



Alaska Baptist Messenger



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

Attention Messengers to the Annual Meeting!

Alaska Baptist Convention 66th Annual Meeting		
Event Tuesday, September 27, 2011 at 6:00 PM - Wednesday, September 28, 2011 at 9:00 PM (GMT-0900)	Name _____	Payment Status Free Order
Date+Time Tuesday, September 27, 2011 at 6:00 PM - Wednesday, September 28, 2011 at 9:00 PM (GMT-0900)	Messenger First Baptist Church, North Pole 609 East 5th Ave P.O. Box 55249 North Pole, AK 99705	
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You must print out and bring your ticket!

Annual Mission Rally
"Jesus Always the Same"
Monday, September 26, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
First Baptist Church, North Pole

66th Annual Meeting of the Alaska Baptist Convention

Tuesday, September 27
 WMU Annual Meeting, 8:30 a.m.
 Pastors' Conference, 8:45 a.m.
 Annual Convention registration, 5:00 p.m.
 Annual Convention meeting, 5:50 p.m.
Wednesday, September 28
 Annual Convention meets, 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
 (full schedule inside on pages 4-5)
 Child care is available for birth - Kindergarten only

September 27-28, 2011
First Baptist Church North Pole

unhindered!

WMU Annual Meeting
Tuesday, Sep 27
8:30-1:00
First Baptist Church
North Pole
 (lunch is included)

Special guest:
Debby Akerman
President,
National WMU

"Hearing and
Heeding
the Call of God"

Annual
Pastors' Conference
Tuesday, Sep 27
8:45-1:00
Hotel North Pole
 (lunch is included)

Special guest:
Kevin Ezell
President
NAMB

**Your Cooperative Program giving
impacts Alaska churches....**



I did not have the privilege of growing up in a Christian family. My first real Christian encounter was with my future wife, Denise. Through her prayers and Christian character I accepted Christ at a church song service. I had gone simply to hear my six-year-old son sing in the mission choir. After I was saved, I began to understand that God was calling me into full-time ministry. I went on to Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute

in North Carolina and it was there in a mission class that God showed me that I should go into home missions. After graduation, my family and I moved to Mina,

Nevada to start a church. I was supported by Church Planter Assistance funds for the two and a half years we were there.

God moved us to another work in Nevada that was on the church assistance phase-down program. We were able to serve in both these locations because of Cooperative Program funding. For the eleven and a half years we were in Nevada, the funding we received helped us concentrate on what God was doing through us. In 1996, God moved us to Alaska. Whether through the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (for North American mission), the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (for international missions), or the Valeria Sherard State Mission Offering, I know that each dollar given represents lives that can be changed. At Cross Roads Baptist Church (North Pole), we have increased our mission giving. If lives are going to be changed, there must be some willing to go and all must be willing to give.



Pastor Troy and Denise Gourley

God's Plan for Sharing in Alaska

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
Chugach Baptist Association						
Alaska Lu-Mienh First Bapt Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Anch 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	\$3,125.00	\$1,351.00	\$642.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,118.00
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
Comm Baptist Church Nome	\$601.00	\$85.00	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$766.00
Cowboy Church of Anchorage	\$2,151.16	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,151.16
Eagle River Korean Bapt Church	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$550.00
Filipino Bible Church Anchorage	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00
First Baptist Church Anchorage	\$38,726.34	\$6,879.13	\$8,875.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$54,480.47
First Baptist Church Kotzebue	\$500.00	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,300.00
First Baptist Church Eagle River	\$17,228.19	\$4,949.22	\$8,309.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30,486.41
First Baptist Church Soldotna	\$4,404.00	\$1,264.25	\$1,034.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,702.25
First Hmong Baptist Church	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
First Korean Baptist Church	\$700.00	\$438.00	\$474.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,612.00
First Native Baptist Church	\$3,868.00	\$2,343.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,211.00
Frontier Baptist Church	\$2,118.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,118.25
Grandview Baptist Church	\$19,960.44	\$11,734.00	\$2,977.00	\$1,350.00	\$40.00	\$36,061.44
Greater Friendship Bapt Church	\$4,014.00	\$600.00	\$570.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,184.00
Hillside Baptist Church	\$7,683.77	\$755.00	\$790.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,228.77
Immanuel Baptist Church	\$541.81	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$541.81
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	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Kuparuk Preaching Point	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mt Zion Missionary Bapt Church	\$720.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$720.00
Mountain View Comm Church	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$175.00
Muldoon Road Baptist Church	\$4,500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
New Grace Christian Church	\$1,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,800.00
New Hope Baptist Church	\$9,886.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,886.00
Rabbit Creek Community Church	\$2,000.18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.18
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	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$650.00
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$13,047.55	\$2,739.00	\$3,394.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$19,181.05
The Church of New Beginnings	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
The Crossing @ Birchwood	\$2,450.00	\$330.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,780.00
True North Church	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
University Baptist Church Anc	\$5,132.20	\$1,432.00	\$1,169.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,733.20
Valley View Baptist Church	\$2,775.00	\$0.00	\$659.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,434.00
Whittier Christian Community	\$405.40	\$35.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$440.40
Wilderness Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total:	\$158,206.62	\$36,566.60	\$30,393.50	\$1,350.00	\$40.00	\$226,556.72
Hatcher Pass Baptist Association						
Big Lake Baptist Church	\$4,770.94	\$1,662.00	\$2,275.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,708.44
Bodenberg Butte Baptist Church	\$2,918.54	\$75.00	\$351.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,344.54
CrossCountry Church	\$100.00	\$600.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$900.00
Dillingham Bible Fellowship	\$4,766.50	\$0.00	\$2,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,166.50
Ekwok Christian Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fairview Loop Baptist Church	\$13,072.20	\$2,435.62	\$2,774.57	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$18,282.39
First Baptist Church Palmer	\$12,499.95	\$900.00	\$1,590.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,990.45
First Baptist Church Valdez	\$8,261.17	\$2,000.03	\$3,446.76	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,707.96
First Baptist Church Wasilla	\$22,146.35	\$2,851.81	\$2,199.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$27,197.66
First Baptist Church Willow	\$3,347.97	\$2,031.77	\$1,740.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,119.74
King Salmon Community Chapel	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
Montana Creek Baptist Church	\$2,942.23	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,942.23
North Bear Street Comm Church	\$43.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$43.00
Pioneer Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$145.00	\$305.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$450.00
Schrock Road Community Church	\$2,561.28	\$2,282.22	\$671.48	\$330.20	\$0.00	\$5,845.18
Settler's Bay Community Church	\$3,371.79	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,371.79
Valley Life Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Wasilla Korean Baptist Church	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$850.00
Total:	\$81,301.92	\$14,983.45	\$18,454.31	\$330.20	\$0.00	\$115,069.88
Kenai Peninsula						
College Heights Baptist Church	\$25,257.99	\$4,071.30	\$4,439.79	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$33,769.08
First Baptist Church Kenai	\$3,722.84	\$100.00	\$662.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,484.84
Lighthouse Community Church	\$7,544.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,544.00
Moose Pass Community Church	\$160.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$160.00
Mount Redoubt Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total:	\$36,684.83	\$4,171.30	\$5,101.79	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$45,957.92

January-July 2011 Gifts from ABC Churches

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
Other						
Misc. Contributors-Cash	\$0.00	\$978.82	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,478.82
Total:	\$0.00	\$978.82	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,478.82
Tanana Valley Baptist Association						
Chinese Fellowship	\$759.03	\$265.00	\$461.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,485.03
Clearwater Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cross Roads Baptist Church	\$6,506.00	\$704.17	\$2,919.74	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,129.91
Faith Baptist Church Fbks	\$3,538.00	\$1,250.00	\$776.65	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,564.65
Filipino Baptist Fellowship Fbks	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church Delta Jet	\$27,459.00	\$4,220.00	\$6,703.50	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$38,532.50
First Baptist Church Fairbanks	\$4,266.56	\$1,336.00	\$2,029.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,631.56
First Baptist Church North Pole	\$11,838.40	\$0.00	\$1,797.53	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,635.93
Friendship Baptist Church Fbks	\$350.00	\$360.00	\$1,082.17	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,792.17
Hispanic Mission	\$72.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$72.00
Korean Baptist Mission Fbks	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Moose Creek Baptist Church	\$2,495.69	\$588.06	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,083.75
Morning Star Baptist Church	\$4,464.27	\$0.00	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,544.27
Mount Pleasant Baptist Church	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
North Star Baptist Church	\$642.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$642.00
Salcha Baptist Church	\$3,690.01	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,690.01
Shannon Park Baptist Church	\$1,716.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,716.40
St John Baptist Church	\$8,105.26	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,105.26
Togiak Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
University Baptist Church Fbks	\$14,167.00	\$1,145.00	\$5,591.78	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,903.78
Total:	\$90,419.62	\$9,968.23	\$21,591.37	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$122,129.22
Tongass Baptist Association						
Anchor Baptist Church	\$4,115.45	\$610.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,725.45
Comm Bapt Church Coffman Cove	\$1,328.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,328.50
Emmanuel Baptist Church	\$1,810.08	\$530.23	\$590.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,930.31
Filipino Baptist Church KTN	\$250.00	\$115.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$365.00
First Baptist Church Juneau	\$5,859.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,859.00
First Baptist Church Ketchikan	\$7,239.92	\$2,455.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,694.92
First Baptist Church Petersburg	\$1,775.00	\$850.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,125.00
First Baptist Church Sitka	\$2,893.79	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,893.79
Glacier Valley Baptist Church	\$1,234.64	\$2,431.00	\$2,661.28	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,326.92
Hoonah Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Juneau Korean Church	\$210.00	\$81.00	\$280.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$571.00
Kasaan Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Hope Fellowship	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$136.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$836.00
North Tongass Baptist Church	\$571.75	\$225.00	\$545.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,341.75
Tenakee Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Thorne Bay Baptist Church	\$445.40	\$522.00	\$90.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$1,067.40
Total:	\$28,433.53	\$7,819.23	\$4,802.28	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$41,065.04
Grand Total:	\$395,046.52	\$74,487.63	\$80,843.25	\$1,840.20	\$40.00	\$552,257.60
Goals:	\$772,855.00	\$70,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$150,000.00		
Over/Under Goal:	(\$377,808.48)	\$4,487.63	(\$19,156.75)	(\$148,159.80)		

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 July 31, 2011:

First Quarter 2011	\$6520
Second Quarter 2011	\$6815
Third Quarter 2011	\$4135
Fourth Quarter 2011	\$740

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 230 regular contributors...imagine how much more we could do with an additional 1770 contributors?

Welcome!

Chugach Baptist Association
Sunset Hills Baptist Church
Don (Carri) Shannon

**Please Pray for
 our Pastorless
 Churches**

Chugach Baptist Association

Aquillaq Baptist Church
 Kiana Baptist Mission
 University Baptist Church

Hatcher Pass Baptist Association

Ekwok Christian Church
 King Salmon Comm Baptist Chapel

Tanana Valley Baptist Association

Chinese Fellowship

Tongass Baptist Association

Emmanuel Baptist Church
 Hoonah Baptist Mission

**Winter
 Youth
 Celebration
 2011**

October 14-15, 2011

**First Baptist Church
 Fairbanks**

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...Forever.

Hebrews 13:8

4:10	IMB Report	Terry Sharp
4:25	Prayer for IMB	
4:30	Announcements	Garry Loeffler
	Benediction	Jeff Baxter

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

Wednesday Evening, September 28, 2011

Presiding: Charles Worthy, President

5:55	Call to Order	Charles Worthy
6:00	Worship through Music	Scott Allred
6:10	Scripture and Prayer	Jacob Lee
6:15	Election of Vice Presidents	Mike Procter
6:25	SBC Executive Committee	Frank Page
	Prayer for SBC	Bruce Rowell
6:55	State Mission Emphasis	Don Shannon
7:10	Recognitions; Vice Presidents Results; Installation of Officers	Mike Procter
7:20	Worship through Music	Scott Allred
7:25	President's Message	Charles Worthy
8:00	Adjournment, Announcements	Charles Worthy
	Benediction	Moises Rodriguez

For this 66th Annual Convention, we acknowledge with gratitude the music leaders from First Baptist Church, Jonesboro, Georgia: Dr. Scott Allred, director; kitchen volunteers from Clearview Baptist Church, Franklin, Tennessee: John and Kaye Gardner, Phil and Pat Davis, Mark and Pam Godwin; childcare volunteers from Tanana Valley Baptist Association; and staff and congregation of First Baptist Church, North Pole. *(Childcare is available for birth-Kindergarten only)*

Program Personnel

Allred, Scott, Dr.: Associate Pastor/Minister of Music, First Baptist Church, Jonesboro, Georgia
Ash, Eric, Dr.: Dean, Wayland Baptist University, Anchorage campus
Atwood, John: Member, University Baptist Church, Fairbanks; Chair, Budget and Finance Committee
Baxter, Jeff: Pastor, Moose Creek Baptist Church, North Pole
Becker, David: Pastor, First Baptist Church, Delta Junction
Chadwick, Kerry: Pastor, First Baptist Church, Sitka
deLeon, Ramon: Pastor, Friendship Baptist Church, Fairbanks
Ellison, Lawrence, Dr.: Pastor, St. John Baptist Church, Fairbanks
Ezell, Kevin, Dr.: President, North American Mission Board
Gregory, Ed, Dr.: Pastor, First Baptist Church, Anchorage; Chair, Time, Place and Preacher Committee
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Lee, Jacob: Pastor, Korean Baptist Mission, Fairbanks
Loeffler, Garry: Pastor, Hillside Baptist Church, Anchorage; Second Vice President, Alaska Baptist Convention
Long, Adam: Accountant, Alaska Baptist Foundation
MacMaster, Peter: Pastor, Morning Star Baptist Church, Healy
May, Leon: Pastor, River in the Desert Community Church, Anchorage; President, Alaska Baptist Foundation
McCoy, Johnny: Pastor, First Baptist Church, North Pole
McGee, Corey: Pastor, Lighthouse Community Church, Nikiski; Trustee, North American Mission Board
Meninga, Susan: Member, First Baptist Church, Wasilla; Chair, Committee on Committees
Morris, Lorie: Executive Director, Alaska Baptist Family Service Center
Myers, Bryan: Pastor, Faith Baptist Church, Fairbanks; Chair, Committee on Boards
Myers, Rebecca: Member, Faith Baptist Church, Fairbanks; Chair, Credentials Committee
Page, Frank, Dr.: President and Chief Executive Officer of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee
Procter, Mike, Dr.: Executive Director/Treasurer, Alaska Baptist Convention and Foundation
Rodriguez, Moises: Pastor, Hispanic Mission, Fairbanks
Rowell, Bruce, Dr.: Pastor, First Baptist Church, Palmer; Chair, Constitution and Bylaws Committee
Shannon, Don: Pastor, Sunset Hills Baptist Church; past CCM/ Mission Education Director, Alaska Baptist Convention
Sharp, Terry: International Mission Board Mobilizer
Stewart, Jimmy: Director of Evangelism, Prayer and Collegiate Ministries, Alaska Baptist Convention
Stogsdill, Ruby: Member, First Baptist Church, Soldotna; President, Alaska Woman's Missionary Union
Watkins, Jan: LifeWay Christian Resources Representative
Weaver, Kelly: Pastor, Shannon Park Baptist Church, Fairbanks
Worthy, Charles: Pastor, First Baptist Church, Willow; President, Alaska Baptist Convention



Attention Messengers to the Annual Meeting:
To enjoy "express" registration, you must present your ticket!



September "Nuggets"

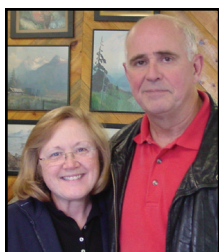
The staff of the Alaska Baptist Convention reserves the right to edit submitted "Nuggets" for content and space.

Alaska Baptist Convention

In July, Abel De La Rosa (pictured left) and Adan Guzman (pictured right), mission team volunteers from Lilburn, Georgia, poured a new, badly needed, entryway sidewalk at the ABC office. In addition to pouring the cement, they broke up and hauled away the old



sidewalk. Abel and Adan were assisted by Butch Strickland, Contextualized Church Starter Strategist for the ABC. Cathy and Scotty Davis (pictured l to r) of Mission Team Inc. conducted a two-day training event for potential church planters and pastors. Contact Alan Dial (alan@alaskabaptistconvention.com) for additional information.



Shannon Park Baptist Church, Fairbanks

The Beth Moore Simulcast, "Because You Are Living Proof of God's Love" is September 10, 9:30-4:00. Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased online at www.shannonparkchurch.com. Lunch and materials are included.

Alaska Mission Team

An Alaska mission team conducted childcare activities for IMB personnel who serve in the Balkans. Forty-five children, aged 5 months to 12-years participated in the activities. Pictured, left to right are: (back) Drew Drake (Schrock Road), Rick and Linda Reimer (Schrock Road), Cathy Kibling (College Heights), Kathy Sorrell (College Heights), Shirley Miebs (Sunset Hills). (front) Jeff Ober (Glacier Valley), Michael Berezhkova (Schrock Road), Trista Clark (College Heights), Becky Moore (College Heights).



Anchor Baptist Church, Craig

Anchor Baptist broke ground for a building on July 30. Dean Blankenship is interim pastor.



Sunset Hills Baptist Church, Anchorage

Pastor Don Shannon has been selected to the National Advisory Group assisting with the transition of Royal Ambassadors from the North American Mission Board to National WMU.

Frontier Baptist Church, Kodiak

FBC hosted a mission team from North Carolina who conducted VBS and accomplished several service projects. Kodiak Island Outreach, sponsored by FBC, ministered in the villages of Karluk and Ouzinkie.

Hatcher Pass Baptist Association

Gary Bearce, Associational Missionary for HPBA, had an article published on the Sunday School Leadership website (www.sundayschoolleader.com) dealing with the three "R's" of Sunday School--Reaching, Releasing, Reproducing.

Cross Roads Baptist Church,

North Pole

CRBC conducted VBS in Anderson and had three professions of faith. They also baptized three during the annual church picnic at Chena Lakes.

Sunset Hills Baptist Church, Anchorage

SHBC has called Don Shannon as pastor. Don and Carri are longtime Alaskans, having served at Morning Star Baptist Church in Healy; Tongass Baptist Association as Director of Missions; and most recently with the Alaska Baptist Convention as Director of Ministries and Mission Education. The church had



a fellowship on August 7 to honor Earl (Shannon) Midkiff for serving as interim for 9 months.

First Baptist Church, Fairbanks

FBC, along with Friendship Baptist Church, hosted the Oklahoma Baptist University (OBU) women's soccer team, who conducted soccer clinics. Their trip ended with a joint worship service and fellowship meal with OBU, Friendship and FBC.

University Baptist Church, Fairbanks

UBC's winter schedule begins on September 11, and ESL classes start on September 13. Their regular Wednesday night activities resume on September 14.

Moose Creek Baptist Church,

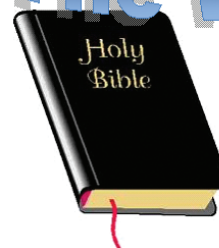
North Pole

MCBC had a successful VBS in July with 65 students and teachers resulting in two salvations and two baptisms. The TVBA Block Party Trailer was used as part of the recreation element and was overwhelmingly popular! Associate and youth pastor, Bob Ward, has resigned. He and his family moved out-of-state in August.

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Attention Bible Study Teachers!

“Storying-in-a-Day” Training

choose between

First Baptist Church, Wasilla

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OR

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October 10-11

Led by Mark Snowden, Church and Missionary
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A Women’s Ministry of the Alaska Baptist Convention



Mike Procter
Executive Director

September 26-28, at First Baptist Church in North Pole, we will celebrate the 66th Annual Meeting of the Alaska Baptist Convention (ABC). In this issue of the *Alaska Baptist Messenger*, you will find information about the Annual Meeting, Annual Mission Rally, Pastors' Conference and wMu Annual Meeting. I hope your congregation sends all of the messengers allowed and that they will come excited to hear how your congregation's mission giving through the Alaska Baptist Convention and Cooperative Program is being used by God. The theme of the Annual Meeting is "Jesus Christ...the Same...Forever". With all of the changes taking place and uncertainties around us, it is a blessing to know Jesus Christ does not change and He is the same forever.

Speaking of changes, this year there is a change in the way messengers register for the Annual Meeting. In the past, a congregation would send the ABC a list of messengers attending, that list would be at the registration desk, and those messengers waited in line to verify their church and name, sign in and pick up their registration materials. This year, while Jesus Christ is the same forever, the registration process is not. The new registration process is all being done online and should speed up the whole registration process. If you have not yet registered your messengers, please call Sylvia in the ABC office (907-344-9627 or 800-883-9627) and she will issue an "invitation" where you can register all your messengers at one time. Once registered, each messenger will receive a "ticket" which they must print out and bring to the Annual Meeting, present at the "express" registration desk and pick up materials. If you do not register your messengers online, or forget to bring your ticket, the old registration process applies.

Another special day you should not forget is September 19 -- "National Talk-Like-A-Pirate Day." Avast ye, mates, have you been practicing? It would be a shame to let a perfectly good day like "National Talk-Like-A-Pirate Day" come and go without at least one good "argh!", "ahoy!", "shiver me timbers!". Do you recall what the Bible says about our speech? If not, I encourage you to look up the following verses: Proverbs 15:23, Proverbs 25:11 and Colossians 4:6.

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

The Lord willing, I will see you in North Pole at the Annual Meeting!



Jimmy Stewart
Director of Evangelism, Prayer and Collegiate Ministries

In October, your Bible Study leaders and teachers will have the opportunity to become better equipped to lead Bible studies for all ages. The Bible Study Directors Retreat is October 7-8 at First Baptist Church in Wasilla. We are blessed to have Dean Abernathy, Sunday School Specialist with Lifeway Christian Resources bring his years of experience to this training. Sign-up online at www.alaskabaptistconvention.com.

"Storying-in-a-Day" Training is being offered in Wasilla (October 7-8) and Fairbanks (October 10-11). The target group is people who want to be trained to use the story approach in Bible groups. Everyone who takes the "Storying-in-a-Day" Training will be offered the opportunity to become a trainer. Mark Snowden, Church and Missionary Equipping Team with NAMB, will be our leader. Sign-up online at www.alaskabaptistconvention.com.

Mark wrote the following purposes and advantages of the "Storying-in-a-Day" Training:

1. Evangelizing and church planting: The training raises awareness and equips believers to select stories to communicate themes, rather than an argumentative rhetorical style of highly literate gospel presentations. Getting to those small groups provides the nucleus for growing existing churches and helping other small groups begin to take on the characteristics of a church.
2. Discipling and leader training: God's Word is precious to believers. It's not a surprise that 75% of the Bible is narrative. Staying with the story helps oral-preference learners "walk around in the story" and reproduce it with others. Small groups find Bible Storying to be very effective because it requires dialogue. Those taking the training will learn to not only tell Bible stories, but appropriate ones, and then how to lead discussions to draw out Biblical truths in a time of discovery.
3. Transferable Skills: One side benefit is the underlying thread related to "worldview." When we understand a person's culture, preferences, language, networks, and beliefs, the Holy Spirit can use that to help us increase our ministry impact. Whether preaching, church planting, interacting one-on-one, or addressing a crowd, the constant concern for worldview will be used of the Lord to accelerate response to the gospel.
4. Training options: I teach what Southern Baptist missionaries are taught and have been successfully implementing around the world. The training I provide helps churches develop their own Bible Storying curriculum which is tailor-made for their own members and issues in the context of their own people, rather than relying on curriculum developed for another group of people in another time and place.
5. Training trainers: Our philosophy is to generate not only practitioners, but trainers. Everyone who takes "Storying-in-a-Day" is offered the opportunity to become a trainer. We'll spend time looking at case studies. Storying is certainly catching on and although not yet mainstream among Southern Baptists, does hold tremendous potential for those who are giving it a shot. The trainers will also become part of a solid network of practitioners where they can ask questions, get training updates, and learn about new resources as they come.

At the beginning of November we will offer our annual Bible Study Leadership Training to teachers for all age groups. Thanks for all you do and keep up the great work.



Don Shannon
*Director of Ministries and
Mission Education*

Procrastination has a high cost. For instance, according to one study by H&R Block, Americans pay an average of \$400 a year more in taxes because we put off doing them and then, we rush at the last minute and make mistakes that cost us more money. And the cost of procrastination in ministry can be significantly higher. For us, procrastination isn't measured in dollars; it is measured in ministries never started, people with needs going unmet, and those who are spiritually lost never hearing the gospel.

The Bible says, "Remember, it's a sin to know what you ought to do and then not to do it." (James 4:17 NLT) When God calls you to do something, but you don't do it, it's not just a bad strategy or a missed blessing. It is sin.

If God has called you to do something in your ministry and you are not doing it, do it now; not next month, next week, or even tomorrow –now. Proverbs 21:1 says, "Don't brag about tomorrow, since you don't know what the day will bring." (NLT) None of us is guaranteed a tomorrow. You might not have the opportunity to do what God has called you to do tomorrow. You may be saying you'll do it someday. That someday is today!

I have been blessed to serve the Baptists of Alaska as the Director of Ministries and Mission Education. It has been a wonderful time in my life. I cannot think of anything else that I could have done which would have brought such satisfaction. The relationships with churches, pastors and convention staff have been a tremendous benefit. I regret, but at the same time I am so very pleased, to announce my resignation from this position as I have accepted the call to serve as pastor of Sunset Hills Baptist Church.

To serve as the pastor at Sunset Hills is God's greatest gift for me. I accept this new position because He has called me and He will bless me because of my obedient response. Remember, when we know what we ought to do and we don't do it, that is sin. What is God asking you to do? Don't miss the blessing He has planned for your life. Accept the call; don't procrastinate for you will pay too high a price by putting off what God is asking you to do.

Again, thank you Alaska Baptists for letting me serve and continue to pray for me as I move into this new ministry.

**Bible Study Directors
Retreat**

**Friday-Saturday
October 7-8, 2011
First Baptist Church, Wasilla**

**Featured speaker
Dean Abernathy,
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I am there with you.
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Mission: Dignity is an opportunity to share a slice of comfort and dignity with retired ministers and widows in need

DALLAS—The story is told of thousands of European children who were left without homes and families following extensive bombing raids during World War II. These orphans were gathered up and taken to camps where they were cared for by Allied Forces personnel. There they had plenty to eat during the day and were now safe from the trauma, death and destruction that had once surrounded them. Still, the children could not sleep. The thought of once again being left homeless and without food gripped them with uncertainty and terror.

It was suggested that each of the children be given a slice of bread to hold once they were put to bed at night. Amazingly, that worked. Just knowing that they had something in hand was enough to overcome their fears and provide the comfort necessary for a good night's rest.

Decades later and an ocean away, a similar scenario is being played out today. Many retired Southern Baptist ministers and widows face uncertainties as to how they will pay their bills, if they'll get their medicines or what they will eat. It can be a traumatic time that takes its toll in lots of ways, including being unable to sleep well. Psalms 3:24 has a promise for those who live righteous lives: "...when you lie down, you will not be afraid; when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet." That's a tremendous assurance that comes from a godly life. But it's also the result of the care and compassion shared by those whose Mission: Dignity gifts provide daily bread and so much more each month to God's faithful servants.

Through Mission: Dignity, GuideStone Financial Resources assists approximately 2,000 retired Southern Baptist ministers and their wives who have critical financial needs. Most of these served small congregations in decades past with little, if any, contributions toward a retirement plan. Sixty percent of Mission: Dignity recipients are widows. One out of every four recipients

is a pastor's widow age 85 or older. Qualified recipients are eligible for grants of \$200 to \$530 each month.

The Mission: Dignity program is funded by the generous support of individuals, Sunday school classes, and churches across the Southern Baptist Convention. Gifts of any size are welcome and **100% of contributions** are paid out in grants **with nothing taken out for administrative expenses**.

For more information about this program, visit www.missiondignitySBC.org or call 1-888-984-8433. Whether it is putting bread into the hands of a deserving couple or widow, helping them pay for utilities or enabling them to get the medicine they need, Mission: Dignity is a way for you and your church to share a slice of comfort, security and dignity with God's servants in need.

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Is Foundation work worth the time and effort? Yes! I spend a lot of time talking with others about impacting their church, favorite ministry or charity long after their death. I continually encourage others to look long-range and not at the volatility of the stock market. And I also remember those who took estate planning seriously.

Today, there are missionaries; college, university and seminary students who receive scholarship assistance; teenagers and children who are able to attend summer camp; and churches that receive assistance with Vacation Bible School expenses. The impact of a Cooperative Program Trust goes beyond Alaska. All of this and more is possible because a few people started where they could, to impact individuals they didn't even know.

What is your estate plan? Do you have a Last Will and Testament? Did you include God's work in that Will? The Alaska Baptist Foundation is able to help.

David Baldwin, Consultant, Alaska Baptist Foundation

Leaving a Legacy

Mike Procter

Executive Director, Alaska Baptist Foundation



In 2 Timothy 2:2, the Apostle Paul reminds Timothy, one of his “sons in the ministry”, that he was blessed with the opportunity to hear God’s Word taught, respond to the teaching of God’s Word and was being commissioned to teach God’s Word to people, who would teach it to others. The verse says, “You have heard me teach many things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Teach these great truths to trustworthy people who are able to pass them on to others.” Paul was a mentor, coach, spiritual father, encourager, teacher, example and friend to Timothy. Don’t we all need such persons in our life?

There are three men who have greatly influenced my life: Dr. Robert Lewis was the pastor of First Baptist Church in Westminster, California, where I made my public profession of faith and was baptized December 1970. He modeled evangelism and passionate preaching and has been a friend for many years; Dr. A. J. Roddy was a professor at California Baptist College where I attended school, August 1971 - May 1974. He was always a source of encouragement and wise counsel and modeled a servant’s heart, acceptance and unconditional love; Rev. R.T. Strange was the pastor of First Southern Baptist Church in Prunedale, California, the first church I served full-time and the church where I met Rebecca. R.T. was a tremendous preacher, loved to alliterate his sermons and was a student of the Word. He taught me about preaching and pastoring a congregation.

Each man ministered to me in a different way and each holds a special place in my heart and life. I consider all three my “spiritual fathers.” There were others God used to disciple, teach and challenge me in my spiritual walk: Pat and Clarence Teal, who often invited me into their home for a meal; Ray and Nancy Lollar, who always lent a hand when I needed help; Jim and Dorothy Reno, who provided care for Rebecca while she was pregnant with Seth and I was commuting four days a week. Because of these Christian people, I am part of the legacy they left behind.

The Alaska Baptist Foundation (ABF) is one avenue we are able to use to leave a legacy when we go to be with the Lord. By establishing a trust or endowment, we can continue to encourage and support the Lord’s work long after we have joined those who have gone on before us. Like those I mentioned, we need to minister to those who are currently in our lives but we also need to consider how our legacy might continue once we have passed. Do you have a burden to see a special ministry continue after you have gone to be with the Lord? The ABF can assist you with establishing a trust or endowment to be used to impact future generations.

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Giving is not about money

The crisis facing the modern church is more complicated than most people realize. Matter of fact, the problem many church leaders are addressing isn’t the real problem at all. You see, we don’t really have a giving problem; we have a discipleship problem.

Think about it. Many churches employ emotional appeals in an attempt to persuade attenders to contribute financially. Emotional appeals, however, must be ever escalating in intensity. Eventually, the emotional fervor exceeds sustainability and giving habits return to their pre-appeal levels. Emotional appeals aren’t the solution.

Leaders assume that making giving easier will address the problem. So, churches turn to online giving and on-campus giving kiosks thinking that accessibility is the problem. These aren’t bad ideas, but they presuppose church attenders want to give. That’s simply not true.

Many churches have abandoned their educational responsibility yet wonder why people don’t do those things that are consistent with spiritual maturity. They have created a theater-style experience yet wonder why people sit and watch. They have high definition cameras and the best in technology, yet use Bible study curriculum that is neither educationally sound nor culturally relevant. They do nothing to facilitate or encourage spiritual growth, yet wonder why people aren’t growing spiritually.

We shouldn’t be surprised that church-goers don’t give. Today’s congregations aren’t made up of Vacation Bible School veterans and Sunday School alumni. Many people attending churches today have little, if any, spiritual background. We can’t assume that people will give if we just make it easier. This is a discipleship issue.

We can’t use random Bible passages to strong-arm people into giving; they’ve heard it all before. We must help them grow, and growth takes time. The current reality is a byproduct of years of educational lethargy. It took us a long time to get here and will take a long time to correct. Politicians persuade contributors; our job is to grow followers.

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4-11	Valeria Sherard State Mission Emphasis
18	Anti-Gambling Sunday
26	Mission Rally, FBC North Pole
27	wMu Annual Meeting
27	Pastor's Conference
27-28	ABC Annual Meeting, FBC North Pole
28	See You At The Pole

October 2011

1-31	Cooperative Program Emphasis Month
2	On Mission Together: Sharing the Good News
7-8	Bible Study Directors Retreat
7-8	"Storying-in-a-Day" Training (Wasilla)
9	World Hunger Sunday
10-11	"Storying-in-a-Day" Training (Fairbanks)
14-15	Winter Youth Celebration
14-15	Women's Ministry Conference
22-31	Statewide OMC Rallies

November 2011

1-7	Bible Study Leadership Training
5	Living with Urgency: Children's Missions Celebration Day
6	Daylight Savings Time Ends
7	Baptist Women World Day of Prayer
9	ABF Orientation
10	ABF Trustee meeting
15	Annual Church Profiles Due
14	ABC Executive Board Orientation
14	ABC Executive Board Committee meetings
15	ABC Executive Board meeting
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