



# Alaska Baptist Messenger



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impacts Alaska churches....**



Since its inception in 1845, the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) has always had one mission—the Great Commission (Matt 28:19-21).

Article 2 of the SBC Constitution states: “It is the purpose of the Convention to provide a general organization for Baptists in the United States and its territories for the promotion of Christian missions at home and abroad and any other objects such as Christian education, benevolent enterprises, and social services which it may deem advisable for the furtherance of the Kingdom of God.”

In the early years, the various entities of our Convention struggled to fulfill their assigned part of the divine mandate. During the years 1919-1925, a God-given partnership of missions support was conceived—the Cooperative Program (CP), one of the greatest miracles/blessings of our history! Alaska Baptists began contributing to and participating in CP ministry in 1954 (\$4,623.87) and as we have grown over the last 58 years, we have contributed \$19,552,951!

I support the Cooperative Program because it gives me, a small church pastor in a small pioneer convention, a BIG opportunity to participate with 16 plus million Southern Baptists in over 45,000 churches across the United States to seek to accomplish the Great Commission of our Lord.

## God's Plan for Sharing in Alaska

| Organization                            | CP                 | SMO                | AA                | LM                 | WH              | Total               |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| <b>Chugach Baptist Association</b>      |                    |                    |                   |                    |                 |                     |
| Alaska Iu-Mienh First Baptist Church    | \$0.00             | \$0.00             | \$0.00            | \$0.00             | \$0.00          | \$0.00              |
| Anchorage Hope Comm Bapt 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                  | \$1,053.00         | \$871.00           | \$943.00          | \$1,128.00         | \$0.00          | \$3,995.00          |
| 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            |
| Community 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       | \$150.00           | \$0.00             | \$0.00            | \$500.00           | \$0.00          | \$650.00            |
| Filipino Bible Church, Anchorage        | \$0.00             | \$0.00             | \$0.00            | \$0.00             | \$0.00          | \$0.00              |
| First Baptist Church of Anchorage       | \$12,290.74        | \$6,227.55         | \$93.15           | \$12,993.00        | \$0.00          | \$31,604.44         |
| First Baptist Church of Eagle River     | \$9,163.52         | \$915.15           | \$1,404.25        | \$6,493.50         | \$0.00          | \$17,976.42         |
| First Baptist Church, Kotzebue          | \$1,000.00         | \$250.00           | \$0.00            | \$500.00           | \$0.00          | \$1,750.00          |
| First Baptist Church, Soldotna          | \$2,383.00         | \$1,142.00         | \$0.00            | \$953.00           | \$0.00          | \$4,478.00          |
| First Hmong Baptist Church              | \$50.00            | \$0.00             | \$0.00            | \$0.00             | \$0.00          | \$50.00             |
| First Korean Baptist Church             | \$300.00           | \$442.00           | \$0.00            | \$425.00           | \$0.00          | \$1,167.00          |
| First Native Baptist Church             | \$1,559.00         | \$1,022.00         | \$0.00            | \$0.00             | \$0.00          | \$2,581.00          |
| Frontier Baptist Church                 | \$736.00           | \$0.00             | \$0.00            | \$765.00           | \$0.00          | \$1,501.00          |
| Grandview Baptist Church                | \$8,783.70         | \$1,785.00         | \$40.00           | \$9,574.15         | \$20.00         | \$20,202.85         |
| Greater Friendship Baptist Church       | \$2,334.00         | \$0.00             | \$0.00            | \$300.00           | \$0.00          | \$2,634.00          |
| Hillside Baptist Church                 | \$3,912.00         | \$796.25           | \$0.00            | \$1,525.00         | \$0.00          | \$6,233.25          |
| Immanuel Baptist Church                 | \$373.65           | \$0.00             | \$0.00            | \$655.45           | \$0.00          | \$1,029.10          |
| 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 Baptist Church       | \$300.00           | \$0.00             | \$0.00            | \$300.00           | \$0.00          | \$600.00            |
| Mt Zion Missionary Baptist Church       | \$0.00             | \$0.00             | \$0.00            | \$0.00             | \$0.00          | \$0.00              |
| Mountain View Community Church          | \$75.00            | \$0.00             | \$0.00            | \$0.00             | \$0.00          | \$75.00             |
| Muldoon Road Baptist Church             | \$2,650.00         | \$0.00             | \$0.00            | \$316.64           | \$0.00          | \$2,966.64          |
| New Grace Christian Church              | \$900.00           | \$0.00             | \$0.00            | \$0.00             | \$0.00          | \$900.00            |
| New Hope Baptist Church                 | \$2,717.00         | \$300.00           | \$0.00            | \$500.00           | \$0.00          | \$3,517.00          |
| Rabbit Creek Community Church           | \$1,000.11         | \$1,000.00         | \$0.00            | \$1,500.00         | \$0.00          | \$3,500.11          |
| River In The Desert Comm Church         | \$688.00           | \$0.00             | \$0.00            | \$0.00             | \$0.00          | \$688.00            |
| Samoa Alaska Baptist Church             | \$100.00           | \$0.00             | \$0.00            | \$0.00             | \$0.00          | \$100.00            |
| 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             | \$6,180.52         | \$4,148.83         | \$965.00          | \$3,620.09         | \$500.50        | \$15,414.94         |
| The Crossing @ Birchwood                | \$1,050.00         | \$0.00             | \$0.00            | \$0.00             | \$0.00          | \$1,050.00          |
| True North Church                       | \$1,250.00         | \$0.00             | \$0.00            | \$0.00             | \$0.00          | \$1,250.00          |
| University Baptist Church               | \$1,742.90         | \$2,081.00         | \$0.00            | \$2,314.00         | \$0.00          | \$6,137.90          |
| Valley View Baptist Church              | \$975.00           | \$0.00             | \$0.00            | \$724.00           | \$0.00          | \$1,699.00          |
| Whittier Christian Community            | \$75.00            | \$98.00            | \$0.00            | \$256.00           | \$0.00          | \$429.00            |
| <b>Total</b>                            | <b>\$64,275.94</b> | <b>\$21,308.78</b> | <b>\$3,795.40</b> | <b>\$45,722.83</b> | <b>\$520.50</b> | <b>\$135,623.45</b> |
| <b>Hatcher Pass Baptist Association</b> |                    |                    |                   |                    |                 |                     |
| Big Lake Baptist Church                 | \$2,974.69         | \$1,651.00         | \$0.00            | \$3,182.00         | \$0.00          | \$7,807.69          |
| Bodenberg Butte Bapt Church             | \$1,834.91         | \$350.00           | \$0.00            | \$200.00           | \$0.00          | \$2,384.91          |
| CrossCountry Church                     | \$300.00           | \$400.00           | \$0.00            | \$200.00           | \$0.00          | \$900.00            |
| Dillingham Bible Fellowship             | \$1,683.05         | \$0.00             | \$0.00            | \$3,903.25         | \$0.00          | \$5,586.30          |
| Ekwo Christian Church                   | \$0.00             | \$0.00             | \$0.00            | \$0.00             | \$0.00          | \$0.00              |
| Fairview Loop Baptist Church            | \$5,992.61         | \$2,586.94         | \$0.00            | \$7,923.68         | \$0.00          | \$16,503.23         |
| First Baptist Church, Palmer            | \$4,166.65         | \$1,174.00         | \$0.00            | \$2,122.56         | \$0.00          | \$7,463.21          |
| First Baptist Church, Valdez            | \$3,302.32         | \$3,262.00         | \$0.00            | \$6,912.98         | \$0.00          | \$13,477.30         |
| First Baptist Church, Wasilla           | \$10,154.41        | \$1,823.25         | \$0.00            | \$9,521.93         | \$0.00          | \$21,499.59         |
| First Baptist Church, Willow            | \$754.20           | \$1,080.00         | \$0.00            | \$3,238.00         | \$0.00          | \$5,072.20          |
| King Salmon Community Chapel            | \$0.00             | \$0.00             | \$0.00            | \$0.00             | \$0.00          | \$0.00              |
| Montana Creek Baptist Church            | \$1,538.49         | \$0.00             | \$0.00            | \$490.00           | \$0.00          | \$2,028.49          |
| 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          | \$1,974.30         | \$0.00             | \$0.00            | \$0.00             | \$0.00          | \$1,974.30          |
| Wasilla Korean Baptist Church           | \$150.00           | \$0.00             | \$0.00            | \$500.00           | \$0.00          | \$650.00            |
| <b>Total</b>                            | <b>\$34,825.63</b> | <b>\$13,515.19</b> | <b>\$0.00</b>     | <b>\$40,116.60</b> | <b>\$0.00</b>   | <b>\$88,457.42</b>  |
| <b>Kenai Peninsula</b>                  |                    |                    |                   |                    |                 |                     |
| College Heights Baptist Church          | \$7,542.39         | \$2,863.89         | \$0.00            | \$0.00             | \$0.00          | \$10,406.28         |
| First Baptist Church, Kenai             | \$1,415.15         | \$305.00           | \$0.00            | \$908.00           | \$0.00          | \$2,628.15          |
| Lighthouse Community Church             | \$4,486.67         | \$0.00             | \$0.00            | \$0.00             | \$0.00          | \$4,486.67          |
| Moose Pass Community Church             | \$180.00           | \$0.00             | \$0.00            | \$0.00             | \$0.00          | \$180.00            |
| Mount Redoubt Baptist Church            | \$0.00             | \$500.00           | \$0.00            | \$250.00           | \$0.00          | \$750.00            |
| <b>Total</b>                            | <b>\$13,624.21</b> | <b>\$3,668.89</b>  | <b>\$0.00</b>     | <b>\$1,158.00</b>  | <b>\$0.00</b>   | <b>\$18,451.10</b>  |



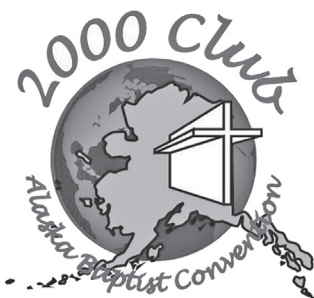
## January-March 2012 Gifts from ABC Churches

| Organization                             | CP                    | SMO                  | AA                   | LM                   | WH              | Total               |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| <b>Other</b>                             |                       |                      |                      |                      |                 |                     |
| Misc. Contributors-Cash                  | \$180.00              | \$2,526.25           | \$0.00               | \$85.00              | \$35.00         | \$2,826.25          |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>\$180.00</b>       | <b>\$2,526.25</b>    | <b>\$0.00</b>        | <b>\$85.00</b>       | <b>\$35.00</b>  | <b>\$2,826.25</b>   |
| <b>Tanana Valley Baptist Association</b> |                       |                      |                      |                      |                 |                     |
| Chinese Fellowship                       | \$178.50              | \$332.00             | \$0.00               | \$280.00             | \$0.00          | \$790.50            |
| Clearwater Baptist Church                | \$0.00                | \$0.00               | \$0.00               | \$0.00               | \$0.00          | \$0.00              |
| Cross Roads Baptist Church               | \$2,386.00            | \$1,620.00           | \$0.00               | \$4,232.22           | \$0.00          | \$8,238.22          |
| Faith Baptist Church, Fairbanks          | \$1,096.00            | \$1,253.00           | \$0.00               | \$1,628.00           | \$0.00          | \$3,977.00          |
| Filipino Baptist Fellowship              | \$0.00                | \$0.00               | \$0.00               | \$0.00               | \$0.00          | \$0.00              |
| First Baptist Church, Fairbanks          | \$1,753.70            | \$1,273.00           | \$0.00               | \$2,064.00           | \$0.00          | \$5,090.70          |
| First Baptist Church, North Pole         | \$6,871.20            | \$50.00              | \$0.00               | \$2,934.00           | \$0.00          | \$9,855.20          |
| First Baptist Church, Delta Junction     | \$11,160.00           | \$2,561.00           | \$6.00               | \$2,896.00           | \$0.00          | \$16,623.00         |
| Friendship Baptist Church                | \$150.00              | \$0.00               | \$0.00               | \$831.00             | \$0.00          | \$981.00            |
| Hispanic Mission                         | \$90.00               | \$0.00               | \$0.00               | \$100.00             | \$0.00          | \$190.00            |
| Korean Baptist Mission                   | \$450.00              | \$0.00               | \$0.00               | \$0.00               | \$0.00          | \$450.00            |
| Moose Creek Baptist Church               | \$2,211.82            | \$260.43             | \$0.00               | \$783.05             | \$20.46         | \$3,275.76          |
| Morning Star Baptist Church              | \$2,271.24            | \$0.00               | \$0.00               | \$2,336.00           | \$0.00          | \$4,607.24          |
| 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                  | \$3,160.81            | \$463.00             | \$0.00               | \$551.00             | \$0.00          | \$4,174.81          |
| Togiak Baptist Mission                   | \$0.00                | \$25.00              | \$0.00               | \$25.00              | \$0.00          | \$50.00             |
| University Baptist Church                | \$4,711.00            | \$1,767.00           | \$100.00             | \$4,010.35           | \$0.00          | \$10,588.35         |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>\$37,298.35</b>    | <b>\$9,924.43</b>    | <b>\$106.00</b>      | <b>\$24,670.62</b>   | <b>\$20.46</b>  | <b>\$72,019.86</b>  |
| <b>Tongass Baptist Association</b>       |                       |                      |                      |                      |                 |                     |
| Anchor Baptist Church                    | \$1,034.41            | \$379.00             | \$0.00               | \$210.00             | \$0.00          | \$1,623.41          |
| Comm Bapt Church, Coffman Cove           | \$318.00              | \$0.00               | \$0.00               | \$1,350.00           | \$0.00          | \$1,668.00          |
| Emmanuel Baptist Church                  | \$613.39              | \$0.00               | \$0.00               | \$295.00             | \$0.00          | \$908.39            |
| Filipino Baptist Church                  | \$0.00                | \$200.00             | \$0.00               | \$0.00               | \$0.00          | \$200.00            |
| First Baptist Church, Juneau             | \$2,016.35            | \$0.00               | \$0.00               | \$655.00             | \$0.00          | \$2,671.35          |
| First Baptist Church, Ketchikan          | \$0.00                | \$0.00               | \$0.00               | \$0.00               | \$0.00          | \$0.00              |
| First Baptist Church, Petersburg         | \$1,127.00            | \$852.00             | \$0.00               | \$1,761.00           | \$0.00          | \$3,740.00          |
| First Baptist Church, Sitka              | \$817.36              | \$975.00             | \$0.00               | \$509.00             | \$0.00          | \$2,301.36          |
| 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                     | \$90.00               | \$0.00               | \$0.00               | \$410.00             | \$0.00          | \$500.00            |
| 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             | \$227.50              | \$695.00             | \$0.00               | \$575.00             | \$0.00          | \$1,497.50          |
| Tenakee Community Church                 | \$0.00                | \$0.00               | \$0.00               | \$0.00               | \$0.00          | \$0.00              |
| Thorne Bay Baptist Church                | \$128.19              | \$24.00              | \$0.00               | \$16.00              | \$0.00          | \$168.19            |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>\$6,392.20</b>     | <b>\$5,559.00</b>    | <b>\$0.00</b>        | <b>\$5,791.00</b>    | <b>\$0.00</b>   | <b>\$17,742.20</b>  |
| <b>Grand Totals:</b>                     | <b>\$156,596.33</b>   | <b>\$56,502.54</b>   | <b>\$3,901.40</b>    | <b>\$117,544.05</b>  | <b>\$575.96</b> | <b>\$335,120.28</b> |
| <b>Goals:</b>                            | <b>\$720,322.00</b>   | <b>\$75,000.00</b>   | <b>\$90,000.00</b>   | <b>\$150,000.00</b>  |                 |                     |
| <b>Over/Under Goal:</b>                  | <b>(\$563,725.67)</b> | <b>(\$18,497.46)</b> | <b>(\$86,098.60)</b> | <b>(\$32,455.95)</b> |                 |                     |

Legend:

CP: Cooperative Program, January - December  
 SMO: State Mission Offering, August - July  
 AA: Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, January - December  
 LM: Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, June - May  
 WH: World Hunger, January - December

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



Received as of March 31, 2012:

|                     |        |
|---------------------|--------|
| First Quarter 2012  | \$5735 |
| Second Quarter 2012 | \$1045 |
| Third Quarter 2012  | \$485  |
| Fourth Quarter 2012 | \$485  |

*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 197 regular contributors...imagine how much more we could do with an additional 1803 contributors?**

Alaska Baptist Convention

## Please Pray for our Pastorless Churches

### Chugach Baptist Association

- Aquilaq Baptist Church
- First Baptist Church, Kotzebue
- 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

### Kenai Peninsula

- First Baptist Church, Kenai

### Tanana Valley Baptist Association

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

### Tongass Baptist Association

- Hoonah Baptist Mission
- North Tongass Baptist Church

## C'mon Get Happy

A new study indicates that attending religious services on a regular basis can have a positive effect on your day-to-day life. Those who attend worship services regularly are 56% more likely to have an optimistic outlook toward life and 37% less likely to struggle with depression and anxiety.

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# MILEPOST MOMENTS

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## **Grandview Baptist Church, Anchorage**

Long-time member Rosemary Cotton passed away on March 15 in Louisiana. Messages of sympathy can be sent to Herb Cotton c/o April Ransum, 6314 Hampton Drive, Anchorage, AK 99504.

## **Sunset Hills Baptist Church, Anchorage**

Member Alivia Bailey was selected to represent Lake Otis Elementary School at the Junior National Youth Leadership Conference in Washington D.C., May 19-24, 2012.

## **First Baptist Church, Delta Junction**

FBC was featured in Baptist Press in March. The focus was the church support of the Cooperative Program. Read the entire article online at [www.bpnews.net](http://www.bpnews.net). Dave Becker is pastor.

## **Shannon Park Baptist Church, Fairbanks**

SPBC has called Paul Wells as interim pastor. Paul served as pastor of three Alaska churches and recently retired as the Associational Director of Missions for Tanana Valley Baptist Association. The church also elected Chris Grooms, David Moody and Richard Cerelli as deacons.

## **First Graduating Class!**

On March 29, the Alaska Bible Training Center for Pastors (ABTCP) graduated

remote villages attended and doors were opened to minister in other villages. Gary Elmore is pastor.

## **Thorne Bay Baptist Church**

In the last month, TBBC has had three professions of faith and are not waiting for the weather to warm up so they can celebrate a baptism! Phil Clark is pastor.

## **Chugach Baptist Association**

David and Kristi Gamble are MSC missionaries working with CBA in the area of evangelism. They are available to help train church members in evangelism and to develop evangelism events and programs. Gamble's can be contacted through the CBA office, 907.862.4065.



## **First Baptist Church, North Pole**

FBC, in cooperation with North Pole Worship Center and North Pole Assembly of God, held an Easter Community Celebration service at North Pole High School. They had 1,600 in attendance!

## **Filipino Bible Church, Anchorage**

April 1 was the first service for new pastor Val and Dinna Natcher and their three children.



## **Big Lake Baptist Church**

In April, BLBC added a second Sunday worship service. They now have an 8:00 a.m. service, along with Sunday school at 9:30 and worship at 11:00. They also welcomed Sherry Chastain to the staff as Worship Director.

## **University Baptist Church, Fairbanks**

The UBC College and Career group will have their annual "Transfer Site Resurrection Party" this month. With several high school and college graduates, the church will celebrate with special recognition on May 20 followed by a potluck lunch. UBC will have their VBS May 29-June 1, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

## **Camp Baldwin, Delta Junction**

Summer Camps for 2012 are: June 27-29 (K-grade 2); July 2-6 (grades 3-4); July 9-13 (grades 5-6); July 16-20 (grades 7-8); July 23-28 (grades 9-12)(this date has changed since last month). Bus service will be available on a limited basis for \$20/round trip. Contact the Tanana Valley Baptist Association office, (907)474-4989,

[www.tananabaptistassociation.com](http://www.tananabaptistassociation.com) for additional information.

## **University Baptist Church, Anchorage**

UBC celebrated a three-generation baptism on Easter with a high school student, his mother and grandmother. This student, along with another earlier in the year, were saved as a direct result of the youth evangelism conference, Avalanche.

## **Valley View Baptist Church, Eagle River**

VVBC called David Jones as interim pastor.

## **Aquillat Baptist Church, Ambler**

Clara Lee, who, along with her husband Tommy was instrumental in starting the work in Ambler, went to be with the Lord on April 12.

## **Alaska Leadership Event**

Twenty ABC missionaries and chaplains participated in the March 29-30 Alaska Leadership Event held at the offices of the Alaska Baptist Convention. During the two-day event, they discussed and learned about cross-cultural contextualization, communication and care. Sessions were facilitated by personnel from the Alaska Native Medical Center, as well as our own missionaries.

## **Tongass Baptist Association**

Pastors, spouses and members of the congregations that comprise the TBA met at First Baptist Church in Petersburg for a Ministers and Spouses Retreat and the TBA annual meeting, April 12-14. Guest speakers were Johnny and Cheryl Harp from Arkansas, and Jimmy Stewart, ABC, led the retreat music. During the annual meeting, there was a skype presentation from K & C, two young adults serving in the East. In addition, New Hope Fellowship in Haines was received in the membership of the association.



their first class: (pictured back row) Todd Burgess, (pictured left to right, front row) Don Rabb, Michael Willyerd, Dan Cappel, Teresa Cappel, Jennifer Walker, Alan Tetpun. (not pictured, Joe Klusewitz). The next ABTCP starts Thursday, April 26. Call Alan Dial or Butch Strickland at the ABC office for more information, 907.344.9627; 800.883.9627.

## **Frontier Baptist Church, Kodiak**

Kodiak Island Outreach, sponsored by FBC, held a men's retreat in the village of Port Lions. Men from four of the six





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**September 24-26, 2012**  
**Rabbit Creek Community Church**  
**Anchorage**

**Monday, September 24**

*Mission Rally*

**Tuesday, September 25**

*WMU Annual Meeting and Pastor's Conference*

**Tuesday, September 25-26**

*Annual Convention Meeting*



Messenger Registration for the 67th Annual Meeting will be online only. In late May, each church will receive an e-mail invitation to register messengers for the event. Registration will open June 1, 2012. Watch your e-mail inbox for more information.

Clarion Suites Downtown is our convention hotel.

Room rate is \$79/night (plus tax), single/double occupancy, plus \$10 for extra person. **To reserve your room, call (907)222-5005 and use the group code: AK Baptist.** Rooms will be available Sunday night, September 23-Wednesday night, September 26. Room type requests will be honored on a space-available basis. DEADLINE to reserve rooms is noon, August 23. A first night room and tax deposit and a major credit card number must accompany all individual reservations.

## Laverne Griffin Youth Recreation Camp Summer Camp Listings

**June 4-8, Girls Camp.** It's "Game On!" during this week of camp. This missions-focused camp is for girls who have completed Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Girls will participate in Bible study, worship, swimming, fishing, boating, cooking, and classes for knitting, sign language, scrap booking, balloon training, and much more. It will be a great week for girls to see how they can make a difference. Camp fee is \$175 for the week.

### **June 11-15, Alaska Native Youth Camp.**

Camp theme for the week is "Live Loud". This camp is for Alaska native girls and boys in middle through high school. Campers will have opportunities to participate in Bible study, worship, swimming, fishing, canoeing, basketball, crafts, group games, and more. Join us for the fun! Camp fee is \$175 for the week.

### **June 18-22, Xtreme Faith (X-Faith)**

**Youth Camp.** This camp is for girls and boys in middle through high school. Join us for a week of fun times, games, Bible study, awesome music, and relevant teaching focused on teen topics and God's Word. Camp fee is \$175 for the week.

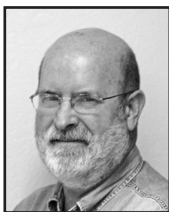
**June 25-29, Boys Camp.** Now recruiting "All Stars" for boys camp! This high energy, God- focused week is specifically designed with young boys who have completed Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade in mind. Grab your gear and come train with us! Campers will have opportunities to participate in Bible study, worship, swimming, fishing, canoeing, basketball, crafts, group games, derby races, and more. Join us for the fun! Camp fee is \$175 for the week.

**Camp flyers and registration forms can be downloaded from website:**

**[www.lgyrc.org](http://www.lgyrc.org)**

**Call the camp or email for more information, 907-376-6887**  
**[lgyrc@mtaonline.net](mailto:lgyrc@mtaonline.net)**





## Mike Procter

### Executive Director

Across North America, May 20-27 is the week we highlight the ministry partner we know as the local association.

Simply put, the local association is comprised of congregations situated in close proximity geographically that choose to partner together to reach their community for Jesus Christ, assist with the strengthening of the local congregations, and strategize the planting of new congregations. Often someone will say, "We work together in order to do for the Lord that which we are unable to do by ourselves." As we know, every congregation is autonomous and "independent" from any ecclesiastical control, however that does not lessen our "interdependency" upon each other and the local association is the entity closest to the local congregation.

With the re-focus of the North American Mission Board, the emphasis of the Associational Director of Missions (ADOM) changed, increasing responsibility to facilitate church planting. The position title changed from ADOM to Church Planter Catalyst (CPC). The CPCs are still available to serve as a resource to the local congregation, and also tasked with facilitating the planting of four new congregations a year. This is a major ministry shift for them, as well as each association. In Alaska, we have four associations:

**Chugach Baptist Association (CBA)** is housed in Anchorage and supports congregations in the greater Anchorage/Eagle River area, Kenai Peninsula, Northwest Arctic and the Aleutian Islands chain. Dr. David George is the CBA CPC.

**Hatcher Pass Baptist Association (HPBA)** is housed in the Palmer/Wasilla area and supports congregations in the Mat-Su Valley, Valdez and Bristol Bay areas. Rev. Gary Bearce is the HPBA CPC.

**Tanana Valley Baptist Association (TVBA)** is housed in Fairbanks and supports congregations in Fairbanks, North Pole, Salcha, Delta Junction, Healy and Bristol. Currently, there is no CPC for this association.

**Tongass Baptist Association (TBA)** is housed in Ketchikan and supports congregations throughout the panhandle of Southeast Alaska. Rev. Joe Boney is TBA CPC.

In addition, Rev. Alan Dial is our **Alaska Native CPC** tasked with facilitating new congregations among our indigenous peoples.

The theme for this year's Associational Mission Week emphasis is "Igniting Passion" and it is my hope you will pray for each of our associational Church Planter Catalysts, as they seek to ignite passion for evangelism and church planting in Alaska.



## Jimmy Stewart

### Director of Evangelism and Church Development

Are you ready for a celebration? In 2010, our churches reported 567 baptisms! In the last few years, we have experienced a decrease in baptisms in our Convention; in YEAR? we went from 600 to 400 baptisms but then had a surge to 513 baptisms. Because of that significant increase, the North American Mission Board recognized our Convention as having the largest percentage increase in baptisms nationally. This is cause for celebration and I am excited about it! On the flip side, we have another trend that is of concern—we have about 20 congregations without pastors and that will certainly affect our ministry and evangelistic efforts throughout the state this next year. But for now, let's celebrate and allow God to work through us.

One of the benefits of an increase in baptisms is in our relationship with Lifeway Christian Resources. They are very invested in state conventions and contribute to our state budget by assisting us to conduct Sunday school and VBS training clinics throughout the state. They also award bonus money for reaching goals in the state. When people say it should not be about numbers, that is true, but when churches report their numbers, which represent souls, and increases are evident, we see immediate rewards. Praise the Lord we have a Convention that seeks to help our churches do their work.

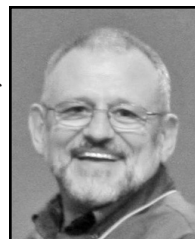
What evangelistic programs are you planning this year? The "God's Plan for Sharing" (GPS) emphasis of 2012 is evangelistic events and actions for our churches. Do you have anything planned? One church has requested funds to help with an evangelistic concert to be held this summer; another is doing a city-wide revival; still another has a city-wide block party planned. All of these events will result in the gospel being shared and people being led to Christ. Then, each person who receives Christ will have someone to disciple them. I want to help you and have funds available to assist with an evangelistic event. I am already planning an evangelistic event for women in September. If you would like training in evangelism, strategy development and organization for your church, please call me for assistance. I would love to see and hear your evangelistic plans for this year. If we plan for nothing, we will get exactly what we plan for. If we make some plans and execute them under the Spirit's power, I believe we will have another great year of evangelism resulting in baptisms. Please call me and let's talk about opportunities to evangelize your community.



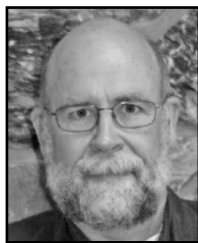
David George



Gary Bearce



Joe Boney



Alan Dial



**Butch Strickland**  
*Director of Church Planting  
 and Missions*

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” Matt 5:16

I recently heard the testimony of a lady who has made a commitment to live out the fruit of the Spirit in her work place. She was not going to gossip around the lunch table. She was not going to talk bad about her superiors. She was going to maintain a positive attitude and demonstrate love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness, and self-control while everyone around her seemed to be losing their minds. She works in a government institution and is limited somewhat in her desire to share her faith. However, if someone else brings up the subject, she is free to witness being always ready to give answer to every person who asks her a reason concerning the hope that is in her (I Peter 3:15).

She shared with me that she had always heard that she should live her life in a way that would cause others to ask about her faith. But nobody ever had. She came to the conclusion that the reason was, apparently, that she hadn't been living the kind of life that would cause another to desire the same lifestyle. That conclusion is what motivated her to make the decision to proactively live out the fruit of the Spirit.

She had a wonderful day recently. A co-worker, who came to Alaska because of a lifelong desire, teaches exactly the age group she always wanted to teach, was in love with her boyfriend and seemingly had fulfilled all her dreams, confessed that for some reason she was not happy. It seemed that the effort the Christian lady was putting into living as Christ wanted her to live was beginning to bear fruit. Pray for her as doors continue to open for a verbal testimony of her faith.

Steve Jobs, founder and CEO of Apple, once said, “People don't know what they want until you show it to them.” Maybe he has a point. He certainly seems to have convinced the world that we all need Apple products. But is there a way we can apply what he said to our verse from Matthew? The world has a need. They don't know what it is. We need to show them.

## **“Welcome Backpack” Ministry**



Alaska Baptist Family Services (ABFS) is in need of volunteers for the “Welcome Backpack” ministry. Each year many of the children who come to ABFS arrive with just the clothes on their backs or a trash bag full of tattered things. The “Welcome Backpack” ministry ensures they are welcomed immediately at the door with a large backpack filled with a Bible, a welcome card of encouragement, school supplies, personal hygiene items and a \$50 gift card to Wal-Mart to help with incidentals they may still require. It makes for a very different welcome than they are used to having, and tells them not only is ABFS happy to have them come to stay, but there are people they don't even know who are praying for their success and salvation. A backpack usually cost about \$100-\$150 to fill, so this project lends itself well as a small group service effort.

If you, or someone you know, would like to make the “Welcome Backpack” their mission project for Alaska's children home we would be so grateful. Please contact us to get the list of items needed for each backpack.

Alaska Baptist Family Services  
 Welcome Backpack Ministry  
 C/O Lorie Morris (akfamilies@gci.net)  
 1600 O'Malley Road  
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### May 2012

|       |   |
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| 6     | Senior Adult Sunday                                   |
| 7-8   | ABC Executive Board meeting                           |
| 10    | ABF Trustee meeting                                   |
| 13-19 | Christian Home Week                                   |
| 20-26 | Baptist Association Emphasis                          |
| 22    | Day of Prayer and Fasting<br>for World Evangelization |
| 28    | ABC and ABF offices closed for Memorial Day           |

### June 2012

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| 18    | WMU National annual meeting        |
| 17    | Baptist Men's Emphasis             |
| 17-23 | Training Teens Today (T3)          |
| 19-20 | Annual Southern Baptist Convention |
| 24    | Mission: Dignity Sunday            |

### July 2012

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| 1     | Citizenship and Religious Liberty Sunday       |
| 4     | Independence Day                               |
| 4     | ABC and ABF office closed for Independence Day |
| 15    | Serving Your Community Sunday                  |
| 22-26 | JAM Camp                                       |

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