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Baptist Beats
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of the BGCC



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Kevin Schular, Executive Director

Hello from Winnipeg! I am pleased to be here this weekend to attend and speak at the BGC-CC conference. The text is the Great Commission and the emphasis is on our personal involvement in being a soul winner.

This was also the challenge at the BGCA retreat I attended this week in Edmonton. We had a day of reflection, confession and then refocus on being a personal evangelist. It is important to preach the gospel from our pulpits – but we must also be living and sharing the gospel in our community and interactions with people we meet.

Praise the Lord - I hear this same theme as I travel across Canada and meet with our BGC leaders. Many in our movement are praying and seeking the Lord for godly renewal in our churches coupled with outreach to our communities and world. God's heart for the nations is that people are led to Christ, baptized and disciplined. How tragic when Christians, churches and denominations let the Great Commission lapse into the *Great Omission!*

I have discovered that I need to be very intentional about personal evangelism. As a pastor, it was not hard to let the work of preparing sermons and overseeing my church take over my time and energy. While these were all good things it often drained me and left little energy for personal outreach. So my wife and I intentionally scheduled time in our month to reach out to our neighbors, new Canadians and others we met.

Now that I am in the Executive Director role, I have determined to not let soul winning slip in my life. It has been wonderful to talk with people on planes, at restaurants and hotels about Jesus. I also volunteer at a street ministry in Edmonton called The Mustard Seed and have many opportunities to share Christ with those I meet there. We are having the neighbors from our cul-de-sac over for a barbecue this summer. My desire is be faithful to

the Lord in serving Him "who has entrusted to us the ministry of reconciliation." 2 Corinthians 5:18-20

"Administrivia" can wear you out! Let's prayerfully put personal evangelism as one of our top priorities and allow the Lord to use us to tell others of Him.

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THE CHANGELESS WORD



FOR A CHANGING WORLD

Registration is open until **June 5th**. Please join us!
<http://bgc.ca/celebration/>

Please see the BGCC website for more information:
<http://bgc.ca/events/celebration-2/>

Pray for Bernard Mukwavi, BCBC District Minister



Bernard has shared this request with the BGCC family:

"I had taken some time to work on BCBC documents retreating to our mission guesthouse in Ndola, Zambia. It has been a rewarding time of prayer, planning and reflection. On Thursday (May 19) I decided to drive my daughter Nataizya, who has been in Zambia on a mission trip with two other girls, to see my mother in-law who has been a victim of a stroke. One of my brothers decided to join us with another niece of ours. There were four of us and had a 5-hour drive.

"The back passenger tire burst and I lost control of the vehicle. We rolled several times and finally landed in a field. I got out and some people helped me get the others out. I managed to find a vehicle to take my brother and my daughter to the hospital and then found another vehicle to take my niece and me later. My brother passed on while laying beside me in the emergency room. My daughter pulled through so did my niece and I. It was very emotional for me to lose my brother in that way. I am working through this.

"We were evacuated to a hospital in Lusaka and I am resting and watching over my daughter. My wife is arriving today to help me out. I only have a cut on my fingers and have stitches. This Tuesday I will attend my brother's funeral. Thank you for your prayers. It is a time of reflection and prayer.

New Name for the Newsletter

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The winner of the name this newsletter is Carter Krahn from Calvary Baptist Church in Sioux Lookout, ON. Your Tim's card is on it's way. Congratulations!

We thank all those who submitted names for the contest and voted.

God Stories

Castledowns Baptist Church, Edmonton, AB



Pastor Tim Sawatzky writes: "Castledowns Baptist Church is excited to welcome Nathan Chan as their new Associate Pastor of Family Ministries. We have been blessed by God to have an increase in young family's and children to our church and are excited to have the passion and skill's of Nathan to further disciple these families. Nathan is a Dallas Theological Seminary Grad from Ottawa, with a passion for helping parents learn to disciple their children to become like Christ."

Cedar Grove Baptist Church, Surrey, BC

Praise the Lord for this report from Pastor Kevin Cavanaugh at Cedar Grove Baptist Church in Surrey, BC. They are doing an addition on their building. Kevin writes: "We were believing Jesus for a one time offering of people coming forward at the end of the service for \$100,000. Praise God that \$208,000 came in! We were believing God for \$776,000 in commitments to be brought in over the next months and a total of \$896,000 was committed." See the video from Cedar Grove here:

<https://vimeo.com/165342954> Daring Faith Review

Password: kevin1

Interesting Reads

Read this if you have a lot of first time visitors at your church but don't see them again

<http://www.evangelismcoach.org/2011/8-reasons-church-visitors-dont-come-back/>

The Catholic church has brought forward a major teaching on sexuality, gender identity, family and marriage. Read it and evaluate on what you agree or disagree with:

<http://www.vox.com/2016/4/8/11392084/pope-francis-marriage-divorce-catholics-gay>

The assisted suicide legislation is working its way through Parliament. Keep praying for God to guide the MPs in their deliberations. This article explores how social attitudes in BC influenced the national life and death debate:

<http://www.montrealgazette.com/news/local+news/drives+national+life+death+debate/11902871/story.html>



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