

BAPTIST BEATS



May 11, 2022



Hello from Edmonton – I hope you are doing well. I am praying for your health and fruitfulness in ministry!

Do you enjoy playoff hockey? I am always a viewer during this season, especially when I have a team to cheer for – Go Oilers!!! Its been so long since the Stanley Cup has been won in Canada that I could even cheer for Toronto or Calgary if it meant the Cup would come north of the border.

The thing about playoff hockey is the intensity: Every shift, blocked shot, and finished check makes a difference. Where was this level of determination and extra effort in the regular season? Same guys playing but now the level of play is much higher.

As servants of the Lord we also need to ramp up our ministry. This is a crucial season for your congregation and the church in Canada. I am so looking forward to Celebration next month in Edmonton. I am praying REFRAME will launch your ministry in a new trajectory.

Psalms 18 seems to be a testimony of David's whole life in perspective. Out of the 50 verses, two stood out to me, namely verses 28 and 29. "You, Lord, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into light. With your help I can advance against a troop; with my God I can scale a wall."

First, it speaks of what God does, and that it is "my God", which is very personal. David admits to times of darkness, as most of us have. Covid will have far-reaching effects on people and churches.

Then he testifies to what God does to help – turning the darkness into light. It is hard to face problems in ministry. Sometimes our concerns cannot be disclosed publicly. Other times we have to be almost stoic as we absorb the shots that come when in leadership.

As the Canadian church emerges from mandates and meeting restrictions many churches are re-examining ministry in the post-Covid environment. All

across our Conference, pastors like you are reaching out for counsel and conversation. Many of us are dealing with deep spiritual or emotional issues. This is not the time to be the lone ranger – call your district minister or national office. We are your brothers and here to help.

I like what David says in verse 29: With your help I can... and with my God I can advance against a troop and scale a wall. David's confidence was that with God's help he could overcome obstacles. And so can we! Ours challenges may be quite different. Divine help available to us is the unending grace of God. "Come boldly to the throne of grace to obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Hebrews 4:16



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Reframe is coming soon. We have some excellent speakers to look forward to:



Gary Rohrmayer – Converge, USA

Gary Rohrmayer is the President of Converge MidAmerica/Southeast/Caribbean. He received a BA and MA from Moody Bible Institute. He has served on every level of church planting from being a church planting intern to a pioneer planter, from a regional leader to a national director and now as national consultant & coach for many denominational leaders. He has authored fifteen

books, Church Planting Landmines, Spiritual Conversations, 21 Dangerous Prayers and his latest Encounter. His best-selling spiritual conversation tool, "The Spiritual Journey Guide" has change the way many people now do personal evangelism. Gary and his wife Mary have been married for 40 years, with three grown children and three grandchildren. They live in the greater Chicagoland area.

Rick Hiemstra - Evangelical Fellowship of Canada

Rick Hiemstra is Director of Research at the EFC. Prior to coming to the EFC, he served a Wesleyan pastor and a high school mathematics and computer science teacher. Rick speaks on Canadian church and cultural trends, including the newRenegotiating Faith research about emerging adulthood and faith formation.



He has recently contributed to Canadian studies on Bible engagement, local church missions engagement and emerging adulthood and faith formation. Currently, he is leading a study on small evangelical churches and another on parental discipleship of children in the home.

He holds a BMath from the University of Waterloo, a BEd from Ottawa University and an MTS from Tyndale Seminary.



Leyton Erickson - Ebenezer Baptist Church, Saskatoon

Leyton is the lead pastor at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Saskatoon where he has served for the past 33 years. He began his ministry as the church's first youth pastor and has served as lead pastor for the past 16 years. He is happily married to Brenda, and together they have three sons, two

daughter's-in-law and two grandsons. In his spare time, Leyton likes to bike, golf and cheer on the Oilers (which gives him time to golf).

Plus several workshops and panel discussions on the future of the BGC.

Humor, Inspiration and Music

Matt Day

Matt Day is a professional musician, speaker, and music-in-healthcare provider with experience presenting to industry leaders and organizations. He



was also a worship leader at a church where Kevin once served as a lead pastor.

June 14, 2022 @ 7:00 PM





It was wonderful to be at seminary commencement in April! We were able to have grads from 2020, '21, and '22 walk across the platform and receive their degree. Canadian Baptist Seminary has generous subsidies for BGC pastors and leaders. Visit <https://www.canadianbaptistseminary.com/> for more details on your degree choices and financial assistance.



Kevin met with our Quebec pastors in April. What a solid group of leaders we have there!



What a great team of District Leaders. Kevin Schular, Dennis Gulley, Ken Wilson,

Matthew Teigrob, and Bernard Mukwavi (left to right) are always ready to serve you and your churches.

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Egypt Committee' in a
Pandemic**

A good blog along our theme of
Reframe



3 Red Flags That Suggest Your Leadership Needs Major Improvement, Backed by Research

Pastor your leadership is so necessary now!



Why is Canada euthanising the poor?

When healthcare gets expensive budgeting is a factor in level of care

COVID-19 pandemic has brought out the worst in people, pulled Canadians further apart, survey suggests

A look at how Covid is shaping us now



Next stop, heaven? 2 in 3 people say they're not afraid of what happens after death

As Western culture drifts further from biblical truth it is not surprising to see what people think happens after death

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

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

BGCC CHURCHES HAVE A PLAN FOR DISCOVERING, DEVELOPING AND ENABLING ITS EXISTING AND EMERGING LEADERS.

7 Essentials of the BGCC

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