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February 21, 2019

# Baptist Beats

# THE HEART BEAT

of the BGCC



### Upcoming Events:

#### National Board Meeting

March 18-19, 2019

Langley, BC

#### School of Orientation

April 4-5, 2019

Edmonton, AB

#### Celebration 2019

May 30 - June 1, 2019

Banff, AB

### Donations



Hello from Edmonton. These are dreary days for us who live on the Prairies. It's been cold this month! I hope the joy of the Lord, the power of the Spirit, and the riches of the Word are keeping your heart warm and tender.

I was driving in Edmonton and saw this sign in front of a church.



It made me thankful that I don't have to schedule an appointment to talk with my God and get things right between us. What a joy to walk in the reality of the priesthood of believers!

These past few weeks have been busy for travel. I was in BC for the Board of Regents meeting at our seminary.



I deeply appreciate Abe Funk, our former Executive Director, gathering a team of over 40 people across Canada to pray for CBS. Pictured you will see a few of the prayer team that live close to school that could meet and pray over us while we discussed the business and future of the school. We have good news to share about our debt situation! CBS did a fundraiser at the end of 2018 and Richard Ang has also raised significant funds in February. We have reason to believe that within a few weeks we will be in the black.

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## Celebration 2019

Our Celebration will be held in Banff on May 30-June 1.



Special guest speaker is Scott Ridout, President of Converge

Registration is \$199 that includes conference materials, gifts and books. **For those who register by April 30**, it will also include a \$50 meal card that could be used in Banff restaurants. Please see the list of hotels that must be booked by April 30 to get the Conference rate.

**CELEBRATION 2019**  
**SAVE THE DATE**

Guest Speaker: Scott Ridout - President, Converge USA

**When: May 30 - June 1, 2019**  
**Where: Banff, AB**  
**Registration Cost: \$199**  
**What else do I need to know?**  
The BGC Rate for hotels will not be available after  
**APRIL 30, 2019.**  
**THERE WILL BE NO EXTENSIONS AFTER THIS DATE.**  
For more information: [www.bgc.ca/events/celebration](http://www.bgc.ca/events/celebration)



Hotel Booking Information [here](#)

It was exciting to be in Winnipeg for February meetings with the BGC Central Canada board and to speak at BGC churches. Faith Life Church joined the BGC in 2018 and this was my first opportunity to speak there.





Pastor Wendell and son, Jared

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Winnipeg Punjabi Church is a plant out of City Church. Akmal and Sarah Erastus are winning South Asians to Christ and growing the church here!





Akmal Erastus, Kevin Schular, Wendell Olojan

Two Edmonton BGC churches are talking and praying about how to work together. It is a privilege for me to be the Moderator of their discussions.



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Every year the BGC Saskatchewan churches have a winter retreat. I've been an invited guest four years and each time is great for fellowship, worship and encouragement.



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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.

## Interesting Reads

1. **Pornography is rampant in our culture and has invaded the church as well. This article has good insight on what to do if a pastor or church leader is struggling with pornography.** - [Article](#)
2. **Jordan Peterson has made news around the world for his outspoken stand on various issues.** - [Article](#)
3. **How can your church help when there is a crisis in your community.** - [Article](#)

4. **Are you certain you are in God's will?** - [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.

## **Spiritual Formation**

*BGCC churches are committed to disciple-making.*

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