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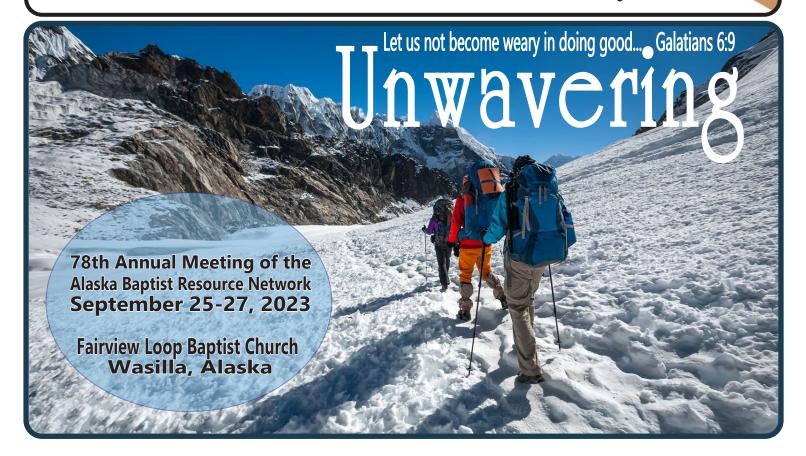
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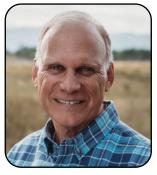
# FATHER'S

DAY

Sunday, June 18



### Randy Covington, Executive Director



# UNWAVERING – THE LEGACY OF FAITHFUL SERVANTS

When I met him for the first time, I was drawn by his gentle spirit and the smile that communicated the love of Christ in his life. My pastor had informed me that an IMB missionary would be speaking that morning in the service. Butch Strickland was introduced to me, and I soon learned that he had married Pam Newton, whom I had known as a child growing up at First Baptist Church in Anchorage. His stories of sharing the gospel in towns and villages across Venezuela and leading numerous people to faith in Christ inspired me, compelling me to know more about this movement in South America.

Butch and Pam were on an extended stateside assignment when they came and spoke to our church in the Mat-Su valley. It was great reconnecting with Pam and remembering the early days growing up at First Baptist. Both of our families were very involved in church life and became close through the years. The unwavering commitment of the Newton family to Kingdom work in Alaska was evident. I was so excited to learn that Pam was the very first home-grown missionary from Alaska to be appointed with the Foreign Mission Board (now International Mission Board). She met Butch when they were attending college at Wayland Baptist University.

I took advantage of the extended time they had in Alaska to learn more about their mission work in Venezuela. Butch and I would meet for coffee either in Palmer or Wasilla and he would always regale me with the stories of salvations that were almost commonplace. He also shared the struggles and opposition they faced, including the difficult political climate of the day that

delayed their return to the mission field. There wasn't a day that Butch didn't express his deep desire to return to reach more souls with the promise of new life in Christ for those in desperate and seemingly hopeless situations. His unwavering spirit and trust in God's sovereignty in every situation was inspiring to me. It was his strong call to overseas ministry that impressed me to begin the journey of missionary appointment.

Many years later, Butch and Pam returned to Alaska. I had heard from family and friends that he was now serving as State Director of Missions. I was excited for them and for Alaska. I later learned that we would be returning to Alaska as well. I was not surprised, even after many years had passed, that he never lost that passion for seeing people come to faith in Jesus Christ. What a joy it was for me to be reunited in fellowship and collegial ministry with Butch and Pam Strickland.

I have often wondered what happens to a faithful servant when they reach the twilight years of ministry. What does retirement look like for a servant of God? Butch answered that question for me as I observed his overwhelming desire to travel to China whenever he could to share the gospel message with Chinese students. What a beautiful example of an unwavering commitment to fulfill the task that was given by God until final breath. "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." Gal. 6:9 (NIV)



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For more information, please contact Randy Covington at the ABRN office.

#### Jimmy Stewart, State Director of Evangelism and Church Development



### THE INVISIBLE CHURCH

At a training event, I had been teaching church leaders ways to reach their community. There are many ways leaders and lay people can love their community and bring people to Christ. After several hours of sharing, a 74-year-old deacon raised his hand. "Young man, am I to understand that this church is to go into this community, with an emphasis on go, and reach out to the people that live around this church? Are you saying that just because we have a sign out front, that is not enough, and people may not come to us?" I was taken back, but he was right. That is why we teach about community engagement. A church can have a big sign, or a little sign and still be hidden in plain sight. No one knows they are there despite the signs.

We become the invisible church. Has your church ever considered how you are seen—or not seen—in the community? How will you know if you don't ask? If you went to homes and businesses around your church, you might discover some interesting things. Ask if they know where your church is located. Ask if they have friends who attend or know anyone that goes to your church. You could ask if they have ever visited your church.

When there have been some responders, you might start seeing a trend. People may have a familiarity with your facilities. People may not know anything about the church and its ministries. Or it could be somewhere in the middle. If people are truly aware of your church, they may want to find out what might draw them to attend if they don't have a church, already.

So, how much visibility does your church have? Those that drive by may recognize the facility as a church, but do they know what you offer the community? Does your church have a reputation? Is the reputation positive or negative? People could know about the church because you have a good reputation. Do people hear about your church from friends and others? Do they get inspired by your reputation?

In Acts chapter 2, we see an explosion in numbers of those who started following Christ and there were daily additions. So many things were going on with this community of believers. People were responding to a great move of the Holy Spirit. And if anything can make a church visible to the community, it is a move of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit glorifies the Father. Nothing glorifies the Father more than lives being transformed by the Holy Spirit. People talk about what excites them. New Christians tell others what God has done in their lives. Even long time Christians tell others good things God has done.

To be visible as a church, start by finding ways to share the gospel. Find out how your church can fill a need in your community. You might make your church available for groups to use your facility, allowing nonmembers to come on campus. There are many creative ways to let people know you are around. The options are varied, and your context and culture present many opportunities. Creating foot traffic on your campus is always a win. Most importantly, look for ways for members to experience transformation by the Holy Spirit. This will lead your people to getting out and talking about God and your church. Being visible is very important for any congregation.



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## Missionaries use practical skills to advance gospel

By Stella McMillian

During the seven years Ben Murray and his wife Jessica waited for the Lord to send them overseas, Ben built up a somewhat unusual skillset for a missionary.

Though Ben and Jessica both shared a calling to go to the nations, Ben never felt led toward vocational ministry. Instead, one of several jobs he held was in their town's Public Works Department where he fixed problems that came with maintaining their small community. His days were filled with repairing water lines, mowing parks, filling potholes and learning how to resourcefully manage limited funds.

Since the Murrays began serving in Southeast Asia last year, he's already seen these practical skills put to good use for the spread of the gospel. He helped build a recording studio at a community center run by believers. The studio has opened opportunities to reach minority people groups with the gospel.

In the country the Murrays serve in, there are many minority people groups. Their languages are distinct from the country's national language. Many are only oral languages. Without a written language, it is difficult to teach others the language or to create resources to share the gospel with them.

One helpful resource is recordings of Bible stories, and the studio at the community center has provided a way to create those. Since the recording studio's construction was completed, approximately 20 Bible stories have been recorded for one people group who previously had no known gospel resources.



Ben Murray was able to help build a recording studio that Jessica Murray used to help national missionaries record worship songs.

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Not long after, two national believers came to the community center with a visitor from one of the country's most remote unreached people groups. They spread out a map to show where this people group lived.

"You see that town all the way at the edge of the map?" Ben remembered them asking. "It's a few hours past that."

The visitor was willing to teach them his language, but they were struggling to communicate and understand each other. Workers at the center taught all three of them a simple language learning method that didn't require a shared common

language. Additionally, they were also able to use the studio and make recordings of stories the believers can continue to listen to as they learn.

Ben said it has been very humbling to see how God is at work drawing those in even the most forgotten corners of the country to Himself.

"Those two guys, they don't have much, but they've given it up to learn this new language and go to this remote village, all for the sake of the good news," Ben said. "It's just really cool to see the Father working in that way."



In the Murray's country, there are many diverse people groups who live in isolated, rural areas.

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Jessica, a musician, also worked with the two believers to record translations of two worship songs in the people group's language. They also began working on an original worship song.

She remembers it being a messy, unique process as the group sat around trying to figure out the best way to communicate words like "God" and "heaven" for an unwritten language of a people group with no gospel presence among them. Though it was challenging, and the original song isn't finished yet, Jessica said it was still thrilling to hear verses being put together.

"Tears filled my eyes and hope filled my heart as we heard what was likely the first lyrics of worship to our God in this language," she said.

Though the studio is just beginning to get off the ground, Ben is hopeful for its potential to continue furthering gospel spread among the country's diverse people groups.

Some names have been changed for security.

Stella McMillian serves among Asian Pacific Rim peoples with the IMB.

# Summary of Board Actions May 8-9, 2023, Executive Board Meeting submitted by Debra Long, Operation and Finance Administrator, ABC

- 1. Approved the November 7-8, 2022, ABRN Executive Board minutes as presented.
- 2. Approved moving the discussion of adopting the Baptist Faith and Message 2000 as the governing authority for the ABRN to the next three years to give time to think on the subject before deciding. The Board decided the matter should go back to the Executive Committee for consideration and possibly generate a motion for the second plenary session.
- 3. Approved Marge Cutting, member and treasurer of First Baptist Church-Eagle River, immediately fill Larry Tong's position as a member on the Alaska Baptist Foundation Board of Directors and complete his 2024 term.
- 4. Approved to accept the 2024 calendar that was attached to the motion and filed in the master file of the May 8-9, 2023, ABRN Executive Board Meeting file, and also, approved an Easter holiday for the staff to be observed the Monday following Easter Sunday.
- 5. Approved accepting the April 2023 Financial Report that was attached to the motion and filed in the master file of the May 8-9, 2023, ABRN Executive Board Meeting file.
- 6. Approve the 2024 Proposed ABRN budget that was attached to the motion and filed in the master file of the May 8-9, 2023, ABRN Executive Board Meeting file.

- 7. Approved grant of \$5,000 to the Anchor of Hope--Residency program from line item 8330-Affinity Group Training to support language missions aimed at serving Russian-speaking communities in the Valley and along the Kenai peninsula.
- 8. Approved the theme of the 2023 ABRN Annual Meeting to be UNWAVERING; the theme verse to be Galatians 6:9 "Let us not get tired of doing good, for we will reap at the proper time if we don't give up." CSB; and the dedication page of the 2023 Book of Reports be honoring Butch and Pam Strickland for their years of service in Alaska as well as overseas in Venezuela and China.
- 9. Approved the motion to table the motion of the Executive Committee that the Executive Board move that the Constitution and Bylaws Committee consider an amendment to the ABRN Constitution and Bylaws regarding the Baptist Faith and Message.
- 10. Approved the corrected motion that said that the Executive Board of the Alaska Baptist Resource Network/Convention go on record as saying that the current statement of cooperation within its body is sufficient. [as cited in the ABRN Articles of Incorporation Article V, Section 1 and Constitution Article III, Section 1.] with one opposed, and one abstained.
- 11. The tabled motion failed by a majority oral vote.



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Guests living on (under) ABRN property. Little foxes are a handful for mama.

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# Ministers and Spouse Retreat

April, 2023 Anchorage



Ministers and Spouse retreat was conducted by a team from First Baptist Church, Bentonville, Arkansas.

### **PARLIAMENTARY CORNER**

TYPES OF MEETINGS (PART 5 OF 6)



A mass meeting is a meeting of an unorganized group that is announced to everyone interested in a particular problem or purpose. Everyone who attends a mass meeting has the right to participate in the proceedings as a member of the assembly, with the understanding that he is in general sympathy with the announced object of the meeting.

A large attendance is not an essential feature of the mass meeting. A series of meetings held for the purpose of organizing a society are in the nature of mass meetings until the society has been formed.

# 2022 SBC Annual Church Profile Statistical Summary

Item/Statistic	2022	2021	Numeric Change	Percent Change
State Conventions	41	41	0	0.00%
Associations	1,093	1,100	-7	-0.64%
Churches	47,198	47,614	-416	-0.87%
Church-type Missions Operating (2)	2,644	2,809	-165	-5.87%
Total Members	13,223,122	13,680,493	-457,371	-3.34%
Total Baptisms	180,177	154,701	25,476	16.47%
Ratio of Baptisms: Total Members	1:73	1:88	_	_
In-Person Weekly Worship Average Attendance	3,804,490	3,607,530	196,960	5.46%
In-Person Sunday School/Bible Study/ Small Group Average Attendance	2,334,665	2,241,514	93,151	4.16%

#### Other 2022 Items - Not Asked by All State Conventions <sup>3</sup>

Item/Statistic	2022	2021
Other Additions (4)	152,752	124,356
Online Weekly Worship Average Participation (5)	1,062,870	1,447,313
Online Sunday School/Bible Study/Small Group Average Participation (6)	82,404	198,122
Undesignated Receipts (7)	\$9,962,910,482	\$9,774,807,128
Total SBC Mission Expenditures (8)	\$730,245,493	

#### NOTES:

- 1. Data reported for the 2022 statistical year include adjustments to the totals for some non-reported items (from individual congregations) using data reported in prior years. Similar actions occurred in 2021.
- Some state conventions no longer use the designation of church-type mission to categorize congregations that are not self-determining, selfsustaining and self-propagating. This practice has impacted the number of churches and church-type missions.
- 3. Totals for items in this table have incomplete data for 2022 due to the fact that not all state conventions asked the item or did so in a way not comparable with the standard definition. Thus, comparisons between the two years may not be appropriate. See the Notes in the 2021 SBC Statistical Summary for specific details to determine if a comparison is desirable.
- 4. Florida Baptist Convention did not ask this item or the information necessary to obtain the item.
- 5. Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, Florida Baptist Convention, Georgia Baptist Mission Board, Kentucky Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention did not ask this item or the information necessary to obtain the item.
- Arkansas Baptist State Convention, Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, Florida Baptist Convention, Georgia Baptist Mission Board, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Northwest Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention did not ask this item or the information necessary to obtain the item.
- 7. Florida Baptist Convention did not ask this item or the information necessary to obtain the item.
- 8. Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma and the Florida Baptist Convention did not ask this item or the information necessary to obtain the item. For the first time adjustments were made to this total for congregations that did not report the item using data reported in prior years, and the item was asked by two additional state conventions.

Prepared by: Lifeway Research, Lifeway Christian Resources, 200 Powell Place, Suite 100, Brentwood, TN 37027

April 25, 2023

### Southeast Asian province sees first new believers

Five years of praying and serving finally yields fruit for IMB workers

By Stella McMillian

Ramadan has been different this year for one Southeast Asian family. Sela and her husband Sok live in an impoverished Muslim village tucked away in a rural corner of their country.

For every year of their lives until now, Ramadan has meant waking before the sun rises for prayer and a quick meal, then fasting all day until the sun sets again. Sela joined the other women to prepare food for the feast after sunset each day while Sok worshiped with the other men at the mosque.

This year, Sela and Sok no longer need to fast and pray to Allah during the Islamic holy month. They have both put their faith and trust in Jesus Christ.



Teaching healthcare classes and providing necessities, like access to clean water, opened doors for gospel access to Sela and Sok's people group . IMB PHOTO

They first heard of Jesus when Sela stumbled one morning and spilled a pot of boiling water over her baby. She had no one to call for help, because her village is hours away from the nearest city with a hospital.

That same day, IMB worker Nancy Potter came to teach health-care classes in the community, as she'd done for several years. Potter was able to rush Sela and her baby to a clinic where the burns could be treated. This clinic is run by Christian believers.

Sela and Sok were amazed that Christians would care for them. They continued talking with Nancy and her husband William in the months that followed. As they learned more about the gospel, they began having dreams about Jesus. Soon they both put their faith in Christ.

When they did, they became the first known believers in their whole province. There are a few others scattered throughout the country, but persecution makes it difficult for them to fellowship, so a church has yet to be established.

"It's pretty amazing to see how God has prepared the way," Nancy said.

The Potters have been working with local believers to engage this Muslim people group for approximately five years, and just this year are beginning to see outreach efforts bear fruit. They've been serving on the field for twenty-two years and moved to a more rural area about six years ago.

Nancy began working with local believers to teach healthcare classes in impoverished communities to build relationships with families and share the gospel. Most of these communities were different tribes that practiced folk religions.

One village, however, was home to a devout Muslim people group. Nancy knew reaching them would be challenging, but she felt

led to try.

"They've always been known as a very closed people, and they really didn't trust outsiders," Nancy said.

The practical help Nancy and her partners offered through the healthcare classes presented new opportunities to build relationships and share the gospel. The classes became a bridge into the community, although for a long time, no one was very receptive to any gospel presentation.

Throughout the years, when Nancy or her partners were discouraged, God brought them just the right encouragement to keep going. Finally, He began to open hearts to the gospel as the Potters and their local partners prayed and faithfully reached out.

First Sela and Sok came to faith, and now two other families are regularly studying the Bible with the couple and the Potters.

"It's been an amazing year," said Nancy.

Nancy said she is rejoicing not only that Sela and Sok have believed, but also that their decision has ignited much more passion and energy among her local partners to continue ministering to Sela and Sok's people group. They've seen God answer their prayers in a powerful way and are excited to see how He will continue to work.

In one sense, the work has only just begun among this people group. Since Sela and Sok are the only believers in their province, discipling them and equipping them to share their faith is crucial, and something Nancy and her partners have already begun.

Persecution against them has already begun as well. Islamic leaders from the village have confronted Sela and Sok, and warned others in the community to stay away from them. It hasn't dampened



Part of what has made Sela and Sok"s people group so difficult to reach with the gospel is physical isolation. Their remote, rural village rarely had contact from believers until the Potters and their partners began reaching out . IMB PHOTO

their faith, however.

"I don't care what they say," Sela said after the Islamic leaders visited. "I'm following Jesus."

Pray for God to strengthen and equip Sela and Sok for the work ahead of them. Pray that during their first Ramadan season as Christians, God will fill them with His love and peace and give them many opportunities for gospel conversations. Pray for more believers in their village, province, and people group.

Some names may have been changed for security reasons.

Stella McMillian serves with the IMB among Asians and Pacific Islanders.



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## January-April 2023 Gifts from ABRN Churches

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
Agape Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Alaska Iu-Mienh First Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Anchor of Hope	\$1,647.52	\$0.00	\$180.22	\$180.22	\$0.00	\$2,007.96
Aquillaq Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Big Lake Baptist Church	\$4,792.94	\$0.00	\$1,642.00	\$1,195.00	\$0.00	\$7,629.94
Bodenburg Butte Baptist Church	\$3,122.35	\$0.00	\$2,213.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,335.35
Calvary Baptist Church	\$2,178.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$620.00	\$0.00	\$2,798.14
Christ Community Church Clearwater Baptist Church	\$600.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$680.00 \$0.00	\$1,380.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$2,660.00 \$0.00
Cliffside Community Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Coffman Cove Community Baptist Ch		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cold Bay Chapel	\$278.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$278.80
College Heights Baptist Church	\$13,358.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,358.75
Connection Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cottonwood Creek Cowboy Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cross Roads Baptist Church CrossCountry Church	\$2,684.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$2,684.00 \$0.00
Dillingham Bible Fellowship	\$3,222.88	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,865.00	\$0.00	\$6,087.88
Eagle River Korean Baptist Church	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
	\$15,970.77	\$4,087.50	\$800.00	\$4,533.52	\$0.00	\$25,391.79
Faith Baptist Church	\$3,755.90	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,050.00	\$100.00	\$5,905.90
Filipino Bible Church	\$875.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$875.00
First Baptist Church of Anchorage	\$4,383.47	\$0.00	\$7,257.00	\$7,350.00	\$0.00	\$18,990.47
First Baptist Church of Eagle River First Baptist Church of Fairbanks	\$13,362.43 \$4,035.83	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$2,077.53	\$1,944.00 \$2,000.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$15,306.43 \$8,113.36
First Baptist Church of North Pole	\$3,182.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,505.00	\$0.00	\$4,687.00
First Baptist Church, Delta Junction	\$6,049.46	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,151.00	\$0.00	\$10,200.46
First Baptist Church, Juneau	\$3,396.00	\$456.93	\$455.93	\$609.93	\$0.00	\$4,918.79
First Baptist Church, Kotzebue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church, Palmer	\$1,275.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,220.00	\$0.00	\$4,495.00
	\$11,038.24	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,065.00	\$0.00	\$14,103.24
First Baptist Church, Sitka First Baptist Church, Soldotna	\$1,722.90 \$1,446.73	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$257.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$410.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$1,979.90 \$1,856.73
First Baptist Church, Valdez	\$7,367.59	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,555.00	\$0.00	\$9,922.59
First Baptist Church, Wasilla	\$1,527.59	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,406.00	\$0.00	\$3,933.59
First Baptist Church, Willow	\$1,368.04	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$715.00	\$0.00	\$2,308.04
First Hmong Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Korean Baptist Church	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$450.00	\$0.00	\$1,050.00
First Native Baptist Church Foundation Church	\$493.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$493.00
FRF-Saturday Night	\$200.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$400.00	\$50.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$250.00 \$400.00
Friendship Baptist Mission	\$2,003.55	\$650.00	\$1,550.00	\$1,150.00	\$0.00	\$5,353.55
Frontier Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Frontier Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Frontier Southern Baptist Church	\$4,379.11	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,379.11
Gilead Ministries Glacier Valley Baptist Church	\$0.00 \$4,912.34	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$4,635.21	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$9,547.55
Grandview Baptist Church	\$5,091.13	\$1,408.65	\$100.00	\$240.00	\$0.00	\$6,839.78
Greater Friendship Baptist Church	\$3,750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,750.00
Hillside Baptist Church	\$6,183.07	\$2,649.89	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,832.96
Hoonah Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Iglesia Bautista Hispana Sunset Hills	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Immanuel Baptist Church	\$561.68	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,955.84	\$0.00	\$3,517.52
Journey Church Kasaan Fellowship	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00
Kiana Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Kobuk Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Korean Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Korean New Central Baptist Church	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$520.00	\$0.00	\$1,420.00
Liberty Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Lighthouse Community Church Malamalama Fou (New Light) Church	\$1,395.23 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$312.50 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$1,707.73 \$0.00
Misc. Contributors-Cash	\$0.00	\$10,940.26	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$90.00	\$11,180.26
Montana Creek Baptist Church	\$2,907.89	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,150.00	\$0.00	\$6,057.89
Moose Creek Baptist Church	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Moose Pass Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$170.00	\$0.00	\$170.00
Morning Star Baptist Church	\$3,882.46	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$355.00	\$0.00	\$4,237.46
Mount Pleasant Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mount Redoubt Baptist Church Mountain View Community Church	\$1,751.20 \$1,076.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$1,751.20 \$1,076.00
New Birth Christian Church	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$1,050.00
New Grace Christian Church	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
New Hope Baptist Church	\$5,961.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$6,461.00
New Hope Fellowship	\$175.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$675.00
North Tongass Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Northern Lights Missions	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$375.00
Pathway Discipleship Church Pioneer Baptist Church of Wasilla	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00
	40.00	<b>40.30</b>	40.00	40.50	- 3.00	<b>43.00</b>

## January-April 2023 Gifts from ABRN Churches

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
Rabbit Creek Church	\$2,777.04	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,777.04
Rescate Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Restoration Church	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
River In The Desert Community Chu	ırch \$783.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$783.00
Riverside Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Roots Family Church, Soldotna	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sabbath Peace Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Salcha Baptist Church	\$591.67	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,600.00	\$0.00	\$2,191.67
Sand Point Baptist Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Set Free Church-Kenai	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Settler's Bay Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,522.00	\$0.00	\$2,522.00
Shannon Park Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,409.00	\$0.00	\$1,409.00
Shungnak Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Solid Rock Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
St. John Baptist Church	\$2,558.29	\$0.00	\$185.00	\$55.00	\$0.00	\$2,798.29
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$7,944.86	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	\$14,944.86
Tenakee Springs Community Church	\$419.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$419.00
Tetlin Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
The Crossing @ Birchwood	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Thorne Bay Baptist Church	\$472.28	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$472.28
Togiak Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Transitional Ministries	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
True North Church	\$11,263.66	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,913.91	\$0.00	\$20,177.57
True North Church Girdwood	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
UBC-Chinese Fellowship	\$308.00	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$428.00
Unalaska Reformed Church	\$2,666.84	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,666.84
University Baptist Church, Anchorag	ge \$1,621.71	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,621.71
University Baptist Church, Fairbanks	s \$1,707.00	\$0.00	\$1,520.00	\$2,139.00	\$0.00	\$5,366.00
Valley View Baptist Church	\$3,490.50	\$0.00	\$490.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,980.50
Wasilla Korean Baptist Church	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$850.00	\$0.00	\$1,750.00
White Cliff Church	\$6,370.97	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,370.97
Whittier Christian Community Chur	rch \$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
Williwaw Church	\$373.00	\$225.00	\$272.00	\$76.00	\$0.00	\$946.00
	\$204,387.81	\$21,293.23	\$21,649.68	\$82,908.13	\$190.00	\$330,428.85
	1Q 2023	2Q 2023	3Q 2023	4Q 2023		
2000 Club receipts as of 4/30/2023	\$1,665.00	\$2,410.00	\$130.00	\$110.00		\$4,315.00

Thankyou

Because of
your congregation's
Cooperative Program
giving through the
Alaska Baptist
Resource Network,
in April 2023
\$38,791.87

remained in Alaska

missions and ministries.

#### Legend:

CP: Cooperative Program
SMO: Valeria Sherard State Mission Offering
AA: Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
LM: Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
WH: World Hunger

\$2410.00 has been received for 2nd Q 2023\* 2nd Q 4/30/23 \*as of 4/30/23

\$334,743.85

# Alaska Baptist Resource Network Cooperative Program Support

	2023		2022	
April				
<b>CP Receipts</b>	\$48,489.84		\$56,575.28	
CP Goal	\$63,541.17		\$61,510.25	
Variance	\$(15,051.33)	-23.69%	\$(4,934.97)	-8.02%
Year-to-Date				
Year-to-Date CP Receipts			\$222,935.93	
			\$222,935.93 \$246,041.00	

## Upcoming Events —

#### June

WMU National Annual Meeting, New Orleans11-14 SBC Annual Meeting, New Orleans

#### July

4 ABRN and ABF offices closed for holiday

# Please Pray for our Pastorless Churches

Aquillaq Baptist Mission, Ambler
Chinese Fellowship, Fairbanks
CrossCountry Church, Wasilla
Cross Roads Baptist Church, North Pole
First Baptist Church, Sitka
First Baptist Church, Soldotna
New Grace Christian Church, Anchorage
Riverside Chapel, King Salmon
Shannon Park Baptist Church, Fairbanks
Shungnak Baptist Mission
True North Church, Girdwood
Valley View Baptist Church, Eagle River

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- Multiple Positions Hiring Immediately
- Adolescent Residential and All Ages Outpatient
- Office location South Anchorage
- Full-time Positions
- Bachelor's to Master's Degree in Counseling or simlar fields required



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BIRCHWOOD behavioral health



# 2000 Club

Second Quarter 2023

Frontier Baptist Church in Kodiak is needing to renovate the front/platform area of the sanctuary and the upstairs nursery area. Thank you for your part in blessing others.

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