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Baptist Beats

THE HEART BEAT

of the BGCC



Upcoming Events:

Week of Prayer
January 13-19, 2019

School of Orientation
April 1-3, 2019

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

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Hello from Edmonton – Laura and I want to wish all of our BGC family a blessed Christmas and all of God’s best in the coming year. May this be a fruitful season in your life and ministry!

As I’ve been looking back over 2018, I feel we are heading towards an inflection point in the world. With each passing week, it feels like events are accelerating as discontinuous change is everywhere. Societal unrest is now common, testing the resolve of elected leaders and creating fertile ground for those in reaction. Instability is prevalent, whether in Canada, USA or in Europe. The kind of politics practiced by Western democracies for a generation is now struggling to find the balance that can satisfy populations destabilized by economic and cultural changes.

At this moment, the Church in Canada must step forward with confidence and tell the story of Christ’s Incarnation. “God with us” is the best news at every level of our society. Whether it is in the family, church or community at large - we have the message that will bring lasting peace and soothe unrest and instability. Please make the message plain this Christmas season!

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



Hotel Booking Information [here](#)

Merry Christmas from the BGC National Office Staff



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Interesting Reads

1. **Are You Stuck In Your Spiritual Walk?** *Our ministries won't progress without a deep work of grace in our lives by the Holy Spirit. Listen to one pastor describing how God transformed his inner life - [Video](#)*
2. **Here Is A Study That Supports The Position That We All Come From One Common Ancestor.** *This won't get much coverage in the secular press but your church's children, youth and young adults should read this! - [Article](#)*
3. **Persecuted Christians Around the World Need Prayer This Christmas - [Article](#)**
4. **Sadly, Many Pastors Can Relate To This Shepherd! - [Video](#)**
5. **Take The Challenge of Reading Your Bible Through In 2019 - [Article](#)**
6. **Some People Need A Place to Go for Happiness - [Article](#)**

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.

Church Care

BGCC churches love, care and support one another as we serve God together.

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