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Baptist Beats  
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#### Interesting Reads

Week of Prayer  
Jan 7-3, 2018

20/20 Leadership Summit  
Feb 22-25, 2018  
\*REGISTRATION  
DEADLINE Jan 20, 2018\*

School of Orientation  
Apr 30 - May 2, 2018

Celebration 2018  
June 14-16, 2018

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**Kevin Schular, Executive Director**

Happy New Year! May 2018 be filled with God's blessing on your life, family and ministry. BGC Prayer Week is January 7-13. The prayer guide went out earlier but here is a [link](#) to it. I hope you will join with others across the BGC in our prayer focus.

Here have been my prayer thoughts at the start of this year:

O Lord God, You alone are worthy of praise. You are the Sovereign Lord before whom every knee will bow. We confess our sins and we are asking you to pour out your spirit on our Conference, our fellow believers in other denominations and on Canada!

Lord Jesus we love You and pray that you will have full dominion and authority. We read that "The King of glory shall come in the Lord of hosts strong and mighty." Fill this nation with your glorious presence. Let your kingdom come let your will be done.

We need You, Holy Spirit, in this generation. "O that you would rend the heavens and come down" in power and your glory be seen in Canada. You are faithful to finish what You started so please shine Your face on us. May Your good purposes and will for us come to pass.

Do something fresh in Canada - pour out the spirit of wisdom and power. Release supernatural hunger and thirst for You. May we encounter Your love across this country.

Send constant renewal and spiritual quickening to our pastors, leaders and people. Father, grant us unity in the Spirit in our churches, districts and national Conference. Bless and empower our Global Mission Personnel ministering at home and around the world. Give them great sense of purpose as they serve You and make Your name great. Keep them safe and help them know they are loved and prayed for. Help us see ourselves as sent ones and conquerors, and go in Your spirit to every sector of Canada. May we see godly changes in government, business, education and entertainment industry.

Give us discernment to know how to live for You in this society and may we experience Your power like the early church did. Increase

godliness and boldness of believers in Canada. Lord, raise up intercessors and people with hearts burning for You. Let Canadian Christians and churches experience Your love and to see Your glory. We desire for Your name and renown to be everywhere. We speak words of Your blessing over this nation.

We humbly ask these things in the wonderful name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen



## 20/20

\*REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JAN 20, 2018\*

Pastor do you have young adult singles or married couples that have leadership potential? Please encourage them to attend 20/20 in February, 2018. BGC desires to raise up godly leaders in our churches and this weekend conference is focused on that theme. Consider coming with them to show how much their spiritual development means to you and your church. Click on [link](#) to see the details.

## Interesting Reads

### 1. Recalibrate: 10 Steps

10 Steps every church must take this year, or be dead in a decade. - [Article](#)

### 2. Mormons Practice Proxy Baptism For the Dead

Mormons practice proxy baptism for the dead based on a faulty interpretation of 1 Corinthians 15:29. Read how expansive the cultic practice has become [here](#).

### 3. Canada Summer Jobs Grants Policy Change - [Article](#)

#### 4. **Creating A Welcoming Church**

In this [video](#), David MacFarlane talks about creating a welcoming church.

#### 5. **Secular, Practical Tips**

Accomplish more in 2018 with the help of 30 qualities habits, and secrets found [here](#).

#### 6. **Liberals Acting Illiberally - [Article](#)**

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### **Seven Essentials of the BGC**

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.

<http://bgc.ca/about-us/7-essentials>

We will highlight one Essential in each issue of Baptist Beats:

### **Spiritual Formation**

BGCC churches are committed to disciple-making.

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