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Baptist Beats

THE HEART BEAT

of the BGCC



Upcoming Events:

National Board Meeting:
October 2019

2020 Leadership Summit
Feb 20-23, 2020
Cochrane, AB

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Hello from Edmonton – I trust you are ready for a good summer of ministry, relaxation, reading and fun activities. May you be rested and refreshed these next months.

Celebration 2019 was earlier this month in Banff, Alberta. We had a very good meeting with just under 100 delegates from six provinces. Our theme was: “BGC is Better Together” and we started the Conference by asking two questions:

1. Can the BGC be better together?
2. What role will I take in helping BGC be better?

We left encouraged to pray, serve and work together to build our Conference and Christ’s church in Canada and around the world. Many delegates wrote that this was the best Celebration they had attended and how they were challenged to lead well in this serious time for the Canadian church. Scroll through the photos from Celebration on the BGC Facebook page ([album](#)). hope we will see you at next year’s Celebration!

Our two featured speakers were a source of inspiration and practical wisdom. Marv Brubacher from Mentor Link Canada spoke on the critical need for developing mentors. Scott Ridout, president of Converge USA, challenged us on vision and how we can be better together. The teaching from Celebration is on the BGC [YouTube page](#).

The discussion at the Annual General Meeting focused on how we can bring our Conference into closer alignment so that we really are better together. This was encouraging to me as I have been praying and leading us towards closer cooperation. Let’s see how this progresses. Also, some good comments were raised about the admin fees paid by our missionaries. The Board will take these matters up at our Fall meeting.

Family issues have affected me this month as well. My dear mother went home to be with the Lord on June 6. She was 98 and had been suffering from dementia for the last six years. At 4:30 am the night staff in her nursing home heard her singing in her bed and then at 5 when they checked again she was gone. I like to think she had some clarity in those last moments and sang her way into the Lord's presence. Also, my wife's sister in Arkansas has been diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer. She has had one surgery but they did not get all of the cancer. She is to begin chemo but the disease is very advanced. We need God's healing touch. She is a strong believer but this is a shock to us, especially my wife. Please pray for us as we grieve my mother and pray with anticipation for Laura's sister.

Kevin Schular
Executive Director

Celebration 2019

Celebration 2019 Group Picture



Kevin Schular kicking things off



Praying Together



Fellowshipping Together



Worshipping Together



Learning Together



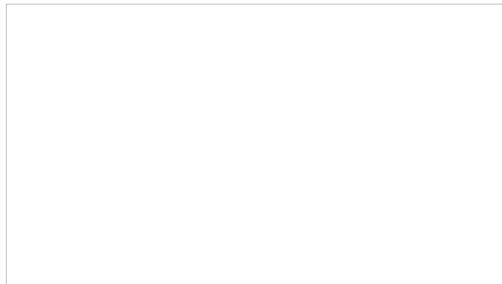
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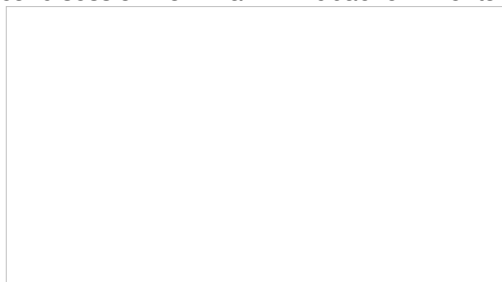
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Messages From the Speakers

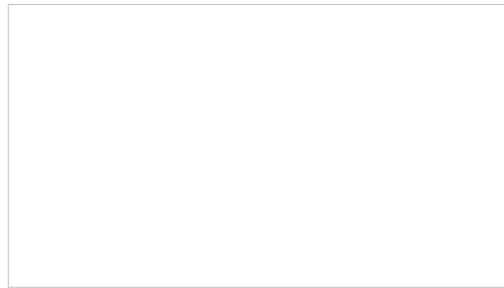
First session from Marvin Brubacher - Mentorlink



Second session from Marvin Brubacher - Mentorlink



First session from Scott Ridout - Converge



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Scott Ridout's last session is still being worked on so check back on our Youtube channel [here](#).



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Pastor's Fishing Trip



Calling all BGC pastors and leaders. Come fishing with your co-

labourers on August 12-14, 2019 at Loon Lake, Saskatchewan. We will stay at the beautiful Camp which is operated by our BGC church in Loon Lake. More details to follow.

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.

[7 Essentials of the BGCC](#)

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

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