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## Baptist Beats

# THE HEART BEAT

of the BGCC



### Upcoming Events:

**National Board Meeting**  
March 18-19, 2019

**School of Orientation**  
April 4-5, 2019

**Celebration 2019**  
May 30 - June 1, 2019  
Banff, AB

### Donations



Hello from Edmonton. I hope you are doing well in these winter months. I am thankful for you and your ministry. Let's pray for one another as we seek to lead our people into deeper connection with Christ.

I recently read a book on prayer. I know we believe in prayer and I trust that this is one spiritual discipline you will never neglect. But this older book, "The Hidden Life of Prayer" by David McIntyre, emphasized the battle won through prayer over our flesh and in the heavenly realm. "Sometimes we are conscious of a satanic impulse directed immediately against the life of prayer in our souls; sometimes we are led into 'aridities' and wilderness experiences, and the face of God grows dark above us; sometimes, when we strive most earnestly to bring every thought and imagination under obedience to Christ, we seem to be given over to disorder and unrest; sometimes the inbred slothfulness of our nature lends itself to the evil one as an instrument by which he may turn our minds back from the exercise of prayer. Because of all these things, therefore, we must be diligent and resolved, watching as a sentry who remembers that the lives of men are lying at the hazard of his wakefulness, resourcefulness and courage. 'And I say unto you,' said the Lord to his disciples, 'I say to all, Watch!'"

**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](#)

### **New BGCC Church Plant Starts its Journey.**

A small group of families begin their journey of planting a new church. With the firm belief, they have been called together to plant churches, they begin their journey in the Northern Ontario community of Timmins. This church plant is being led by Pastor Darryl and Cindy Hartwig in partnership with BGC National and BGC Central Canada. Darryl was pastor of our BGC church in Killarney, MB but has felt called plant this new work.



Their purpose is to reach the unchurched and the uncommitted through encouragement, the building of their faith, and teaching them to follow Jesus.

Their vision is "To go into the Northern regions of Ontario and make disciples by declaring the gospel of Jesus Christ in the power of the Spirit and gathering disciples and planting new churches that worship the Lord and obey his command by reproducing themselves."



Planting a new church is not an easy journey and TCC cannot flourish on its own. Only by the grace of God and by the power of His Spirit will this succeed. They have faith that the monetary need will also be fulfilled. At this time, they are in need of 60 sponsors for 2019 who will commit to \$20 a month. Please prayerfully seek the Lord's guidance on how you can help the expansion of God's kingdom in Canada.

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## Interesting Reads

1. **The pressure on ministers from a secular point of view** - [Article](#)
2. **Pastor's should read books that will inspire, educate and challenge them. Here is one list of the best leadership books.** - [Article](#)
3. **This is a good analysis of why people leave church and how**

to retain your people - [Article](#)

4. **China is increasing its suppression of religious freedom. You MUST read this letter! From a Chinese pastor arrested in December and his church in the city of Chengdu closed. What a man of God! Standing for the Lord in face of persecution – may the Lord help me and all of us in the BGC to be this devoted and firm in our faith!** - [Letter](#)

5. **Here is a good video discussing how Christians could respond to legalized marijuana** - [Video](#)

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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.

## Harmonious, Functional, Organizational Structures

*BGCC churches develop and operate with a structure that brings out the best from our partnership with each other - regionally, nationally and beyond.*

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