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# God's Plan for Sharing in Alaska

## January 2011 Gifts from ABC churches

<b>Chugach Baptist Association</b>	<b>CPYTD</b>	<b>SMO YTD</b>	<b>AA YTD</b>	<b>LM YTD</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>CPYTD</b>	<b>SMO YTD</b>	<b>AA YTD</b>	<b>LM YTD</b>
Alaska Iu-Mienh First Bapt Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Misc. Contributors-Cash	\$0.00	\$721.42	\$0.00	\$3,025.00
Anch Hope Comm Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$721.42</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$3,025.00</b>
Aquillaq Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>Tanana Valley Baptist Association</b>	<b>CPYTD</b>	<b>SMO YTD</b>	<b>AA YTD</b>	<b>LM YTD</b>
Calvary Baptist Church	\$397.00	\$1,351.00	\$0.00	\$916.60	Chinese Fellowship	\$121.00	\$265.00	\$0.00	\$420.00
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	\$0.00	\$704.17	\$0.00	\$2,374.11
Cliffside Community Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Faith Baptist Church Fbks	\$0.00	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cold Bay Chapel	\$352.97	\$275.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Filipino Baptist Fellowship Fbks	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Comm Baptist Church Nome	\$0.00	\$85.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	First Baptist Church Delta Jct	\$323.00	\$4,220.00	\$0.00	\$5,349.25
Cowboy Church of Anchorage	\$752.81	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	First Baptist Church Fairbanks	\$0.00	\$1,336.00	\$0.00	\$2,516.50
Eagle River Korean Bapt Church	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	First Baptist Church North Pole	\$1,716.99	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Filipino Bible Church Anchorage	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$602.00	Friendship Baptist Church Fbks	\$100.00	\$360.00	\$0.00	\$843.00
First Baptist Church Anchorage	\$7,326.08	\$6,879.13	\$0.00	\$11,294.50	Hispanic Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church Eagle River	\$2,919.28	\$1,338.00	\$0.00	\$3,450.00	Korean Baptist Mission Fbks	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church Kotzebue	\$0.00	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Moose Creek Baptist Church	\$452.72	\$352.10	\$0.00	\$361.13
First Baptist Church Soldotna	\$0.00	\$1,264.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	Morning Star Baptist Church	\$600.36	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,981.00
First Hmong Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Mount Pleasant Baptist Church	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Korean Baptist Church	\$100.00	\$438.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	North Star Baptist Church	\$56.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
First Native Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$2,343.00	\$0.00	\$1,110.00	Salcha Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,205.00
Frontier Baptist Church	\$606.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Shannon Park Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grandview Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$11,704.00	\$0.00	\$2,535.00	St John Baptist Church	\$1,173.21	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Greater Friendship Bapt Church	\$573.00	\$600.00	\$10.00	\$615.00	Togiak Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Hillside Baptist Church	\$1,086.00	\$755.00	\$0.00	\$2,295.00	University Baptist Church Fbks	\$2,108.00	\$1,145.00	\$0.00	\$5,610.92
Immanuel Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$753.62	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$6,851.28</b>	<b>\$9,732.27</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$26,810.91</b>
Kiana Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>Tongass Baptist Association</b>	<b>CPYTD</b>	<b>SMO YTD</b>	<b>AA YTD</b>	<b>LM YTD</b>
Kobuk Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Anchor Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$610.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Korean New Central Bapt Church	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Comm Baptist Coffman Cove	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,584.00
Kuparuk Preaching Point	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Emmanuel Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$530.23	\$0.00	\$603.00
Mt Zion Missionary Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$765.00	Filipino Baptist Church KTN	\$0.00	\$115.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mountain View Comm Church	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	First Baptist Church Juneau	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$440.00
Muldoon Road Baptist Church	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,092.70	First Baptist Church Ketchikan	\$6,136.79	\$2,455.00	\$0.00	\$2,095.00
New Grace Christian Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	First Baptist Church Petersburg	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Hope Baptist Church	\$1,114.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	First Baptist Church Sitka	\$354.73	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rabbit Creek Comm Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	Glacier Valley Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$2,431.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
River In The Desert Comm Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Hoonah Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Samoa Alaska Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Juneau Korean Church	\$30.00	\$81.00	\$0.00	\$290.00
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	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	New Hope Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Solid Rock Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	North Tongass Baptist Church	\$158.00	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$375.00
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$100.00	\$2,739.00	\$0.00	\$3,377.00	Tenakee Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
The Church of New Beginnings	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Thorne Bay Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$505.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
The Crossing @ Birchwood	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$6,679.52</b>	<b>\$6,952.23</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$6,887.00</b>
True North Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>\$53,303.91</b>	<b>\$67,156.83</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>	<b>\$95,674.95</b>
University Baptist Church Anch	\$0.00	\$1,432.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>Goals:</b>	<b>\$772,855.00</b>	<b>\$70,000.00</b>	<b>\$100,000.00</b>	<b>\$150,000.00</b>
Valley View Baptist Church	\$925.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$684.00	<b>Over/Under Goal:</b>	<b>(\$719,551.09)</b>	<b>(\$2,843.17)</b>	<b>(\$99,990.00)</b>	<b>(\$54,325.05)</b>
Whittier Christian Community	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00					
Wilderness Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00					
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$17,477.14</b>	<b>\$32,003.38</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>	<b>\$29,740.42</b>					

<b>Hatcher Pass Baptist Association</b>	<b>CPYTD</b>	<b>SMO YTD</b>	<b>AA YTD</b>	<b>LM YTD</b>
Big Lake Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$1,662.00	\$0.00	\$3,678.00
Bodenberg Butte Baptist Church	\$1,165.55	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$520.00
CrossCountry Church	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Dillingham Bible Fellowship	\$1,172.42	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ekwok Christian Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fairview Loop Baptist Church	\$2,421.99	\$2,435.62	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church Palmer	\$2,499.99	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$1,356.00
First Baptist Church Valdez	\$0.00	\$2,000.03	\$0.00	\$5,525.10
First Baptist Church Wasilla	\$8,235.94	\$2,851.81	\$0.00	\$7,992.46
First Baptist Church Willow	\$1,387.40	\$2,031.77	\$0.00	\$3,498.13
King Salmon Comm Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Montana Creek Baptist Church	\$318.17	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
North Bear St Comm Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pioneer Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$145.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Schrock Road Comm Church	\$0.00	\$1,275.00	\$0.00	\$1,140.00
Settler's Bay Comm Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,847.27
Valley Life Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Wasilla Korean Bapt Church	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$17,251.46</b>	<b>\$13,576.23</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$26,256.96</b>

<b>Kenai Peninsula</b>	<b>CPYTD</b>	<b>SMO YTD</b>	<b>AA YTD</b>	<b>LM YTD</b>
College Heights Baptist Church	\$3,596.92	\$4,071.30	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church Kenai	\$550.59	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$2,454.66
Lighthouse Community Church	\$872.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Moose Pass Community Church	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mount Redoubt Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$5,044.51</b>	<b>\$4,171.30</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,954.66</b>

Legend:

CP: Cooperative Program, January - December

SMO: State Mission Offering, August - July

AA: Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, January - December

LM: Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, June - May



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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 the Alaska Baptist Convention at (907)344-9627 or abc@alaskabaptistconvention.com.



Early Bird Deadline is March 7!

# Women on Mission Celebration

**"Unhindered:  
Freedom in Christ"**

**April 7-9, 2011  
First Baptist Church  
Anchorage**

**Featuring:**

- Kay Bennett, NAMB
- Sheryl Churchill, WMU
- Linda Freeman, IMB
- Break-out sessions
- Bookstore
- WorldCrafts store
- Door prizes each session
- Dinner on Thursday
- Lunch on Saturday

**Deadlines:**

Early Bird registration for \$30, March 7

Registration after March 7, \$45

Hotel reservations, March 24

Childcare reservations (birth-K only), April 4

Registrations must be submitted online at [www.alaskabaptistconvention.com](http://www.alaskabaptistconvention.com)

*Alaska  
Leadership  
Event*

***First Baptist Church, Anchorage***

Thursday, March 31, 1:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 1, 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 2, 8:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Breakout Sessions on • Leadership Greatness • Chronological Bible Storying  
• Servant Leader • Coaching Leader

Hotel rooms are available at Clarion Suites Downtown, across the Park Strip from FBC  
Please contact Mike Procter for rooms or further information:  
(907)344-9627, [mike@alaskabaptistconvention.com](mailto:mike@alaskabaptistconvention.com)



# March "Nuggets"

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

## Committee Members

# WANTED!

Alaska Baptist Convention is looking for people who are willing to serve in the following areas:

- Committee on Boards
- Committee on Committees
- Credentials Committee
- Time, Place, and Preacher Cttee
- Constitution and Bylaws Cttee
- Resolution Committee
- Alaska Baptist Convention Executive Bd
- Alaska Baptist Foundation Bd of Directors
- Alaska Baptist Family Svcs Bd of Trustees

For job descriptions and application, please visit our website at [www.alaskabaptistconvention.com](http://www.alaskabaptistconvention.com).

### Hillside Baptist Church, Anchorage

HBC called Dave Holmes as their Associate Pastor for youth and discipleship. They also baptized seven people on January 23!

### First Baptist Church, Palmer

The "Women-to-Women" ministry enjoyed a fellowship on February 13.

### Cross Roads Baptist Church, North Pole

The women from CRBC had their annual retreat in Fairbanks in February with 27 in attendance, including two guest speakers from Tennessee. The church family celebrated Pastor Troy Gourley's birthday with a "Pastor's Favorites" potluck on February 27. March 12 is a "Snow Party" at Chena Lakes.

### New Hope Baptist Church, Anchorage

NHBC will celebrate Pastor Clifton Gay's 14th year at the church with special services on March 20.

### The Cowboy Church of Anchorage

CC will celebrate Easter by constituting as a church. They would like to thank all who have supported them financially and with prayer during the last two years. CC also recently celebrated three baptisms. Check out their website at [www.cbcanchorage.org](http://www.cbcanchorage.org).

### Fairview Loop Baptist Church, Wasilla

The FLBC family celebrated Pastor Tom (Linda) Hoffman's 15th anniversary at the church with a luau-themed celebration which included special music, skits and presentations. Special guests Thomas and Lesley Hoffman "Skyped" in from Texas. FLBC will host the "Going Beyond Simulcast" with Priscilla

Shirer on April 1-2. Pre-register online at [www.fairviewloopbaptist.com](http://www.fairviewloopbaptist.com).

### First Baptist Church, Wasilla

FBC enjoyed a sports-themed Super Bowl Sunday with a tailgate party. They also had a Valentine's dinner which focused on Family Legacy. The church continues with their AWANA program, men's and women's weekly Bible studies and other age-graded classes.

### Moose Pass Community Church

In December, Pastor Mark and Wendy Milligan welcomed home from Ethiopia their daughter, Karis Lemlem. After a nearly two-year adoption process, the Milligan family is adjusting well. Please contact them if you would like resources on promoting orphan care and adoption.

### St. John Baptist Church, Fairbanks

St. John celebrated their 58th anniversary on February 27. Their theme this year was "Still Pressing Toward the Mark", using Philippians 3:14.

### College Heights Baptist Church, Soldotna

CHBC is looking for five people who might be interested in a June VBS Mission trip to Bulgaria serving children of IMB missionaries in Europe. Contact Trista at [chbcoffice@alaska.net](mailto:chbcoffice@alaska.net) for more information.

### University Baptist Church, Fairbanks

This month, the youth will attend Avalanche in Anchorage and the children will celebrate Spring Break with a tubing party. Preschool Ministries will host a CPR/First Aid class for preschool and children's workers.

a lifeway worship event  
going beyond 2011

## PRISCILLA SHIRER

WITH WORSHIP BY ANTHONY EVANS



**SIMULCAST LIVE! TWO LOCATIONS!**  
**Fairview Loop Baptist Church, Wasilla**

Friday, April 1, 7-9:30 p.m. and  
Saturday, April 2, 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

\$25 includes registration,  
snacks and continental breakfast

Register online at

[www.fairviewloopbaptist.com](http://www.fairviewloopbaptist.com)  
or call 373-7729

**The Crossing @ Birchwood, Chugiak**

Friday, April 1, 6:00 p.m. and  
Saturday, April 2, 9:00 a.m.

\$25 registration (by March 19) includes  
registration, dessert, snacks, lunch  
(cost is \$30 after March 19)

Register online at

[www.crossingtonewlife.com](http://www.crossingtonewlife.com)  
or call 622-1999 (Jess Jennings)

### Position Available!

Church Secretary

Part-time (up to 30 hours/week)

First Baptist Church, Eagle River

Send resumes by March 13, 2011 to:

First Baptist Church

Attn: Secretarial Search Committee

11149 Old Eagle River Rd.

Eagle River, AK 99577

FAX: (907)696-3772

[pastor@fbcer.org](mailto:pastor@fbcer.org)



A retreat for

Ministers and Spouses

Thursday - Saturday, April 28 - 30  
Mountain Sky Hotel and Suites  
and First Baptist Church, Valdez

Cost \$125 per couple

Watch the website for more information:

[www.alaskabaptistconvention.com](http://www.alaskabaptistconvention.com)



## Forrest and Sybillia Fuhr Memorial Scholarship

*Application deadline is April 30, 2011*

A total of five scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$760 per year (full-time status only). The funds may be used for tuition, room and board, fees or books. Award notification letters are mailed by May 31, 2011. Visit the website of the Alaska Baptist Foundation ([www.alaskabaptistfoundation.com](http://www.alaskabaptistfoundation.com)) for information and application. If you have questions, please contact Adam Long, [foundation@alaskabaptistfoundation.com](mailto:foundation@alaskabaptistfoundation.com)

## 2011 Statewide Vacation Bible School Training April 11-16

*Big City, bigger fun!*



*So faith comes from  
what is heard, and  
what is heard comes  
through the message  
about Christ.*

*Romans 10:17 (HCSB)*

The Alaska Baptist Convention would like to thank First Baptist Church-Anchorage, Pastor Ed Gregory and the entire staff and congregation for hosting the 2011 State Evangelism Conference.



2011 SEC featured speakers (pictured l to r); Roger Byrd, Jerry Pipes, Bruce Raley, Tommy Teague, Rita Teague, Becky Shuffield, Wayne Shuffield and Jimmy Stewart (Director of Evangelism for ABC)



Installation of Mike Procter, Executive Director for the Alaska Baptist Convention. (Pictured l to r), Ed Gregory, Rebecca Procter, Mike Procter, Charles Worthy (president ABC)



Ed Gregory, Pastor,  
First Baptist Church  
Anchorage



Mike Procter, ABC Executive Director  
(pictured right) recognizes Alan and Babs  
Dial, newly appointed NAMB Native Church  
Starter Strategists

### Welcome!

#### Chugach Baptist Association

*Hillside Baptist Church*

*Dave Holmes, Youth and Discipleship*

### Please Pray for our Pastorless Churches

#### Chugach Baptist Association

Aquillaq Baptist Church

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

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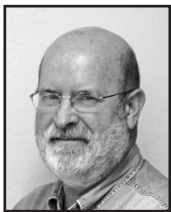
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**Mike Procter**  
*Executive Director*

As many of you know, I enjoy trivia and unusual facts. For example, in 2011, we have some unique dates: 1/1/11, 1/11/11, 11/1/11 and 11/11/11. This won't happen again in my lifetime!

Are you aware that as Alaska Baptists, we have another unique occasion in March? We have the opportunity to support the Annie Armstrong Mission Offering for North American Missions. This offering is an avenue by which we can encourage and support the work of the Lord across North America. One unique factor is that 100% of the funds received are used directly for missionaries and ministries -- none is used for administrative or other costs. This is made possible because of your congregation's mission giving through the Cooperative Program.

The Annie Armstrong Mission Offering for North American Missions is used to assist with:

- The salaries of our current jointly-appointed Alaska Baptist Convention/North American Mission Board missionaries: Gary Bearce, Joe Boney, Brenda Crim, Alan Dial, John Forrester, David George, Linda Hokit, Mike Purple, Don Shannon, Jimmy Stewart, Butch Strickland and Paul Wells
- The funding of various youth activities such as T3 and Youth Evangelism Conference
- Summer camps: Orton Ranch (Southeast Alaska), Camp Baldwin (the Interior) and LaVerne Griffin Youth Recreation Camp (Southcentral)
- Supplementing the salaries of 13 mission pastors
- Providing resources to assist with strengthening and starting congregations
- The annual State Evangelism Conference, Ministers and Spouses Retreat and the Alaska Baptist Convention annual meeting

All of this is unique because no other denomination has the Annie Armstrong Offering for North American Missions. We can rejoice in God's blessings through this offering and plan on supporting it, as a way to undergird and support what God is doing in our State.

One last thought on being unique: take the age you will be the end of 2011, add the last two digits of the year you were born and see what your total is. Blessings!



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

The State Evangelism Conference was a blessing in many ways. It is always a wonderful experience to see our leaders worshipping together. The breakout conferences were very helpful and the featured speakers spoke to our hearts. I have to confess I have many "acquaintances" but not many "relationships." When I play racquetball I have a great opportunity to speak with those not associated with any church. It is always a challenge to get past the surface issues and into deeper issues. So far, all of my invitations to small groups and church have been met with kind refusals, but there have been great opportunities to minister and share in the midst of tournaments and general play. I consider the racquetball court to be one of my mission fields and a great place to lay the foundation for potential disciple-making opportunities. Pray for me as I seek to let others know about my walk and life in Christ.

Where is your mission field? Where do you purpose to be a light in the darkness? Where do you hang out with those who need to hear about Christ? The Great Commission is about making disciples as we go through this life. That doesn't mean a person has to come to church first to become a disciple. Jesus did much of His disciple-making along the road of life. He went into homes, sat in the marketplace, taught and talked with people doing ordinary things. Relationships help us gain the "right" to share our lives and journeys of faith with those around us. Isn't it amazing how busy people can become? There is always more to do than we have time. Family, work and chores take an incredible amount of our time. Add all the other activities, events, sports, trips and recreation and each day is over before we know it. We may think people are not interested in Christ, but they may just be consumed with life's activities. Have you ever asked someone about their need for Christ and they didn't seem to see a need? My prayer for most of my relationships outside of church is that Christ will break through and get their attention. I pray I might be the one who starts a conversation that leads to opening a closed mind to a relationship with Christ.

Don't forget the youth evangelism conference, Avalanche, occurs this month. The theme is "Connect" and Jeff Wallace, youth pastor at Peace Baptist Church in Decatur, Georgia, will talk about connecting with youth who need Christ. His urban church, although predominantly African American, is reaching youth across cultural and ethnic boundaries. Jeff is a powerful speaker and is leading his youth to be missional and committed to Christ. We will also hear from Paul Turner, lead student ministry specialist from Lifeway Christian Resources. Paul has an incredible ministry to leaders of youth and students. His deep relationship with Christ shines through his presentation and I know our youth leaders are going to be encouraged to return to their churches and pour their lives into their youth and families. A team from California Baptist University will provide music and leaders for our discussion groups. We will also have "Minute to Win It" games and competition. Encourage your youth to attend.





## **Don Shannon**

### ***Director of Ministries and Mission Education***

Emerson once said there is no fear like the fear of being known. Being found out for what we really are is a terrifying experience because underneath our veneered smiles and social polish we each hide a fiberboard heart, full of splinters and sawdust. Rough, unattractive, cheap.

Peel back the thin façade and look into your heart. Go back into your past, into the darkest time in your life, to that act of which you are most ashamed. Stare at it for a moment. Your face may begin to flush. Your heartbeat may begin to race. But keep staring. Now imagine that what you're looking at makes the headlines of the newspaper, or the lead story on the nightly news. Or worse still, the cover story for "60 Minutes"! Frightening thought, isn't it?

On numerous occasions God set in print the inky sins of His people for millions to see like Abraham's lie, Noah's drunkenness and indecent exposure. We read of Moses' rage that left an Egyptian dead and Achan's thievery. The sexual scandals of David, Samson, Amnon, and Gomer as well as the stubborn defiance of Jonah are recorded forever in the Bible.

With those thoughts in mind let's take a look at the darkest moment in Peter's life. We can feel his humiliation. We can realize that each of us has a "Peter's denial" hidden somewhere in our past. Peter was known as "the rock." He was the Gibraltar among the disciples; yet, the rock was not without its cracks. There are a couple of principles that emerge from Peter's denial that speak loudly today.

No one – not even a spiritual rock – is immune to failure. Often, in fact, the rocks are the most vulnerable, according to 1 Corinthians 10:12. "Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall." The second principle is this: God knows our precise breaking point. Psalm 103 emphasizes that the Lord "Himself knows our frame." And He knows the stress points on that frame. He knows which parts are subject to fatigue, which can be bent, and which can be broken.

In Peter's case, God knew exactly when that would occur and under what circumstances. There's a "cock-crow" in all of our lives – a definite time when we can withstand it no longer; and the Lord wants each of us to be aware of our weak points. The first step toward correction is not to act like we are strong but to admit we are weak. For "in our weakness He is made strong." The second step is, rather than living overwhelmed by the darkness of the past failures, "I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith." (Ephesians 3:16-17)

We don't have to live in fear, but by faith in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven to live victoriously.

**February 2, 2011**

### **ABC Executive Board Action Summary**

1. Accepted the November 15-16, 2010, ABC Executive Board meeting minutes as printed.
2. Approved the December 2010 Financial Reports of the Alaska Baptist Convention as printed.
3. Approved creating Account 4198 Income From the Tudor Trust Fund and have the earnings of the Sky and Pricilla Tudor Trust Fund help support the budget.
4. Approved merging Account 8406 into Account 8401 and name the merged account ABC Protection Insurance Fund Account 8401.
5. Approved renaming Account 8472 to Retired Executive Escrow Fund.
6. Approved adjusting the percentages for transferring unspent funds to designated accounts as follows:
  - 20% Capital Improvements
  - 5% Office Equipment Replacement/Upgrades
  - 5% ABC Protection Insurance Fund
  - 20% Restricted Reserve Account
  - 25% Church Strengthening Fund
  - 25% Would stay in Account 2950 Unrestricted Fund Balance

To be retroactive to the year end of 2010 closing.
7. Approved adding the following section to Policies and Procedures Manual Part II, Section IV. Holidays and Personal Days.
  - C. Birthday Day
  - Employees will be entitled a day off with pay for their birthday. Arrangements will be made with the office manager to choose a day that would not interfere with the workflow of the office.
8. Approved the following motion: "Four weeks prior to the state convention all messengers will receive a brief written description of the various state committees and boards and how they function. Messengers will be solicited to express their areas of interest to create a list to assist the president in choosing committee members." There will be a booth at the state convention with information and sign-up sheets.
9. Approved to have First Baptist Church, Ketchikan be the recipient of the 2011 third quarter (July-September) 2000 Club Call.
10. Approved to have First Baptist Church, Wasilla (the sponsoring church of the King Salmon Community Baptist Church) be the recipient of a Valeria Sherard State Mission Offering Grant of \$500 to assist with travel from King Salmon to Ekwok.
11. Approved to have North Star Baptist Church, Anderson be the recipient of a Valeria Sherard State Mission Offering Grant of \$1,000 to assist with heating costs.
12. Approved to have the Dillingham Bible Fellowship be the recipient of the 2011 fourth quarter (October-December) 2000 Club Call.
13. Approved to restructure the ABC Executive Board by moving Jimmie Stringer from the Budget and Finance Committee to be Chairman of the Administrative and Personnel Committee, and moving Chad Richardson from the Administrative and Personnel Committee to serve on the Budget and Finance Committee.
14. Approved to adjourn the meeting at 2:00 p.m. February 2, 2011.

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## calendar

### March 2011

5	Iditarod Ceremonial Start in Anchorage	11-16
6	Iditarod Restart in Willow	17
6-12	Youth Week	24
6-13	Week of Prayer and Mission Study and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering	26-28 28-30
18-19	Avalanche '11	

13	Daylight Savings Time Starts	<b>May 2011</b>
20	Substance Abuse Prevention Sunday	1
27	On Mission Together:	1-8
	Planting New Congregations Sunday	5
31-Apr 2	Alaska Leadership Event	9

### April 2011

Mar 31-2	Alaska Leadership Event	15-21
3	SBC Seminaries Sunday	22
7-9	Women on Mission Celebration	
8-9	Tongass Baptist Association Annual Meeting Ketchikan	30
10	Cooperative Program Sunday	
10-15	Baptist Doctrine Study	

VBS Training Clinics
Life Commitment Sunday
Easter Sunday
New Pastor and full-time staff orientation
Ministers and Spouses Retreat

Senior Adult Sunday
Christian Home Week
ABF Trustee meeting
ABC Budget and Finance Cmte Mtg
ABC all Committee Mtgs
ABC Executive Board Convenes
On Mission in Baptist Associations
Day of Prayer and Fasting for World Evangelization
ABC and ABF office closed for Memorial Day