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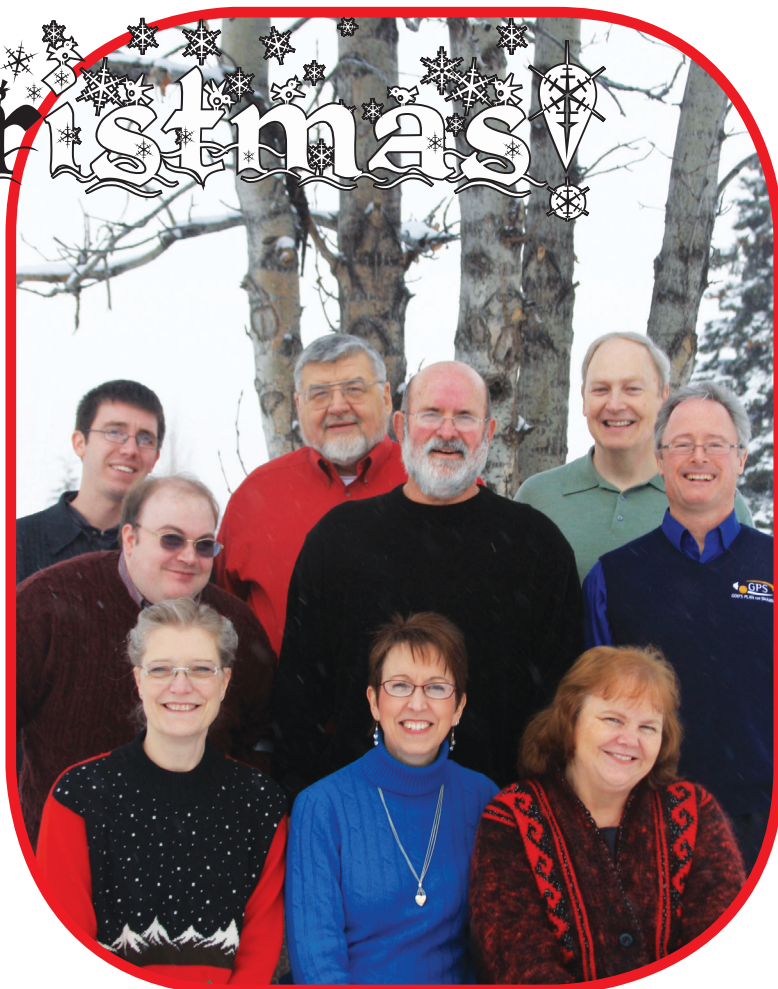
December 2010

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Merry Christmas

from your staff at the Alaska Baptist Convention and Foundation

(standing, left to right: Mike Blakeney, Adam Long,
David Baldwin, Mike Procter, Don Shannon, Jimmy
Stewart; seated, left to right, Sylvia Rylander, Betsy
Shilling, Debra Long)



¹⁰ And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold,
I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be
to all people. ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the
city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. ¹²And
this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe
wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.
¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of
the heavenly host praising God, and saying, ¹⁴**Glory
to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good
will toward men.**

Luke 2:10-14 (KJV)

ARE WE
THERE
YET?

2010 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering®

National Goal: \$175 Million

Week of Prayer for International Missions
and International Mission Study
November 28 – December 5

Alaska Goal:
\$150,000

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can do.....
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God's Plan for Sharing in Alaska

January - October 2010 Gifts from ABC churches

Chugach Baptist Association	CP	SMO	AA	LM	Other	CP	SMO	AA	LM
Alaska Iu-Mienh First Bapt Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Misc. Contributors-Cash	\$0.00	\$538.47	\$0.00	\$0.00
Anch Hope Comm Bapt Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Total:	\$0.00	\$538.47	\$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	\$4,097.00	\$1,351.00	\$1,156.00	\$0.00	Chinese Fellowship	\$918.50	\$265.00	\$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	\$7,591.00	\$0.00	\$1,843.11	\$0.00
Cliffside Community Chapel	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Faith Baptist Church Fbks	\$5,501.00	\$0.00	\$700.00	\$0.00
Cold Bay Chapel	\$618.50	\$275.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Filipino Baptist Fellowship Fbks	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Comm Baptist Church Nome	\$468.00	\$85.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	First Baptist Church Delta Jct	\$42,094.99	\$2,203.00	\$2,887.00	\$275.00
Cowboy Church of Anchorage	\$2,485.63	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	First Baptist Church Fairbanks	\$5,816.78	\$1,336.00	\$1,532.50	\$0.00
Eagle River Korean Bapt Church	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$240.00	\$0.00	First Baptist Church North Pole	\$25,641.07	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Filipino Bible Church Anchorage	\$3,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Friendship Baptist Church Fbks	\$450.00	\$300.00	\$840.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church Anchorage	\$64,208.70	\$3,223.38	\$7,311.69	\$0.00	Hispanic Mission	\$622.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church Eagle River	\$31,938.00	\$1,318.00	\$4,045.00	\$0.00	Korean Baptist Mission Fbks	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$130.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church Kotzebue	\$3,500.00	\$800.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	Moose Creek Baptist Church	\$7,403.71	\$352.10	\$579.29	\$0.00
First Baptist Church Soldotna	\$6,837.84	\$0.00	\$1,542.00	\$0.00	Morning Star Baptist Church	\$7,364.13	\$0.00	\$1,771.00	\$0.00
First Hmong Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Mount Pleasant Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Korean Baptist Church	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$384.00	\$0.00	North Star Baptist Church	\$539.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Native Baptist Church	\$3,943.00	\$0.00	\$1,051.00	\$0.00	Salcha Baptist Church	\$5,700.75	\$0.00	\$1,210.00	\$5,205.00
Frontier Baptist Church	\$3,396.26	\$0.00	\$785.00	\$0.00	Shannon Park Baptist Church	\$6,311.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grandview Baptist Church	\$24,711.95	\$2,509.00	\$8,950.13	\$0.00	St John Baptist Church	\$12,413.33	\$0.00	\$320.00	\$0.00
Greater Friendship Bapt Church	\$6,422.33	\$600.00	\$482.00	\$0.00	Togiak Baptist Mission	\$250.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Hillside Baptist Church	\$10,973.69	\$550.00	\$1,185.00	\$0.00	University Baptist Church Fbks	\$18,992.00	\$1,045.00	\$4,442.50	\$0.00
Immanuel Baptist Church	\$701.05	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2.75	Total:	\$148,209.26	\$5,601.10	\$16,655.40	\$5,580.00
Kiana Baptist Mission	\$1,117.69	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	Tongass Baptist Association	CP	SMO	AA	LM
Kobuk Baptist Mission	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	Anchor Baptist Church	\$6,064.96	\$610.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
Korean New Central Bapt Church	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	Comm Bapt Church Coffman Cove	\$850.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00
Kuparuk Preaching Point	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Emmanuel Baptist Church	\$2,257.17	\$530.23	\$417.00	\$0.00
Mt Zion Missionary Bapt Church	\$840.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Filipino Baptist Church KTN	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mountain View Community Church	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	First Baptist Church Juneau	\$7,162.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Muldoon Road Baptist Church	\$7,525.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	First Baptist Church Ketchikan	\$6,265.94	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Grace Christian Church	\$2,780.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	First Baptist Church Petersburg	\$2,149.00	\$0.00	\$950.00	\$0.00
New Hope Baptist Church	\$15,536.04	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	First Baptist Church Sitka	\$4,349.96	\$0.00	\$510.00	\$0.00
Rabbit Creek Community Church	\$5,788.53	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	Glacier Valley Baptist Church	\$15,043.21	\$0.00	\$3,250.00	\$0.00
River In The Desert Comm Church	\$562.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Hoonah Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Samoa Alaska Baptist Church	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	Juneau Korean Church	\$300.00	\$81.00	\$90.00	\$0.00
Sand Point Baptist Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Kasaan Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Shungnak Baptist Mission	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	New Hope Fellowship	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Solid Rock Baptist Church	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	North Tongass Baptist Church	\$40.25	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$20,186.30	\$1,939.00	\$3,769.00	\$0.00	Tenakee Community Church	\$201.73	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
The Crossing @ Birchwood	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Thorne Bay Baptist Church	\$3,192.77	\$505.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
True North Church	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Total:	\$48,577.29	\$1,951.23	\$6,167.00	\$0.00
University Baptist Church Anch	\$7,275.71	\$0.00	\$1,253.00	\$0.00	Grand Total:	\$605,688.86	\$30,601.10	\$82,673.60	\$7,587.40
Valley View Baptist Church	\$2,290.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Goal:	\$766,003.00	\$70,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$150,000.00
Whittier Christian Community	\$762.86	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Under/Over Goal:	(\$160,314.14)	(\$39,398.90)	(\$17,326.40)	(\$142,412.60)
Wilderness Chapel	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$25.00					
Total:	\$239,541.08	\$12,650.38	\$37,653.82	\$27.75					
Hatcher Pass Baptist Association	CP	SMO	AA	LM					
Big Lake Baptist Church	\$7,078.61	\$1,662.00	\$2,243.63	\$0.00					
Bodenberg Butte Bapt Church	\$5,973.09	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00					
CrossCountry Church	\$850.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00					
Dillingham Bible Fellowship	\$5,876.69	\$0.00	\$1,131.01	\$0.00					
Ekwok Christian Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00					
Fairview Loop Baptist Church	\$21,434.10	\$0.00	\$5,020.98	\$0.00					
First Baptist Church Palmer	\$30,966.50	\$0.00	\$985.00	\$0.00					
First Baptist Church Valdez	\$8,492.45	\$1,959.03	\$2,336.91	\$0.00					
First Baptist Church Wasilla	\$23,420.33	\$0.00	\$2,692.00	\$0.00					
First Baptist Church Willow	\$3,355.83	\$1,614.09	\$1,326.61	\$0.00					
King Salmon Comm Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00					
Montana Creek Baptist Church	\$2,989.41	\$0.00	\$355.00	\$0.00					
North Bear Street Comm Church	\$97.52	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00					
Pioneer Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00					
Schrock Road Comm Church	\$4,258.73	\$625.50	\$952.00	\$707.00					
Settler's Bay Community Church	\$5,048.72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00					
Valley Life Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00					
Wasilla Korean Baptist Church	\$550.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00					
Total:	\$120,391.98	\$5,960.62	\$17,143.14	\$707.00					
Kenai Peninsula	CP	SMO	AA	LM					
College Heights Baptist Church	\$29,251.97	\$3,799.30	\$2,923.45	\$0.00					
First Baptist Church Kenai	\$5,068.28	\$100.00	\$630.79	\$772.65					
Lighthouse Community Church	\$12,372.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00					
Moose Pass Community Church	\$1,077.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00					
Mount Redoubt Baptist Church	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00					
Total:	\$48,969.25	\$3,899.30	\$5,054.24	\$1,272.65					

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@alaska-baptistconvention.com.

2011 State Evangelism Conference

Transformed Lives

Jan 31-Feb 1 • First Baptist Church, Anchorage



Featured speakers:

- Bruce Raley, Lifeway Christian Resources
- Roger Byrd, California Southern Baptist Convention
- Jack Lawlor, Real Life Ministries
- Jerry Pipes, Jerry Pipes Productions
- Wayne Shuffield, Baptist General Convention of Texas
- Tommy and Rita Teague, North Richland Hills Baptist Church, Texas

Monday, January 31 • Noon-9:00 p.m. with lunch and supper provided

Tuesday, February 1 • 9:00 a.m. - Noon with lunch provided; **6:30-9:00 p.m.**, with dinner on your own.

"...are being transformed into His likeness..."

2 Corinthians 3:18 (NIV)

Reservations for meals, childcare and hotel must be made online at www.alaskabaptistconvention.com under "events."

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IN THEATERS 2011
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During the 2011 SEC, enjoy an advanced screening of "Courageous" the latest offering from Sherwood Pictures, the creators of *Fireproof*, *Facing the Giants* and *Flywheel*.
Tuesday, 1:30 p.m.

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March 18-19
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in Anchorage

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blume is an intense and fun, four-day focus on missions for teenage girls and collegiate young women. Blume only happens once every four years! The overall theme passage is 2 Timothy 1:3-14 with the focus on verse 7.

missions

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Register by April 15th and Alaska WMU will PAY for your housing!

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\$349 per person beginning May 1, 2011.

Online registration

www.blumeforgirls.com

Top Giving Churches to the Valeria Sherard State

Mission Offering*

Rabbit Creek Community Church	\$8,500.00
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$7,400.50
First Baptist Church Eagle River	\$6,780.00
Grandview Baptist Church	\$6,487.07
First Baptist Church Anchorage	\$5,400.59
First Baptist Church Delta Junction	\$4,195.00
Fairview Loop Baptist Church	\$3,363.06
University Baptist Church Fbks	\$3,120.00
First Baptist Church Wasilla	\$2,228.00
First Baptist Church Willow	\$1,935.16

Top Giving Churches Per Capita to the State Mission Offering*

First Baptist Church Delta Junction	\$52
Schrock Road Community Church	\$45
First Baptist Church Fairbanks	\$35
First Baptist Church Petersburg	\$34
King Salmon Community Chapel	\$29
Grandview Baptist Church	\$27
First Baptist Church Eagle River	\$25
Emmanuel Baptist Church	\$24
Rabbit Creek Community Church	\$23
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$21

*Reporting period is August 2009-July 2010

**Please Pray for
our Pastorless
Churches**

Chugach Baptist Association

Aquillaq Baptist Mission
Filipino Bible Church
Greater Friendship Baptist Church
Kiana Baptist Mission
Sunset Hills Baptist Church
Whittier Christian Community

Hatcher Pass Baptist Association

Ekwok Christian Church
King Salmon Comm Baptist Chapel

Tanana Valley Baptist Association

Chinese Fellowship

Tongass Baptist Association

Anchor Baptist Church
Glacier Valley Baptist Church
Hoonah Baptist Mission

Where does the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering go once it leaves your church?

100% used to support missionaries

90% used for direct expenses like missionary salaries, housing, food, children's education and benefits **10%** used for ministry support

God is doing some incredible things in the North African region of Kabylia. Neither Islam nor the heightened level of persecution aimed at believers like Pastor Karim* can stop His desire to bring the Kabyle Berbers to salvation through Jesus Christ. Southern Baptists are privileged to be used by God in this region and to witness the power of the Holy Spirit among this people group. For just \$4, Christian workers can buy a New Testament in the Kabyle language. When they read the living Word of God, they are filled with a boldness and strength that comes only from the Lord.

When Karim reads the words of the apostle Paul from his Bible, he identifies with an insight greater

than most Christians in the U.S. will ever have. Like Paul, Karim has been beaten, threatened with death and spit upon. He's witnessed the intense persecution of fellow believers and walked through the ashes and rubble of the building where his church worshipped. Still his faith, and the faith of fellow Christians, remains strong. This is not a church in hiding. This is a church witnessing and evangelizing its own people, even those who persecute them.

For every Bible that's taken away and burned, they pray that God will provide the means to replace it. Through our faithful giving to Lottie Moon, we provide not only

Bibles in the Kabyle language but Christian radio and television programs and an ongoing structure that allows Christian workers to engage Northern African and Middle Eastern peoples.

*Name changed





December "Nuggets"

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

True North Church, Anchorage

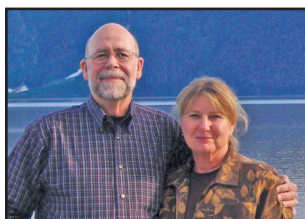
True North officially launched their weekly services on October 17. They meet Sundays at 10:00 a.m. in the Loussac Library.

Winter Youth Celebration

Hosted by First Baptist Church, Fairbanks, WYC welcomed 200 youth and 50 adults to the event in October. With special guest Keith Deltano, topics included conformity, sexual purity, creation vs. evolution, validity of the Bible, and defending your faith. Special music was provided by Karissa Laren of Anchorage. FBC thanks all the volunteers who helped make the event such a success.

Alaska Baptist Convention

Alan and Babs Dial were appointed by the North American Mission Board on October 19 to serve as the Native Church Starter



Strategist for the Alaska Baptist Convention. While living in Anchorage, they will assist with developing a statewide strategy to establish Native congregations and ministries. Prior to serving in Alaska, the Dials were IMB missionaries in Africa. Alan and Babs have five children. The 2010-2011 Alaska Baptist Convention Officers elected at the 65th annual meeting are Charles Worthy, President; Tom Hoffman, First Vice President; Garry Loeffler, Second Vice President; and Shirley Bearce, Recording Secretary.

First Baptist Church, Valdez

Taking part in the On Mission Celebration rallies held throughout the state, FBC hosted Jane Bishop from the North American Mission Board. October 31, the church held their first Fall Festival for elementary aged children. They had 115 in attendance. Chad Richardson is pastor.

Chugach Baptist Association

In October, David George, Director of Missions for CBA, received his coaching certification from CoachNet. He is available to coach those who request it. Brent Furr from Concord, North Carolina visited Anchorage recently in preparation of planting a new work.

Frontier Baptist Church, Kodiak

FBC hosted a WorldCrafts Christmas bazaar for the community, which included international treats. A video highlighting WorldCrafts was also shown. Forty people attended and sales totaled nearly \$1,000. A special thanks to Candy Elmore, Barbara Marconi, Suzie Olsen, Lorrie Laird and Kristin Panamaroff for their efforts. Gary Elmore is pastor.

Community Baptist Church, Nome

Members of West Gate Memorial Baptist Church (Beaumont, Texas) will volunteer in Nome over the Thanksgiving holiday, and members of Shiloh Baptist Church (Americus, Georgia) will volunteer in

Teller over the Christmas holiday. The prison ministry of the church continues to thrive and the Harvest Party on October 31 was a big success. Please keep pastor Bruce Landry and his family in prayer as he has lost eight immediate family members in the last eight months.

First Baptist Church, Ketchikan

FBC had a Prime Rib Dinner/fundraiser for Orton Ranch and raised \$3,000! The church also collected their "shoeboxes" for Operation Christmas Child and served as a collection clearinghouse for boxes from other local churches. Doug Edwards is pastor.

New Hope Baptist Church, Anchorage

October was Loyalty Commitment Month for NHBC. During the month, Pastor Clifton Gay challenged the congregation to raise the level of loyalty and commitment to God, the church and to one another. Also during October, several lay people acknowledged their call to ministry and were licensed to preach the Gospel. New Hope was the host church for the November 9 Bible Study Leadership Training for Chugach Baptist Association.

Anchor Baptist Church, Craig

In September, the congregation met on Canoe Point and baptized four people. After the baptismal service they enjoyed a potluck picnic, a time of worship and a short message by Dean Blankenship, interim pastor. In October, the church had a shoebox "stuffing" party with a goal of 30 boxes, but raised enough money to fill 47 boxes! They followed with an ice-cream social. Blankenship's provided the ice cream and church members provided the toppings.

Shannon Park Baptist Church,

Fairbanks

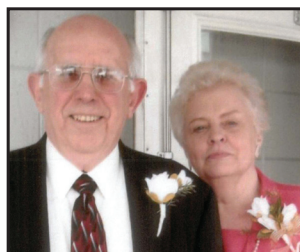
SPBC was the host church for the November 6 Bible Study Leadership Training for Tanana Valley Baptist Association. They will host David Underwood's Whistle Concert on December 18 at 7:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend. Kelly Weaver is pastor.

Condolences

Condolences to Hugh Long, pastor North Star Baptist Church, Anderson, on the loss of his brother.

Judson Owen Retires

Judson (Georgie) Owen retired October 31, 2010 from Sunset Hills Baptist Church in Anchorage where he served for 19 years. A graduate of East Texas



Baptist University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, the Owens came to Alaska in 1973 and served in Ketchikan and Palmer before settling in Anchorage. Judson also served as president of the ABC 1988-1990 and taught for several years at the Native School of Theology. Georgie was active in WMU (serving five terms as President of Alaska WMU) and taught literacy classes in Palmer and Anchorage. The Sunset Hills Baptist Church family hosted a potluck dinner on October 24 in honor of the Owens' faithful service to Baptist work in Alaska. Judson and Georgie can be reached at 302 Brentwood, Athens, Texas, 75751.

Togiak Baptist Mission

Denise Coopchiak, Helen Gregorio and Aaron Frost led worship in October. Ms. Coopchiak also led a Wednesday night Bible study. These three were part of the youth Bible study when Pastor Paul and Laura Frost arrived 17 years ago. Please keep the people of Togiak in your prayers.

North American Mission Board

Dr. Kevin Ezell, pastor of Highview Baptist Church in Louisville, Kentucky was elected president of NAMB during a special-called trustee meeting on September 14.

Sunset Hills Baptist Church, Anchorage

SHBC called Earl (Shannon) Midkiff as Transitional Pastor. Their first Sunday with the church was November 14.

University Baptist Church, Fairbanks

In November, UBC started a Truth Project class which will continue to February. The Preschool Ministry had a Mom's Time Out on November 27. In December, the church has Christmas activities planned for all ages, including several concerts and the annual Candlelight Service on Christmas eve. The college/career group have many events planned, including "Hanukkah: a Christian Perspective", a luau, Christmas lunch and annual progressive dinner.

Thank you!

Thank you to all the pastors and church staff who have taken time to be part of the Ministry Surveys. Three of the four surveys have been completed. If you have not submitted your surveys, you can go online to www.alaskabaptist-convention.com and click on any of the three surveys to submit your church ministry activities.

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November 15-16, 2010, Alaska Baptist Convention (ABC) Executive Board Meeting Summary of Board Actions

1. Approved the new organizational structure of the ABC Executive Board.
2. Approved the minutes of the May 11, 2010, ABC Executive Board meeting.
3. Approved the minutes of the August 2, 2010, Special-Called ABC Executive Board meeting.
4. Approved the minutes of the 65th Annual Convention meeting.
5. Approved the October 2010 financial reports.
6. Approved the 2011 housing allowances for Mike Procter, Jimmy Stewart, Don Shannon, Butch Strickland, and Alan Dial.
7. Approved reimbursing David Baldwin up to \$10,000 for his moving expenses to Fairbanks, AK.
8. Elected Jae McKee (member of First Baptist Church, Anchorage) to complete the term of John Piepmeier on the ABC Executive Board, which expires 2013.
9. Elected Tim Hoffman (member of Hillside Baptist Church) to serve on the Alaska Baptist Family Services Board with term expiring on 2013.
10. Approved adding the following to Policies and Procedures Manual Part II, XIV. RETIREMENT: "D. The Convention may allow the retiring Executive Director to establish and fund an escrow account to pay for the retiring Executive Director's insurance premiums, dental premiums, and other medical policies."
11. Approved a State Mission Offering grant of \$3,170.50 be given to the True North Church for their "Coffee House Theology" outreach.
12. Approved The Church of New Beginnings be the recipient of church pastoral assistance as follows:
 - \$500 a month in 2011
 - \$400 a month in 2012
 - \$300 a month in 2013
 - \$200 a month in 2014
 - \$100 a month in 2015
 - \$0 a month in 2016This will come from budget line item # 5342 Church Assistance.
13. Approve the following offering goals for 2011:
 - Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions - \$100,000
 - Valeria Sherard State Mission Offering for Alaska - \$75,000
 - Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions - \$150,000
14. Approved motion to adjourn the ABC Executive Board meeting at 10:55 a.m. on Tuesday, November 16, 2010.

Technology and the ABC

The Alaska Baptist Convention (ABC) saw the debut of internet live "streaming" as people from Anchorage to Pennsylvania remotely participated in the 65th annual meeting of the ABC held at First Baptist Church, Wasilla, September 27-29, 2010. Sixty-seven visitors logged a total of 57 hours of viewing, averaging about one hour of viewing per person.

Visitors from Palmer, Anchorage, Wasilla, North Pole, Kotzebue, Sitka and Eagle River joined those from Washington, Pennsylvania, Alabama, Nevada, Illinois, Texas, Wyoming, Louisiana, Missouri, California and Arizona who logged in to observe the business of the ABC. This technological advance for the ABC opens doors for future opportunities to stream other conferences for those individuals both in-state and out, who are unable to physically attend the meetings.

Any suggestions or comments about this technology should be directed to the information technology expert of the ABC, Mike Blakeney, at IT@alaskabaptistconvention.com.



David Baldwin
Executive Director

There is an old song that says, “how can I say thanks?” which accurately describes how Nancy and I feel because Alaska Baptists have been so good to us. The congregation of Friendship Baptist Mission in Fairbanks was patient with us as we learned about Alaska and served as pastor. The pastors and church leaders of Tanana Valley Baptist Association made us feel welcome and needed and the Alaska Baptist Convention in its entirety has been supportive of our service. We feel so blessed that the words “thank you” seem inadequate.

The Home Mission Board (now the North American Mission Board) allowed us to serve 20 years as appointed missionaries here. Mission dollars paid our salary, medical bills, my seminary education and helped pay the college education of our children. The income allowed us the opportunity to share what God was doing in Alaska through World Mission Conferences (now called On Mission Celebrations). We have truly been blessed.

What’s next? We are going to vacation down south for January, February, March and April. A lot of that time will be spent with children and grandchildren in Mississippi. In the spring, we will return to Fairbanks, where our son and his family live. We plan to stay active in the Lord’s work.

Great days are ahead for Alaska Baptists. As your new Executive Director, Mike Procter and the ABC staff have the challenge of dealing with the change coming due to the adoption of the Great Commission Resurgence report. We need to stay focused on God, lost people and missions and support our mission efforts through prayer, the Cooperative Program and special offerings for Alaska, North America and International missions. We can reach the 680,000 people living in Alaska with the Gospel!

Nancy and I wish you the merriest of Christmases and the happiest New Year ever! Thank you for allowing us to serve with you in Alaska.

Proverbs 3:5-6



Mike Procter
*Director of Missions and
Church Planting*

In a recent issue of Reader’s Digest, Andy Simmons wrote an article on “Best Town Names” across our country: Why, AZ; Why Not, MS; Loafers Glory, NC; Handsome Eddy, NY; Love Ladies, NJ; Sweet Lips, TN; The Bottle, AL; Cranky Corner, LA; Oatmeal, TX; Sandwich, MA; Pie Town, NM; Greasy, OK; and Lick Skillet, TN. It’s unfortunate he did not include our Alaskan communities of Chicken, Eagle, Eek and Pelican!

How important are names? Ecclesiastes 7:1 reminds us that “a good name is better than precious ointments.” Proverbs 22:1 says “a good name is to be chosen rather than great riches.” Both verses indicate a good name/reputation is very important.

This is the time of year we remember and celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Are you familiar with Philippians 2:9-11, “Wherefore, God has highly exalted him (Jesus), and has given him a name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow...and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God, the Father”? How about Acts 4:12, “Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is no other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved”? Remember Colossians 3:17, “...whatever you do in word or deed, do all things in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him”?

Throughout history, there have been many famous, and infamous, names but there is only one Name, Jesus Christ, which is above every other name.

As we celebrate Christmas, let’s remember this time of year is not about Santa, reindeer, a tree, gifts, goodies, snowmen or any other worldly attachment to the holiday...it is about Jesus Christ, our Immanuel (God with us).

Blessings on you and yours as you bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to those who need to know His precious name.



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

Wow! 2010 is almost gone! All my children are in college, along with most of my money, so gift-giving this year will be easy; no money = no gifts! Seriously, gift-giving is actually a great way to build relationships and have an opportunity to share Christ. My wife Kathryn's love language is gift-giving. She is incredible at building relationships and gives little gifts to people all the time. I am a big gift-giver, but I like to give gifts all at once and only one time. A great way to share the "reason for the season" is to give simple little gifts to people. During these uncertain and stressful economic times, a simple gift is an unexpected surprise and a terrific way to get their attention. I have been giving Christian music CDs to my racquetball buddies and they have responded in a very positive way. Think of a small gift you can give that will bless someone this season. Then, use the opportunity to share the reason we give.

At this time of year I like to remind our pastors and congregations about the State Evangelism Conference (SEC) January 31-February 1. Visit our website (www.alaska-baptistconvention.com) for information and to register for meals, hotel and childcare. I am really looking forward to the conference and our lineup of dynamic speakers and musicians. Our guests will come ready to share and challenge us to reach people for Christ and make disciples. At the request of some of our out-of-town pastors, we will not provide dinner on Tuesday evening as we have in the past. Take this time to enjoy a variety of local dining establishments. Of course, for some that may mean McDonald's, Burger King and Dairy Queen! I hope you will pray about attending the SEC and bringing your church leaders with you. One of our speakers represents Real Life Ministries, which currently has over 600 small groups established in a 25-mile radius and I can't wait to find out how they have trained their leaders to reach out to so many. Another of our featured speakers, Tommy Teague, pastor of North Richland Hills Baptist Church, will share about their various church ministries in the Fort Worth, Texas area. Brothers and sisters, if we are going to reach Alaska, we are going to have to raise up, call out, train and send leaders from our churches. There are so many people who will not "darken the doors" of our churches. We must "GO" as God has commanded. What does that look like in your situation and context? A Sunday morning service and Wednesday night prayer meeting are only the beginning of what we need to do to bring Christ to the lost. I hope to see you at the SEC. Call me if you have any questions.



Don Shannon
*Director of Ministries and
 Mission Education*

The Christmas season can be a joyous time of year. I love the music of Christmas and get ecstatic at the prospect of caroling. I remember with great fondness gathering at Morning Star Baptist Church to caravan around Healy. We would jump out of warm cars, make our way to the front door, sing a few carols with gusto and take off to the next house. Grandparents, children and parents alike would beam with delight as they shared the joy of Christ's birth to the community through song. To finish an afternoon of music we would warm up with hot chocolate, coffee and cookies. The pleasure and passion, the exhilaration and enthusiasm of Christ's story in song brings me great joy. Joy to the world the Lord has come!

However, not everyone is joyous at Christmas. For many, the holidays are a time of heartache. The holidays actually bring an increase in stress levels and depression. Many struggle with drugs, alcohol and other harmful habits because they have no hope. How do we find hope? Here's God process. Romans 5:4 gives God's assembly line for hope in our lives. "We also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance, perseverance, character, and character, hope."

To experience hope God starts with suffering or a problem. God takes the very problems we think are sent to steal our hope and He uses them to build hope. I don't know how He does it but He uses them to actually give us hope. The growth of hope requires both problems and patience. If problems alone were enough to "grow" us, we'd all be very mature. It requires both of those things - problems and patience. Practice patience. How do you develop patience? Don't run. Don't hide. Romans 8:25, "If we must keep trusting God for something that hasn't happened yet, it teaches us to wait patiently and confidently." It grows out of trust. That's where patience comes from. God is in control - trust in that fact.

Step one to hope is admitting we have a problem. Step two is trusting God with our problem - perseverance. With perseverance God starts to change us, to develop us. This is the third step. God starts to do what James 1:4 talks about, "Don't try to squirm out of your problems. For when your patience is finally in full bloom, then you will be ready for anything, strong in character, full and complete." You don't have to wait to get to heaven to enjoy the hope God wants to give you. 1 Peter 1:3, "In His great mercy, He's given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Christ Jesus from the dead."

When we place our hope in God, He does something amazing. Isaiah 49:23, "Those who hope in Me will not be disappointed." As we enjoy the hope in Christ, we can't help but be joyous at Christmas. We can sing "Joy to the World"!



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Something to think about.....



There is a common misconception that “private foundations are only for the ultra wealthy.” Sixty percent of foundations have less than \$1 million in assets. Private foundations focus more on what the client wants to achieve, rather than the amount to be given.

Christmas is a time of giving!

Give a gift that is simple, flexible, versatile, will not be returned, will be appreciated and continue to help others long after you are gone. The Alaska Baptist Foundation has several suggestions for you. If you want a gift deduction for your 2010 taxes, it must be done by December 31, 2010.



*from your Alaska Baptist
Foundation staff!*



Make a Gift of Stock Rather than Cash!

When a donor writes a check for \$10,000, he reduces his federal tax bill by \$3,500 (assuming he is in the top federal tax bracket). If instead he gives stock worth \$10,000 (which he bought for \$5,000 years earlier), he will get the same income tax deduction, and avoid paying \$750 in capital gains tax, for a total of \$4,250 in reduced taxes. In each case, he has parted with \$10,000, but by giving

stock, he has reduced his after-tax cost of giving from \$6,500 to \$5,750, a 12 percent decrease. If you consider state taxes, the example is even more compelling. Making gifts of appreciated assets instead of writing checks is the simplest tool in the philanthropic “toolbox” and one that most clients do not use. Remember, tax planning should never be the prime motivation for charitable giving.



Holding the ropes!

David Baldwin, Executive Director

People have asked what I plan to do in my retirement and I answer Nancy and I are going to visit family in the lower 48 states and wear out our welcome. They are not used to seeing us for more than a few days a year. Then we will return to Fairbanks to live. I also hope to continue assisting Alaska Baptist churches with stewardship and estate planning.

Looking back through the Alaska Baptist Foundation (ABF) “Builder” from the last ten years, I came upon a story I used in the December 2001 issue, at the completion of my first year with the Alaska Baptist Convention and ABF. In the article, I explained how I viewed our Foundation. On January 9, 1873 a small group of believers met on the widow Wallis’ back porch in Kettering, England. These people were members of the Baptist Missionary Society (BMS), newly formed at the insistence of a young pastor named William Carey. This meeting was the awakening of Baptists to their responsibility for Christian stewardship through global missions. That evening, the BMS met to choose their first missionary. To no one’s surprise, they chose Carey and felt led to adopt India as their first mission field. Andrew Fuller, one of the individuals present, wrote: “we saw there was a gold mine in India, but it seemed almost as deep as the center of the earth. Who will venture to explore it?” “I will go down,” said Cary to his brethren on that fateful day, “but remember **you must hold the ropes.**” This is what the ABF is all about – “holding the ropes” -- serving Alaska Baptists to see that God’s work continues until Jesus comes.

The ABF is not a fundraiser, it is a ministry – one to encourage Baptists to tithe their estates to God’s work through Baptist causes. It is also a ministry to present the Gospel message and make disciples. The ABF is helping to “hold the ropes” for mission work in local churches, associations, Alaska and the world. It is a tool for Alaska Baptists to use to reach Alaska, North

America and the world with the Gospel.

An article in the April 2010 issue of “Give & Take” (published by The Sharpe Group, Memphis, Tennessee) said, “Why encourage people to make charitable gifts when the economy, or the reporting of it, is so bad? Charitable gifts remain relatively steady in challenging economic times for two primary reasons. First, actuarial realities continue regardless of economic conditions. As people pass away and their estates settle, gifts continue to be received and can represent the difference between a budget shortfall and a surplus in a given year. Additionally, after extended periods of economic slowdown, history reveals that gifts gradually tend to assume greater importance and represent larger percentages of individual gift income. *Conversely*, during times when the economy is booming and stock markets are at their peak, gift income tends to represent a smaller percentage of overall giving.”

I learned that during lean times, people seem to consider their own mortality. During boom times they seem to not have time for thinking about their future as it relates to estate planning. Some comments I have heard are “why should I look at estate planning?”, “I don’t have much and there is little value to what I have”, “I am still young, I can do this later”, “what you are talking about is for older people”. While some of the comments may have truth in them, the fact is if you do not have a Last Will and Testament, the state of Alaska will dictate what happens to your valuables, estate and under-aged children.

No matter if you are young, middle aged or old, take time to plan where you want your estate to go. There are ways you can impact Kingdom work and your family long after you are gone. You can “hold the ropes.” The Cooperative Program and ABF are “holding the ropes” for mission work.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you for ten years.

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Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
23 ABC and ABF offices close at 1pm
24-Jan 2 ABC and ABF offices closed

January 2011

16 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
31-Feb 1 State Evangelism Conference

February 2011

Jan 31-1 State Evangelism Conference
1-28 True Love Waits Emphasis
2 ABC Executive Board Meeting
6 Souper Bowl Sunday for Hunger Relief
13 Racial Reconciliation Sunday
14-20 Focus on wMu
19 Children's Ministry Day
23-26 Church Planter's Forum



*The offices of the Alaska Baptist
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will be closed
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in observance of the
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