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# Baptist Beats

# THE HEART BEAT

## of the BGCC



### Upcoming Events:

National Board Meeting:  
October 21-22, 2019

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

### Donations



Hello from Edmonton - I am praying for you as summer is winding down and the fall ministry season is right around the corner. May the Lord use your life and service in unique and powerful ways!

Some of our BGC pastors have transitioned to other places of service this summer. We wish them well and look forward to seeing how God leads others to take their place. A few of these contacted me about their departure and asked for advice on how to know if it is time to make a move. Here are five aspects of decision making I shared with them. I have used these in my own decisions and I offer them to you as well.

1. Do I have fire in the belly? As you think about your pastorate, do you still have the passion and desire to glorify God and accomplish more in this place?
2. Mandate - any giants left to deal with? Are there things that I am leaving for my successor that I should handle with grace and humility with before moving on?
3. Spouse - what does she think? God uses our spouse to bring clarity to big decisions. They often see the whole picture as to how this will affect family, marriage and their life and career.
4. I need friends to speak truth to me on this – what do my colleagues and trusted friends say to me about this move?
5. Call of God – do I have a clear sense of the Lord's moving me on? Am I going to something or running from something?

Depending on your response to these points, you can make a move or stay in place with confidence. Those of our BGC churches that are the most stable and fruitful have some commonalities and one of them is that there has been a long-serving lead pastor. The Lord can use you where you are or in the new opportunity. Allow your District Minister and /or I walk with you when you face this time of decision.

Kevin Schular  
Executive Director

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## International Discipleship Training

A team of 9 from BGC Canada are travelling to a country where we will be discipling house church leaders from Muslim nations. This will be our second year to hold this training. It has been encouraging to see BGC churches and individuals get behind this financially. Indications are that we will have close of 60 leaders attend – last year was 34. It costs \$300 to bring one person to this training.



If you or your church would like to contribute, please send a donation to BGC office in Edmonton. We are asking for prayer to cover this initiative. The actual teaching time is September 6-10 but several are travelling ahead to survey and strategize about where future training could be located.

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## Canadian Baptist Seminary

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Good things are happening at our Seminary. I am so thankful to be able to report that as of the end of August we expect to be debt-free! Donations now can be used towards building the school for the future. Student applications are coming in. Dr Guy Saffold has joined our core faculty. Guy was the Executive Director of ACTS for many years. He is now focusing on the Doctor of Ministry program and is attached to CBS. Other personnel decisions for faculty and Regents are ready to announce but we are just waiting until their current ministry to release them into CBS. I am thankful to serve in the role of President in this season. One thing that excites me is that we have a goal to create a degree program that will focus on the Great Commission and church planting. I see a good future for CBS with our online options and on-campus programs continuing in tandem.

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## FIC Groundbreaking



July 14 was an exciting day at FIC as we celebrated the groundbreaking ceremony for our new building.



Special thanks to Mayor Doug McCallum, Fleetwood Port Kells MP Ken Hardie, Dr. Cal Netterfield, Dr. Bernard Mukwavi, Wally Weiser, Ali Balandy and so many other special guests for coming out to inaugurate the building project.





[Life Baptist Church](#) in Saskatoon, SK (formerly known as Diefenbaker Drive Community Church) held their 3rd Annual Car Show. They had 40 vehicles this summer and was a great opportunity to interact with their community.



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## Interesting Reads

1. **Canada Loses When Church Going Declines** - [Article](#)
  2. **The Therapeutic Gospel** - [Article](#)
  3. I have been blessed by Daniel Clendenin's writing for many years. Here is an article on the Book of Micah that shows the relevance of OT prophets in our present-day in Canada. - [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.

### [7 Essentials of the BGCC](#)

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

## Creative Community Engagement

*BGCC churches find ways to effectively engage their community, nation and world.*

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