



Alaska

Baptist Messenger



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

Women on Mission Celebration
April 12 - 14, 2012
First Baptist Church, Anchorage

SET FREE

Thursday, 5:30-9 pm with dinner
Friday, 9 am-Noon; 6-9 pm
Saturday, 9 am-1 pm with lunch
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Stewarding Your Stuff:

A Biblical Worldview to Estate Planning

What does it mean to be a steward and how does it relate to estate planning? What are inheritance methods and practices? How does one begin to think about transferring estate assets to loved ones or ministries both now and at end-of-life?

Friday, March 2, 7-9 p.m.

College Heights Baptist Church, Soldotna

Saturday, March 3, 10 a.m.-Noon

First Baptist Church, Eagle River

Sunday, March 4, 6-8 p.m.

Glacier Valley Baptist Church, Juneau

Tuesday, March 6, 7-9 p.m.

Thorne Bay Baptist Church

Wednesday, March 7, 6:15-8:15 p.m.

First Baptist Church, Ketchikan

*Conference leaders: J. Rodney Bledsoe (Legal and Administrative Officer)
and Nathan McCarthy (Investment Officer);
Baptist Foundation of Alabama*

Avalanche '12

"Truth or Consequences"

Youth Evangelism Conference

March 16-17, 2012

Friday 7-9pm (doors open at 6pm)

Saturday 9:30 am - Noon; 1:30-4pm

Anchorage Baptist Temple

Featuring

Sean McDowell and CBU Praise Band

Cost: \$20 • No pre-registration required

2007 Shaun Lunt

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



Big Lake Baptist Church

I am an ardent supporter of the Cooperative Program (CP) and have been virtually all my life. I grew up learning Biblical teaching on tithes and offerings, and support of the CP was a matter of consequence rather than conscience. It wasn't until I was an adult serving in the military that I gained a real appreciation of the impact CP giving has in supporting the mission of the Church.

I knew CP dollars were utilized to support missionaries at home and abroad, but it wasn't until I met Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) missionaries overseas, as well as missionaries from other evangelical denominations, that I learned the true impact of CP giving. Missionaries from other (non-SBC) organizations typically went on furlough for approximately 12 to 18 months out of every four years to gain support for their work on the mission field. While this afforded them the opportunity to go home periodically, it induced a number of additional



*Pastor Brad and Sue
Whitworth*

hardships; often their supporters would fall short in their giving, or drop out completely over the course of time with little to no warning. This left them scrambling to generate continued support—even while striving to focus on the mission area to which God had called them. While it is not my intention to malign the diligent work these missionaries perform, their process revealed a significant contrast in how SBC missionaries are supported.

SBC missionaries supported through the CP do not share similar difficulties. While our missionaries serve overseas, they are confident they have the backing and support of a global organization steadfast in its commitment to keep them on the field. The times they go on furlough are commensurate with their schedule and needs. It benefits them, their families, and ministries. They are free to focus on the priority of the mission at hand, reaching the lost and discipling the saved. They have the confidence and backing of the entire organization, right down to the local church — right down to me personally! Coupled with the six seminaries and broad impact of disaster relief efforts, I believe you'll come to the same conclusion I have; CP dollars further the work of the church and fulfill the Great Commission of Jesus Christ.

God's Plan for Sharing in Alaska

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
Chugach Baptist Association						
Alaska Lu-Mienh First Baptist 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	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Calvary Baptist Church	\$244.00	\$871.00	\$0.00	\$1,128.00	\$0.00	\$2,243.00
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	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cold Bay Chapel	\$183.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$183.80
Comm Baptist Church, Nome	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$60.00
Cowboy Church of Anchorage	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Eagle River Korean Baptist Church	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$550.00
Filipino Bible Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church of Eagle River	\$2,598.49	\$915.15	\$0.00	\$2,532.50	\$0.00	\$6,046.14
First Baptist Church, Anchorage	\$3,592.47	\$6,227.55	\$0.00	\$12,873.00	\$0.00	\$22,693.02
First Baptist Church, Kotzebue	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$750.00
First Baptist Church, Soldotna	\$1,529.00	\$1,142.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,671.00
First Hmong Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Korean Baptist Church	\$100.00	\$442.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$542.00
First Native Baptist Church	\$569.00	\$1,022.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,591.00
Frontier Baptist Church	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$765.00	\$0.00	\$1,015.00
Grandview Baptist Church	\$2,343.01	\$1,785.00	\$0.00	\$3,856.00	\$10.00	\$7,994.01
Greater Friendship Bapt Church	\$815.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$1,115.00
Hillside Baptist Church	\$1,662.64	\$796.25	\$0.00	\$1,325.00	\$0.00	\$3,783.89
Immanuel Baptist Church	\$114.13	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$625.45	\$0.00	\$739.58
Kiana Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Kobuk Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Korean New Central Bapt Church	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Mt Zion Missionary Bapt Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mountain View Comm Church	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
Muldoon Road Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Grace Christian Church	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
New Hope Baptist Church	\$954.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$1,754.00
Rabbit Creek Community Church	\$333.37	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,833.37
River In The Desert Comm Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Samoa Alaska Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sand Point Baptist Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Shungnak Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Solid Rock Baptist Church	\$300.00	\$200.00	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$4,148.83	\$0.00	\$3,370.50	\$0.00	\$7,519.33
The Crossing @ Birchwood	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$350.00
True North Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
University Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$2,081.00	\$0.00	\$2,294.00	\$0.00	\$4,375.00
Valley View Baptist Church	\$975.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$724.00	\$0.00	\$1,699.00
Whittier Christian Community	\$0.00	\$98.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$198.00
Total	\$17,388.91	\$21,308.78	\$350.00	\$33,573.45	\$10.00	\$72,631.14
Hatcher Pass Baptist Association						
Big Lake Baptist Church	\$807.57	\$1,651.00	\$0.00	\$3,182.00	\$0.00	\$5,640.57
Bodenberg Butte Baptist Church	\$1,834.91	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$2,384.91
CrossCountry Church	\$150.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$750.00
Dillingham Bible Fellowship	\$522.36	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$522.36
Ekwo Christian Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fairview Loop Baptist Church	\$3,046.31	\$2,586.94	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,633.25
First Baptist Church, Palmer	\$0.00	\$1,174.00	\$0.00	\$2,122.56	\$0.00	\$3,296.56
First Baptist Church, Valdez	\$0.00	\$3,262.00	\$0.00	\$6,631.98	\$0.00	\$9,893.98
First Baptist Church, Wasilla	\$6,229.33	\$1,823.25	\$0.00	\$9,521.93	\$0.00	\$17,574.51
First Baptist Church, Willow	\$0.00	\$1,080.00	\$0.00	\$3,238.00	\$0.00	\$4,318.00
King Salmon Comm Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Montana Creek Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
North Bear St Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pioneer Baptist Church of Wasilla	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
Schrock Road Community Church	\$0.00	\$1,188.00	\$0.00	\$1,122.20	\$0.00	\$2,310.20
Settler's Bay Community Church	\$528.43	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$528.43
Wasilla Korean Baptist Church	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$550.00
Total	\$13,168.91	\$13,515.19	\$0.00	\$27,518.67	\$0.00	\$54,202.77
Kenai Peninsula						
College Heights Baptist Church	\$3,570.94	\$2,863.89	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,434.83
First Baptist Church, Kenai	\$383.95	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$647.00	\$0.00	\$1,230.95
Lighthouse Community Church	\$555.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$555.00
Moose Pass Community Church	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
Mount Redoubt Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$750.00
Total	\$4,534.89	\$3,563.89	\$0.00	\$897.00	\$0.00	\$8,995.78
Other						
Misc. Contributors-Cash	\$40.00	\$520.00	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$635.00
Total	\$40.00	\$520.00	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$635.00

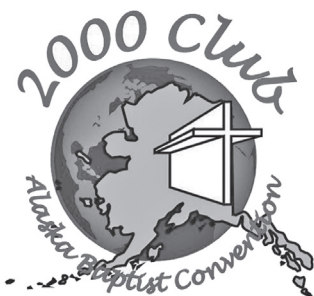
January 2012 Gifts from ABC Churches

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
Tanana Valley Baptist Association						
Chinese Fellowship	\$37.00	\$332.00	\$0.00	\$280.00	\$0.00	\$649.00
Clearwater Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cross Roads Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$1,620.00	\$0.00	\$3,134.22	\$0.00	\$4,754.22
Faith Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$1,253.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,253.00
Filipino Baptist Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church, Delta Jct	\$3,513.00	\$2,557.00	\$0.00	\$2,306.00	\$0.00	\$8,376.00
First Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$0.00	\$1,273.00	\$0.00	\$2,064.00	\$0.00	\$3,337.00
First Baptist Church, North Pole	\$1,318.85	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$2,934.00	\$0.00	\$4,302.85
Friendship Baptist Church	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$831.00	\$0.00	\$881.00
Hispanic Mission	\$37.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$137.00
Korean Baptist Mission	\$450.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$450.00
Moose Creek Baptist Church	\$766.20	\$260.43	\$0.00	\$684.62	\$0.00	\$1,711.25
Morning Star Baptist Church	\$748.26	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$299.00	\$0.00	\$1,047.26
Mount Pleasant Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
North Star Baptist Church	\$42.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$42.00
Salcha Baptist Church	\$766.08	\$320.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,086.08
Shannon Park Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
St. John Baptist Church	\$634.71	\$463.00	\$0.00	\$551.00	\$0.00	\$1,648.71
Togiak Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
University Baptist Church	\$1,573.00	\$1,767.00	\$0.00	\$3,510.35	\$0.00	\$6,850.35
Total	\$9,936.10	\$9,920.43	\$0.00	\$18,719.19	\$0.00	\$38,575.72
Tongass Baptist Association						
Anchor Baptist Church	\$287.60	\$379.00	\$0.00	\$210.00	\$0.00	\$876.60
Comm Bapt Church, Coffman Cove	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,350.00	\$0.00	\$1,350.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Filipino Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church, Juneau	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$655.00	\$0.00	\$655.00
First Baptist Church, Ketchikan	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church, Petersburg	\$0.00	\$852.00	\$0.00	\$1,626.00	\$0.00	\$2,478.00
First Baptist Church, Sitka	\$0.00	\$975.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$975.00
Glacier Valley Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$2,434.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,434.00
Hoonah Baptist Mission	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$30.00
Juneau Korean Church	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$410.00	\$0.00	\$440.00
Kasaan Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Hope Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
North Tongass Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$695.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$695.00
Tenakee Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Thorne Bay Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$15.00
Total	\$337.60	\$5,540.00	\$0.00	\$4,271.00	\$0.00	\$10,148.60
Grand Totals:	\$45,406.41	\$54,368.29	\$350.00	\$85,054.31	\$10.00	\$185,189.01
Goals:	\$720,322.00	\$75,000.00	\$90,000.00	\$150,000.00		
Over/Under Goal:	(\$674,915.59)	(\$20,631.71)	(\$89,650.00)	(\$64,945.69)		

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 January 31, 2012:

First Quarter 2012	\$3640
Second Quarter 2012	\$460
Third Quarter 2012	\$430
Fourth Quarter 2012	\$430

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 254 regular contributors...imagine how much more we could do with an additional 1746 contributors?

Alaska Baptist Convention

Welcome

Tongass Baptist Association

Nathan Buck

Emmanuel Baptist Church

**Please Pray for
our Pastorless
Churches**

Chugach Baptist Association

- Aquilaq Baptist Church
- Kiana Baptist Mission
- Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church
- Mountain View Community Church
- New Hope Baptist Church
- Sand Point Chapel
- Shungnak Baptist Mission
- University Baptist Church

Hatcher Pass Baptist Association

- Ekwok Christian Church
- King Salmon Comm Baptist Chapel

Tanana Valley Baptist Association

- Chinese Fellowship
- Moose Creek Baptist Church
- North Star Baptist Church

Tongass Baptist Association

- Hoonah Baptist Mission
- North Tongass Baptist Church

Returning from war

Returning from combat is a tough adjustment for U.S. military personnel, with 11-20% of veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan experiencing post-traumatic stress disorder. As these men and women return from war, consider how your church can get involved in ministry to help them readjust to life back home.

Source: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Winter 2012 issue of On-Mission magazine

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MILEPOST MOMENTS

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

Shannon Park Baptist Church,

Fairbanks

SPBC hosted a retirement party for Paul Wells, former Director of Missions,



Tanana Valley Baptist Association (TVBA). A commemorative gold pan and love offering were presented to Paul and Sharon Wells by Johnny McCoy, pastor

of First Baptist Church, North Pole and TVBA Moderator.

Juneau Korean Church

Pastor Peter Oh was featured in Baptist Press on January 19. Visit the website at www.bpnews.net for the complete story and photos.

Settler's Bay Community Church,

Wasilla

SBCC recently moved into their new 10,000 sf building in Wasilla. Jim Hearn is pastor.

Pioneer Baptist Church, Wasilla

The Women on Mission at PBC meet twice a month to knit or crochet squares to be assembled into afghan blankets. The week before Christmas, these ladies presented their blankets at the Palmer Pioneer and Veterans Home. Eleven women participated in this service project.



First Baptist Church, Palmer

The Singles Group had a game night on February 10. The Men's Ministry group enjoyed a Knik Glacier 4Wheel Ride on February 25.

Community Baptist Church, Nome

CBC provided emergency shelter, beds and sleeping bags for 40 people during the severe storm that hit the Nome area in February. Pastor Bruce Landry also acted as purchasing agent/shipping agent for the Department of Homeland Security/FEMA and Alaska Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters to provide Savoonga with much needed repair materials for homes that were damaged by an ice storm last winter.

Sunset Hills Baptist Church, Anchorage

SHBC held their "Souper Bowl of Caring"

on February 5 and raised over \$500 for the World Hunger Fund. This event was sponsored by Mission Friends, RAs, GAs and Acteens as a ministry project which also included a canned food drive for the Anchorage Gospel Rescue Mission.

First Baptist Church, Eagle River

Teresa Cappel, member of FBC and a Mission Service Corps Missionary serving as a chaplain at Hiland Correctional Center, has recently begun serving as a chaplain with Marketplace Ministries.

First Baptist Church, Valdez



FBC replaced their old wooden church sign with a new electronic sign so they can better advertise their programs and services throughout the week.

First Baptist Church, Petersburg

FBC ordained Mike Cottrell as deacon on January 8. A celebration fellowship followed the ordination service. Each Wednesday night, the church hosts a meal, followed by Bible study.



The men's group meets each Thursday night to pray for church families, the community, state and nation.

University Baptist Church, Fairbanks

Butch Strickland, new ABC Director of Church Planting and Missions will be the featured speaker at a potluck on March 4 as well as bringing the message on Sunday evening. UBC youth will attend Avalanche in Anchorage.

First Baptist Church, Willow

FBC youth raised \$476 during a bake sale at the Willow State Winter Carnival for a family who lost their home to fire. Mitchell Slater is youth pastor. FBC will host a 75-member mission team who will be conducting outreach ministry during the Iditarod re-start.

St. John Baptist Church, Fairbanks

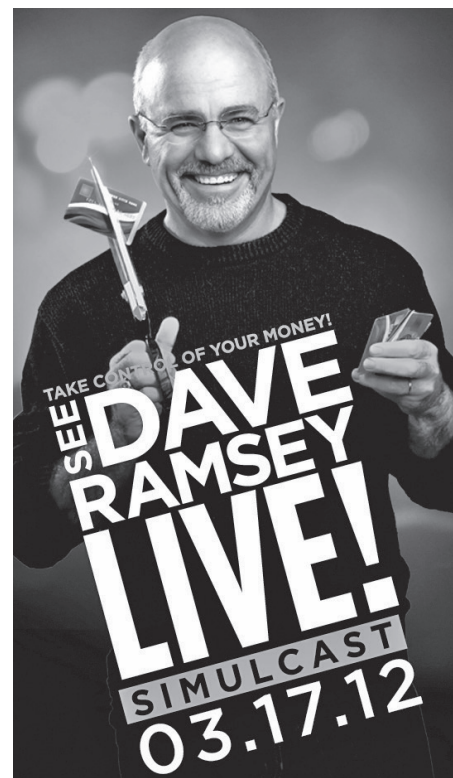
St. John celebrated their 59th anniversary

on February 26. Their theme for the celebration was "Walking in the Light, Not in Darkness" based on 1 John 1:5-7. John L. Smith pastor of Greater Friendship Baptist Church in Anchorage was the featured speaker.

"October Baby" in Anchorage

"October Baby" tells a story of a girl who was adopted after a failed abortion attempt. The film is a beautiful portrayal of God's love, forgiveness, and redemption. This film opens March 23 at Century 16.

Faith Baptist Church, Fairbanks
March 17, 8:45 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.



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- Save money like never before
- Invest with confidence

Cost for the event is \$39 which includes materials, lunch and snacks.

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For more info, call 888.22.PEACE or visit daveramsey.com/simulcast

Willie Johnson went to be with the Lord on January 28. Willie was the first Alaska Native to be appointed as a home missionary by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Born on August 17, 1933 in Hooper Bay, he was one of the first graduates of the Native Baptist Training School, and began his ministry serving as the pastor in Selawik and then in Emmonak. In 1971, he became pastor of what is now the First Native Baptist Church. In 1984, he was appointed as the General Missionary to the Native Villages where he served until his retirement. In retirement, he moved to Cooper Landing where he began Wilderness Chapel, Sunday morning worship services held in his home. He is survived by his wife Lovie and messages can be sent to his daughter-in-law, Rose, at jrs@alaska.net.

2012 Vacation Bible School Training



with musical guest **Jeff Slaughter**

Monday, April 16, 5-8:30 pm

Fairview Loop Baptist, Wasilla

Tuesday, April 17, 5-8:30 pm

FBC Anchorage

Thursday, April 19, 5-8:30 pm

College Heights Baptist, Soldotna

Saturday, April 21 9:30 am-1:15 pm

FBC North Pole

sign up online: www.alaskabaptistconvention.com

Forrest and Sybillia Fuhr Memorial Scholarship for 2012-2013

Application deadline is April 30, 2012

A total of up to ten (10) scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$1200 each for the year (full-time status only). The funds may be used for tuition, room and board, fees or books. Award notification letters are mailed by May 31, 2012. The 2012 application and brochure are available online at www.alaskabaptistfoundation.com (click on "services"). If you have questions, please contact Adam Long, foundation@alaskabaptistfoundation.com, (907)770-0581, (800)883-9627.

April 26-28, 2012

WE WOULD SEE JESUS

REFRESH: Ministers and Spouses Retreat

Speakers from the Maryland/Delaware Baptist Convention:
Freddy Parker, Director of Partnership Missions
Gayla Parker, Director of Missions Customization

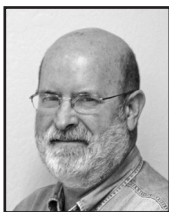
Location: Anchorage; Hotel: Clarion Suites

Cost: \$150 per couple, includes

two nights hotel, five meals and snacks

Registration deadline: April 1, 2012

To register visit www.alaskabaptistconvention.com and click on events



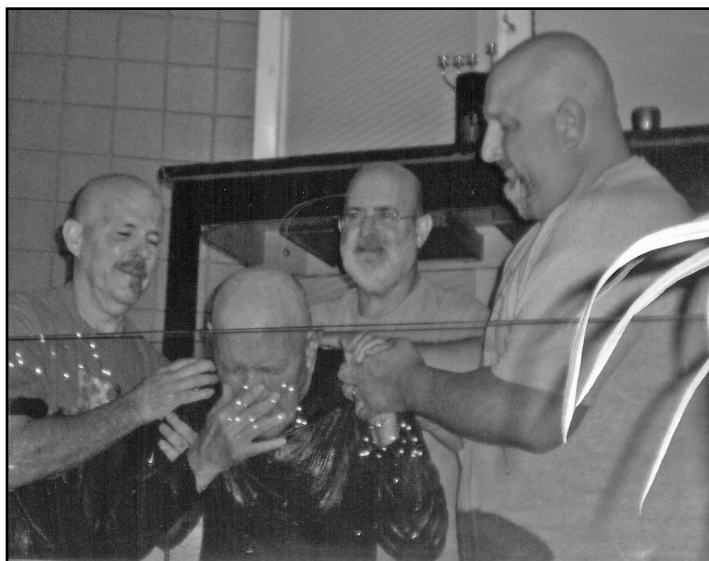
Mike Procter

Executive Director

“But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength...” Isaiah 40:31a

“I will wait on thy name...” Psalms 52:9b

I am sure you have heard the saying “good things come to those who wait” but if you are like me, you don’t like to wait. I tend to be impatient; when I want something, I do not like to wait. I must admit sometimes the waiting is well worth it and other times, the desired object of my waiting is not as wonderful as I imagined. A recent event, that was well worth the wait, happened after 41 years of praying for my dad, when he acknowledged his need for Jesus Christ and prayed, asking Christ to forgive him of his sins and to become his Lord. On my dad’s 80th birthday, I had the joy of participating in his baptism. Obviously, I would have been thrilled if my dad had done it 41 years ago, but I am glad he did it at the age of 80!



I am rejoicing and am so glad I waited on the Lord and continued to pray.

What are you waiting for? How long have you been waiting? Let me encourage you to wait upon the Lord for His answer. I once heard that whenever we pray, God always answers in one of three ways: yes, no or wait (you are not yet ready or the situation and timing is not right). I admit I like it when God says “yes” to my prayers; I am not thrilled when He says “no”, even if it is for the best; and I seldom like it when He says, “wait.” A simple truth I have tried to remember through the years, especially as I have to wait is: **God has all knowledge...therefore He knows what is best for me; God has all power...therefore He is able to do what is best for me; God is all love...therefore He wants to do what is best for me.**



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Last month I shared some thoughts on how to pray for those without Christ. The aim was to pray people we know would become aware of the existence, the nature and love of God. What changes in a person’s life when they are aware and believe there is a God? Once they believe God exists, they need to understand how to respond to God. According to “Engle’s Scale of Receptivity” once a person understands and realizes there is a God, they need to become open to the gospel; they need a better understanding of Christianity and not be negative toward Christians. Do you know someone who may be open to God but not open to Christianity? Have they decided Christians are negative representatives of the living God? You have probably heard comments like “I don’t believe in organized religion.” A man once said to me he was not open to the gospel or Christianity because he had been “let down” by the church. As I listened, it became apparent an individual had let him down, not God. But he associated Christianity with the person who had hurt him. How many people do we come across who are hurting? How do we help those who resist the gospel because of their hurt? The person for whom you are praying may be one who is hurt and may be open to God but closed to Christianity. Barriers in their lives must be broken down and this is the second part of praying for those without Christ. We should pray their attitude towards God, Christianity and God’s people will change. People with wrong attitudes toward Christianity will be difficult to lead to Christ because attitudes are the hardest thing to change; hurts or past experiences can hinder this. Let’s pray God will begin putting people in their lives who represent Christ in a positive way. That can start with you. God may have brought you into their life to help them overcome past barriers. While we are praying for their attitude, we may need to pray for our attitude as well. I am constantly praying that God will give me love and patience for those who are unlovable. Do you naturally love people and want to reach out to them? In Alaska we are ruggedly independent and tend to isolate ourselves from others. We need to pray as much for our attitude as for the attitude of the one without Christ. Have you ever asked other Christians if they are attuned to reaching people outside the church? Have you ever gone through a week and realized that you haven’t talked to one person about the God you love? As believers we must pray for our attitudes toward those without Christ. We need a burden for the lost. We need to share Christ everyday with those around us. Let us be the positive light that non-Christians need to see. Avalanche ’12 (youth evangelism conference) and VBS training clinics are this month! Both will be great opportunities to reach those around us. I hope to see you at those events.



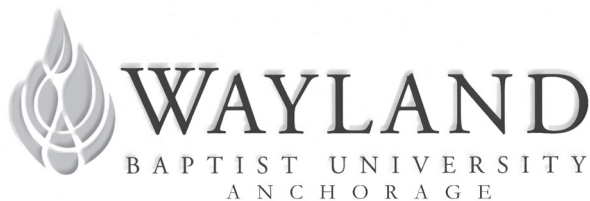
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“DIOS HA SIDO FIEEEEEEEEL Y POR SIEMPRE LO SERÁ... A ÉL ATRIBUYO TODA GLORIA, TODA HONRA, PODER Y MAJESTAD...ADORARTE, QUIERO ADORARTE, UNA Y OTRA VEZ QUIERO ADORARTE, BENDECIRTE, QUIERO BENDECIRTE HASTA QUE NO QUEDE NADA EN MI, YO QUIERO BENDECIRTE Y EXALTARTE Y ADORARTE CON TODO MI AMOR, DESDE LO MAS INTIMO DE MI SER... GRACIAS REY!” Ivelin Barboza

When I met Ivelin Barboza, she was six-years-old. She was probably poorer than anyone I had ever met. She lived in a little house with her mom Isela, and several brothers and sisters. Isela was one of the most wonderful ladies I have ever known. She had no physical beauty, but her heart was filled with the beauty that comes from a life dedicated to Jesus. She worked on our team to start churches sponsored by the Capernaum Baptist Church in Maracaibo, Venezuela where Pam and I served as missionaries. Isela had a simple faith that convinced her whatever she asked, God would hear and answer—sometimes no matter how outlandish I thought her request was. I have a feeling Isela’s heavenly home is going to be a lot like her earthly one—full of her “children.” There is a popular thought that says the longer two people live together, the more alike they become. Isela has lived so long with Jesus she has taken on His likeness. Ivelin is now 28-years-old and looks more and more like Jesus every day. What she said above would mean a whole lot more to you if you knew her. But I hope you can hear her heart because from it she expresses something that I pray will be true of ours as well. From her heart comes the motivation not only to praise Jesus, but to serve Him. I pray it would be true that “...the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: And *that* he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.” II Corinthians 5:14-15 (KJV). Let’s allow the love of God to leave us no other choice but to tell others about Jesus. Get to know a lost person today, develop relationships with those who don’t know Jesus, so you can share with them that Christ died for all. Let’s not live any more for ourselves, but for Him who died for all.

The translation of the paragraph above is “God has been faithfuluuuuul and always will be. To Him I ascribe all glory, all honor, all power and majesty. To worship You, oh I want to worship You, once and again I want to worship You, to bless you. I want to bless You until there is nothing left in me. I want to bless You and exalt You and worship You with all my love, from the most intimate part of my being. Thank You, My King.”



This past winter term, Wayland-Anchorage and Wayland-Fairbanks joined academic forces to further extend faith-based education to Alaska students. New executive director of the Fairbanks campus, Dr. Nancy Wagner, and Eric Ash, Dean of the Anchorage campus conducted a video teleconferenced biology class for students in Anchorage, Wasilla, and Fairbanks. The future looks bright for more of these classes, and perhaps the next possibility for expansion will be the Kenai Peninsula.

Preparations are already under way for a very busy summer for Wayland in Alaska. Guest speaker for the April 27 graduation will be Wayland’s president, Dr. Paul Armes. June 12-14, Wayland will host its semi-annual leadership conference in Anchorage with approximately 30 university leaders from the Texas campus and 12 external campuses (academic deans, executive directors, and various school administrators) traveling to Alaska to see the Anchorage campus and to discuss future plans for the university. From July 24-August 4, a team of Wayland students will arrive from Texas as part of an “Adventure Education” class. These students will experience Alaskan outdoor activities from an educational aspect, and serve in a variety of Christian activities.

Wayland continues to spread the gospel not only in the classroom but also through benevolence drives for the local community, spiritual emphasis weeks, and hosting several churches and Bible studies. The women’s Beth Moore study at 10:00 a.m. on Saturdays is very popular.

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