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Women on Mission Celebration "Unhindered: Freedom in Christ"

April 7 - 9, 2011
First Baptist Church
Anchorage

Featuring guest speakers:
Kay Bennett, North American Mission Board
Sheryl Churchill, WMU
Linda Freeman, International Mission Board

- Break-out sessions
- Bookstore
- WorldCrafts store
- door prizes each session
- Dinner on Thursday
- Lunch on Saturday

Registrations must be submitted online at www.alaskabaptistconvention.com

Cost is \$45 per person • Deadline for childcare reservations (birth-K only) is April 4

God's Plan for Sharing in Alaska

January - February 2011 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	\$721.42	\$0.00	\$3,025.00
Anc Hope Comm Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Total:	\$0.00	\$721.42	\$0.00	\$3,025.00
Aquilaq Baptist Mission	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00					
Calvary Baptist Church	\$561.00	\$1,351.00	\$0.00	\$918.60	Tanana Valley Baptist Association	CP	SMO	AA	LM
Christ Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Chinese Fellowship	\$286.00	\$265.00	\$0.00	\$420.00
Chugach Resort Ministries	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Clearwater Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cliffside Community Chapel	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Cross Roads Baptist Church	\$1,490.00	\$704.17	\$0.00	\$3,489.11
Cold Bay Chapel	\$352.97	\$275.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Faith Baptist Church Fbks	\$407.00	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	\$1,927.00
Comm Baptist Church Nome	\$215.00	\$85.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Filipino Baptist Fellowship Fbks	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cowboy Church of Anchorage	\$752.81	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	First Baptist Church Delta Jct	\$6,157.00	\$4,220.00	\$0.00	\$5,424.25
Eagle River Korean Bapt Church	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	First Baptist Church Fairbanks	\$898.80	\$1,336.00	\$0.00	\$2,516.50
Filipino Bible Church Anchorage	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$602.00	First Baptist Church North Pole	\$2,901.42	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,122.25
First Baptist Church Anchorage	\$11,819.86	\$6,879.13	\$0.00	\$11,294.50	Friendship Baptist Church Fbks	\$100.00	\$360.00	\$0.00	\$843.00
First Baptist Church Eagle River	\$5,509.37	\$1,338.00	\$0.00	\$4,532.00	Hispanic Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church Kotzebue	\$0.00	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Korean Baptist Mission Fbks	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
First Baptist Church Soldotna	\$620.00	\$1,264.25	\$0.00	\$1,545.65	Moose Creek Baptist Church	\$933.64	\$352.10	\$0.00	\$361.13
First Hmong Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Morning Star Baptist Church	\$1,314.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,981.00
First Korean Baptist Church	\$200.00	\$438.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Mt Pleasant Baptist Church	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Native Baptist Church	\$1,133.00	\$2,343.00	\$0.00	\$1,110.00	North Star Baptist Church	\$166.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Frontier Baptist Church	\$948.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,016.00	Salcha Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,205.00
Grandview Baptist Church	\$3,436.54	\$11,704.00	\$25.00	\$11,058.00	Shannon Park Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
Greater Friendship Bapt Church	\$1,210.00	\$600.00	\$70.00	\$615.00	St John Baptist Church	\$2,436.69	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hillside Baptist Church	\$2,375.29	\$755.00	\$0.00	\$2,320.00	Togiak Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Immanuel Baptist Church	\$96.22	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$753.62	University Baptist Church Fbks	\$2,108.00	\$1,145.00	\$0.00	\$5,610.92
Kiana Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Total:	\$19,399.25	\$9,732.27	\$0.00	\$35,150.16
Kobuk Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00					
Korean New Central Bapt Church	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	Tongass Baptist Association	CP	SMO	AA	LM
Kuparuk Preaching Point	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Anchor Baptist Church	\$742.86	\$610.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Mt Zion Missionary Bapt Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$765.00	Comm Bapt Church Coffman Cove	\$150.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,584.00
Mtn View Community Church	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Emmanuel Baptist Church	\$346.18	\$530.23	\$0.00	\$603.00
Muldoon Road Baptist Church	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,092.70	Filipino Baptist Church KTN	\$0.00	\$115.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Grace Christian Church	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	First Baptist Church Juneau	\$2,016.02	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$440.00
New Hope Baptist Church	\$3,282.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	First Baptist Church Ketchikan	\$7,239.92	\$2,455.00	\$0.00	\$2,095.00
Rabbit Creek Community Church	\$333.33	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	First Baptist Church Petersburg	\$294.00	\$850.00	\$0.00	\$802.00
River In The Desert Comm Church	\$490.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	First Baptist Church Sitka	\$752.02	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Samoa Alaska Baptist Church	\$114.00	\$57.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Glacier Valley Baptist Church	\$1,234.64	\$2,431.00	\$0.00	\$6,667.12
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	\$60.00	\$81.00	\$0.00	\$290.00
Solid Rock Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Kasaan Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$1,905.43	\$2,739.00	\$0.00	\$3,477.00	New Hope Fellowship	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
The Church of New Beginnings	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	North Tongass Baptist Church	\$158.00	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$375.00
The Crossing @ Birchwood	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Tenakee Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
True North Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Thorne Bay Baptist Church	\$148.12	\$515.00	\$0.00	\$1,208.00
University Baptist Church Anch	\$1,395.20	\$1,432.00	\$0.00	\$1,668.00	Total:	\$13,842.26	\$7,812.23	\$0.00	\$15,664.12
Valley View Baptist Church	\$925.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$684.00					
Whittier Christian Community	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00					
Wilderness Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00					
Total:	\$40,950.02	\$32,060.38	\$95.00	\$44,002.07					
Hatcher Pass Baptist Association	CP	SMO	AA	LM					
Big Lake Baptist Church	\$723.11	\$1,662.00	\$0.00	\$3,678.00					
Bodenberg Butte Bapt Church	\$1,165.55	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$520.00					
CrossCountry Church	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00					
Dillingham Bible Fellowship	\$1,816.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,285.00					
Ekwok Christian Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00					
Fairview Loop Baptist Church	\$7,864.89	\$2,435.62	\$0.00	\$5,553.00					
First Baptist Church Palmer	\$4,166.65	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$1,356.00					
First Baptist Church Valdez	\$1,367.43	\$2,000.03	\$325.00	\$5,798.10					
First Baptist Church Wasilla	\$10,943.01	\$2,851.81	\$0.00	\$7,992.46					
First Baptist Church Willow	\$1,685.83	\$2,031.77	\$0.00	\$3,498.13					
King Salmon Comm Chapel	\$45.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75.00					
Montana Creek Baptist Church	\$629.72	\$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	\$895.00					
Schrock Road Comm Church	\$0.00	\$1,275.00	\$0.00	\$1,140.00					
Settler's Bay Comm Church	\$679.44	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,847.27					
Valley Life Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00					
Wasilla Korean Bapt Church	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00					
Total:	\$31,287.43	\$13,576.23	\$325.00	\$36,337.96					
Kenai Peninsula	CP	SMO	AA	LM					
College Heights Bapt Church	\$7,143.53	\$4,071.30	\$0.00	\$0.00					
First Baptist Church Kenai	\$988.83	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$2,851.66					
Lighthouse Community Church	\$1,476.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00					
Moose Pass Comm Church	\$45.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00					
Mount Redoubt Bapt Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00					
Total:	\$9,653.36	\$4,171.30	\$0.00	\$3,351.66					

2000 Club

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



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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Refresh:

2011 Ministers and Spouses Retreat

Thursday, April 28-Saturday, April 30

Mountain Sky Hotel and Suites • First Baptist Church, Valdez

Cost: \$150 per couple which includes two nights lodging, five meals, conference fees

Register online at www.alaskabaptistconvention.com

Registration and payment DUE April 1.



Change Your World

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind" Romans 12:2a (Amplified Bible)



Mon, June 20-Fri, June 24, 2011
Laverne Griffin Youth Recreation Camp
Wasilla

Camp fee is \$150 • Scholarships available!
• games • fishing • canoeing • paddle boats • swimming

Classes in...

• balloon training • knitting • drama • sign language • nature

For information, contact LGYRC • P.O. Box 299069 • Wasilla, AK 99629
(907)376-6887 • (907)376-6860 (fax) • lgyrc@mtaonline.net • www.lgyrc.org

Girls Camp for girls 1st - 6th grade

This camp is supported by Alaska WMU

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What is blume?

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
- Outside of Blume memories made, even more group memories made with free time in the Disney parks, built into the overall Blume program
- To leave Blume with a greater understanding about what God has called a student to be.



What can you expect at Blume?

- Personal interactions with missionaries
- Hands-on ministry projects
- Dynamic and challenging worship experiences, breakout conferences and Bible studies
- A unique, customized Blume activity through Disney's Youth Education Series program
- New friends from all over the country with a similar heart for God and for

Early Bird registration
\$299 per person through April 30, 2011
Register by April 15th and Alaska WMU
will PAY for your housing!

Regular registration
 \$349 per person beginning May 1, 2011.

Online registration
www.blumeforgirls.com

Annual Convention Hotel Information

Convention Location is First Baptist Church, North Pole

Hotel North Pole

449 North Santa Claus Lane • North Pole, AK 99705
 (907) 488-4800 • (877) 488-4801

The discounted rate is \$95 per night. Included is a continental breakfast and Wi-Fi internet. It is a smoke-free environment. Guests must specify they are with the Alaska Baptist Convention when placing reservations to receive the discounted rate.

MESSANGER REGISTRATION

for the 66th ANNUAL MEETING
 will be **ON-LINE ONLY**.

In late May each church
 will receive an **E-MAIL INVITATION**
 to register for the event.

Registration will open
 June 1, 2011

Look in your in-box
 for details in late May.

ANNIE ARMSTRONG STATEWIDE GOAL: \$100,000



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NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS
 MARCH 6-13, 2011

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NEW PASTOR / FULL-TIME STAFF ORIENTATION

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2011, 9:00 A.M. — 6:00 P.M.

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april 29-30

7pm Friday to lunch Saturday

hosted by

first baptist church, palmer

\$ 10 per person

breakout conferences, games, food, drama, and
more designed just for the young singles of Alaska!

for information or registration contact
Kay Carter at (907) 232-6193
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Mark your calendars!

First Baptist Church,
North Pole

September 26

Mission Rally

September 27

WMU Annual Meeting

and Pastor's Conference

September 27-28

Annual Convention Meeting



Vacation Bible School Training

Monday, April 11, 5:00-9:15 p.m. • First Baptist Church, Palmer (HPBA)

Tuesday, April 12, 5:00-9:15 p.m. • Filipino Bible Church (CBA)

Thursday, April 14, 5:00 - 9:15 p.m. • First Baptist Church, Kenai

Saturday, April 16, 9:00a.m.-2:00 p.m. • Moose Creek Baptist Church (TVBA)

Break-outs for Directors, Pastors, VBX, Children, Preschool, Crafts, Music

Morning Schedule:

9:00 a.m.	Fellowship/Coffee
9:30	Opening Assembly
10-11:30	Base Conferences
11:40	Break-out #1
12:30 p.m.	Lunch
1:15	Break-out #2
2:00	Dismiss

Evening Schedule:

5:00 p.m.	Break-out #1
5:45	Dinner
6:30	Opening Assembly
7-8:30	Base Conferences
8:30	Break-out #2
9:15	Dismiss





April "Nuggets"

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

Community Baptist Church, Nome

Members of CBC were active with the Iditarod ministry, March 11-27. Bruce Landry is pastor.

Valley View Baptist Church, Eagle River

VVBC enjoyed a Progressive Dinner on February 25 when members traveled from home to home, for appetizers, salad, entrée and dessert. It was a wonderful time of fellowship and feasting! John Jemar is pastor.

First Baptist Church, Kotzebue

FBC had a Valentine's Day cookie giveaway at the senior housing apartments and post office. Heart-shaped cookies were bagged, along with a heart magnet, church name and the phrase "Find God's Love at First Baptist Church." Over 900 cookies were distributed by the youth. John Forrester is pastor.



Wayland Baptist University, Anchorage

WBU has two Beth Moore DVD Bible studies available to borrow: Breaking Free (updated) and Beloved Disciple (John). If you are interested, please contact Dawn Ash, ashcolo@msn.com.

Big Lake Baptist Church

BLBC called Doug Janneck (Rachel) as youth pastor. They, along with five other people, joined the church on March 6. The missions committee at BLBC has sent numerous boxes of food and supplies to



On Mission Celebration Rallies

Join God on Mission through direct and personal involvement in Southern Baptist missions!

Celebrate God's work in the world and rejoice in the victories of winning the lost.

Anticipate how God can use you and your unique gifts for His work in the world.

Participate by discovering how you can develop an on-mission lifestyle.

October 22 • Hatcher Pass Baptist Association

October 23 • Chugach Baptist Association

October 24 • Kenai Peninsula

October 25 • Tanana Valley Baptist Association

October 26 • Juneau

October 28 • Prince of Wales Island

October 30 • Ketchikan

Alaskan missionaries around the state, as well as hosted a sponsorship meeting for a Ugandan orphanage.

University Baptist Church, Fairbanks

UBC has a busy April, with activities for all ages. The College/Career group will have a two-day retreat, lead an evening service and have a potluck. They will also celebrate a Passover Seder and organize the churchwide Good Friday service. The youth will have a special luncheon and the preschoolers will have their annual Easter party. The congregation will enjoy an Easter musical on Sunday evening, followed by a potluck and finger food fellowship. The first annual cardboard car show will take place on April 30, sponsored by Children's Ministries.

Quick Quotes

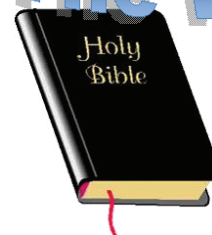
“Remember who you're doing this for as you begin your ministry. You're doing it for the Lord Jesus Christ. Start well and finish well. He (Jesus) did, up until the time He said 'It is finished.'”

NAMB President Kevin Ezell speaking to newly commissioned missionaries and chaplains at a missionary commissioning service in Texas.

The World



The WORD



Winter Youth Celebration
2011

October 14-15

First Baptist Church-
Fairbanks

www.akwyc.com

Taking the "L's out...
Lies, Lust, Lucifer

1 John 2:15-17

Happy Easter

from the staff at the Alaska Baptist Convention and Foundation



Mike Proctor, Don Shannon, Jimmy Stewart,
Debra Long, Sylvia Rylander, Mike Blakeney,
Betsy Shilling and Adam Long

LifeWay Research, in August 2009, conducted a national, demographically representative survey of 1,200 U.S. adults born between 1980 and 1991. The sample provides 95 percent confidence that the sampling error does not exceed +/- 2.8 percent. The data and implications are discussed in the B&H Publishing Group release, "The Millennials: Connecting to America's Largest Generation," by LifeWay President Thom Rainer and his son Jess Rainer.

- 65 percent of Millennials identify themselves as Christian, 14 percent say they are atheist or agnostic, 14 percent list no religious preference, and 7 percent claim other religions. One in four Millennials attends religious worship services once a week or more, but two out of three rarely or never visit a church, synagogue, mosque or temple.
- A slight majority (53 percent) disagree (strongly or somewhat) that the Bible is the written Word of God and is totally accurate in all it teaches.
- 61 percent of Millennials place family at the top of their priority lists, followed by friends (25 percent), education (17 percent), careers/jobs (16 percent), spouses/partners (13 percent), and spirituality/religion (13 percent).
- Nearly 9 in 10 say it's up to their generation to clean up the environment, but a slim majority (54 percent) agrees (18 percent strongly) with the statement, "Many people in my generation go overboard on environmental issues."
- Six in 10 American Millennials see nothing wrong with two people of the same gender getting married.
- The vast majority (88 percent) say their parent or parents remain a positive influence on their lives, including 52 percent who call them a strongly positive influence.
- Four in 10 say the Internet is somewhat positive influence, while 15 percent say it is strongly positive. Thirty-eight percent say the Internet has no influence on their lives.
- Only 18 percent of Millennials say they get a lot of guidance or advice from sacred texts such as the Bible or Torah, while another 24 percent get some. The most common answer at 37 percent was none at all.

On Mission magazine, Winter 2011 issue

The State Evangelism Conference was "live-streamed" successfully as people from Anchorage to Florida remotely attended the conference held at First Baptist Church, Anchorage, January 31-February 1, 2011. Thirty-seven unique viewers logged in.

Visitors from Anchorage, Eagle River, Sitka, Wasilla, Auke Bay, Valdez, and Fairbanks logged in at some point to observe the conference. Outside of Alaska, we had visitors from Encino, Pioneer and Los Angeles, California; Glendale, Arizona; Jackson and Southfield, Mississippi; Breau Bridge, Scott, and Church Point, Louisiana; San Antonio, Texas; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Barstow, Peachtree City and Chickamauga, Georgia; Kansas City, Missouri; and Lady Lake, Florida. Internationally, we had a visitor from Ontario, Canada. This technological advance opened doors for those who were unable to physically attend the conference.

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

Full-time Pastor Wanted

The Pastor Search Committee of Sunset Hills Baptist Church in Anchorage is accepting resumes for a full-time pastor. Please submit your resume by e-mail to pastorsearchshbcak@acsalaska.net or by mail to Sunset Hills Baptist Church, Pastor Search Committee, P.O. Box 110205, Anchorage, AK 99511-0205.

Visit the website at www.sunsethillsbaptistchurchanchorage.net

Please Pray for our Pastorless Churches

Chugach Baptist Association

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

Hatcher Pass Baptist Association

Ekwoq Christian Church
King Salmon Comm Baptist Chapel

Tanana Valley Baptist Association

Chinese Fellowship

Tongass Baptist Association

Anchor Baptist Church
Emmanuel Baptist Church
Hoonah Baptist Mission

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Mike Procter
Executive Director

On March 10, Alaska Baptist Convention (ABC) President Charles Worthy, ABC Bookkeeper/Office Manager Debra Long, Alaska Baptist Foundation accountant Adam Long and I participated in a two-hour teleconference with representatives of the North American Mission Board (NAMB). The purpose was to understand how the approval of the recommendations of the Great Commission Resurgency Taskforce would impact Alaska. I would like to summarize the “bottom line” for you:

In 2012, NAMB has asked the ABC to:

1. Reduce the amount NAMB provides for personnel, missions and ministries in our State by \$259,000.00 (approximately 20% of our budget),
2. Reduce the travel assistance NAMB provides for our jointly-appointed missionaries by 50% in 2012 and the other 50% in 2013,
3. Fund 100% all of our administrative support staff,
4. Reduce ministry related expenses by 10%.

The current “88%/12%” formula will stay in effect; NAMB will provide 88% of funding, if we can match with the additional 12%. After running the numbers, if/when we do all they request, NAMB is really asking us to take a \$400,000 decrease.

Also in 2012, all jointly-appointed missionaries will fit into one of two categories: Church Planting Missionary (Catalyst or Lead Planter) or Evangelism Specialist (Ethnic Groups). On the State Convention level, there will only be two jointly-appointed missionaries: State Director of Missions/Church Planting and State Director of Evangelism. There will be two additional missionary categories but they will be self-funded or volunteer: Faith and Work Missionaries (Mission Service Corps or similar) and Student Missionary (US/C 2, Nehemiah, Summer Missionaries or similar).

Mission Education for men and boys will become the responsibility of the Woman’s Missionary Union and LifeWay will be responsible for World Changers. NAMB will narrow their focus to Church Planting, Chaplaincy and Disaster Relief.

Through the course of the teleconference, I reminded the NAMB personnel that those of us representing Alaska were not agreeing to anything but would hear their recommendations. As Alaska Baptists, we will need to meet and discuss their recommendations, how they might impact our work, and what our response should be. Over the next weeks and months, I will be meeting with our staff, jointly-appointed missionaries, ABC officers, ABC Executive Board, pastors and congregational members to attempt to discern how God is leading us in reaching Alaska for Jesus Christ.

Major change is coming. We do not need to fear change because God is the same yesterday, today and forever. He is still on His throne and He promises to meet our every need as we walk by faith and not by sight.

Recently, while attending “The Gathering”, a meeting of ministries that serve Alaska Natives, Native Americans and First Nations people, a statement was made that resonated in me, “what happens to me is not as important as what I am going to do with it.” Do I wring my hands in despair and defeat, or do I claim the promise that “...all things work for good...” and begin to look for that good and perfect will of Christ in the situation?

Please pray for your ABC staff, ABC officers and ABC Executive Board as we ask, “what would you have us to do Lord?” I trust the Lord will continue to meet our every need, as we encourage and resource our congregations and Christians to Seek Christ, Share Christ, Strengthen Congregations, Start Congregations and Send Christians.



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

The youth evangelism conference “Avalanche” was a great experience this year. We were particularly blessed with featured speaker Jeff Wallace, Peace Baptist Church (Decatur, Georgia), who related to the youth and kept their attention. He challenged youth through sermons, and became personally engaged with them during the breaks. It was great to witness the interaction and I know it impacted the youth. Thanks to all of the churches, leaders and parents who accompanied youth to the event; it couldn’t be successful without your participation. The biggest blessing was the 14 decisions for Christ and the churches that are following up with those students.

Plan now to attend the VBS Training clinic being held in your area (see page 5 of this issue). The theme this year is “Big Apple VBS” and it will be a lot of fun. Please encourage your VBS leaders and workers to attend a session. It is a time to encourage and educate leaders on the current materials and activities.

What do you see happening evangelistically around you and your church? How do you see God working? Where are the laborers needed to bring in the harvest? Who are you training to share their faith? How are you encouraging your people to be “light and salt”? Are people in your church becoming burdened for the lost? When is the last time you personally shared Christ with someone? I mentioned last month we need more conversations about Christ. Our lost world needs to hear about Jesus in genuine and non-threatening ways. One of our new church starts in Anchorage has been conducting theology talks at coffee houses and on the college campus. It has been a wonderful time to join the discussion and talk with folks who don’t see things from a Christian perspective. It will challenge you and draw you closer to God. I encourage you to spend some time talking with someone you know who doesn’t believe in God. Ask that person their perspective on the world events happening around us. Find out how they handle the stresses of this life. You will see God open wonderful avenues to share Christ in a non-confrontational way. Who do you know who needs to be encouraged, lifted up and needs prayer? God can use a kind word and an encouraging thought or scripture to capture the attention of a lost friend. You can be used by the Holy Spirit by just letting your love for Him overflow. Be ready, sensitive, gentle and bold. Acts 4 tells us they prayed and shared boldlyMaybe we need a little boldness that comes through prayer.



Don Shannon

**Director of Ministries and
Mission Education**

In reading the news or watching a disturbing report I find myself asking, "Why do people behave the way they do?" Even more practical is the question, "Why do I do the things I do?" Behavior is determined by one of three factors: the crowd around you, the circumstances surrounding you or the character within you!

The word character appears in the Bible only a few times, yet the references indicate that character is something to be sought after. In Romans 5:3-4 Paul points out the unique relationship between tribulations, perseverance, and character. Tribulations are those trials and difficulties experienced by believers designed by God to produce perseverance. Perseverance is something we do. But character is not something we do – it is something we have or don't have.

When life doesn't go as I plan, I need to recall that difficulties sanctify my character. They make me like Jesus. They help me mature. James 1:3-4, *"The testing of your faith produces perseverance that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."* God's ultimate purpose in my life is to build character, making me like Christ. Many Christians I talk to have absolutely no idea of God's agenda in their lives. They don't know what's happening and as a result they are overwhelmed by their problems.

If God is going to make me like Jesus, He's going to take me through the things Jesus went through. The Bible says there are two ways that God makes us like Jesus: Through the word of God. John 17:17, *"Sanctify them through Thy truth. Thy word is truth."* James 1:22-25 tells us, *"The word makes us like Jesus"* it builds our character, matures us.

God demands even more in the second way. He makes us like Christ through the circumstances of life. Here's where James hits it right on the head. I've heard Christians say, "Everything was going great when I first became a believer. Then all of these problems came. Maybe God doesn't love me. Maybe I'm not a Christian. Maybe I'm not really saved." You are exactly where God wants you. You're in a character course. He's making you like Jesus. Romans 8:28, *"We know that all things work together for good"* [not all things are good but they work together for good] *if we love God and are called according to His purpose.* The secret of Romans 8:28 is 8:29, *"For whom he did foreknow He did predestine to become conformed to the image of the Son of God."*

Why do all things work together for good? In order to make me like Christ. God wants to build the character of Christ in me. Even if I don't understand God's plan, I need to respond to His direction. When I don't understand God's plan it is even more important to do exactly what He directs me to do because my behavior is to be a reflection of conforming to the image of Christ.

It is time once again for the Fuhr scholarship to be awarded. The application deadline is **April 30, 2011**. Listed below are the items required from each applicant:

- Completed Fuhr scholarship application, available at www.alaskabaptistfoundation.com
- Southern Baptist Church certification form, a template of which is available on the website
- Proof of two years residency in Alaska (driver's license, voter registration, receipt from Permanent Fund Dividend)
- A completed Federal Student Aid Report (SAR), available from <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>. The SAR must be for the 2011-2012 school year with information based on 2010 tax information.

The Fuhr scholarship is a needs-based scholarship program and is available for anyone who meets the requirements listed above. If you have any questions about the scholarship or problems accessing the necessary information, please contact the Alaska Baptist Foundation, (907)770-0581.

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Jars of Pennies

The "Jars of Pennies" illustration has been picked up nationwide by ministry leaders to illustrate the biblical teachings on stewardship of estate assets. Individual Christians, pastoral leadership, lay leadership, and para-church ministries nationwide are beginning to understand the importance of this scripturally sound message which has long been silent in the local church. Barry Bledsoe, president of The Baptist Foundation of Alabama, was the originator of the "Jars of Pennies" illustration, "It just makes sense to people when they see the illustration in the penny jars," says Bledsoe. "The single largest act of financial stewardship any of us will ever undertake is how we plan our estate," says Bledsoe. He goes on to say, "This is big jar giving."

The average American's net worth is approximately 10% cash, represented

by the small jar of pennies, and 90% in non-cash assets as represented by the large jar of pennies. According to Fred Smith of The Gathering, 96% of all giving to congregations is derived from current income and only 4% from appreciated assets. There are many great stewardship tools on the market to aid the church in teaching members how to get out of debt, how to budget and to tithe their income. In other words, people are taught how to give from the small jar. There is no prepackaged ministry teaching aid for church leaders to use in teaching members about stewardship of estate assets or giving from the large jar. But resources are being developed to address this need.

Beginning in January 2005, the Development Ministry of The Baptist Foundation of Alabama, led by Randy Driggers, started developing an initiative aimed at helping church leaders formulate a vision for a teaching ministry on stewardship of estate assets. "The church leadership and lay leadership must first understand and accept several core beliefs for the Foundation to assist the local church," says Randy Driggers, vice president for development. These core beliefs are:

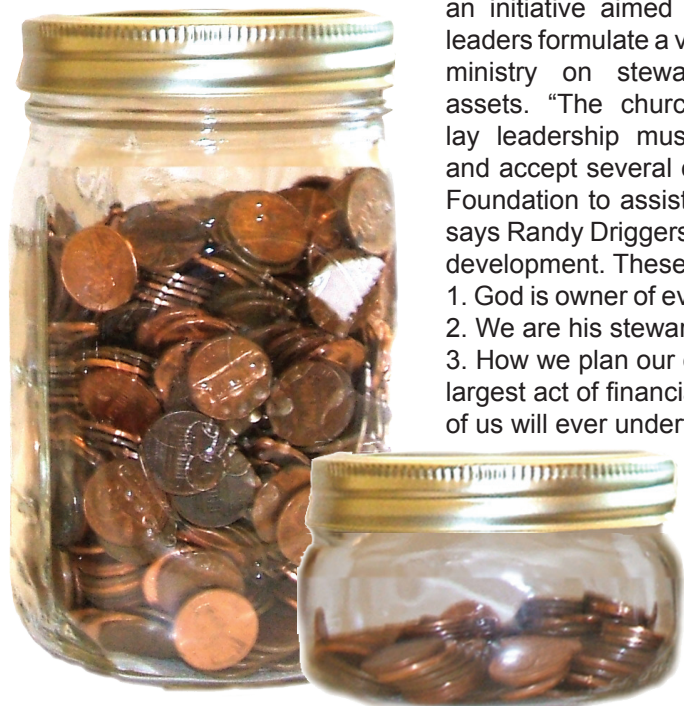
1. God is owner of everything (Ps. 24:1)
2. We are his stewards or managers
3. How we plan our estate is the single largest act of financial stewardship any of us will ever undertake.

These core beliefs are important if the local church is serious about teaching its members that planning their estate is an act of stewardship. When Believers fully understand this important biblical truth, then we will see a reduction in the number of estates without even a Last Will and Testament in place.

This nation is in the early years of the largest single transfer of wealth in history. More than \$41 trillion dollars is passing from one generation to the next. As Christian stewards, it is possible to plan the estate that will honor both family and faith. Christian leaders must get serious about expanding stewardship training to include estate planning. The church must begin teaching holistic stewardship to grow new givers and help older Baptists insure they have adequately planned their estate in a manner pleasing to God.

Your Alaska Baptist Foundation has teamed up with The Baptist Foundation of Alabama to assist Alaska Baptists to be stewards of their estates. For more information on the "Jars of Pennies" and how they can benefit you, your family, your church, and your favorite ministries, call The Alaska Baptist Foundation office or go to www.alaskabaptistfoundation.com. Once on the website, click on the link to the Baptist Foundation of Alabama and see the resources available.

by David Baldwin, retired ABC Executive Director



**Fuhr Memorial Scholarship
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“Now there arose up a new king over Egypt, which knew not Joseph.”

Exodus 1:8 (KJV)



Whether we want to admit it or not, most of us are just two or, at most, three generations from being forgotten. When I die, my children and grandchildren will remember me but unless they talk about me to the generations that follow, no one will know or even care that Mike Procter ever existed. It is humbling to think I have lived, worked, served and done all of the things a person usually does and I will, in all likelihood, be forgotten in a few years. What about the differences I made in the lives of people? The impact I have made on society? Surely my wonderful sense of humor, wit and charm will be enduring and never forgotten...right?

Think about the verse above: Joseph was used by God in Egypt in a tremendous way. Through his service, he saved the Egyptians from disaster and helped them become what may have been the greatest nation of the day. However, as the saying goes, “too soon we forget.” In the life of the Alaska Baptist Convention, how many hundreds and thousands of people have been involved in our congregations: pastors, staff, Sunday School teachers, preschool workers, deacons, treasurers, musicians, choir and committee members? How many do you remember? Are

I can't speak for all women in the matter of estate planning, but I can share why I value it and hope these reasons strike a chord in your thinking.

In the early years of marriage, when hearing about estate planning, I thought it only meant having a Last Will and Testament (Will) so what little money we had went to the right people without the state taking a big hunk. Boy was I wrong! As I learned what is actually involved, I realized it addresses some of the very important issues in my life. The following are five reasons why women should value estate planning:

1. Knowing there is a plan for the future eases anxiety. Certainly, followers of Christ have a wonderful security in salvation, God's provision and a home in heaven. I was concerned about how the management of God's provision would impact the well-being of my family. Women want to know how they and their families stand financially, and not knowing causes fear and uncertainty. A Will for one's estate can ease this anxiety.
2. Good estate planning provides wisely for our children and teaches them the value of responsible management of resources. Sitting down with them and explaining what has been done impacts how they look at their future estates. This is a perfect time to show how important it is to be obedient in tithing now and after we are gone. It honors our Lord to tithe our estate to a ministry or ministries that can impact people long after we are gone.
3. Planning how your assets will be managed and distributed now and in the future inspires frugality with current use of money so the future is considered. It's buying a reasonably priced purse instead of the trendy designer one. It's making sure the first

you aware that the Alaska Baptist Foundation is a resource available for you to leave an enduring legacy of your ministry and service in our State? Through the establishment of a trust or endowment, you have the opportunity to support the Lord's work in Alaska after you are gone. Are you aware that those who have gone before us have left trusts to assist with income to their church; church planting; travel assistance for bush pastors; educational scholarships for Alaskans; camping programs; Vacation Bible School; travel for children of bush pastors to attend camp and to meet many other needs across our State? They did so, not necessarily so they will not be forgotten, but that their love and support for the Lord's work in Alaska may continue after they are gone. If you would be interested in knowing how you may establish a trust or endowment to assist your church or some other ministry after you are gone, please contact Adam Long (adam@alaskabaptistfoundation.com) or me (mike@alaskabaptistconvention.com) or call (800)883-9627 or (907)770-0581, and we will discuss the various opportunities and options with you.

Blessings!

thing out of the budget is the tithe and the second is savings. The remainder is available for the family to use to the glory of God.

4. The process of prayerfully writing a Will and planning an estate educates us to the entire picture of assets God has given us to manage. This is so much more than monthly income and what we might have in savings. A Will helps insure that cash and/or non-cash (real estate, art, furniture, antiques, etc.) assets are planned for and considered. How exciting it is to know we can bless our children as well as establish a trust to benefit ministries. An “unfunded trust” is funded at our death from life insurance, retirement accounts, or land/real-estate sales. We indicate what Baptist causes we want to help fund from the interest of the trust and our state Baptist Foundation will see that our wishes are followed.
5. Ultimately everything we have belongs to God. We are loaned possessions of which we are to be good stewards as long as we live on this earth. This brings a great deal of personal joy and peace—two very important words in the female vocabulary.

Consider what God has to say: “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth...store up for yourselves treasures in heaven...for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (Matthew 6:19-20)

Please contact the Alaska Baptist Foundation by calling (800)883-9627 or visit www.alaskabaptistfoundation.com.

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