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"Restore us, O God; make your face shine upon us, that we may be saved." (Psalm 80:3 NIV)

Valeria Sherard State Mission Offering

2010 State Goal \$70,000

Week of Prayer September 5-12, 2010



Annual Pastor's Conference Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Fairview Loop Baptist Church, Wasilla

**Special Featured Speaker Dr. Jeff Iorg
President**

Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary

8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast

8:45 a.m. Program begins

12:00 p.m. Lunch

unhindered!

**WMU Annual Meeting
Tuesday, September 28, 2010**

First Baptist Church, Wasilla

Featuring Special Guests:

Alicia Wong, NAMB

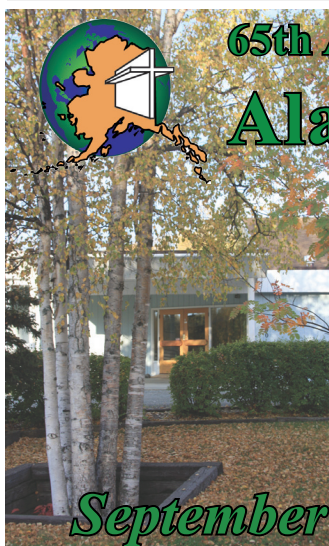
Amanda Dillon, IMB

8:30 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship

8:45 a.m. Registration

9:00 a.m. Program begins

12:00 p.m. Luncheon



65th Annual

Alaska Baptist Convention Meeting

Monday, September 27

Mission Rally, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 28

Pastor's Conference, 8:45 a.m.

WMU Annual Meeting, 8:30 a.m.

Annual Convention registration, 5:00 p.m.

Annual Convention meeting, 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 29

Annual Convention meets, 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

breaks for lunch and dinner

Staff Wives luncheon, 12:00 p.m.

WBU Appreciation dinner, 4:45 p.m.

September 27-29, 2010 • First Baptist Church, Wasilla

Alaska Baptist Convention

God's Plan for Sharing in Alaska

January - July 2010 Gifts from ABC churches

Chugach Baptist Association	CP	SMO	AA	LM	Other	CP	SMO	AA	LM
Alaska Iu-Mienh First Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Misc. Contributors-Cash	\$0.00	\$1,058.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Anch Hope Comm Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Total:	\$0.00	\$1,058.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Aquilaq Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Tanana Valley Baptist Association	CP	SMO	AA	LM
Calvary Baptist Church	\$2,929.00	\$1,203.56	\$1,156.00	\$0.00	Chinese Fellowship	\$602.00	\$280.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
Christ Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Clearwater Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Chugach Resort Ministries	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Cross Roads Baptist Church	\$4,651.00	\$0.00	\$1,843.11	\$0.00
Cliffside Community Chapel	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Faith Baptist Church Fbks	\$3,778.00	\$1,250.00	\$700.00	\$0.00
Cold Bay Chapel	\$331.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Filipino Baptist Fellowship Fbks	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Comm Baptist Church Nome	\$391.00	\$98.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	First Baptist Church Delta Jct	\$33,486.99	\$4,195.00	\$2,887.00	\$200.00
Cowboy Church of Anchorage	\$1,643.87	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	First Baptist Church Fairbanks	\$3,629.10	\$1,385.00	\$1,532.50	\$0.00
Eagle River Korean Bapt Church	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$240.00	\$0.00	First Baptist Church North Pole	\$18,185.99	\$1,608.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Filipino Bible Church Anchorage	\$1,900.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Friendship Baptist Church Fbks	\$300.00	\$540.00	\$840.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church Anchorage	\$47,637.59	\$5,400.59	\$7,311.69	\$0.00	Hispanic Mission	\$469.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church Eagle River	\$23,479.66	\$6,780.00	\$4,045.00	\$0.00	Korean Baptist Mission Fbks	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$130.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church Kotzebue	\$1,500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	Moose Creek Baptist Church	\$5,444.44	\$355.94	\$579.29	\$0.00
First Korean Baptist Church	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$384.00	\$0.00	Morning Star Baptist Church	\$4,757.53	\$0.00	\$1,771.00	\$0.00
First Native Baptist Church	\$2,689.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Mount Pleasant Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Frontier Baptist Church	\$2,018.50	\$551.00	\$785.00	\$0.00	North Star Baptist Church	\$360.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grandview Baptist Church	\$17,117.48	\$6,487.07	\$8,950.13	\$0.00	Salcha Baptist Church	\$3,703.80	\$0.00	\$1,210.00	\$5,205.00
Greater Friendship Bapt Church	\$4,525.00	\$60.00	\$482.00	\$0.00	Shannon Park Baptist Church	\$2,305.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hillside Baptist Church	\$7,842.96	\$750.00	\$1,185.00	\$0.00	St John Baptist Church	\$8,576.35	\$0.00	\$320.00	\$0.00
Immanuel Baptist Church	\$607.94	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$2.75	Togiak Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Kiana Baptist Mission	\$1,117.69	\$58.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	University Baptist Church Fbks	\$13,408.00	\$3,120.00	\$4,442.50	\$0.00
Kobuk Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	Total:	\$104,257.20	\$12,833.94	\$16,555.40	\$5,405.00
Korean New Central Bapt Church	\$400.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	Tongass Baptist Association	CP	SMO	AA	LM
Kuparuk Preaching Point	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Anchor Baptist Church	\$4,246.21	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
Mount Zion Missionary Bapt Church	\$360.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Comm Bapt Church Coffman Cove	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mountain View Comm Church	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Emmanuel Baptist Church	\$1,495.32	\$800.00	\$417.00	\$0.00
Muldoon Road Baptist Church	\$5,625.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Filipino Baptist Church KTN	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Grace Christian Church	\$1,580.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	First Baptist Church Juneau	\$4,151.06	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Hope Baptist Church	\$12,372.04	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	First Baptist Church Ketchikan	\$6,265.94	\$1,507.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rabbit Creek Comm Church	\$4,502.19	\$8,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	First Baptist Church Petersburg	\$1,439.00	\$784.47	\$950.00	\$0.00
River In The Desert Comm Church	\$428.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	First Baptist Church Sitka	\$3,051.86	\$382.00	\$510.00	\$0.00
Samoa Alaska Baptist Church	\$50.00	\$45.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	Glacier Valley Baptist Church	\$8,757.48	\$1,911.71	\$3,250.00	\$0.00
Sand Point Baptist Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Hoonah Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Shungnak Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Juneau Korean Church	\$210.00	\$0.00	\$90.00	\$0.00
Solid Rock Baptist Church	\$50.00	\$125.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	Kasaan Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$13,747.16	\$7,400.50	\$3,769.00	\$0.00	New Hope Fellowship	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
The Crossing @ Birchwood	\$2,100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	North Tongass Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
True North Church	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Tenakee Community Church	\$201.73	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
University Baptist Church Anch	\$5,081.78	\$1,574.00	\$1,253.00	\$0.00	Thorne Bay Baptist Church	\$1,493.38	\$50.00	\$485.00	\$0.00
Valley View Baptist Church	\$1,350.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Total:	\$32,011.98	\$5,510.18	\$6,002.00	\$0.00
Whittier Christian Community	\$602.74	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Grand Total:	\$429,756.79	\$73,748.99	\$79,309.81	\$5,722.75
Wilderness Chapel	\$25.00	\$25.05	\$25.00	\$25.00	Goal:	\$766,003.00	\$70,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$150,000.00
Total:	\$165,330.10	\$41,007.77	\$34,560.82	\$27.75	Over/Under Goal:	(\$336,246.21)	\$3,748.99	(\$20,690.19)	(\$144,277.25)
Hatcher Pass Baptist Association	CP	SMO	AA	LM					
Big Lake Baptist Church	\$4,252.58	\$990.00	\$2,243.63	\$0.00					
Bodenberg Butte Baptist Church	\$2,902.44	\$90.00	\$0.00	\$0.00					
CrossCountry Church	\$150.00	\$75.00	\$100.00	\$0.00					
Dillingham Bible Fellowship	\$4,487.44	\$0.00	\$1,131.01	\$0.00					
Ekwok Christian Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00					
Fairview Loop Baptist Church	\$16,082.33	\$3,363.06	\$5,020.98	\$0.00					
First Baptist Church Palmer	\$25,966.52	\$1,506.66	\$985.00	\$0.00					
First Baptist Church Valdez	\$6,420.96	\$245.00	\$2,336.91	\$0.00					
First Baptist Church Wasilla	\$16,883.90	\$2,228.00	\$2,692.00	\$0.00					
First Baptist Church Willow	\$2,652.46	\$1,935.16	\$1,326.61	\$0.00					
King Salmon Comm Chapel	\$0.00	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$0.00					
Montana Creek Baptist Church	\$2,190.52	\$80.00	\$355.00	\$0.00					
North Bear Street Comm Church	\$10.52	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00					
Pioneer Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00					
Schrock Road Comm Church	\$2,810.97	\$1,710.22	\$535.00	\$290.00					
Settler's Bay Comm Church	\$3,129.02	\$201.00	\$0.00	\$0.00					
Valley Life Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00					
Wasilla Korean Baptist Church	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00					
Total:	\$88,239.66	\$12,599.10	\$16,726.14	\$290.00					
Kenai Peninsula	CP	SMO	AA	LM					
College Heights Baptist Church	\$22,307.22	\$0.00	\$2,923.45	\$0.00					
First Baptist Church Kenai	\$3,583.79	\$575.00	\$0.00	\$0.00					
First Baptist Church Soldotna	\$3,993.84	\$165.00	\$1,542.00	\$0.00					
Lighthouse Community Church	\$8,206.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00					
Moose Pass Community Church	\$627.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00					
Mount Redoubt Baptist Church	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00					
Total:	\$39,917.85	\$740.00	\$5,465.45	\$0.00					

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



Join the 2000 Club and support capital needs projects in our Alaska Baptist Convention churches! Each quarter, individuals, mission groups, Sunday School classes and churches strive to meet the \$20,000

goal. It takes just 2000 gifts of \$10 each quarter to accomplish it. In the last 13 years, the 2000 Club has assisted 44 congregations with construction or renovation projects. Won't you join us and be part of expanding God's Kingdom in Alaska? For more information, contact Mike Procter, Director of Missions, ABC at (907)344-9627 or mike@alaskabaptistconvention.com.

Saturday, September 25

The **BIGGER** Breakfast


A Citywide Men's Event

8:30am-10:00am

Christ Community Church

2222 W. 100th Avenue, Anchorage

Gathering men for fellowship, food
and focus on the mission of God.



Register on-line at
www.alaskabaptistconvention.com
to reserve your place at the breakfast table.

Sponsored by the Alaska Baptist Convention Men's Ministry
Call 344-9627 for more information.



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gifts for His work in the world.

Participate by discovering how you can develop an
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October 22-25 • Tongass Baptist Association
October 26 • Tanana Valley Baptist Association
October 27 • Kenai Peninsula
October 28-29 • Hatcher Pass Baptist Association
October 30-31 • Chugach Baptist Association



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September "Nuggets"

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

LaVerne Griffin Youth Recreation Camp

During the Boys Bible Boot Camp in July, camper "squads" built boats out of cardboard and duct tape and raced them on the lake. Brad Whitworth, pastor of Big Lake Baptist Church, directs this camp.



Shannon Park Baptist Church,

Fairbanks

SPBC is hosting the Beth Moore Simulcast on September 18 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$25 and include the conference, materials, lunch and a gift bag. Women in the Fairbanks area should register on line at www.shannonparkchurch.com by clicking "info." The church will also start their third year of the AWANA program. Parents can sign their children up for AWANA on the church website.

First Baptist Church, Anchorage

A men's Fish Fry was held on August 12. A women's Fashion Bonanza and dinner will be held on September 10 at 6:30 p.m. The Mike and Virginia McKay Mission House dedication will be held September 19 at 12:30 p.m.

Cold Bay Chapel

Pastor Monte Chitty fell of the roof of the new parsonage and fractured his ankle. He had surgery in early August. The parsonage should be completed in November.

Cowboy Church, Anchorage

The church held their second annual Family Fun Day on August 21.

Aquillag Baptist Church, Ambler

ABC had four locals make professions of faith in July. A WMU group sent water filters and Bibles to be given to church members and village elders.

First Baptist Church, Fairbanks

FBC continues to gear up for the October 15-16 Winter Youth Celebration. Final preparations are being made with Keith Deltano, and sessions have been determined. For more information, visit www.akwyc.com. The church also hosted two mission groups over the summer, supported World Changers, baptized one person, and installed a new sound system in the church.

University Baptist Church, Fairbanks

UBC starts back with their full program schedule after Labor Day. The Children's Ministries will begin a Sunday night program, Team Kids, on September 12. The September business meeting will hear and approve action plans and 2010 reports for committees and ministries. The Bible Study Fellowship International will begin meeting again in mid-September.

Tongass Baptist Association

Mark your calendars for the September 16-17 semi-annual meeting being held at Glacier Valley Baptist Church in Juneau. Join us for a time of business, worship, prayer, praise and fellowship. Contact DOM Joe Boney for additional information.

Community Baptist Church, Nome

Summer mission work, Nome-style!



North Star Baptist Church, Anderson

Vacation Bible School!



January Bible Study

"Truth About Grace"; studies in Galatians

Pro 2010 Professional Football Guide

Sports Spectrum has produced a professional football guide which includes a schedule of games for the season. The guide features Drew Brees, New Orleans Saints quarterback, on the cover as well as an article about his faith in Jesus. There is a gospel presentation in the booklet with space to personalize with your church information. Visit www.lbc.org/pro2010.

Our condolences to Bruce Landry (pastor, Community Baptist Church, Nome) in the loss of his brother.



**Annual Mission Rally
of the
Alaska Baptist Convention
Monday
September 27, 2010
7:00 p.m.
First Baptist Church
Wasilla**

If you would like your church VBS statistics reported in the Alaska Baptist Messenger, please e-mail the following information to Betsy (betsy@alaskabaptistconvention.com) by September 15, 2010:

Church name, pastor, VBS director, number of children enrolled, number of workers, number of professions of faith, number of other decisions, amount of offering, offering designation and curriculum used.

Notification to the Churches *from the Alaska Baptist Convention Executive Director Search Committee*

At the January 2010 Executive Board Meeting the Executive Director Search Committee was assembled and authorized to begin the search for the new Executive Director of the Alaska Baptist Convention (ABC). Resumes were received through April 15, 2010 from over 20 viable candidates nationwide. The committee began the prayerful and diligent process of working through them looking for a godly, mission-minded person of prayer, having good understanding of cross-cultural ministry as well as strong leadership and administrative skills. The candidate was to have good relational skills, significant pastoral or other ministry experience, familiarity with and experience in financial management, as well as expertise in oral and written communication. Since the Executive Director is responsible for managing the programs, properties and personnel of the ABC according to the organization policies, coordinating programs and maintaining relationships with local churches, associations and the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC), he needed a good understanding of, and an established relationship with, these systems and entities. It was desired the candidate be familiar with Alaska and Alaska Baptist history and work.

With the developments in SBC mission life following the approval of the Great Commission Resurgence Task Force Report, the committee also considered a person who would be able to transition through any changes resulting from that report. The candidate would ideally be one with a good understanding of "new work" regions and one who had established good relationships with SBC entities and their leaders. Of most importance was the expectation that the new Executive Director be God's chosen person.

After much prayer, the committee has come to the conclusion the person best suited to lead the ABC is one who is already a proven leader among us. At a special-called ABC Executive Board meeting on August 2, 2010, the Board voted to approve the Search Committee's unanimous recommendation of Michael Procter to serve as the next Executive Director for the ABC, with a start date of January 1, 2011. Having received the approval of the Executive Board, the Search Committee will present this recommendation for final vote at the Annual Meeting on Tuesday evening, September 28, 2010. Additional information will be provided to the churches prior to the Annual Meeting.

Executive Director Search Committee:

Ed Gregory, Anchorage; Bryan Myers, Fairbanks; Meggie DeMers, Healy; Jeff Anderson, Anchorage; Garry Loeffler, Anchorage; Kerry Chadwick, Sitka; Johnny McCoy, North Pole

**Please Pray for
our Pastorless
Churches**

Chugach Baptist Association

Filipino Bible Church
Greater Friendship Baptist Church
Whittier Christian Community

Tanana Valley Baptist Association

Chinese Fellowship

Tongass Baptist Association

Anchor Baptist Church
Glacier Valley Baptist Church
Hoonah Baptist Mission



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Meet Michael (Mike) Procter

Born in Long Beach, California in 1950, Mike grew up in southern California. He became a Christian in 1970 at the age of 20. He married the former Rebecca Reynolds in 1976 in Prunedale, California. Rebecca and Mike have two sons -- Seth, who currently resides in Anchorage; and Noah, who currently resides in Soldotna with his wife Courtney. Rebecca and Mike have six grandchildren.

Mike received his Bachelor's degree in 1974 from California Baptist College (now University) in Riverside, and his Master's degree (1980) and Doctorate (1984) from International Theological Seminary. Mike pastored six churches in 16 years in California, Nevada, Alaska and West Germany. In addition, Mike was an evangelist for the BSU program at California Baptist College, and Southern Baptist General Convention of California, an instructor at Alaska Bible College and a professor at the Alaska Baptist Native School of Theology. Also in Alaska, Mike was the pastor of Glacier Valley Baptist Church in Juneau from 1986-1992. In 1992, he took the position of Director of Missions for Chugach Baptist Association and in 2002 became the Director of Missions and Church Planting for the Alaska Baptist Convention.



God's Plan for Sharing: Shining

Tuesday Evening, September 28, 2010

Presiding: Dr. Ed Gregory, President

- 5:00 Registration
- 5:50 Call to Order Dr. Ed Gregory
- 5:55 Worship through Music
- 6:05 Welcome from host church Stephen Shrimplin
- 6:10 Scripture and Prayer
- 6:15 Adoption of the Program Dr. Ed Gregory
- 6:20 Seating of Messengers Don Bowery
- 6:25 Worship through Music
- 6:30 Presentation by the Executive Director
- Search Committee Dr. Ed Gregory
- 6:45 Executive Director's Report David Baldwin
- 7:00 Prayer for Alaska David Baldwin
- 7:05 Worship through Music
- 7:15 Seminary Report and Message Dr. Jeff Iorg
- 8:00 Prayer/Benediction Dr. Ed Gregory

Retirement Reception for David and Nancy Baldwin follows immediately in the fellowship hall.

Wednesday Morning, September 29, 2010

Presiding: Bryan Myers, First Vice President

- 8:00 Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 Call to Order Bryan Myers
- 9:05 Worship through Music
- 9:10 Scripture and Prayer
- 9:15 Introduction of New Personnel to State Dr. Mike Procter
- 9:25 Committee on Committees Report John Smith
- 9:30 Nomination for President and Recording Secretary David Baldwin
- 9:40 Worship through Music
- 9:45 Constitution and Bylaws Report Marita Wolverton
- 9:50 Evangelism and Church Development Report Jimmy Stewart
- 10:15 Prayer for GPS Jimmy Stewart
- 10:20 Miscellaneous Business Bryan Myers
- 10:35 Alaska Baptist Foundation Report David Baldwin
Leon May
- 10:50 Ministries and Mission Education Don Shannon
- wMu Report Ruby Stogsdill

11:10 Worship through Music

11:15 Annual Sermon

John Smith (alt: Willie Tauanuu)

12:00 Benediction and meal blessing

Lunch is provided in the church fellowship hall on a donation basis. Ministers wives meet and eat together.

Wednesday Afternoon, September 29, 2010

Presiding: Tom Hoffman, Second Vice President

- 1:30 Call to Order Tom Hoffman
- 1:35 Worship through Music
- 1:40 Scripture and Prayer
- 1:45 Election of President and Recording Secretary David Baldwin
- 1:55 Committee on Boards Report John Jemar
- 2:00 State Missions Director Dr. Mike Procter
- 2:15 Nominations for Vice Presidents David Baldwin
- 2:25 Adoption of 2011 ABC Budget Dr. Jeff Anderson
- 2:35 LifeWay Christian Resources Report Jan Watkins
- 2:50 Executive Board Actions Dr. Ed Gregory
- 2:55 Worship through Music
- 3:05 Last Miscellaneous Business
- 3:15 Time, Place, and Preacher Committee Report Brad Whitworth
- 3:20 Wayland Baptist University Anchorage Dr. Eric Ash
- Wayland Baptist University Fairbanks Dr. John Copeland
- 3:35 Alaska Baptist Family Services Report Lorie Morris
- 3:55 Resolutions Committee Shirley Bearce
- 4:00 Election of Vice Presidents David Baldwin
- 4:10 Worship through Music
- 4:20 IMB Report Dr. Mike Hand
- 4:35 Prayer for IMB Bill Milewski
- 4:40 Announcements and Benediction

Dinner in Fellowship Hall is provided compliments of Wayland Baptist University in commemoration of their 25th anniversary in the State of Alaska and in appreciation of 25 years of support by the Alaska Baptist Convention.

God's Light on the Nations in Alaska

Wednesday Evening, September 29, 2010

Presiding: Dr. Ed Gregory

5:55	Call to Order	Dr. Ed Gregory
6:00	Worship through Music	
6:10	Scripture and Prayer	
6:15	NAMB Report	Roy Spannagel
	NAMB Prayer	Corey McGee
6:30	State Missions Emphasis	Don Shannon
6:45	Recognitions; Vice Presidents Results;	
	Installation of Officers	David Baldwin
6:55	Worship through Music	
7:05	President's Message	Dr. Ed Gregory
7:50	Adjournment, Announcements and Benediction	

For this 65th Annual Convention, we acknowledge with gratitude the meal and child-care workers from the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina: Bill Crowe, Dolly Crowe, Hazel Kiker, Margaret McKinney, Vic Weaver, Carol Weaver, Janice Hartis, Kathie Crump, Robert Brown, Dottie Brown, Billie Jean Shrewsbury, Linda Hudson.

Thank you to our host church, First Baptist Church, Wasilla, members and staff: Pastor Stephen Shrimplin, Associate Pastor Mike Graham, Secretary Carolyn Dompier.



First Baptist Church • Wasilla, Alaska

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David Baldwin
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The 2010 Valeria Sherard State Mission Offering theme, “Faces of Alaska,” reminds me of a time when we lived in Fairbanks many years ago and my son and I traveled to Anchorage for a baseball tournament. Another baseball Dad and I were having breakfast together when he asked me, “What do you do?” That is always a fun time for a Baptist preacher. When I answered “Baptist preacher” he got the strangest look on his face. I do not know what he expected because I was in jeans, a pullover shirt and Tanana Valley Baptist Association baseball cap. After the initial shock, I began to explain the ministries we were involved with through Friendship Baptist Church in Fairbanks and community services I knew he could relate to. When I mentioned our Citizenship and English as a Second Language classes, he asked me, “Do we have many internationals in Fairbanks?” I responded by asking, “What nationality was the lady who seated us in this restaurant? What nationality was our waitress? What is the nationality of the young man bussing tables?” It was an interesting conversation.

Back in Fairbanks several weeks later that same Dad stopped me at a baseball game and said, “You have ruined my life. Since talking with you I have been looking at the people at restaurants, the grocery store and even at traffic lights. We have a lot of people living here who do not look like me!” Faces of Alaska!

Hopefully the 2010 State Mission Offering emphasis will cause all of us to look at the Faces of Alaska and see the many people who need to know Christ as their Savior. As an interesting side note, according to 2009-2010 Anchorage School District report, many immigrants from around the globe live in Anchorage and 94 different languages are spoken by district schoolchildren. About half of the district’s students are from ethnic minority groups.

Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Gene and Jane Medaris commemorated their anniversary with a celebration on August 12 at Faltz Landscaping. The Medarises have faithfully served in Alaska for many years. Congratulations on this milestone!



Mike Procter
Director of Missions and Church Planting

September is a busy month for Alaska Baptists! September 5-12 is the Week of Prayer for Valeria Sherard State Mission Offering. The theme is “Faces of Alaska” and our goal is \$70,000 with 100 percent of the funds received remaining in Alaska. They are used to support the mission ministries of four associations, Alaska Baptist Family Services, three camps, statewide church planting, evangelistic and church development projects. I pray you will ask the Lord what He would have you give to this special offering and then give cheerfully.

The annual meeting of the Alaska Baptist Convention (ABC), as well as the auxiliary meetings associated with it, will be held September 27-29, 2010.

- Monday, September 27, 7:00 p.m. Mission Rally at First Baptist Church (FBC), Wasilla. The theme “Are You Smarter Than a Missionary” promises a good time for everyone.
- Tuesday, September 28, 8:00 a.m. Pastor’s Conference at Fairview Loop Baptist Church, Wasilla. Three of our Alaskan pastors will speak, along with keynote speaker, Dr. Jeff Iorg, President, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary.
- Tuesday, September 28, 8:30 a.m. WMU Annual Meeting at FBC, Wasilla. The theme is “Unhindered” and keynote speakers will be Alicia Wong (North American Mission Board) and Amanda Dillon (International Mission Board).
- Tuesday, September 28, 6:00 p.m. Call to Order for the annual meeting of the ABC at FBC, Wasilla. The meeting will run through 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 29.

As a special treat, Wayland Baptist University will host a dinner on Wednesday in commemoration of their 25 years in Alaska and in appreciation of 25 years of support by the ABC.

With Alaska such a large state geographically, many of us only get to visit each other once or twice a year and the annual meeting is such a time. I pray you plan to attend the ABC annual meeting as we celebrate what God is doing in the lives of our congregations, associations, ministries and the ABC. Your pastor or church office has the information you need to register as a messenger.

The Lord willing, if not before, I look forward to visiting with you in Wasilla, September 27-29, 2010. Blessings!



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

When was the last time you consulted the Christian calendar? There was a time when churches regularly consulted the Christian calendar to see what emphases would be celebrated on a given Sunday. I am not sure how many churches today consult a planning calendar when considering their worship services. I am glad so many of our churches still take time to emphasize the offerings named for Valeria Sherard, Annie Armstrong and Lottie Moon. If you don't know who these people are, please give me a call. I would love to bring you up-to-date on special offerings that fund missions in Alaska and around the world.

Mark your calendars now and plan to recognize Soul Winning Commitment Day on Sunday, October 3. This emphasis is as important as anything we can do. Are we asking our people to pray for those without Christ? Are we equipping them to share their faith? To participate in some type of "sowing" event? Calling them to disciple new believers? This emphasis is all about the commitment we have in reaching our Jerusalem, our Judea and beyond. That is why we should call our people to this task and keep it before them on an annual basis. For information on this and materials to download, go to www.thebigday.org. There are many resources and information available to help you observe this day.

I hope all of our churches are training believers in sharing their faith. There is free help available to challenge you in this discipline of Christian faith. There are many on the State Convention and Associational staff who can assist you in training. I know teaching people to share a tract or a testimony is easy to do. I am sure all our pastors do this well, but sometimes it helps people to hear it from someone else. Are you doing this on a regular basis? Many years ago, I remember Darryl Robinson from Home Mission Board (now North American Mission Board) telling me he conducted between seven and 14 evangelistic trainings a year. It was a long time ago, but I just remember thinking it was a lot of training for the same church. But he explained that he trained choir members, children's workers, youth leaders and deacons at different times. It was not just a "ya'll come" training; he targeted groups with a purpose. So pastors, let me encourage you to think about training multiple groups in multiple ways to share their faith. One thing is for sure "we tend to drift away from evangelism, not toward evangelism." If our people are not sharing their faith, inviting people to church, praying for the lost and seeking to make disciples, it may be that we are not reminding them of the importance of doing so. In our churches, who will take on the responsibility to encourage evangelism and discipleship? The truth is that pastors have too much on their plates. Find someone in your congregation who will keep evangelism before the congregation, and provide training for members. If you want training for such a leader, please give me a call. Every church should have a prayer leader, equipping leader, evangelism leader and discipleship leader. God's Plan for Sharing is about getting the gospel to everyone in Alaska by 2020 and it will be done through praying, equipping, sowing and harvesting. Let's see what God can do in Alaska.



Don Shannon
*Director of Ministries and
 Mission Education*

When I was the chaplain at Clear Air Force Site I learned about the Strategic Air Command, our nation's defense system. It operates 24 hours a day as a shield of protection for our nation. This means that at any point in a given day there are airplanes carrying nuclear warheads over our country. If these planes fly constantly, how are they kept full of gas? In the military, they do what's called "mid-flight refueling." A refueling plane actually flies up next to the Strategic Air Command plane, docks and fills the plane with gas.

As a believer you need to learn how to refuel your life in mid-flight. You can't just fly off to Tahiti every time you get tired and discouraged. You have to keep going. You have to learn how to recharge in the middle of your hectic lifestyle.

What do you do when you run out of energy? Psalm 94:19 (LB) says, "Lord, when doubts fill my mind, when my heart is in turmoil, quiet me and give me renewed hope and cheer." Are you ever quiet? We are afraid of silence. It makes us very uncomfortable. The moment we get in the car, the radio goes on; the moment we get home, the TV goes on. Very little of our lives are honestly quiet. God says, "If you want to lower your stress, it's as simple as this: be silent, stop talking and start listening." Sometimes we say, "God, I really need your guidance on this," and then we get up and walk off. We don't wait for an answer. The reason we never hear from God is we never listen.

Learn to take little mini breaks during the day. When you feel your pressure rising, stop and say, "God, I want to tune in on you again. I want to focus in on you." I'm not suggesting thirty minutes of meditation. I'm talking about fifteen or twenty seconds -- just little mini breaks when you stop and become quiet.

Why is this important? Inevitably it's tough to live God's plan for your life. You start having discouragement and you start wondering, "Maybe this idea of trying to live for God is a bad idea. Maybe I should just coast for the next couple of months." When you coast, you start heading downhill, the wrong way.

Discouragement leads to doubt. How do you defeat doubt? You need to remember three things: God's goodness yesterday, God's presence today, God's promises tomorrow. You don't need to doubt. You don't need to be discouraged. You can be renewed, refueled daily.

If you want to last over the long haul, you have to learn how to refuel spiritually, emotionally, physically and mentally. 2 Corinthians 4:16 (TEV) says, "For this reason we never become discouraged. Even though our physical being is gradually decaying, yet our spiritual being is renewed day after day." I want to challenge you to figure out what renews you. Make a list of the things that keep you going, the things that re-energize you. Then do those things over and over.



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Gift Annuity: A Stable Investment for an Unstable Time

The most popular way to make a significant gift to a favorite charity is a provision in a Last Will and Testament (Will) and Trust. Since such gifts – known as *testamentary provisions* – take effect at the death of the donor, they are particularly attractive to those who feel they need the income generated by all their assets during their lifetime.

What exactly is a charitable gift annuity?

A charitable gift annuity is a contractual agreement between a donor and a charitable organization under which the charity agrees to pay a fixed amount to one or two designated beneficiaries for life.

Is there any difference if I give now through a gift annuity or through my Will? The following chart and explanation will help illustrate:

June is a 75-year-old donor in the 33 percent federal tax bracket. June has \$100,000 invested in a Certificate of Deposit (CD) that pays 4.1 percent (\$4,100) and she plans to give \$100,000 to the Alaska Baptist Foundation (ABF) under her Will. June's Will spells out what the money or earnings are to support.

Sue is a 75-year-old donor who decides to make a \$100,000 contribution for a gift annuity with the ABF right now that will pay her 7.1 percent (\$7,100) each year. The gift annuity will generate a charitable deduction of \$48,082 and save her \$15,867 in federal income tax.

If Sue lives 15 years and is able to earn a 6 percent annual return by investing her tax savings and the additional net annual income from the gift annuity, Sue essentially adds almost \$117,000 to the amount available for other purposes

at her death. Sue determined through the gift annuity document, what the funds would be used for after her death. Refer to the table for a comparison of the two gifts. Information taken from: Wisconsin Dividends/University of Wisconsin foundation Fall 2006 (www.uwfoundation.wisc.edu/media/penterra/pdf/wisc%20NL%2051.pdf)

Given the tenuous economic environment today, a charitable gift annuity provides an individual or couple an opportunity to give to ministry, receive a current tax deduction and provide a steady and consistent income for life. The income stream from the annuity can be anywhere from two to four times higher as that generated by a CD, based on current interest rates and the age of the individual donor(s). The interest rates on gift annuities can range from 5.2 percent annually for individuals 60 years of age, to 9.5 percent annually for an individual age 90. Gift annuities established for a couple can range from 5.0 percent annually when individuals are age 60, to 9.0 percent annually when individuals are age 90. Gift annuity rates are subject to periodic change and are set by the American Council on Gift Annuities (ACGA). (Current rates provided at www.acga-web.org/giftrates.html)

If you are interested in pursuing the establishment of a charitable gift annuity or have any other questions regarding a variety of different charitable giving instruments please feel free to contact the Alaska Baptist Foundation.

	June's Gift – By Will	Sue's Gift Annuity
Charitable contribution	\$100,000	\$100,000
Income tax deduction	0	48,052
Income tax savings	0	15,867
Value of savings – 15 years at 6%	0	38,026
Additional annual net income	0	3,392
Value of additional income in 15 years at 6%	0	78,952
Total additional value in 15 years	0	\$116,978





Reunions and Legacies...

In June, the Baldwin family had a reunion and I realized how much fun, but also how much work, a reunion can be. I have three brothers and we have a total of ten children; our children, their children and all the grand- and great-grandchildren got together, some of whom had not seen each other in twenty years! Many of the younger generation had never even met. I observed those who married into our clan. Some looked like they wanted to ask, "what have I gotten myself into?" while others looked as if to say, "I've never been a part of a family gathering like this." Everyone was talking at the same time as they tried to catch up with each other. About half of the people in attendance had never met my parents. They had only seen them in pictures or heard stories about them. Yet, my parents left a legacy.

How did the Baldwin clan begin? It all started with a man and woman who had four sons and a strong work ethic. By today's standards, that couple lacked education, having only completed grade school because that was all that was available to them. This couple became believers in Christ and as a preschooler I remember seeing my parents baptized. That was about 65 years ago. This couple became involved in a local church, including Sunday School, worship, Training Union and missions. My siblings and I never had a choice about church attendance – we just went! My parent's influence extended beyond their own children. Many teens gathered at our house to play ball, tag and other games. My older brother told the story of a young man who was raised by his grandmother in a house she rented from my father. Some time ago, a

car pulled into my parent's driveway and a man and young boy got out. The man was the young boy who had lived with his grandmother. Now grown, he had brought his young son to see where he had once lived. After pleasantries were exchanged, the man said to his son, "I want you to meet the man who taught me all that I know." My parents left a legacy.

The Alaska Baptist Foundation (ABF) would like to help you leave a legacy by helping you establish your Last Will and Testament (Will) and/or a Trust Fund that can impact your family and favorite ministries long after you have died. There are college and seminary students receiving scholarship assistance today who do not know nor have ever heard of Mack Brown or Forrest and Sybillia Fuhr. There are children attending summer camp and Vacation Bible School who do not know who paid for their supplies or camp registration. They have been impacted by someone's legacy.

Every person should have a Will stating how their estate should be distributed. If you do not, the State of Alaska will make that decision for you and they likely will not include the ministries you are interested in supporting. If you have minor children, the State will determine who will raise them if you do not have a Will. The ABF can help!

Every church should establish a Trust which will impact ministries for years to come. Every church should also regularly emphasize stewardship and estate planning. Your ABF can help!

The Alaska Baptist Foundation would like to help you leave a legacy.

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University

FPU is being offered at Rabbit Creek Community Church, Wednesday evenings beginning September 1, at 6:30 p.m.; and Muldoon Road Baptist Church, Sunday evenings beginning September 19, at 5:00 p.m.

*Learn how to set financial goals, put together a monthly spending plan and the step-by-step process for getting out of debt. **Please call the church for more information.***

Planning Financial Support for Church Staff

GuideStone Financial Services and the Alaska Baptist Convention and Foundation will offer a financial planning conference for pastors, paid staff, church treasurers and finance committee members. Conference leader is William Jaques, Jr. (Leadership/Worship GuideStone/Stewardship) from the Arkansas Baptist Convention.

Wednesday, October 6 • Kenai/Soldotna areas
Thursday, October 7 • Palmer/Wasilla areas
Friday, October 8 • Anchorage area
Saturday, October 9 • Fairbanks area

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September 2010

5 Single Adult Sunday
8-12 Valeria Sherard State Mission Emphasis
16-17 Tongass Baptist Assn Board Mtg
19 Anti-Gambling Sunday
20 Discipleship Rally
22 See You At The Pole
25 The "Bigger Breakfast" Men's Emphasis
27 Mission Rally, FBC Wasilla
28 wMu Annual Meeting, FBC Wasilla
28 Pastor's Conference, Fairview Loop Wasilla
28-29 ABC Annual Meeting, FBC Wasilla
30-Oct 1 Alaska Native Baptist Fellowship Conf
Anchorage Hope Comm BC

October 2010

1-31 Cooperative Program Emphasis Month
3 On Mission Together: Sharing the Good News
8-9 Bible Study Directors Retreat
10 World Hunger Sunday
14-16 ESL Tng, Glacier Valley BC, Juneau
15-16 Winter Youth Celebration
FBC Fairbanks
16 National Boss's Day

22-25 TBA On Mission Celebration Rallies
26 TVBA On Mission Celebration Rally
27 Kenai Peninsula On Mission Celebration Rally
28-29 HPBA On Mission Celebration Rallies
30-31 CBA On Mission Celebration Rallies

November 2010

1-6 Bible Study Leadership Training
5 Living with Urgency: Children's Missions
Celebration Day
7 Daylight Savings Time Ends
11 ABF Orientation for new Trustees
12 ABF Trustee meeting
15 Annual Church Profiles Due
15 Orientation for ABC Executive Board members
15 ABC Executive Board Committees
16 ABC Executive Board meeting
24 ABC and ABF offices closes at 1:00 p.m.
25-26 ABC and ABF Offices close for Thanksgiving
28-Dec 5 Week of Prayer and Mission Study for
International Missions and the
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

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