



# Alaska Baptist MESSENGER

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## **Women on Mission Celebration** **"Let Your Light Shine"**

**April 15-17, 2010**  
**First Baptist Church Anchorage**  
**Thursday 6pm - Saturday 1pm**

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# God's Plan for Sharing in Alaska

## January 2010 Gifts from ABC churches

<b>Chugach Baptist Association</b>	<b>CP</b>	<b>SMO</b>	<b>AA</b>	<b>LM</b>
Alaska Iu-Mienh First Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Anch Hope Comm Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Aquillaa Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Calvary Baptist Church	\$232.00	\$1,203.56	\$0.00	\$1,220.62
Christ Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Chugach Resort Ministries	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cliffside Community Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cold Bay Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Comm Baptist Church Nome	\$0.00	\$98.00	\$0.00	\$103.00
Cowboy Church of Anchorage	\$504.94	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3.00
Eagle River Korean Bapt Church	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Filipino Bible Church Anchorage	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church Anchorage	\$3,543.56	\$5,400.59	\$0.00	\$10,300.00
First Baptist Church Eagle River	\$2,630.14	\$4,315.00	\$0.00	\$3,768.36
First Baptist Church Kotzebue	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Korean Baptist Church	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Native Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Frontier Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grandview Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$6,487.07	\$0.00	\$9,386.86
Greater Friendship Baptist Ch	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$2.00	\$870.00
Hillside Baptist Church	\$946.10	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$3,366.00
Immanuel Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,215.88
Kiana Baptist Mission	\$556.73	\$58.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Kobuk Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Korean New Central Baptist Ch	\$100.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Kuparuk Preaching Point	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Ch	\$120.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mountain View Community Church	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Muldoon Road Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Grace Christian Church	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Hope Baptist Church	\$1,534.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rabbit Creek Comm Church	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
River In The Desert Comm Ch	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Samoa Alaska Baptist Church	\$20.00	\$30.00	\$10.00	\$62.70
Sand Point Baptist Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Shungnak Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Solid Rock Baptist Church	\$50.00	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$350.00
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$254.05	\$7,400.50	\$0.00	\$4,166.00
The Crossing @ Birchwood	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
True North Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
University Baptist Church Anch	\$0.00	\$1,574.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Valley View Baptist Church	\$176.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Whittier Christian Community	\$109.28	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Wilderness Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$12,101.80</b>	<b>\$35,141.72</b>	<b>\$12.00</b>	<b>\$35,312.42</b>

<b>Hatcher Pass Baptist Association</b>	<b>CP</b>	<b>SMO</b>	<b>AA</b>	<b>LM</b>
Big Lake Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$990.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bodenberg Butte Baptist Church	\$1,439.70	\$90.00	\$0.00	\$320.00
CrossCountry Church	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Dillingham Bible Fellowship	\$601.11	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ekwok Christian Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fairview Loop Baptist Church	\$2,636.16	\$3,363.06	\$0.00	\$3,294.99
First Baptist Church Palmer	\$3,196.41	\$1,506.66	\$0.00	\$1,294.00
First Baptist Church Valdez	\$0.00	\$245.00	\$0.00	\$2,696.65
First Baptist Church Wasilla	\$3,489.93	\$2,228.00	\$0.00	\$9,138.99
First Baptist Church Willow	\$0.00	\$1,935.16	\$0.00	\$0.00
King Salmon Community Chapel	\$0.00	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Montana Creek Baptist Church	\$206.67	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$665.00
North Bear Street Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pioneer Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Schrock Road Comm Church	\$0.00	\$907.22	\$0.00	\$753.61
Settler's Bay Comm Church	\$0.00	\$201.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Valley Life Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Wasilla Korean Baptist Church	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$11,619.98</b>	<b>\$11,796.10</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$18,863.24</b>

<b>Kenai Peninsula</b>	<b>CP</b>	<b>SMO</b>	<b>AA</b>	<b>LM</b>
College Heights Baptist Church	\$4,635.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church Kenai	\$0.00	\$575.00	\$0.00	\$2,287.75
First Baptist Church Soldotna	\$0.00	\$165.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Lighthouse Community Church	\$947.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Moose Pass Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mount Redoubt Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$5,582.00</b>	<b>\$740.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,287.75</b>

<b>Other</b>	<b>CP</b>	<b>SMO</b>	<b>AA</b>	<b>LM</b>
Misc. Contributors-Cash	\$0.00	\$1,058.00	\$0.00	\$1,300.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,058.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,300.00</b>

<b>Tanana Valley Baptist Association</b>	<b>CP</b>	<b>SMO</b>	<b>AA</b>	<b>LM</b>
Chinese Fellowship	\$0.00	\$280.00	\$0.00	\$270.00
Clearwater Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cross Roads Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,046.22
Faith Baptist Church Fbks	\$0.00	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Filipino Baptist Fellowship Fbks	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church Delta Jct	\$4,169.00	\$4,195.00	\$0.00	\$4,325.00
First Baptist Church Fairbanks	\$0.00	\$1,385.00	\$0.00	\$2,210.00
First Baptist Church North Pole	\$1,458.99	\$1,608.00	\$0.00	\$2,036.12
Friendship Baptist Church Fbks	\$0.00	\$540.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
Hispanic Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Korean Baptist Mission Fbks	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Moose Creek Baptist Church	\$815.58	\$355.94	\$0.00	\$576.22
Morning Star Baptist Church	\$1,198.96	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Mount Pleasant Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
North Star Baptist Church	\$63.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Salcha Baptist Church	\$1,396.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,250.00
Shannon Park Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,727.00
St John Baptist Church	\$1,273.81	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Togiak Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
University Baptist Church Fbks	\$2,674.00	\$3,120.00	\$0.00	\$9,141.43
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$13,350.09</b>	<b>\$12,833.94</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$29,281.99</b>

<b>Tongass Baptist Association</b>	<b>CP</b>	<b>SMO</b>	<b>AA</b>	<b>LM</b>
Anchor Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Comm Baptist Ch Coffman Cove	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$450.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$650.00
Filipino Baptist Church KTN	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church Juneau	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$175.00
First Baptist Church Ketchikan	\$0.00	\$1,507.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church Petersburg	\$0.00	\$784.47	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church Sitka	\$291.60	\$382.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Glacier Valley Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$1,911.71	\$0.00	\$5,903.50
Hoonah Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Juneau Korean Church	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$230.00
Kasaan Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Hope Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
North Tongass Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$310.00
Tenakee Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Thorne Bay Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$321.60</b>	<b>\$5,510.18</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$7,718.50</b>

<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>\$42,975.47</b>	<b>\$67,079.94</b>	<b>\$12.00</b>	<b>\$94,763.90</b>
<b>Goal:</b>	<b>\$770,301.00</b>	<b>\$70,000.00</b>	<b>\$100,000.00</b>	<b>\$150,000.00</b>
<b>Over/Under Goal:</b>	<b>(\$727,325.53)</b>	<b>(\$2,920.06)</b>	<b>(\$99,988.00)</b>	<b>(\$55,236.10)</b>

Legend:

CP: Cooperative Program, January - December

SMO: State Mission Offering, August - July

AA: Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, January - December

LM: Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, June - May



**LIVE WITH URGENCY**  
**SHARE GOD'S TRANSFORMING POWER**

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR  
**NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS**  
AND THE ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING  
**MARCH 7-14, 2010**



# First Baptist Church, Anchorage!



*Dr. Richard Harris  
Interim President, NAMB*



*Dr. Lanny Loe  
FBC Jonesboro, GA*



*Dr. Mel Blackaby  
FBC Jonesboro, GA*



*David Baldwin, Executive Director  
Alaska Baptist Convention*

Special thanks to Dr. Ed Gregory and the fine folks of First Baptist Church, Anchorage for hosting the North American Mission Board (NAMB) Missionary Commissioning Service on Sunday, January 24 and the State Evangelism Conference (SEC), January 25-26. The church provided the facilities, manpower, kitchen help and childcare workers, and the staff of NAMB and the Alaska Baptist Convention are very grateful.

For the last five years, Dr. Lanny Loe has arranged cook teams from First Baptist Church, Jonesboro, Georgia to come to Alaska to help with the SEC. They always do a tremendous job and their service is greatly appreciated. This year, they brought their pastor Dr. Mel Blackaby and his wife Gina, both of whom participated in the SEC. Thank you, FBC Jonesboro, for your mission and ministry heart. The congregations in Alaska appreciate all you have done.



*Luke and Sarah Stewart*



*Jennifer and Scott Capshaw*



*Linda and Michael Adler  
Shades Mtn Baptist Church, Birmingham, AL*



*Aaron and Lena Crain*



*Dr. Greg Frizzell, Ken Marler, Dr. Mel and Gina Blackaby, Dr. Richard Harris, Dr. Ken Weathersby, Linda and Mike Adler, Richard Leach, Dr. Ken Ellis*

## REFRESH

**a retreat for Ministers  
and their spouses**

**Jude 22  
"Having Compassion....  
Making a Difference"**



**April 29-May 1**

**Pike's Waterfront Lodge  
in Fairbanks**

contact Mike Procter, [mike@alaskabaptistconvention.com](mailto:mike@alaskabaptistconvention.com)





# **Roundin' Up Questions....**

## **....Drivin' Home Answers**

### **2010 Vacation Bible School**

### **Training Clinics**

**Monday, April 19, 5:00 – 9:15 p.m.**  
**Fairview Loop Baptist Church, Wasilla**

**Tuesday, April 20, 5:00 – 9:15 p.m.**  
**Grandview Baptist Church, Anchorage**

**Saturday, April 24, 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**  
**First Baptist Church, North Pole**



## **Executive Director/Treasurer Position Announcement**

With the announced retirement of David Baldwin, Executive Director/Treasurer, of the Alaska Baptist Convention, December 31, 2010, the Executive Board of the Convention initiated the process to locate the person of God's choice to be the next leader to fill this role. The intent is to discover the new Executive Director/Treasurer and have him approved in time for some overlap/orientation with current administration.

In accordance with Convention Bylaws, the Executive Director Search Committee is made up of the current

Executive Committee of the Convention Board, and three additional members elected from the Executive Board. The Committee members are: Ed Gregory, Chair (Anchorage), Jeff Anderson (Anchorage), Meggie Demers (Healy), Garry Loeffler (Anchorage), Bryan Myers (Fairbanks), Johnny McCoy (North Pole), Kerry Chadwick (Sitka).

The Search Committee has begun its work and is receiving resumes. Resumes may be submitted in person to any committee member, by mail to the Executive Director Search Committee, attention

Ed Gregory, 1100 W 10<sup>th</sup> Ave, Anchorage, AK 99501, or by e-mail to [egregory@ak.net](mailto:egregory@ak.net). Please include a list of references. Please obtain (and indicate that you have) permission if submitting a resume on behalf of another person. A copy of the position description will be made available to any serious inquirer. The Committee will receive resumes until April 15, 2010.

Please pray for the Lord's clear leadership for the committee and all persons involved in this strategic process.

## Our Condolences to....

The family of **David Carpenter**, who passed away in December from cancer. Carpenter's did interim work in Alaska.

**Gloria Landry** in the death of her sister and aunt, both of whom passed away in December.

**Jerry Pinkerton**, in the loss of his wife, Connie. Pinkerton's pastored at Big Lake Baptist Church for over 25 years, before retiring and moving to North Carolina. A memorial service was held at BLBC on January 30.

**Penny Akins**, in the loss of her husband Jim. Jim was the former North American Mission Board representative for Alaska.

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### Director of Mission/ Church Starter Strategist

The Tongass Baptist Association (TBA) is seeking to fill the position of Director of Mission/Church Starter Strategist. The association extends from Haines to Ketchikan covering all of Southeast Alaska. This position is funded by the Alaska Baptist Convention (ABC), the North American Mission Board (NAMB) and supplemented by the TBA. The successful candidate will need to meet the requirements for appointment by the ABC, NAMB and TBA.

**Resumes may be mailed to Doug Edwards, 2220 Second Avenue, Ketchikan, AK 99901 or [doug.edwards@kgbsd.org](mailto:doug.edwards@kgbsd.org). Please respond by March 10, 2010.**

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## MISSION TEAM NEEDS IN ALASKA

Many of our congregations/ministries are unable to sponsor international mission trips, but there are plenty of needs right here in our own backyard! If you are interested in one of the following projects, please contact the individual listed:

Project: **Sports Clinics/VBS in Ambler**, during June/July. Contact Paul Worsham, (907)455-2240, [pgworsham@yahoo.com](mailto:pgworsham@yahoo.com)

Project: **Construction in Fairbanks**, during July/August. Contact Ann Roberts, (907)479-2440.

Project: **Construction in North Pole**. Contact Jeff Baxter, (907)488-2407, [mcbbc@mosquitonet.net](mailto:mcbbc@mosquitonet.net)

Project: **Construction in Ketchikan**. Contact Doug Edwards, (907)225-5637, [pastor\\_doug58@hotmail.com](mailto:pastor_doug58@hotmail.com)

Project: **Construction in Cold Bay**, June-August. Contact John Maxwell, (907)532-2518

Project: **Construction in Sand Point**. Contact Alan Ward, (907)383-4551

Project: **Construction/VBS in Togiak**, May, June or August. Contact Paul Frost, (907)493-5265

Project: **Construction/Camp Programs in Wasilla**. Contact Walter Chastain, (907)376-6887, [lgyrc@mtaonline.net](mailto:lgyrc@mtaonline.net)

Project: **Painting in Kodiak**, during July/August. Contact Gary Elmore, (907)942-1089, [cowpoke923@aol.com](mailto:cowpoke923@aol.com)

## Vision Trip to Malaysia August 18-28, 2010

*To examine how Alaskans might be able to partner with an Alaskan IMB'r in a 3-5 year project. Trip will include prayer walking, meeting with local pastors, missionaries and Christian leaders to listen to their needs.*

Cost is \$3,000 per person and includes round-trip airfare from Anchorage, in-country transportation, room and board, medical and trip insurance. The team is limited to six people. \$2,000 deposit per person is due March 1, 2010.

**For additional information, please contact Mike Procter, Director of Missions and Church Planting**  
**[mike@alaskabaptistconvention.com](mailto:mike@alaskabaptistconvention.com)**  
**(907)344-9627, (800)883-9627 (in Alaska only)**





## March "Nuggets"

*The staff of the Alaska Baptist Convention reserves the right to edit submitted "Nuggets" for content and space.*

### **Muldoon Road Baptist Church,**

#### **Anchorage**

MRBC will be celebrating their 50th anniversary this summer. Watch for more details.

#### **Haiti Disaster Relief**

The following churches sent disaster relief offerings to the Florida Baptist Convention to assist with needs in Haiti: Eagle River Korean Baptist Church, Korean New Central Baptist Church (Anchorage), Wasilla Korean Baptist Church, First Baptist Church Soldotna, Cowboy Church of Anchorage and First Baptist Church Sitka.

### **Cross Roads Baptist Church,**

#### **North Pole**

CRBC held their annual "Dream Session" on February 7 when the church family discussed the direction of the church. The youth had a bowling night on February 5, the men held a prayer breakfast on February 13 and the church celebrated Pastor Troy Gourley's birthday on February 28. The women will have their annual retreat in March in Fairbanks. The church surpassed their Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal!

### **Community Baptist Church, Nome**

In their weekly Bible studies at Anvil Mountain Correctional Facility, CBC has been averaging around 12-16 men and 2-6 women in the 150 bed facility. There were six salvations in one month, praise God! Christ Community Church in Hunterville, NC sent 2000 backpacks with gloves, pencils, writing materials and Christian encouragement to be distributed.

### **North Tongass Baptist Church**

In addition to the Christmas shoeboxes assembled for Samaritan's Purse, the church also put together 57 boxes for Shungnak, one for each child up to the age of ten. The boxes had a slight weather delay in Nome, but were in Shungnak in time for Christmas!

### **Sand Point Chapel**

Every Thursday at 3:06 p.m., Pastor Alan Ward has a one-hour Christian Rock show on the local radio station WDSP 830AM. Pastor Ward and Karey are settling in to their new home in Sand Point. Please continue to pray for their work there.

### **First Baptist Church, Wasilla**

FBC called Stephen (Dana) Shrimplin as pastor. An installation service was held on January 31. Stephen has served the church as minister of music for several years, and as interim pastor the last 18 months. A mis-

sion trip to Uganda is planned for November.

### **Glacier Valley Baptist Church, Juneau**

GVBC had three professions of faith in January. They took an offering for Haiti Disaster Relief and received over \$1,200. They also exceeded their offering goal for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. The church collected 155 shoeboxes in November for Operation Christmas Child. Those boxes were sent to Peru and the Philippines.

### **First Baptist Church, Palmer**

FBC held a surprise potluck for Kay Carter on February 21. Kay is retiring after six years of service on staff, and "a thousand years" of service in Alaska.

### **First Baptist Church, Anchorage**

FBC held a "Friendship Banquet" on February 14. The "Voices of Mobile" held a concert on February 28 as the kick-off for the GPS Tour.

### **First Baptist Church, Kotzebue**

FBC received new chairs for their sanctuary. Pastor John Forrester went to Vancouver to help with the Winter Olympics outreach.

### **Baptist Collegiate Ministries, UAA**

#### **Campus**

BCM has started "One Eighty" on Tuesday nights. It is being led by Brent Williams and Charlie Parnell. Brent is pastor of True North Church in Anchorage.

### **First Baptist Church, Valdez**

Pastor Chad Richardson joined John Forrester (First Baptist Church, Kotzebue) and Linda Hokit (CCM/Special Events Consultant) in Vancouver to work during the Winter Olympics. FBC has a drama ministry called "Acting Up."

### **Rabbit Creek Community Church,**

#### **Anchorage**

RCCC sent a mission team to Samoa during January and February and two teams are going to Liberia in March. Other mission teams are going to Chan Chen, Baltimore, Kenya and Mexico during 2010. Mark Goodman is pastor.

### **Settler's Bay Community Church,**

#### **Wasilla**

SBCC celebrated their 4th anniversary in January. Jim Hearn is pastor.

### **First Baptist Church, Eagle River**

FBC held a Winter Bible Study on the book of Hosea. "Voice of the Martyrs" spokesperson Larry Crabtree was a guest in February. The teens of the church gather the

first Saturday of each month for SWATT (Saturday Workers Around Town Teens) to help church and community members with work projects. Todd Burgess is pastor.

### **Bodenburg Butte Baptist Church,**

#### **Palmer**

BBBC celebrated their anniversary on February 14. Sylvia Rylander, handbell soloist, had a concert on February 5. Work in the Butte area started in 1961. The church was first constituted in February 1965 and again in 1988. Sponsoring churches have been First Baptist Church, Anchorage and First Baptist Church, Palmer. The church facilities were recently remodeled and a fellowship hall was added. Dr. Glen Little is pastor.

### **University Baptist Church, Fairbanks**

The youth of UBC held a Valentine Dinner theater fundraiser in February and showed the movie "Fireproof." The youth will have a retreat at Solid Rock Bible Camp and then attend Avalanche in Anchorage. The church will host a GPS Tour concert and "Alaska's Got Talent" audition on March 2. "Truth" will perform on March 16 and the college/career group are planning a Spring retreat.

### **LaVerne Griffin Youth Recreation**

#### **Camp**

Camp Clean-Up day is May 22; Girls' Camp, June 21-25; Bible Boot Camp for Boys, July 5-9; Youth Camp, July 19-23; GraceWorks Camp, August 9-13. Collection is being made for school supplies for those attending the GraceWorks Camp. Needed are new (or gently used) backpacks, one-subject spiral bound notebooks, pencils, ink pens, jumbo erasers, crayons, markers, rulers, scissors. For more information on how you can help, contact lgyrc@mtaonline.net. The camp kitchen remodeling project was completed November 2009. A big "thank you" to all the volunteers who made that possible! LGYRC is now on Facebook. Become a fan and get camp updates.

### **Mt. Redoubt Baptist Church, Kenai**

Roy Moore will be 80 years old on March 28 and the church is putting together a memory book for him. If you would like to send in a story to include please mail it to Judy Leichter, 50104 Island Lake Road, Kenai, AK 99611.

### **Hillside Baptist Church, Anchorage**

HBC enjoyed a Valentine's banquet on February 12. They also completed their "Stabilizing Your Finances" series and are

now working on "Stabilizing Your Career" and "Stabilizing Your Relationships."

**New Hope Baptist Church, Anchorage**

New Hope will celebrate its 50th Anniversary April 21-25. Their celebration theme is "Fifty Years of Faithfulness and Ministry: The Best is Yet to Come!" A special banquet will be held at the Marriott on April 24. For more information, contact the church at (907)272-9315 or newhope@alaska.net. Clifton Gay III is pastor.

**First Baptist Church, Willow**

Please be in prayer for Sherry Worthy, who broke her back in a snowmachining accident. Charles Worthy is pastor.



**Filipino Bible Church, Anchorage**

FBC hosted a "Renewal of the Heart" banquet on February 13 at the Hilton Garden Inn. More than 70 adults enjoyed an evening of food, games and entertainment. Don Shannon was guest speaker.

**Alaska Leadership Event  
March 30-April 1, 2010  
First Baptist Church, Anchorage**

**March 30, 1pm-8pm • March 31, 8am-8pm  
April 1, 8am-9pm**

**Breakout Sessions • NAMB Presenters**

**Contact Mike Procter for more information**



**New Pastor and  
Wife Orientation  
Tuesday, April 27 –  
Thursday, April 29**

**Disaster Relief  
in Haiti**

The North American Mission Board (NAMB) has regular updates on the needs and work in Haiti. They have bulletin inserts and weekly video updates on mission work in North America and Haiti available for download. Their recent "Buckets of Hope" is based on the Alaska "Bible in a Bucket" emphasis that has been used in Nome and Kotzebue for the last five years. Visit [www.namb.net](http://www.namb.net) and click on "Disaster Relief" to learn how you can help with "Buckets of Hope."



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First Baptist Church, Wasilla  
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## David Baldwin

### Executive Director

After talking to our Alaska Baptist Convention President and Executive Committee, I announced my retirement as Executive Director on January 27, 2010, *“... after much prayer and discussion with my wife and family, I have come to the decision that the time has come for me to retire as the Executive Director/Treasurer of the Alaska Baptist Convention effective December 31, 2010. I will have completed ten years as Executive Director, a total of eleven years on the Alaska Baptist Convention staff, and 29 years plus five months serving Alaska Baptists in several positions on that date. It has been a tremendous experience. I wanted to give the search committee time to search for a new Executive Director/Treasurer and hopefully be ready to present the person at the September 28-29, 2010 Alaska Baptist Convention meeting at First Baptist Church, Wasilla. Nancy and I plan to move to the Fairbanks/North Pole area to have a part in the lives of three grandsons. We will spend January-March in Mississippi with our two other grandchildren. Our hope is to be available to help Alaska Baptist churches, especially in the areas of stewardship and estate planning. Thank you for allowing us to be Alaska Baptist missionaries through the Executive Director position.”*

Although I made my retirement announcement and the Executive Board accepted the date, I will be not be “coasting” through 2010. I am at work with the Alaska Baptist Convention staff to assist Alaska Baptist churches and associations. I am praying daily, and promoting “God’s Plan for Sharing in Alaska” (GPS-A) and I will continue to encourage Alaska Baptists to get out of debt so they can do more for the Kingdom through their local church. I am working to assist folks with estate planning that will help them, their children and Kingdom work through their local church. I will continue to promote Bible Study groups (Sunday School), discipleship and missions, and I will continue to talk about the great people who are Alaska Baptist churches. I will be about the task that Alaska Baptists called me to do in August 2000.

Thank you for allowing me to be your state missionary as I serve as your Executive Director/Treasurer.



## Mike Procter

### Director of Missions and Church Planting

Traveling during the past few years has become a lot more simple than it used to be. In the “old days” you needed a map, or sometimes several maps, to take you from point A to point B and even after arriving at point B you might still have to ask a local for directions. Today, with the advent of Mapquest, Yahoo Maps and GPS, you do not need multiple maps and better yet (for men!) you do not need to ask anyone for directions. These resources provide turn-by-turn directions and are very convenient and easy to use.

In the spiritual world, we have such a resource...the Bible. It provides us with the directions we need to live our lives for Jesus Christ. The Word of God instructs us on the way we are to go as we will recall some of is a lamp unto my my path”; “How his way pure, by word”; Jesus says, truth and the life unto the Father but God’s Word (the



walk with Him. You the verses: “Thy word feet and a light unto can a young man keep taking heed unto your “I am the way, the and no man comes by me.” We are to take Bible) and “hide it in

our hearts” (memorize it) so we might not sin against God. Think for a moment. Say I choose to ignore the GPS that is programmed to provide me driving directions. Imagine that I plug in my GPS, enter the address where I want to go, start to drive and the GPS says “turn right” but I decide I don’t want to turn right and I go left instead. As soon as I turn left, the GPS will say something like “as soon as it is safe, make a legal U-turn”. Doesn’t the Biblical term “repent” simply mean “U-turn”? If I choose to ignore the GPS and go on my merry way, constantly deciding to do the opposite of what the GPS says, where will I wind up? Obviously not where I originally intended to go! I will be lost and nowhere near my destination.

Isn’t this what we do so many times with God’s word? We read or hear God’s truth on a subject and decide “I don’t like that advice” or “I am not going to follow that truth” and we turn away from the path God intended for us. As a result, we wander, without clear direction, and find ourselves lost and in dire straits. Remember the parable of the Prodigal Son? He decided he was going to do it his way, got his life in a mess and only by coming to “his senses” (making a U-turn or repenting) was he able to get back on the path to his father’s house.

In this day and age, there are many people claiming that all “roads (religions) lead to the same place” but we cannot allow them to distract us and cause us to detour from the Way. In fact, we should be pointing out the Way to those who are on the wrong road...we should be a spiritual GPS. Who have you told about Jesus Christ lately?





**Jimmy Stewart**  
*Director of Evangelism, Prayer  
 and Collegiate Ministries*

The ABC program staff recently returned from visiting a church that follows the mission of Jesus like I have never seen before. This church has, as its core value, the desire to disciple people. Most churches are satisfied if people just attend; this church is not satisfied until people grow to be disciples. I witnessed a church teaching people to disciple and the concept was amazingly simple and fresh. This particular church was not interested in “star” leaders or producing a “show” for people. The most important value the church promoted in every direction was to follow Christ in salvation, be in a relational disciple group focusing on life transformation and be committed to Jesus’ mission. The church started 12 years ago in a small town and today runs over 8,000 in attendance. It was exhilarating to see so many committed to the mission and strategy of disciple making. What would Alaska be like if our church members were more concerned about becoming Christ-like and looking for the next person they could disciple?

In this church each believer understood the definition of a disciple. It was Biblical and simple to remember. I am not going to tell you, but I’ll bet you already have a definition in your mind of what a disciple looks like. Just recently I asked two groups to give me a definition of a disciple, and it was amazing that both groups came up with very similar definitions. Then I asked how many in the group, by their own definition, would consider themselves disciples and it got very quiet. Does your church have a clear definition of a disciple? Is discipleship promoted in your church through Bible study and worship services and do members understand they should be seeking to become disciples? Then the question becomes, if our people know the definition of a disciple, do we have a clear process to help them grow to be disciples? How does someone know if they are becoming a disciple? I believe the principle of success for the example church is that their disciples are in relationships with one another through Bible study groups and they understand what is expected of them. They meet each week and if they are not at church on Sunday, they get a phone call that week. I was amazed at their commitment to go after “stray sheep” and disciple them. In fact, I was ashamed by my lack of commitment to disciple others. Living the Christ life and reaching others is Holy Spirit-led and comes through a commitment to be a disciple who discipled others. I invite you to join me in helping our fellow disciples become committed to the Commission of Jesus. If we are not training disciples, why do we do what we do? I have never felt so clear about my focus and direction in ministry. You will see and hear more of this focus through GPS, Avalanche and Bible study ministries.



**Don Shannon**  
*Director of Ministries and  
 Mission Education*

***Did you know that Southern Baptist churches that have Royal Ambassadors (RAs) and Girls in Action (GAs) have a significantly higher child baptism rate than churches that do not?*** According to an analysis by the North American Mission Board, the annual baptism rate for children ages 6–11 for churches with RA ministries was 26 percent higher than churches without RAs. That works out to 10.2 baptisms per 100 for churches in that age group in churches with RAs



compared to 8.1 baptisms per 100 children in non-RA churches. Churches with GAs had a similar 25 percent increase in baptisms for the same age group compared to churches without GAs. The analysis was

drawn from Southern Baptists’ Annual Church Profile.

***Did you know there is material on the internet to help you successfully promote and inform your congregation about the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American missions?*** You will find guides for the pastor, the mission leader as well as prayer guides. You will find mission studies for adults, youth and children on the site too. There is a host of promotional material available including videos, photos and drama suggestions. You can get facts and history about the offering. All of this and more is a click away at [www.anniearmstrong.com](http://www.anniearmstrong.com)



***Did you know Alaska Baptists have been active in Disaster Relief for Haiti?*** The Alaska Baptist Convention, as well as congregations, has sent funds to help with the relief effort in Haiti. You can be a part of this relief effort too. The “Buckets of Hope” ministry is just one means by which Baptists can



fulfill the mandate of Jesus Christ to feed the hungry in the name of Jesus. As we are reminded in Matthew 25:40, Jesus tells us, “And the King shall answer and say unto them, ‘Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.’” (KJV)

A “Bucket of Hope” consists of a plastic five-gallon bucket packed with selected foodstuffs. The food contained in a single bucket will feed a Haitian family for a week. We have an agreement with the Florida Baptist Convention which will allow Alaskans to send \$40 to purchase and send the “Bucket of Hope” to Haiti. Contact the Alaska Baptist Convention if you would like more information on the “Bucket of Hope.”



# Foundation Builder

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## DOLLAR COST AVERAGING IMPACT ON KINGDOM WORK

**G**iven the recent volatility of the broader equity markets, especially in light of the dramatic downturn, which we all experienced from early September 2008 through mid-March 2009, it is understandable that there is uncertainty as to the wisdom of continued investment. We are all familiar with the adage “buy low and sell high” but all too often it seems like we find ourselves doing the exact opposite. If you are like

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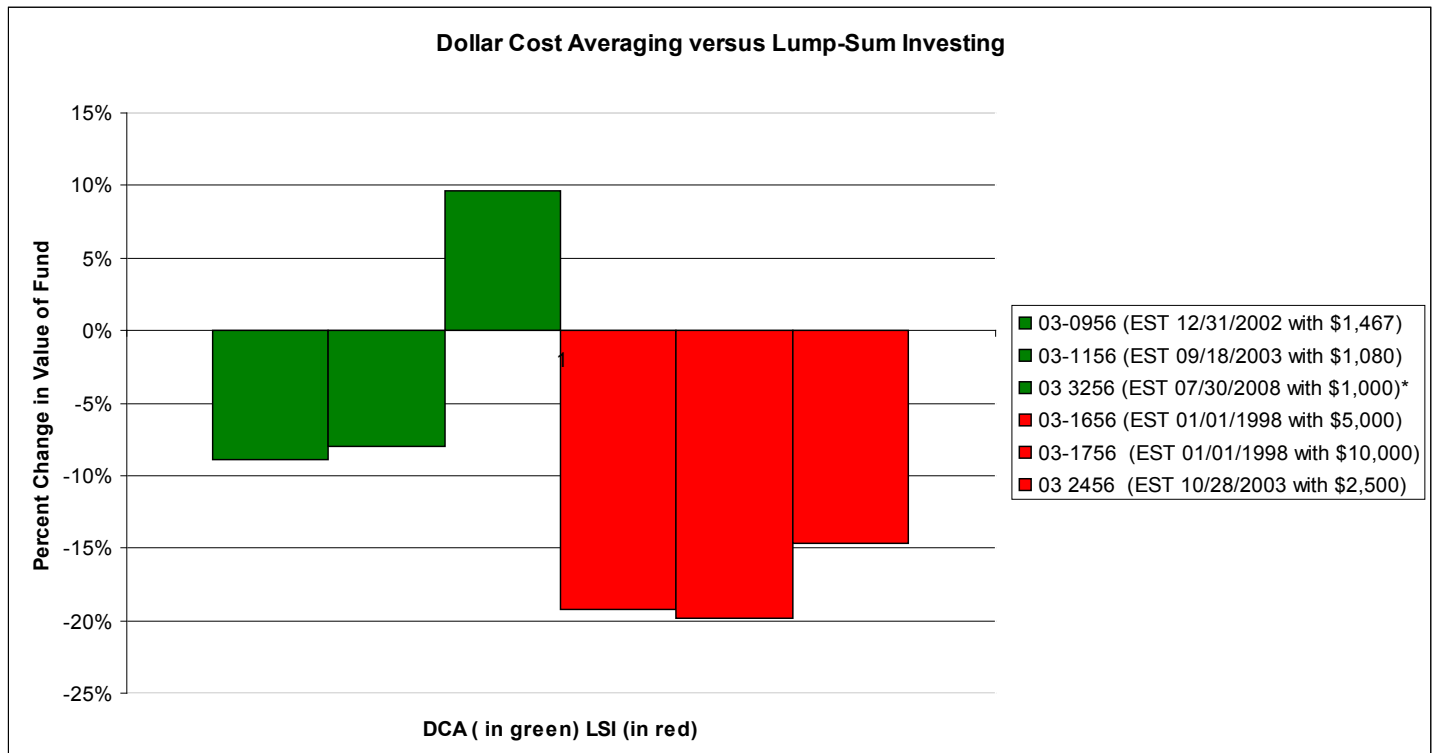
most of us, psychologically you feel when investments are low in value there is a fundamental problem with them, or they would be worth more. So we don't invest. By the time the investments look strong, having accumulated value to the point where we feel comfortable to invest, it won't

be long before they begin to fall because they were overvalued. We, of course, get discouraged, not wanting to sell because we have just made the decision to invest and psychologically we want to support our decision.

So, how do we overcome the emotional (psychological) aspects that so prominently dominate our investment decisions? One way is to become a fundamental or technical analyst, being well-

Illustrations of Consistent Investing	06/30/2008 Mkt Value	Add'n to Principal, 6/08-12/09	6/30/08 Mkt Value + Principal Incr	12/31/09 Mkt Value	Net chg as %
03-0956 (EST 12/31/2002 with \$1,467)	34,315.38	11,602.22	45,917.60	41,850.83	-9%
03-1156 (EST 09/18/2003 with \$1,080)	9,378.34	5,198.50	14,576.84	13,419.17	-8%
03 3256 (EST 07/30/2008 with \$1,000)*	1,000.00	700.00	1,700.00	1,863.01	10%
03-1656 (EST 01/01/1998 with \$5,000)	10,838.88		10,838.88	8,755.43	-19%
03-1756 (EST 01/01/1998 with \$10,000)	16,066.01		16,066.01	12,873.75	-20%
03 2456 (EST 10/28/2003 with \$2,500)	9,698.11		9,698.11	8,276.46	-15%

\*was actually established one month following June 30







# Think About It....

*David Baldwin, Executive Director*

versed in all aspects of the companies in which we invest. In the area of technical analysis, we would need to become versed in measuring the performance of securities and essentially become day traders by monitoring the day-to-day activities of different investment markets. We would then measure these performances against different strategies, such as 30-day moving averages.

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***Research has shown that even among investment professionals, no one can consistently out-perform the market all the time.***

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It goes without saying that most of us do not have the time, interest or skill necessary to employ the above techniques, and countless research has shown that even among investment professionals, no one can consistently out-perform the market all the time. A second and more practical method for most of us is a practice called Dollar Cost Averaging. This is a type of investment strategy where an individual routinely contributes a consistent dollar amount to be invested.

Because the market is always fluctuating in value, with stocks

rising and falling, by consistent investing, the individual is able to buy more shares when stocks are depressed in value which helps offset the losses when stock prices fall and help rebuild the investments value faster when stock prices begin to rise.

This very case can be seen in the example. In this example, we examine six different trusts, three of which have consistent monthly contributions and three others which were established with a single lump sum investment and do not receive consistent investment. As you can see from the time range June 30, 2008 through December 31, 2009 the funds that have received consistent investment have fared much better. While those same funds did suffer a loss over the six-month period September 2008 through March 2009, the impact was much smaller because consistent investing provides the ability to buy stocks at depressed values.

Another interesting note of comparison is that although the initial principal investments in the funds that received consistent contribution were relatively small, they have grown substantially in market value, proportional to the larger single payment trusts

that had not received consistent investment.

In the end, this analysis helps us realize that even in negative situations (such as a dramatic market downturn), there is a positive impact that can be realized if we stay committed to the goals the Lord has set for us, both individually and for His Kingdom Work.

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Application Deadline is  
April 30, 2010**

*A total of five scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$760 per year (for full-time status only). The funds may be used for tuition, room and board, fees and books. Award notification letters are mailed by May 31, 2010. Additional information about this scholarship can be found at [www.alaskabaptistfoundation.com](http://www.alaskabaptistfoundation.com). If you have questions, please call Adam Long in the Foundation office (907-770-0581) or e-mail to [foundation@alaskabaptistfoundation.com](mailto:foundation@alaskabaptistfoundation.com).*

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## calendar

### March 2010

6 Iditarod Ceremonial Start  
7 Iditarod Restart, Willow  
7-13 Youth Week  
7-14 Week of Prayer and Mission Study  
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering  
12-13 Avalanche '10  
14 Daylight Saving Time Starts  
21 Substance Abuse Prevention Sunday  
28 On Mission Together:  
Planting New Congregations Sunday

### April 2010

4 Easter Sunday  
4 SBC Seminaries Sunday  
9-10 Tongass Baptist Association  
Annual Meeting, Ketchikan  
11 Cooperative Program Sunday  
11-15 Baptist Doctrine Study  
15-17 Women on Mission Celebration  
18 Life Commitment Sunday  
19 VBS Training Clinic, Fairview Loop

20 VBS Training Clinic, Grandview  
24 VBS Training Clinic, FBC North Pole  
27-29 New Pastor and full-time staff orientation  
29-May 1 Ministers and Spouses Retreat

### May 2010

2 Senior Adult Sunday  
2-9 Christian Home Week  
6 ABF Board Meeting  
9 Mother's Day  
Day of Prayer for ABFS  
10 ABC Budget and Finance Cmte Mtg  
10 ABC all Committee Mtgs  
11 ABC Executive Board Convenes  
16-22 On Mission in Baptist Associations  
23 Day of Prayer and Fasting  
for World Evangelization  
31 ABC and ABF offices closed