



Alaska

Baptist Messenger



The Alaska Baptist Convention exists to assist congregations to **SEEK** Christ, **SHARE** Christ, **STRENGTHEN** Congregations, **START** Congregations and **SEND** Christians.

ministry **ViSiOn** rally

hear the story . . . catch the vision

Date	August 14th
Location	Sunset Hills Baptist Church
Time	6:30 pm



Charles Roesel, Guest Speaker
Pastor Emeritus, FBC Leesburg and founder of the Christian Care Center *The Christian Care Center's Ministry Village consists of the following: Men's Residence, Women's Care Center, Emergency Children's Shelter, Benevolence Center, Family Resource Center, Village Thrift Store, Community Medical Care Center, Samaritan Inn*
Author *Meeting Needs Sharing Christ, Ministry Evangelism in Today's New Testament Church*



Jesus, Arts & Music Camp 2011

"The Foundation for Radical Living" 1 Cor 3:11

Sunday-Thursday, July 24-28
Laverne Griffin Youth Recreation Camp

JAM Camp is hosted by Hatcher Pass Baptist Association. Registration forms available at www.hpbaak.org. Cost is \$195; scholarships are available. Call (907)982-0133 for additional information.

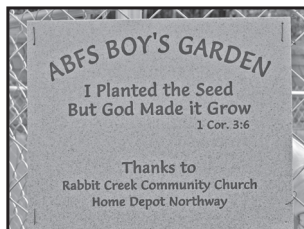
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**Alaska Baptist
Family Services**



Scott Capshaw, resort minister for Chugach Resort Ministries (pictured second from left above), assisted three of the residents of Alaska Baptist Family Services in planting their garden. The garden was started last year as a mission project for Rabbit Creek Community Church. Home Depot (Northway Mall) built the fence and volunteers from several churches helped teach the boys how to plant seeds, care for their plants and harvest the food. Each night during the summer, the boys are able to pick fresh vegetables for dinner. More photos can be found on the FaceBook page of Alaska Baptist Family Services.



God's Plan for Sharing in Alaska

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
<i>Chugach Baptist Association</i>						
Alaska Iu-Mienh First Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Anchorage Hope Comm Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Aquillaq Baptist Mission	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$700.00
Calvary Baptist Church	\$2,042.00	\$1,351.00	\$642.00	\$918.60	\$0.00	\$4,953.60
Christ Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Chugach Resort Ministries	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cliffside Community Chapel	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
Cold Bay Chapel	\$1,214.33	\$275.00	\$570.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,059.33
Community Baptist Church Nome	\$487.00	\$85.00	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$652.00
Cowboy Church of Anchorage	\$2,151.16	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,151.16
Eagle River Korean Bapt Church	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$650.00
Filipino Bible Church Anchorage	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$602.00	\$0.00	\$602.00
First Baptist Church Anchorage	\$29,344.87	\$6,879.13	\$8,875.00	\$11,294.50	\$0.00	\$56,393.50
First Baptist Church Kotzebue	\$500.00	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$2,100.00
First Baptist Church Eagle River	\$14,203.33	\$1,338.00	\$8,279.00	\$5,232.00	\$0.00	\$29,052.33
First Baptist Church Soldotna	\$2,671.00	\$1,264.25	\$0.00	\$1,599.65	\$0.00	\$5,534.90
First Hmong Baptist Church	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
First Korean Baptist Church	\$500.00	\$438.00	\$474.00	\$450.00	\$0.00	\$1,862.00
First Native Baptist Church	\$3,039.00	\$2,343.00	\$0.00	\$1,110.00	\$0.00	\$6,492.00
Frontier Baptist Church	\$948.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,016.00	\$0.00	\$1,964.00
Grandview Baptist Church	\$13,288.74	\$11,704.00	\$2,827.00	\$11,113.00	\$20.00	\$38,952.74
Greater Friendship Bapt Church	\$3,230.00	\$600.00	\$570.00	\$615.00	\$0.00	\$5,015.00
Hillside Baptist Church	\$5,797.55	\$755.00	\$685.00	\$2,320.00	\$0.00	\$9,557.55
Immanuel Baptist Church	\$390.69	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$773.62	\$0.00	\$1,164.31
Kiana Baptist Mission	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Kobuk Baptist Mission	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Korean New Central Bapt Church	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
Kuparuk Preaching Point	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mt Zion Missionary Bapt Church	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$765.00	\$0.00	\$1,365.00
Mountain View Comm Church	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$125.00
Muldoon Road Baptist Church	\$3,750.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$1,092.70	\$0.00	\$5,342.70
New Grace Christian Church	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
New Hope Baptist Church	\$7,336.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,336.00
Rabbit Creek Comm Church	\$1,333.44	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,525.00	\$0.00	\$2,858.44
River In The Desert Comm Church	\$490.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$490.00
Samoa Alaska Baptist Church	\$114.00	\$57.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$171.00
Sand Point Baptist Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Shungnak Baptist Mission	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Solid Rock Baptist Church	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$8,062.36	\$2,739.00	\$3,319.50	\$3,477.00	\$0.00	\$17,597.86
The Church of New Beginnings	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
The Crossing @ Birchwood	\$1,750.00	\$330.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,080.00
True North Church	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$750.00
University Baptist Church Anch	\$3,270.90	\$1,432.00	\$0.00	\$1,668.00	\$0.00	\$6,370.90
Valley View Baptist Church	\$1,850.00	\$0.00	\$659.00	\$684.00	\$0.00	\$3,193.00
Whittier Christian Community	\$405.40	\$35.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$440.40
Wilderness Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
Total:	\$113,019.77	\$32,925.38	\$27,830.50	\$47,931.07	\$20.00	\$221,726.72
<i>Hatcher Pass Baptist Association</i>						
Big Lake Baptist Church	\$3,037.99	\$1,662.00	\$2,275.50	\$3,678.00	\$0.00	\$10,653.49
Bodenberg Butte Baptist Church	\$2,918.54	\$75.00	\$351.00	\$520.00	\$0.00	\$3,864.54
CrossCountry Church	\$100.00	\$500.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Dillingham Bible Fellowship	\$3,627.57	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,285.00	\$0.00	\$6,912.57
Ekwo Christian Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fairview Loop Baptist Church	\$10,468.77	\$2,435.62	\$0.00	\$5,553.00	\$0.00	\$18,457.39
First Baptist Church Palmer	\$8,333.30	\$900.00	\$1,590.50	\$1,356.00	\$0.00	\$12,179.80
First Baptist Church Valdez	\$4,995.50	\$2,000.03	\$2,378.55	\$5,798.10	\$0.00	\$15,172.18
First Baptist Church Wasilla	\$18,199.43	\$2,851.81	\$2,199.50	\$7,992.46	\$0.00	\$31,243.20
First Baptist Church Willow	\$2,707.26	\$2,031.77	\$0.00	\$3,498.13	\$0.00	\$8,237.16
King Salmon Community Chapel	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$225.00
Montana Creek Baptist Church	\$629.72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$355.00	\$0.00	\$984.72
North Bear Street Comm Church	\$43.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$43.00
Pioneer Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$145.00	\$0.00	\$895.00	\$0.00	\$1,040.00
Schrock Road Comm Church	\$1,286.08	\$1,786.92	\$341.28	\$1,481.28	\$0.00	\$4,895.56
Settler's Bay Comm Church	\$2,254.44	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,847.27	\$0.00	\$4,101.71
Valley Life Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Wasilla Korean Baptist Church	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$1,250.00
Total:	\$59,001.60	\$14,388.15	\$9,836.33	\$37,034.24	\$0.00	\$120,260.32
<i>Kenai Peninsula</i>						
College Heights Baptist Church	\$19,848.25	\$4,071.30	\$0.00	\$10,084.79	\$0.00	\$34,004.34
First Baptist Church Kenai	\$2,334.71	\$100.00	\$642.00	\$2,873.91	\$0.00	\$5,950.62
Lighthouse Community Church	\$5,376.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$5,876.00
Moose Pass Community Church	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$120.00
Mount Redoubt Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total:	\$27,678.96	\$4,171.30	\$642.00	\$13,458.70	\$0.00	\$45,950.96

January-May 2011 Gifts from ABC churches

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
<i>Other</i>						
Misc. Contributors-Cash	\$0.00	\$878.82	\$500.00	\$3,025.00	\$0.00	\$4,403.82
Total:	\$0.00	\$878.82	\$500.00	\$3,025.00	\$0.00	\$4,403.82
<i>Tanana Valley Baptist Association</i>						
Chinese Fellowship	\$616.00	\$265.00	\$461.00	\$420.00	\$0.00	\$1,762.00
Clearwater Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cross Roads Baptist Church	\$4,276.00	\$704.17	\$2,919.74	\$3,549.12	\$0.00	\$11,449.03
Faith Baptist Church Fbks	\$2,219.00	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	\$1,927.00	\$0.00	\$5,396.00
Filipino Baptist Fellowship Fbks	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church Delta Jct	\$18,844.00	\$4,220.00	\$6,103.50	\$5,950.25	\$0.00	\$35,117.75
First Baptist Church Fairbanks	\$2,775.64	\$1,336.00	\$2,029.00	\$2,516.50	\$0.00	\$8,657.14
First Baptist Church North Pole	\$8,947.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,122.25	\$0.00	\$11,069.60
Friendship Baptist Church Fbks	\$250.00	\$360.00	\$1,082.17	\$843.00	\$0.00	\$2,535.17
Hispanic Mission	\$44.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$44.00
Korean Baptist Mission Fbks	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Moose Creek Baptist Church	\$2,495.69	\$588.06	\$0.00	\$361.13	\$0.00	\$3,444.88
Morning Star Baptist Church	\$3,192.39	\$0.00	\$80.00	\$3,981.00	\$0.00	\$7,253.39
Mount Pleasant Baptist Church	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
North Star Baptist Church	\$492.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$542.00
Salcha Baptist Church	\$2,658.97	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,855.00	\$0.00	\$13,513.97
Shannon Park Baptist Church	\$1,716.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,716.40
St John Baptist Church	\$5,773.93	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,773.93
Togiak Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
University Baptist Church Fbks	\$10,471.00	\$1,145.00	\$5,571.78	\$5,640.92	\$0.00	\$22,828.70
Total:	\$64,972.37	\$9,968.23	\$18,397.19	\$41,416.17	\$0.00	\$134,753.96

<i>Tongass Baptist Association</i>						
Anchor Baptist Church	\$2,912.52	\$610.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$4,022.52
Comm Bapt Church Coffman Cove	\$790.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,584.00	\$0.00	\$3,374.50
Emmanuel Baptist Church	\$1,245.05	\$530.23	\$0.00	\$603.00	\$0.00	\$2,378.28
Filipino Baptist Church	\$250.00	\$115.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$365.00
First Baptist Church Juneau	\$3,855.38	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$440.00	\$0.00	\$4,295.38
First Baptist Church Ketchikan	\$7,239.92	\$2,455.00	\$0.00	\$2,095.00	\$0.00	\$11,789.92
First Baptist Church Petersburg	\$1,169.00	\$850.00	\$0.00	\$802.00	\$0.00	\$2,821.00
First Baptist Church Sitka	\$1,917.94	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,917.94
Glacier Valley Baptist Church	\$1,234.64	\$2,431.00	\$0.00	\$6,667.12	\$0.00	\$10,332.76
Hoonah Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Juneau Korean Church	\$150.00	\$81.00	\$280.00	\$290.00	\$0.00	\$801.00
Kasaan Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Hope Fellowship	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
North Tongass Baptist Church	\$358.25	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$375.00	\$0.00	\$958.25
Tenakee Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Thorne Bay Baptist Church	\$250.04	\$522.00	\$85.00	\$1,221.00	\$0.00	\$2,078.04
Total:	\$22,073.24	\$7,819.23	\$365.00	\$15,677.12	\$0.00	\$45,934.59

Grand Total:	\$286,745.94	\$70,151.11	\$57,571.02	\$158,542.30	\$20.00	\$573,030.37
Goals:	\$772,855.00	\$70,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$150,000.00		
Over/Under Goal:	(\$486,109.06)	\$151.11	(\$42,428.98)	\$8,542.30		

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
WH:	World Hunger

Quarterly Goal is \$20,000 • 2,000 ppl x \$10



Received as of May 31, 2011:

First Quarter 2011	\$6,255
Second Quarter 2011	\$5,810
Third Quarter 2011	\$505
Fourth Quarter 2011	\$545

It takes just 2,000 gifts of \$10 each quarter to accomplish the quarterly goal of \$20,000. Won't you join us and be part of expanding God's Kingdom in Alaska?

There are currently 289 regular contributors...imagine how much more we could do with an additional 1,711 contributors?

Alaska Baptist Convention

Please Pray for our Pastorless Churches

Chugach Baptist Association

Aquillaq Baptist Church
Filipino Bible Church
Kiana Baptist Mission
Sunset Hills Baptist Church

Hatcher Pass Baptist Association

Ekwok 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

Bible Training for Trainers: Training Indigenous Pastors and Lay-pastors

Featured speaker Scotty Davis, Bible Training Center for Pastors

**Monday, July 25, 12:00 p.m.–
Tuesday, July 26, 4:00 p.m.**

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July "Nuggets"

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

First Baptist Church, Palmer

On Mother's Day, FBC broke ground on their new Children and Youth Ministry building. Mission teams from Oklahoma, Tennessee, Florida and Georgia will be assisting with construction throughout the summer. FBC had 174 children and workers and 19 decisions for Christ in VBS. Praise God!

Community Baptist Church, Nome

CBC is host to three summer interns; Chase Ellinburg, Melanie Allen and Jillian Jones, who are working in the church and community. The church will also host mission teams from Georgia, Texas, North Carolina and Alaska who will help with VBS and construction projects. Bruce Landry is pastor.

Shannon Park Baptist Church,

Fairbanks

SPBC has begun the Beth Moore Bible Study "Daniel" which meets on Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. August 7, the church will have a concert by Joe Wilson of Senatobia, Mississippi. Mark your calendars now to attend the Beth Moore Simulcast, "Because You Are Living Proof of God's Love", September 10, 9:30 – 4:00. Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased online at www.shannonparkchurch.com. Lunch and materials are included.

Alaska Baptist Convention

The ABC welcomed Jeff Courley, controller for the Arkansas Baptist Convention, who conducted an assessment of the ABC and Alaska

Baptist Foundation financial records. Jeff and his wife Jill, are pictured here. Jeff assisted the ABC through a partnership relationship with Arkansas.

Grandview Baptist Church, Anchorage

GBC ordained Michael Blakeney, Youth Minister, on June 5. Congratulations Michael! In addition to his responsibilities at Grandview, Mike is also the Information Technology specialist at the ABC office.

Cross Roads Baptist Church,

North Pole

CRBC celebrated their 30th anniversary on June 12. Dr. John Copeland was the guest preacher, and the church choir provided special music. They also ceremonially burned the bank note on their education building and are debt free! The church will conduct VBS at their own church and at Anderson in July. July 24 is the date for the annual church picnic at Chena Lakes. Troy Gourley is pastor.

First Baptist Church, Wasilla

FBC called Brad Herndon as associate pastor for the summer months. The church held a Teen Summer Survival Camp in June and participated with a float in the Colony Days parade in Palmer. During that event, they distributed more than 1000 fliers announcing VBS and the July 16 Community Picnic. FBC had their VBS in June with 200 children attending each day.

Frontier Baptist Church, Kodiak

FBC hosted a mission team for Crab Fest 2011. The community was blessed by the servant evangelism outreach with five cords of firewood cut, split and delivered; two houses painted; yardwork; and general clean-up. FBC also participated in a

mission trip to Karluk.

First Baptist Church, Fairbanks

In July a mission team from Arkansas will assist with VBS, put in three new sidewalks and finish painting the exterior trim on the building.

Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Anchorage

Pastor John Smith and three church members traveled to Haiti to assist in follow-up after a revival. There were several decisions made for Christ. The mission team also took 50 fifty-pound bags of rice to assist with hunger relief.

Annual Pastors Conference

The conference will be Tuesday, September 27, 8:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Hotel North Pole. The theme is "Hearing and Heeding the Call of God", based on Exodus 3. Special featured speaker is Dr. Kevin Ezell, president of North American Mission Board. GuideStone Financial Resources is providing lunch. Watch the Messenger for additional details.

Thank you Alaska Baptists!

In May, the Alaska Baptist Convention Executive Board authorized fuel cost assistance grants to our village congregations. There were fourteen \$500 grants given as a result of the Valeria Sherard State Mission Offering and the 2000 Club.

Here are some words of appreciation we have received:

"Thank you so much. With fuel getting so high that will come in handy. God is so good!" Sage Thomas, pastor, New Hope Fellowship, Haines

"Praise the Lord! Thank you very much. It will certainly help." Alan Ward, pastor, Sand Point Chapel

"On behalf of First Baptist Church Kotzebue and the four mission churches, we thank the Alaska Baptist Convention for the fuel cost assistance. We will certainly use it for the glory of the Lord" John Forrester, pastor, FBC Kotzebue
"Great! That is very significant!" Luke Stewart, pastor, Kobuk Baptist Mission



controller for the Arkansas Baptist Convention, who conducted an assessment of the ABC and Alaska

Alaska Baptist Family Services

Treatment Counselors

**group home setting working with adolescent boys
part-time and relief positions available**

\$13-\$16/hr DOE

**job description and application, abfsadmin@gci.net
or call (907)349-2222**

Alaska Baptist Convention Program
Sixty-Sixth Annual Meeting
First Baptist Church, North Pole
September 27-28, 2011

Jesus Christ...the same...forever. (Hebrews 13:8)

Tuesday evening, September 27, 2011

5:00 Registration
 5:50 Call to Order
 5:55 Worship through Music
 6:05 Welcome from host church
 6:10 Scripture and Prayer
 6:15 Adoption of Program
 6:20 Seating of Messengers
 6:25 Worship through Music
 6:30 Annual Sermon
 7:00 Worship through Music
 7:05 NAMB report and Message
 8:00 Prayer/Benediction

Wednesday morning, September 28, 2011

8:00 Continental Breakfast
 9:00 Call to Order
 9:05 Worship through Music
 9:10 Scripture and Prayer
 9:15 Introduction of New Personnel to State
 9:25 Committee on Committees Report
 9:30 Nomination for President and Recording Secretary
 9:40 Worship through Music
 9:45 Constitution and Bylaws Report
 9:50 Evangelism and Church Development Report
 10:15 Prayer for Evangelism
 10:20 Miscellaneous Business
 10:35 Alaska Baptist Foundation Report
 10:50 Ministries and Mission Education wMu Report
 11:10 Worship through Music
 11:15 Executive Director's Report
 11:30 Prayer time for Alaska
 11:45 Benediction

Lunch is provided in the church fellowship hall on a donation basis.

Wednesday afternoon, September 28, 2011

1:30 Call to Order
 1:35 Worship through Music
 1:40 Scripture and Prayer
 1:45 Election of President and Recording Secretary

1:55 Committee on Boards Report
 2:00 State Mission Report
 2:15 Nominations for Vice Presidents
 2:25 Adoption of 2011 ABC Budget
 2:35 LifeWay Christian Resources Report
 2:50 Executive Board Actions
 2:55 Worship through Music
 3:05 Last Miscellaneous Business
 3:15 Time, Place, and Preacher Committee Report
 3:20 Wayland Baptist University Anchorage
 Wayland Baptist University Fairbanks
 3:35 Alaska Baptist Family Services Report
 3:55 Resolutions Committee
 4:00 Election of Vice Presidents
 4:10 Worship through Music
 4:20 IMB Report
 4:35 Prayer for IMB
 4:40 Announcements
 Benediction

Dinner is provided in the church fellowship hall on a donation basis.

Wednesday evening, September 28, 2011

5:55 Call to Order
 6:00 Worship through Music
 6:10 Scripture and Prayer
 6:15 SBC Executive Committee
 Prayer for SBC
 6:45 State Mission Emphasis
 7:00 Recognitions; Vice Presidents Results;
 Installation of Officers
 7:10 Worship through Music
 7:15 President's Message
 8:00 Adjournment, Announcements
 Benediction



MESSENGERS: Must register online. Contact your church office for additional information or call the ABC office, (907)344-9627 or (800)883-9627.

HOTEL: Hotel North Pole, (907)488-4800 or (877)488-4801; \$95/night (plus taxes). You must mention the Alaska Baptist Convention in order to receive the discounted rate.



Mike Procter
Executive Director

In May there was a lot of discussion about a particular man who made a prediction and spent thousands of dollars proclaiming that Jesus Christ was coming back on May 21, 2011. As you know, it did not happen – well, May 21 happened but Jesus did not return.

Dates have an important place in our lives. For instance, January 1, 2012 is my 36th wedding anniversary. What do you think would happen if I forgot that day? What other days are important to people? How about birthdays? Holidays? Weekends? When you were in school didn't you always look forward to summer vacation? A special day for me is December 20, 1970, when I received Jesus Christ as my Lord. One day of the week that we too often neglect is Sunday. We are reminded in scripture that the church gathered to meet and worship on that day.

What do you do on Sunday? For some, it is the only day to sleep in, watch the ball game, work in the yard, or visit family; however, we are exhorted to spend at least a part of our Sunday worshipping with other believers. Do you?

Speaking of dates, note the following fact about July 2011. This year, July has five Fridays, five Saturdays and five Sundays. Supposedly, this happens once every 823 years.

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Let me remind you of some upcoming Alaska Baptist Convention dates you may find of interest:

- July 25-26, Bible Training for Trainers: Training Indigenous Pastors and Lay-pastors
- September 26-28, 66th Annual Meeting of the Alaska Baptist Convention, the annual Pastors Conference and the WMU Annual Meeting
- October 7-8, Bible Study Directors Retreat
- October 10-11, Bible Storying Training
- October 22-31, Statewide On Mission Celebration Rallies
- November 10-11, Alaska Baptist Foundation Board Meeting
- November 14-15, Alaska Baptist Convention Executive Board Meeting
- November 17-19, Coaching Training

I pray you will have a blessed day in the Lord and remember, this is the day the Lord has made and we are to rejoice and be glad in it.



Jimmy Stewart
Director of Evangelism, Prayer and Collegiate Ministries

Pastor, with the current emphasis on church development and growth, have you determined your role in helping your church increase baptisms, attendance, missions involvement and giving? Recently, I was talking with a pastor in our state and we discussed how some church members feel it is solely the pastor's job to do the ministry of the church. As we reflected on Eph. 4:11-13, we were reminded that Paul instructed the Ephesians it is the job of pastors and leaders of the congregations to equip the saints to do the work of the ministry. This is a far cry from expectations we put on our pastors. Pastors hear lay people say things like "that's the pastor's responsibility" or "that is what we pay the pastor to do." There are many things the pastor should be doing and others they should not do. Some of the things most of our pastors do that others in the church should/could be doing are: visit the sick, make hospital calls, share the gospel, minister to hurting families, teach the Word, follow up on prospects, make visits to members and other activities. If the pastor alone performs these ministries, what or who is being neglected? To how many people can the average pastor minister? How large can the church grow if only the pastor does most of the ministry? How much time can one pastor devote to reaching and ministering to those who aren't in church? If the pastor does most of the ministry, the size of a church is limited and others won't take on the responsibilities.

However, some pastors are guilty of trying to do everything themselves. I understand we have a great group of loving, caring and sacrificing pastors in our state. But one thing we don't want to do is to neglect scripture. Ephesians 4:12-13 says that we, as leaders, are to "prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity...attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ." If we don't prepare others and let them lead out in ministry, we stunt their growth.

Leaders must see themselves as equippers of the saints and bring others alongside. Pastor, do you see yourself as the "Chief Equipping Officer" (CEO) of your church? Are you preparing, building up, and helping others learn how to be fully developed followers of Christ? Are they reaching the "whole measure of the fullness of Christ?" When pastors tell me their number one need is for leaders, I suspect we are not equipping leaders as we should. I had the privilege of training 34 youth during Training Teens Today (T3) who are expected to go home and work in their churches. When you conduct training, do you expect those trained to work? Jesus expected His disciples to take the Gospel to the whole earth. He spent three years equipping them. That is a powerful example for us to follow. How can people be fully developed if they only attend church on Sunday? Fellow pastors and leaders, extend the call, set forth the expectation, train and equip and let people mature into the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Don't let them settle for anything less. We have many training events to assist you throughout the year. If you need something other than what is offered, please call and let's see what we can do to meet your need. Bless you, CEO of God's Body of Christ. Keep up the good work.



Don Shannon
*Director of Ministries and
 Mission Education*

We live in a society obsessed with self. Everywhere we look we are bombarded with campaigns that confirm our desire to be the focus of life. "It's all about me" could easily be our new motto. Yet this self-seeking has not produced satisfaction or fulfillment. It has been a dark alley where we have been attacked by a purposeless frenzy of activity.

Rick Warren, author of the bestseller, *The Purpose Driven Life*, states, "We ask self-centered questions like What do I want to be? What should I do with my life? What are my goals, my ambitions, my dreams for my future? But focusing on ourselves will never reveal our life's purpose. The Bible says, 'It is God who directs the lives of his creatures; everyone's life is in his power'" (pp. 17-18).

The apostle Paul focused on this same issue nearly 2000 years ago when he wrote, "Those who think they can do it on their own end up obsessed with measuring their own moral muscle but never get around to exercising it in real life. Those who trust God's action in them find that God's Spirit is in them—living and breathing God! Obsession with self in these matters is a dead end; attention to God leads us out into the open, into a spacious, free life. Focusing on the self is the opposite of focusing on God. Anyone completely absorbed in self ignores God, ends up thinking more about self than God. That person ignores who God is and what He is doing. And God isn't pleased at being ignored." Romans 8:5-8 (MSG)

Paul is drawing a contrast between two kinds of life. There is the life dominated by sinful human nature whose focus and center is self, and the life dominated by the Spirit of God -- God-focused. These two lives are going in diametrically opposite directions. Your direction for life comes from answering this question: "What is the focus of my life; self or God?"

If real satisfaction, fulfillment, direction and purpose in life are your goals, then you will only reach them when your focus moves from self to the Savior. In Hebrews 12:2 we are told to run with endurance the race that is set before us. As a believer in Jesus Christ we must run with our head up, while we fix our eyes on Jesus. To fix our eyes on Jesus means we look away from everything else, especially self, and keep Him alone as our vision, our focus. I challenge you to look to Jesus rather than self and you will find satisfaction, fulfillment, direction and purpose in life.

Valeria Sherard
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Matthew 9:35-36

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Directors Retreat
Friday-Saturday
October 7-8, 2011
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July 2011

Jun 27-1	Boys Camp, LGYRC	26	Mission Rally, FBC North Pole
3	Citizenship and Religious Liberty Sunday	27	wMu Annual Meeting
4	Independence Day	27	Pastor's Conference
4	ABC and ABF office closed	27-28	ABC Annual Meeting
13-16	BLUME 2011		
24-28	JAM Camp		
25-26	Bible Training for Trainers		

August 2011

3-6	Youth FUSION, ABT
7	Social Issues Sunday
14	Living with Urgency: Student Evangelism Day
14	Ministry Vision Rally
14-20	Church Music Emphasis Week



September 2011

4	Single Adult Sunday
4-11	Valeria Sherard State Mission Emphasis
18	Anti-Gambling Sunday

Oct. 22, Hatcher Pass Baptist Association
Oct. 23, Chugach Baptist Association
Oct. 24, Kenai Peninsula
Oct. 25, Tanana Valley Baptist Association
Oct. 26, Juneau
Oct. 28, Prince of Wales Island
Oct. 30, Ketchikan