving away from content people can read and toward content people can see or hear. Can you and I adapt ministry in this trend?

Time to Challenge and Comply

Bill C4 is now law Canada. How could this impact your ministry?



'Gone by 2040': Why some religions are declining in Canada faster than ever

Grim stats for Christianity in Canada - other religions not in decline.



Evangelical churches not as affected

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

GLOBAL/CROSS CULTURAL MINISTRY

**BGCC CHURCHES HAVE A PLAN FOR CROSS-CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT
BECAUSE WE LIVE IN A MULTICULTURAL NATION AND IN A GLOBAL
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