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Ministers & Spouses



Charles Roesel

Seventy Alaska Baptist ministers and spouses gathered in Fairbanks for the annual Ministers and Spouses Retreat held April 29-May 1. Retired pastor and first lady of First Baptist Church (Leesburg, Florida) Charles and Edna Sue Roesel were featured speakers. Also featured was

Amanda Dillon, an Alaskan serving with the International Mission Board. The theme was "Having Compassion....Making a Difference" based on Jude 22. In addition to featured speakers, Nancy Baldwin spoke of "What I Have Learned in 50 Years of Ministry" and David Baldwin and Ed Gregory made a presentation of the Great Commission Resurgency Taskforce recommendations. Jimmy Stewart led the worship through music. Mark your calendars now for the 2011 retreat, April 28-30.



Amanda Dillon



**Don't forget
to send in
your
VBS Reports
for 2010!**



*Dawn and Chad Richardson
First, Valdez*



*Corey and Ashley McGee
Lighthouse, Nikiski*



*Clifton and Gail Gay
New Hope, Anchorage*

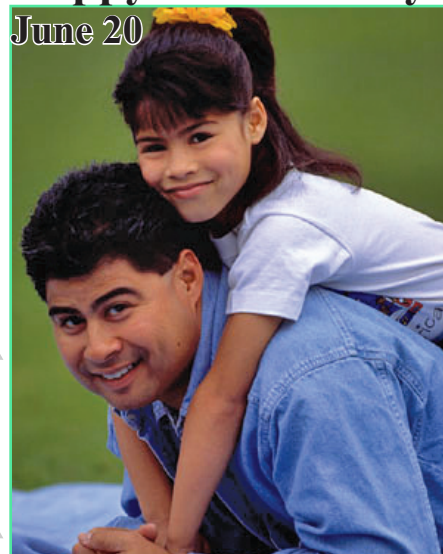


*Miung Hwa and Sam Lee
Korean New Central, Anchorage*



*Denise and Troy Gourley
Cross Roads, North Pole*

Happy Father's Day!
June 20



Ministers & Spouses Retreat

God's Plan for Sharing in Alaska

January - April 2010 Gifts from ABC churches

Chugach Baptist Association	CP	SMO	AA	LM
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
Aquilla Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Calvary Baptist Church	\$1,620.00	\$1,203.56	\$1,156.00	\$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	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cold Bay Chapel	\$45.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Comm Baptist Church Nome	\$320.00	\$98.00	\$75.00	\$153.00
Cowboy Church of Anchorage	\$1,116.87	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8.00
Eagle River Korean Bapt Church	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$240.00	\$200.00
Filipino Bible Church Anchorage	\$1,900.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church Anchorage	\$35,303.05	\$5,400.59	\$7,158.69	\$10,900.00
First Baptist Church Eagle River	\$15,329.35	\$4,315.00	\$3,945.00	\$3,968.36
First Baptist Church Kotzebue	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$1,150.00
First Korean Baptist Church	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$384.00	\$579.00
First Native Baptist Church	\$1,386.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Frontier Baptist Church	\$1,179.90	\$551.00	\$0.00	\$348.00
Grandview Baptist Church	\$8,490.49	\$6,487.07	\$939.13	\$9,531.91
Greater Friendship Baptist Ch	\$2,952.00	\$0.00	\$302.00	\$870.00
Hillside Baptist Church	\$4,214.04	\$750.00	\$5.00	\$3,366.00
Immanuel Baptist Church	\$374.43	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$1,219.08
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	\$200.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Kuparuk Preaching Point	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Ch	\$360.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mountain View Community Church	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Muldoon Road Baptist Church	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,250.00
New Grace Christian Church	\$680.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Hope Baptist Church	\$7,549.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rabbit Creek Comm Church	\$1,929.51	\$6,000.00	\$3,500.00	\$6,000.00
River In The Desert Comm Ch	\$428.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Samoa Alaska Baptist Church	\$50.00	\$45.00	\$25.00	\$77.70
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	\$350.00	\$350.00
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$6,544.13	\$7,400.50	\$2,170.00	\$4,366.00
The Crossing @ Birchwood	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
True North Church	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
University Baptist Church Anch	\$2,357.00	\$1,574.00	\$0.00	\$2,054.00
Valley View Baptist Church	\$528.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Whittier Christian Community	\$292.44	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Wilderness Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total:	\$100,730.94	\$35,957.72	\$21,049.82	\$47,911.67

Hatcher Pass Baptist Association	CP	SMO	AA	LM
Big Lake Baptist Church	\$2,064.19	\$990.00	\$0.00	\$3,852.11
Bodenberg Butte Baptist Church	\$2,902.44	\$90.00	\$0.00	\$320.00
CrossCountry Church	\$150.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Dillingham Bible Fellowship	\$2,036.23	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,268.74
Ekwok Christian Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fairview Loop Baptist Church	\$11,241.63	\$3,363.06	\$3,000.00	\$3,294.99
First Baptist Church Palmer	\$14,875.09	\$1,506.66	\$985.00	\$1,294.00
First Baptist Church Valdez	\$3,485.58	\$245.00	\$2,336.91	\$2,928.65
First Baptist Church Wasilla	\$10,586.99	\$2,228.00	\$0.00	\$9,138.99
First Baptist Church Willow	\$980.71	\$1,935.16	\$0.00	\$2,600.50
King Salmon Community Chapel	\$0.00	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Montana Creek Baptist Church	\$422.34	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$665.00
North Bear Street Comm Church	\$10.52	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pioneer Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$720.00
Schrock Road Comm Church	\$1,548.00	\$1,275.22	\$245.00	\$998.61
Settler's Bay Comm Church	\$1,554.02	\$201.00	\$0.00	\$1,327.00
Valley Life Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Wasilla Korean Baptist Church	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Total:	\$52,057.74	\$12,164.10	\$6,566.91	\$30,608.59

Kenai Peninsula	CP	SMO	AA	LM
College Heights Baptist Church	\$23,290.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church Kenai	\$1,614.50	\$575.00	\$0.00	\$2,287.75
First Baptist Church Soldotna	\$1,755.42	\$165.00	\$0.00	\$1,594.65
Lighthouse Community Church	\$5,262.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Moose Pass Community Church	\$279.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mount Redoubt Baptist Church	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Total:	\$33,401.42	\$740.00	\$1,000.00	\$4,882.40

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

Tanana Valley Baptist Association	CP	SMO	AA	LM
Chinese Fellowship	\$324.50	\$280.00	\$300.00	\$270.00
Clearwater Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cross Roads Baptist Church	\$2,364.00	\$0.00	\$527.14	\$2,568.22
Faith Baptist Church Fbks	\$1,272.00	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	\$2,853.00
Filipino Baptist Fellowship Fbks	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church Delta Jct	\$21,583.00	\$4,195.00	\$2,887.00	\$4,425.00
First Baptist Church Fairbanks	\$2,161.40	\$1,385.00	\$1,532.50	\$2,210.00
First Baptist Church North Pole	\$7,943.71	\$1,608.00	\$0.00	\$2,036.12
Friendship Baptist Church Fbks	\$150.00	\$540.00	\$840.00	\$1,905.00
Hispanic Mission	\$320.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Korean Baptist Mission Fbks	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Moose Creek Baptist Church	\$3,285.10	\$355.94	\$0.00	\$586.22
Morning Star Baptist Church	\$2,535.77	\$0.00	\$51.00	\$2,000.00
Mount Pleasant Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
North Star Baptist Church	\$171.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Salcha Baptist Church	\$2,133.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,250.00
Shannon Park Baptist Church	\$2,305.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,455.00
St John Baptist Church	\$5,503.45	\$0.00	\$320.00	\$0.00
Togiak Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
University Baptist Church Fbks	\$8,170.00	\$3,120.00	\$2,010.00	\$9,586.43
Total:	\$60,522.53	\$12,833.94	\$8,467.64	\$36,244.99

Tongass Baptist Association	CP	SMO	AA	LM
Anchor Baptist Church	\$2,154.84	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Comm Baptist Ch Coffman Cove	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$450.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church	\$673.32	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$650.00
Filipino Baptist Church KTN	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church Juneau	\$2,680.71	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$175.00
First Baptist Church Ketchikan	\$3,637.98	\$1,507.00	\$0.00	\$1,450.00
First Baptist Church Petersburg	\$737.00	\$784.47	\$0.00	\$1,445.00
First Baptist Church Sitka	\$1,567.92	\$382.00	\$0.00	\$1,101.26
Glacier Valley Baptist Church	\$8,757.48	\$1,911.71	\$3,250.00	\$5,903.50
Hoonah Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Juneau Korean Church	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$90.00	\$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	\$201.73	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Thorne Bay Baptist Church	\$761.78	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$60.00
Total:	\$21,292.76	\$5,510.18	\$3,340.00	\$11,774.76

Grand Total:	\$268,005.39	\$68,263.94	\$40,424.37	\$132,722.41
Goal:	\$766,003.00	\$70,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$150,000.00
Over/Under Goal:	(\$497,997.61)	(\$1,736.06)	(\$59,575.63)	(\$17,277.59)

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



State Goal: \$100,000

An Alaska Baptist Call to Prayer for the Southern Baptist Convention

On Tuesday, May 11, 2010 the Executive Board of the Alaska Baptist Convention asked the President and Executive Director, acting on behalf of the Board, to issue a special call to prayer for the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, Orlando, Florida, June 15-16, 2010. This is always a very important meeting in which the messengers from Southern Baptist local churches determine budgets and program direction for all of our SBS entities. Our cooperative mission and ministries are very much impacted by what is decided in these meetings.

Of particular importance in this call to prayer is the report of the “Great Commission Resurgence Task Force,” which was appointed in 2009 for the purpose of studying “... how Southern Baptists can work more faithfully and effectively together in serving Christ through the Great Commission.” The report of this task force is scheduled to be brought to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting on June 15 or 16, 2010.

The report contains many good things including a call for revival, a focus on reaching the lost, a call for a renewed mission vision founded in the Great Commission, and supported by sound core values. There are also many good challenges regarding Christian Stewardship and mission involvement.

There are some items in the report which have caused a great deal of concern to many people across the Convention. For example, the report contains seven recommendations to the Convention in which there are requests that Southern Baptist entities, through their various boards of trustees, implement plans which will reset the context of the Cooperative Program into a larger plan called “Great Commission Giving” and assign its promotion and education to the State Convention. There is also a request that the North American Mission Board discontinue, in a seven year phase down, the Cooperative Agreement Budgets with State Conventions, through which most of the missionary personnel and some state convention staff positions, and congregational assistance to new church starts, in Conventions like Alaska are funded.

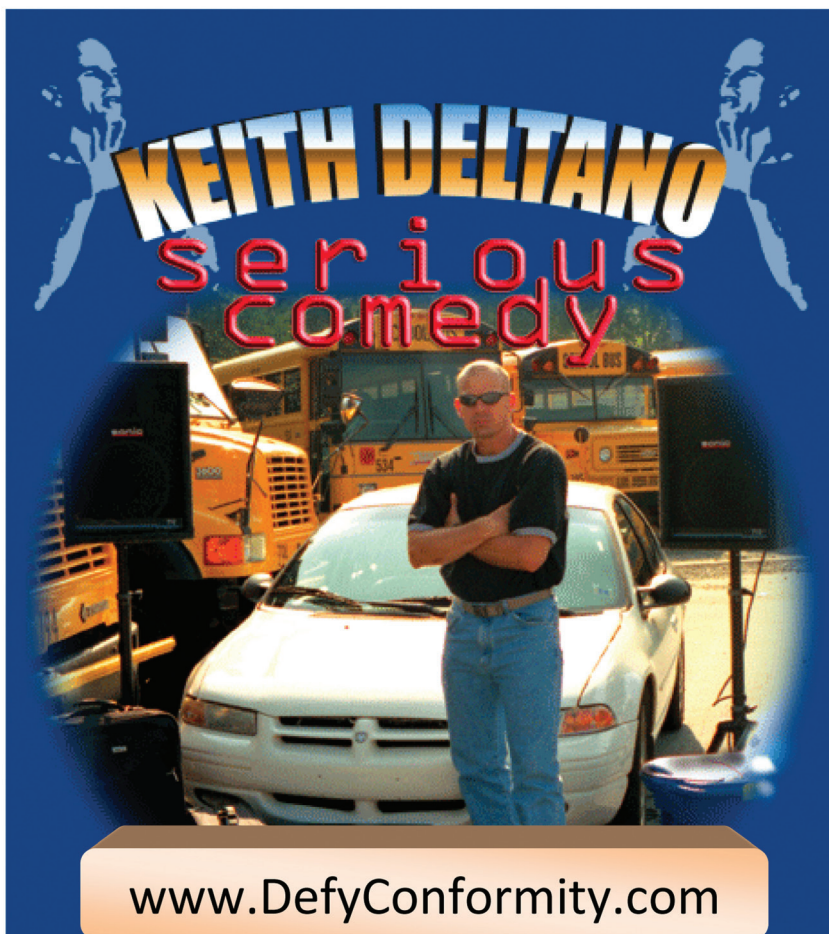
This report, while well intended on the part of those involved, has the potential for being very divisive, and if implemented, to greatly impact the Cooperative Program and mission work for many years to come. Many Southern Baptists believe this will diminish the Cooperative Program and set back the mission efforts for many years, while those who are presenting and promoting the report, believe it a long needed change, thus the potential for great conflict.

Please pray that God will give wisdom to all of our leaders and messengers, and that we will adopt only those plans and principles which will truly advance His Kingdom. Pray that we will not begin to take actions which will work to weaken the Cooperative Program and the Cooperative Spirit of our churches.

Please pray for revival among God’s people and spiritual awakening among the lost, which will result in a great harvest of souls. Pray that we will receive the mighty work of God in our hearts and lives, and that we will not make the common mistake of trying to fix spiritual problems through organizational maneuvers and structural and budget reallocations.

For additional information for informed praying you may see the report on line at www.pray4gcr.com or the numerous articles on Baptist Press at <http://www.bpnews.net>

Dr. Ed. Gregory, President
David N. Baldwin, Executive Director



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Welcome!

Tanana Valley Baptist Association

North Star Baptist Church

Hugh (Nancy) Long

Please Pray for our Pastorless Churches

Chugach Baptist Association

False Pass Baptist Mission

Filipino Bible Church

Greater Friendship Baptist Church

Nelson Lagoon

Whittier Christian Community

Hatcher Pass Baptist Association

Ekwok Christian Church

Tanana Valley Baptist Association

Chinese Fellowship

Tongass Baptist Association

Anchor Point Baptist Church

Glacier Valley Baptist Church

Hoonah Baptist Mission

Tenakee Springs Fellowship

Thorne Bay Baptist Church

God's Plan For Sharing (GPS)

The emphasis continues as people **PRAY** for the lost, **SHARE** their testimony and witness, and become **EQUIPPED** to serve the Lord. A **HARVEST** will be received because people are faithful to Acts 1:8 and Matthew 28:18-20.

Who are YOU praying for?



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May 10-11, 2010, ABC Executive Board Actions

1. Approved minutes of January 27, 2010 Alaska Baptist Convention Executive Board Meeting.
2. Approved the financial reports for March 2010.
3. Approved to reclassify the Operating Reserve Account 1205 held through the Alaska Baptist Foundation from Unrestricted to Restricted.
4. Approved to move \$70,000 from Unrestricted Checking Account 1006 to go to Alaska USA Federal Credit Union Money Market Account and create a new account on the balance sheet to be called "Operating Money Market." The funds could only be used with the approval of the Executive Director and Chairman of the Alaska Baptist Convention Budget and Finance Committee.
5. Approved the proposed 2011 Alaska Baptist Convention Budget that will go to the Annual Convention in September 2010 to be voted for adoption.
6. Approved to receive a correction of an error made in 2010 Alaska Baptist Convention Budget, which shows the ABC Cooperative Program Budget being corrected from \$770,301 to \$766,003.
7. Approved to move funds from Account 2011 to Account 1225 to make up the difference between present value and the principle and move Account 1225 to a money market.
8. Approved that the funds set aside from Budget Account 5710 and any future balances in Account 5710 at year's end be placed in the "Alaska Baptist Convention Protection Insurance Trust" with the Alaska Baptist Foundation. When the balance of the fund exceeds \$100,000, the earnings would come to the Alaska Baptist Convention and be applied to budget line item #5710 Pastoral Annuity. Should the earnings exceed the funds necessary for Account 5710, the earnings may be used to help fund other insurance needs of the Alaska Baptist Convention, i.e., Workman's compensation, Property Insurance, Support Staff Medical, etc.
9. Approved adding to Part I, Article VII, A., Section 2, 3, b, 7 of the Policies and Procedure Manual the following , "In the event the current search committee's work has not been completed by the time of expiration of term of service, individuals will remain on the committee until work is finished, but not to exceed one year following the expiration of the term. Any other vacancies would be filled by the Executive Board at the next regularly scheduled Executive Board meeting.
10. Adopted the changes to Part II and Part III of the Policies and Procedures Manual to include typo corrections and changes to improve office efficiency.
11. Adopted the 2010-2011 goal of the Valeria Sherard Mission Offering be \$70,000; 2010-2011 goal of the Lottie Moon Offering be \$150,000; and the 2011 goal of the Annie Armstrong Offering be \$100,000.
12. Approved the Account 5342 phase down amounts for 2011 be as follows:

Valley Life/West Wasilla	\$1,200	Phased Out 2012
Ketchikan Filipino	\$3,840	Phased Out 2013
Chugach Resort	\$1,200	Phased Out 2012
Samoan	\$1,200	Phased Out 2012
CrossCountry	\$9,600	Phased Out 2013
Cowboy Church	\$2,160	Phased Out 2014
Juneau Korean	\$2,160	Phased Out 2014

and approved the Account 5350 phase down amounts for 2011 be as follows:

Aquillaq in Ambler	\$4,800	Phased Out 2015
Kiana	\$4,800	Phased Out 2015
Kobuk	\$4,800	Phased Out 2015
Togiak	\$5,760	Phased Out 2015
King Salmon	\$1,200	Phased Out 2015
Shungnak	\$6,000	Phased Out 2016
13. Approved the recommendation for President Ed Gregory and Executive Director David Baldwin send a letter to all the churches calling for prayer for the Great Commission Resurgence Committee.



JUNE "NUGGETS"

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

Tongass Baptist Association

TBA held their annual meeting in April and elected new officers. They also welcomed their new Director of Missions, Joe (Cindy) Boney. Pictured l to r: Joe Boney, Cindy Boney, Don Higgins (vice moderator), Cheryl Webb (clerk), Doug Edwards (moderator), Al Aitken (treasurer).



Community Baptist Church, Nome

CBC will conduct two Vacation Bible Schools this summer, with the help of a mission team from Georgia. The schools will be conducted in Teller and Brevig Mission. The church will also host three summer missionaries who will work with the Summer Lunch Program, Summerize Program, Prison Ministry, KICY CARE-FORCE radio program, leading children's activities and helping the VBS and work teams in the region.

Vision Trip to the Balkans

Four Alaskans traveled to the Balkans to partner with four IMB missionaries on a

"vision trip."

The group traveled through Albania, Macedonia and Kosovo, and had several opportunities to witness. Pic-



tured l to r: Mike Procter, Johnny McCoy, Rodney and Anita Kovtynovich. If your congregation is interested in exploring partnership opportunities with our missionaries in the Balkans, please contact Mike Procter in the ABC office, mike@alaskabaptistconvention.com

Alaska Baptist Convention

The ABC welcomes Mike Blakeney to the staff as a part-time Information Technology specialist. As the ABC is becoming more tech-savvy, it became obvious there was a need for an IT expert. Mike will be working with the staff to keep current of advances



that will make it easier to plug in with pastors and congregations throughout the state.

The Crossing @ Birchwood

The Crossing, formerly known as First Baptist Church-Birchwood and later Birchwood Community Church, will celebrate their 50th Anniversary on June 13. The celebration will include an 11 a.m. service followed by a picnic. Please join in the celebration and call the church office for additional information. The church is located right off the North Birchwood exit in Chu-
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Wayland Baptist University, Anchorage

The women's Bible study will be ongoing all summer, every Saturday morning starting at 10:00 a.m. The next study will be the Beth Moore study on Esther. For questions, please contact Teresa Keller at 375-4507 or Dawn Ash at 258-0540.

Frontier Baptist Church, Kodiak

FBC hosted "Relational Evangelism Lifestyle Approach for You (RELAY)" training, in early May. Eleven participants completed the study led by Lena Crain, MSC missionary to Kodiak.

LaVerne Griffin Youth Recreation Camp

Daughters on a Quest **GIRLS CAMP**, June 21-25; theme is "Daughters on a Quest for God's Kingdom" with the scripture focus of Ephesians 6:11.

Bible Boot Camp **BOYS CAMP**, July 5-9; theme is "Learn to be Strong and Courageous in the Lord!" with the scripture focus of Joshua 1:9.

X-Faith **YOUTH CAMP**, July 19-23; scripture focus is Hebrews 10:39.

Contact the Camp directly for additional information, lgyrc@mtaonline.net

Hillside Baptist Church, Anchorage

HBC hosted a revival in May with Jim and Debbie Toole from Tennessee. The church will hold its VBS June 27-July 1.

Glacier Valley Baptist Church, Juneau

On May 9, the church ordained Jeff Milton as a deacon.

Bible Study Leader Appreciation

Banquets

The ABC thanks the churches who hosted the banquets, along with the program led by Ken and Jan Marler, of LifeWay Christian Resources: Pioneer Baptist Church, Wasilla (HPBA), First Baptist Church, Anchorage (CBA), Shannon Park Baptist Church (TVBA) and Glacier Valley Baptist Church (TBA).

Shannon Park Baptist Church,

Fairbanks

SPBC will hold a Beth Moore simulcast on September 18. Plan now to attend and call the church directly for more information (907)452-4098.

First Baptist Church, Fairbanks

The church has a set of kitchen cabinets you might like for your garage or cabin. They are free to the person who will haul them away. Contact the church for more information. Also, check out www.defy-conformity.com to find out more about the guest speaker for Winter Youth Celebration 2010.

Moose Creek Baptist Church,

North Pole

MCBC will host work teams from Georgia who will be working on the new building.

University Baptist Church, Fairbanks

The ladies Beth Moore Bible Study "Breaking Free" will conclude on June 2. The College/Career group will have a lunch and canoe trip June 6, youth will attend T3 in late June and the younger children will attend Camp Baldwin.

Muldoon Road Baptist Church,

Anchorage

MRBC will celebrate their 50th anniversary on July 18. Call the church office for more information about the planned festivities.

Our Sympathies to Sylvia Rylander and Stina Rhoades in the death of their mother Marian Rylander, on May 7. Sylvia works at the Alaska Baptist Convention.

Alaska Baptist Convention Annual Meeting September 28-29, 2010 First Baptist Church, Wasilla

Monday, September 27
Mission Rally, 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 28
Pastor's Conference, 8:45 a.m.

Tuesday, September 28
WMU Annual Meeting, 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, September 28
Annual Convention Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

Convention hotel is Grandview Inn & Suites
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Single room, \$69.95 (plus tax)

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When making your reservation, use the reference code "0926AB" to receive the special rate. Reservations must be made by August 15, 2010 in order to guarantee convention rate. Be sure to get a confirmation number from the hotel at time of booking. This will serve as your verification of reservation and reference number if changes or cancellations are made.



*Pastor Harold Conrad (Montana Creek Baptist Church)
baptizing in the icy waters of Trapper Creek!
For those not living in Alaska, yes, that is SNOW on the bank.*

A Swelling Stream

- If each believer tithed at 10 percent, this yields a one dollar **TIMES** 10 percent of his or her income.
- If each church gave at 10 percent, this yields one dime **TIMES** the number of believers in the church **TIMES** 10 percent of their collective income.
- If each state forwarded 40 percent, this yields four cents **TIMES** the number of churches in the state **TIMES** the number of believers in each church **TIMES** 10 percent of their collective income.
- If the IMB received 50 percent of all national SBC contributions (which it does), this yields two cents **TIMES** the number of cooperative state conventions, **TIMES** the number of churches in each state, **TIMES** the number of believers in each church, **TIMES** 10 percent of their collective income.

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Gives 10%

10%



Then the Southern Baptist
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David Baldwin
Executive Director

In a recent interview with Gary Myers (New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary), Dr. Avery Willis, retired senior president of the International Mission Board and creator of the Master Life discipleship series, said he had discovered a parallel between his recent leukemia diagnosis and the struggle the local church has with discipleship. "What happens in leukemia is an abnormal development in the DNA so that the body produces large numbers of immature cells that do not do their function. They don't carry oxygen, fight disease or clot. We produce a lot of (church) members," Willis reflected "but they are not carrying out their function because we have an overabundance of abnormal cells." Dr. Willis is calling for a return to discipleship.

As I have read and reread the Great Commission Resurgence Task Force report and recommendation, I have concluded that in our effort to become "relevant" we have abandoned the way Southern Baptists penetrate our lost world with the Gospel. We have made Sunday School (Bible study) irrelevant. Most Alaska Baptist churches have existed for 50 years or more, and have an average of 150 members. Of those 150 members, 40% attend church on Sunday (60 people). When churches cease to enroll people in Sunday School, stop discipling believers, and forget about mission education, we have many church members who are not carrying out their function. Sunday School, Discipleship Training and mission education are key elements of the local church DNA. When you add weak leadership to the mix, churches cannot impact the "lostness" in their communities.

I love our state, our churches and their leadership, our associations and the associational structure. But we have become distracted! We are becoming a people who live like "missions" is somewhere else. We are not looking for mission opportunities in our own backyards. I have a deep appreciation for the Alaska Baptist Convention (ABC) staff and their abilities, but the ABC staff cannot get the job done by themselves.

I keep returning to the thought that the problem in our local churches, associations, state conventions and the Southern Baptist Convention is a spiritual problem and not a structural one. People think stewardship is about money, but stewardship is a spiritual issue. When people are in love with Jesus, they want to worship and please Him. One way to worship Him is by bringing God's tithe and our offerings to church each week. It is also a way to carry out our function. The root problem isn't money, but how we use everything God has entrusted to us. Let's reflect on our relationship with God and how we can become better workers for Him.



Mike Procter
Director of Missions and Church Planting

Recently I took my granddaughters Alivia (age 9) and Tristyn (age 4) with me to Healy, where I filled the pulpit for Peter MacMaster at Morning Star Baptist Church. It was a grandfather/granddaughter overnight road trip. Even before getting to Birchwood, there were problems in the back seat. If you have children and have ever taken a road trip, you know what I am talking about. In this instance, one granddaughter poked the other one, which led to retaliation poking, which led to earth shattering cries of agony and pain. Next up was "you are breathing my air" and "you're in my space"...and on and on and on it went. I alerted my granddaughters that we would be going to a new church on Sunday where we would not know anyone, and the response was "I don't go to Sunday School where I don't know anyone. I want to go to the same class as my sister." When we got to Talkeetna I decided to stop for lunch, but both restaurants where I usually go were closed. By that time, I was hearing "I'm starved!" but we had to drive another 15 minutes to Trapper Creek. By the time we arrived in Trapper Creek, you would have thought we were in the middle of the worst famine to ever hit the state of Alaska! Pulling into the restaurant parking lot, one of my granddaughters announced, "I don't like this place." She had never been there, but she was sure she would not like it. After lunch, things settled down a bit and we drove on to Denali National Park. We visited the Science Center, checked into the hotel, had dinner, watched some dumb movie on television and I naively thought to myself, "time for bed...I survived the day." I turned out the light and the next thing I heard was, "It's too dark. I'm scared. Can we turn on a light?" After switching beds with the girls, opening the curtain a crack so the light shone in, we all finally went to sleep.

The next morning was a whole different story. The girls were all "lovey dovey", we went to church and they had a great time in their Sunday School classes. We had breakfast and lunch in restaurants other than McDonald's and during the drive home, they sat next to each other, held hands, sang "Kum Bah Ya" and whenever I suggested something, they said, "that sounds like fun Grandpa." These were the same two girls, but in different scenarios, and it was as different as night and day.

After I dropped the girls off at their house, I pondered the weekend and wondered how two days could be so different. The Holy Spirit began to reveal to me how I am often the same way in my relationship with the Lord. One day, I am strong in the faith, the Lord and I are "holding hands" and we are in close fellowship. The next day, I am wallowing in self-pity, don't want to pray and read the Bible, and am afraid to tell others about Christ. Do you remember what the apostle Paul said in Romans 7? He said...for the good that I want to do, I do not do it; but the bad that I do not want to do, I do...who can help me in this? I thank God that Jesus Christ helps me.

While we can be, and often are, inconsistent in our faith and walk with Jesus Christ, He is never inconsistent. He is steadfast, unmovable and always the same. Let's rejoice in the goodness of the Father and be thankful He is always the same, yesterday, today and forever.

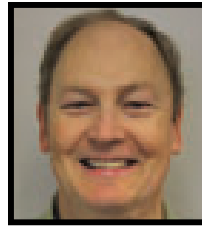


Jimmy Stewart
*Director of Evangelism, Prayer
 and Collegiate Ministries*

I am amazed at the amount of attention I see on the subject of discipleship. In Baptist Press recently, there were two articles about discipleship; one on a discipleship conference at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, and the other on a book by David Francis entitled "Sunday School is Discipleship." Lifeway is putting a lot of emphasis on what they call "Transformational Church", which is about discipleship. As your Alaska Baptist Convention evangelism director, I have become convinced that the lack of growth in the Southern Baptist Convention is due to an absence of discipleship. In fact, what we call "evangelism" has degenerated to telling people the Good News, with little intent to follow up by discipling.

What farmer prepares the soil in the field, weeds it, plows it and then plants seed without the intent to gather the harvest into the storehouse? Scripture is full of this illustration, examples of bad sowing and the results of it. It is not Kingdom Work to spread the seeds of the gospel without the intent to harvest. When we plan an event or mission trip without an effective discipleship strategy, it really shouldn't be called Kingdom Work, because it doesn't "grow" the Kingdom. Kingdom Work must have a "harvesting" component. We cannot divorce discipleship from evangelism. God will give the increase but we have to have a discipleship plan! Jesus gave us the Great Commission with the exhortation to make disciples; not just get people to walk down an aisle and then hope they follow through with their decision. To evangelize without the affiliation of a group of believers to disciple the new born babes in Christ is akin to leaving the harvest in the field to rot. I feel very strongly that our efforts to this point are bringing poor results. We, as Baptists, are good at "going and telling", but not so good at following up with the hard work of teaching new believers. It is much easier to just invite new believers to come to Sunday School or services and do nothing else. Is this how we should disciple new believers? What if they don't come to church? Do we say to the harvest in the field, "it is your responsibility to get up out of the field and come into the storehouse"? Who discipled these new believers? Some might ask, "are you telling us we shouldn't go and share?" No! I share all the time; on planes, in malls and in stores. I am not saying we shouldn't share, but when we go to the trouble of planning evangelistic events or efforts, they must be connected to the local church with the end result of discipling new believers in Christ. That may mean we have to meet new believers where they are because they may not feel comfortable coming to our church. That will require training leaders to teach in the highways and by-ways and not in the comfort of our churches, and not just on Sunday morning.

This summer GraceWorks, the evangelistic effort in parks and community housing projects in Anchorage, is seeking to start Bible studies in homes, apartments and mobile home parks. We need pastors and leaders from churches to not only become co-laborers to lead people to Christ, but also to follow up throughout the winter months. Let's be about the work of responsible evangelism that leads to disciples.



Don Shannon
*Director of Ministries and
 Mission Education*

Can I tell you a story? The question strikes a universal response of "yes," because we love stories. Through the centuries, storytelling has been an effective way to communicate. Whether it is groups sitting around campfires or children sitting at the feet of their elders

... telling stories has been a powerful way to stir hearts and imaginations and pass on key information from one generation to another.

Our Lord Jesus Himself was the best communicator who ever lived. He used stories when He taught the crowds about the Kingdom of God. He created a hunger for truth in the hearts of the people

through His many parables. Today, storytelling is still an effective way to reach seeking hearts. The thing we often remember most about sermons is not the "three main points", but the illustrations and the stories.

A 2003 U.S. Government study reported that one in seven U. S. adults (30 million people) had below basic literacy skills. They could do only the most simple literacy skills, such as signing their name or finding the dosage on a medicine bottle, and some of them could not do even that. Another 63 million adults in the United States were reported to have a Basic literacy skill, that's a total of 93 million U. S. adults who have limited literacy skills. These people live in an oral culture because they lack literacy skills.

Many literate people still live largely by orality as a matter of preference. They would much rather gather with friends to swap stories or make music than to read alone, in silent isolation. Many people who can read quite well would rather watch a movie or television program, play a video game, or talk on the telephone than read a book or magazine. Stories and music are still very important, as is discussion with one's friends. Being part of a community is important. In both cases core values are influenced by non-print communication more than by print.

Jesus was an oral communicator who lived and taught in a primarily oral society. He used the oral communication techniques of his day and used them well. He used them to evangelize as well as to teach and train his disciples so effectively that in a few years under the control of the Holy Spirit, they had turned the world upside down!

Story telling is common to most cultures but in literate culture it is primarily just for entertainment. In oral cultures, while entertaining, it is potentially much more. In Alaska we see how Bible Storying is an appropriate method not only for introducing people to faith in Jesus, but also for helping followers of Jesus mature in their faith and learn to be leaders. The same basic approach works beautifully. People listen to the story, learn it, and apply it to their lives. But in the discipling and leadership training use of Bible Storying, there is more focus on each participant mastering the story and telling it to others. Healthy discipleship groups also cultivate accountability to obey the biblical teachings that they learn from each story.

Why not consider Bible Storying as a means of evangelism and discipleship? If you are interested in learning more contact Don at the Alaska Baptist Convention.





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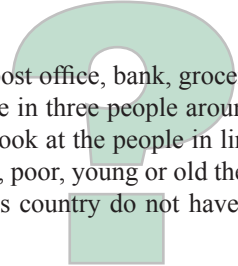
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Think about this!

The next time you are in a line at the post-office, bank, grocery store or theater, consider this; only one in three people around you has a Last Will and Testament. Look at the people in line with you -- it does not matter how rich, poor, young or old they may be, the fact is most people in this country do not have a legally binding Will or estate plan.



A GROWING NUMBER OF AMERICAN CHRISTIANS--AND EVEN SOME SECULAR GROUPS--ARE BEGINNING TO BELIEVE JOHN WESLEY HAD THE RIGHT IDEA: "MAKE ALL YOU CAN; SAVE ALL YOU CAN; GIVE ALL YOU CAN."

A Legacy Called the Alaska Baptist Foundation

Messengers to the Alaska Baptist Convention (ABC) in 1958 voted to establish the Alaska Baptist Foundation (ABF). In 1959 it became official and trustees were elected.

The ABF has been slow in growth. In 1989, Aubrey Halsell helped get the ABF moving again. In 1991, Dr U.A. McManus, retired president of the Baptist Foundation of Alabama, came for one year, but helped for five. By 1996 the ABF assets had reached the \$2 million mark. In the late 1990s the ABC and the Georgia Baptist Convention were in a partnership. Dr. Dewitt Cox, retired vice president of the Georgia Baptist Foundation, invested eight

years traveling to Alaska to help with Foundation work. The foundation assets reached over \$4 million during Dewitt's tenure.

Since 1998, the Wills and Trusts managed through the ABF have seen over \$800,000 given to Alaska Baptist mission causes. Over \$100,000 has helped college and seminary students through scholarships, over \$40,000 has been used for promotional and informational materials, over \$43,000 has gone to the ABC and over \$40,000 has assisted camps in Alaska. All of these funds come from interest earned from accounts held by the ABF and distributed according to donor documents.

Join many others by leaving a legacy through the ABF.



96%

...of all giving to congregations comes from the "small" (cash assets) jar.



4%

...of all giving comes from the "large" (non-cash assets) jar.

Look at your estate and see what you might do for Kingdom work using the "big jar"!

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Think About It....

David Baldwin, Executive Director

Celebrating Generosity

Aubrey Halsell came to Alaska as an Army/Air Force Chaplain and started First Baptist Church, Anchorage. Dick Evans was a Sunday School teacher, deacon in his church and a successful business man. Arthur and Ella Purnel worked to help start a children's home that is now known as Alaska Baptist Family Services (AFBS).

How are they all connected? All were, at one time, members of First Baptist Church, Anchorage; all believed enough in the Alaska Baptist Foundation (ABF) to remember Alaska Baptist work in their Last Will and Testament (Will); and all wanted to impact Alaska Baptist work long after they were gone.

The first two, Halsell and Evans, wanted the earnings from their Trust accounts to impact Baptist work in Alaska on a broad scale. The earnings from their separate Trusts, as well as the remainder of the Purnel Estate started going into the Valeria Sherard State Mission Trust this spring. The Valeria Sherard State Mission Offering for 2010-2011 starts August 1, 2010 and continues until July 2011. The earnings from these three Trust accounts will go through the Valeria Sherard State Mission Trust and will impact planting new churches in Alaska, the ministry of the ABFS, the four current Asso-

ciations, camps in Alaska, Disaster Relief and the Alaska Baptist 2000 Club. That is the definition of broad impact! These folks made an impact through Wills and Trust accounts. Until Jesus comes, Alaska Baptist mission work will be affected by what they did.

Establish a Christian Will, if you don't already have one. Leave something for the cause of Christ. Establish a Trust that will assist your favorite Christian ministry (your local church, scholarships, missions in Alaska, North America or internationally). The Halsells, Evans and Purnels did not determine how much money they would leave for Alaska mission causes through the ABF. They simply established Trust accounts and contributed regularly. One used their Will and left something of value to be sold after they were gone. They had a plan that demonstrated their generosity. We have the opportunity to celebrate annually what these couples did many years ago. They just used what they had, where they were, to the glory of God. Your ABF staff is ready to assist you in setting your plans in motion.

God continues to bless Alaska Baptists with people who walk by faith and not just by sight.



Update your estate or establish a Last Will and Testament or Trust during 2010 or 2011. Then notify the Alaska Baptist Foundation so you can be counted as 1 of 50!
(names will not be published)

Congratulations to Doug Morris, Juneau, for being named Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for Sealaska. Doug currently serves as an Alaska Baptist Foundation Trustee. Way to go, Doug!

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June 2010

12	Crossover
15-16	SBC Convention in Orlando
20	Baptist Men's Emphasis
20-26	Training Teens Today (T3)
21-26	Nikiski World Changers
27	Mission: Dignity Sunday



July 2010

4	Citizenship and Religious Liberty Sunday
4	Independence Day
5	ABC and ABF closed for Independence Day
25-29	JAM Camp
25-28	North American Mission Board
	State Summer Leadership Meeting



August 2010

1	Social Issues Sunday
8	Living with Urgency: Student Evangelism Day
11-14	Fusion Youth Conference
15-21	Church Music Emphasis Week

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