



Alaska Baptist Messenger



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

Welcome New Pastors and Wives to the Alaska Baptist Convention



Nathan and Dominika Buck
Emmanuel, Juneau



Greg and Katie Crawford
College Heights, Soldotna



Brad and Jeannie Herndon
First, Wasilla

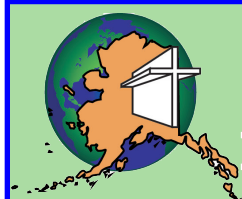


Val and Dinna Natcher
Filipino Bible, Anchorage

The Alaska Baptist Convention (ABC) hosted the New Pastor and Wife Orientation at the ABC office in Anchorage on April 26, 2012. Please join the ABC staff in welcoming the newest additions to our Convention: Nathan Buck is pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Juneau; Greg Crawford is Minister of Music and Education at College Heights Baptist Church in Soldotna; Brad Herndon is Minister of Music and Youth at First Baptist Church in Wasilla; and Val Natcher is pastor of Filipino Bible Church in Anchorage. Please pray for these families as they develop relationships with their new congregations.

Korean Church Leadership Conference

May 4-6, 2012, Korean Baptist congregations from across Alaska gathered for the Korean Church Leadership Conference. Dr. Joseph Choi (pictured left), pastor of Ebenezzer Baptist Church in New York and the president of the Korean Southern Baptist Fellowship in America was the keynote speaker.



See page 4 for information about the Annual Meeting

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



As a lifelong Southern Baptist, the Cooperative Program (CP) has always been part of my life. I grew up attending a small Baptist church in Mississippi and our per capita giving to and through the CP was often one of the highest in the state. We were not large in number, but we were participating in something huge, namely a mission support system that reached from my small town of a few hundred residents all the way around the world.

CP was a plan conceived by Southern Baptists in the early 20th century to work together more effectively. Out of this effort, our spiritual forefathers began a campaign to pool resources for common causes. Realizing its value, in 1925 the Cooperative Program was launched, and it has served us well throughout the decades which have followed.

By pooling resources, we have developed the most efficient and effective system for supporting missions and ministries. Through the CP, more money gets to the field, and less is necessary for administration. CP provides a method of mutual support while at the same time allowing for the autonomous decision by each congregation to give as it is led. Participation by individual congregations, in partnership with all other contributors, provides funding for mission work in our local churches, associations, and state conventions, while supplying the full support for approximately 10,000 career missionaries. These missionaries are free to concentrate on their Great Commission assignment to "penetrate the lostness" in our world with the gospel of Jesus Christ rather than raising their own support.

We are tasked to reach our world with the gospel, so we must continue to strengthen and support this time proven, God-used, strategy. This is why I believe and teach that we must be careful never to undermine or weaken CP, while we continue to explain its purpose to those who may not have yet fully realized its importance.



*Pastor Ed and Cynthia
Gregory*

God's Plan for Sharing in Alaska

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
Chugach Baptist Association						
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
Aquilaq Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Calvary Baptist Church	\$1,252.00	\$871.00	\$975.50	\$1,128.00	\$0.00	\$4,226.50
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	\$459.00	\$30.00	\$633.00	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$1,152.00
Cowboy Church of Anchorage	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Eagle River Korean Baptist Church	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$700.00
Filipino Bible Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church of Anchorage	\$17,663.31	\$6,227.55	\$3,101.15	\$12,993.00	\$0.00	\$39,985.01
First Baptist Church of Eagle River	\$11,664.77	\$915.15	\$6,283.00	\$6,493.50	\$0.00	\$25,356.42
First Baptist Church, Kotzebue	\$1,000.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$1,750.00
First Baptist Church, Soldotna	\$3,310.00	\$1,142.00	\$0.00	\$953.00	\$84.27	\$5,489.27
First Hmong Baptist Church	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
First Korean Baptist Church	\$400.00	\$442.00	\$0.00	\$425.00	\$0.00	\$1,267.00
First Native Baptist Church	\$2,002.00	\$1,022.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,024.00
Frontier Baptist Church	\$994.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$765.00	\$0.00	\$1,759.30
Grandview Baptist Church	\$12,262.07	\$1,785.00	\$1,128.00	\$10,674.15	\$20.00	\$25,869.22
Greater Friendship Baptist Church	\$3,074.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$3,374.00
Hillside Baptist Church	\$4,801.87	\$796.25	\$550.00	\$1,525.00	\$0.00	\$7,673.12
Immanuel Baptist Church	\$522.39	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$655.45	\$0.00	\$1,177.84
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	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Mt Zion Missionary Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mountain View Community Church	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Muldoon Road Baptist Church	\$3,600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$316.64	\$0.00	\$3,916.64
New Grace Christian Church	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$900.00
New Hope Baptist Church	\$3,365.00	\$300.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$4,665.00
Rabbit Creek Community Church	\$1,333.48	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$3,833.48
River In The Desert Comm Church	\$978.00	\$0.00	\$72.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,050.00
Samoa Alaska Baptist Church	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
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 Church of New Beginnings	\$151.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$151.80
The Crossing @ Birchwood	\$1,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,400.00
True North Church	\$1,875.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,875.00
University Baptist Church	\$2,684.30	\$2,081.00	\$1,341.00	\$2,314.00	\$0.00	\$8,420.30
Valley View Baptist Church	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$724.00	\$0.00	\$2,724.00
Whittier Christian Community	\$75.00	\$98.00	\$0.00	\$256.00	\$0.00	\$429.00
Total	\$85,332.61	\$21,308.78	\$19,198.65	\$46,822.83	\$604.77	\$173,267.64
Hatcher Pass Baptist Association						
Big Lake Baptist Church	\$2,974.69	\$1,651.00	\$0.00	\$3,182.00	\$0.00	\$7,807.69
Bodenberg Butte Baptist Church	\$2,256.41	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$2,956.41
CrossCountry Church	\$450.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$1,050.00
Dillingham Bible Fellowship	\$2,430.26	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,903.25	\$0.00	\$6,333.51
Ekwok Christian Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fairview Loop Baptist Church	\$7,589.32	\$2,586.94	\$0.00	\$7,923.68	\$0.00	\$18,099.94
First Baptist Church, Palmer	\$5,833.31	\$1,549.00	\$1,659.67	\$2,347.56	\$0.00	\$11,389.54
First Baptist Church, Valdez	\$5,102.32	\$3,262.00	\$0.00	\$6,912.98	\$0.00	\$15,277.30
First Baptist Church, Wasilla	\$12,175.25	\$1,823.25	\$0.00	\$9,521.93	\$0.00	\$23,520.43
First Baptist Church, Willow	\$1,206.95	\$1,080.00	\$0.00	\$3,238.00	\$0.00	\$5,524.95
King Salmon Community Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Montana Creek Baptist Church	\$1,892.19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$490.00	\$0.00	\$2,382.19
North Bear St Comm Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pioneer Baptist Church of Wasilla	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$340.00	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$1,140.00
Schrock Road Community Church	\$0.00	\$1,188.00	\$0.00	\$1,122.20	\$0.00	\$2,310.20
Settler's Bay Community Church	\$2,499.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,499.30
Wasilla Korean Baptist Church	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$700.00
Total	\$44,610.00	\$13,890.19	\$1,999.67	\$40,491.60	\$0.00	\$100,991.46
Kenai Peninsula						
College Heights Baptist Church	\$14,673.88	\$2,863.89	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$17,537.77
First Baptist Church, Kenai	\$1,873.23	\$305.00	\$100.00	\$908.00	\$0.00	\$3,186.23
Lighthouse Community Church	\$5,456.67	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,956.67
Moose Pass Community Church	\$190.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$190.00
Mount Redoubt Baptist Church	\$300.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$1,550.00
Total	\$22,493.78	\$3,668.89	\$3,100.00	\$1,158.00	\$0.00	\$30,420.67

January-April 2012 Gifts from ABC Churches

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
Other						
Misc. Contributors-Cash	\$261.00	\$2,676.25	\$0.00	\$85.00	\$50.00	\$3,072.25
Total	\$261.00	\$2,676.25	\$0.00	\$85.00	\$50.00	\$3,072.25
Tanana Valley Baptist Association						
Chinese Fellowship	\$278.50	\$332.00	\$155.00	\$280.00	\$0.00	\$1,045.50
Clearwater Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cross Roads Baptist Church	\$3,867.00	\$1,620.00	\$310.00	\$4,232.22	\$0.00	\$10,029.22
Faith Baptist Church	\$1,628.00	\$1,253.00	\$0.00	\$1,628.00	\$0.00	\$4,509.00
First Baptist Church of Fairbanks	\$1,753.70	\$1,273.00	\$1,813.00	\$2,064.00	\$0.00	\$6,903.70
First Baptist Church of North Pole	\$8,592.47	\$50.00	\$1,246.00	\$3,027.00	\$0.00	\$12,915.47
First Baptist Church, Delta Junction	\$14,822.00	\$2,565.00	\$442.00	\$3,021.00	\$0.00	\$20,850.00
Friendship Baptist Church	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$831.00	\$0.00	\$1,031.00
Hispanic Mission	\$121.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$221.00
Korean Baptist Mission	\$450.00	\$0.00	\$190.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$640.00
Moose Creek Baptist Church	\$2,993.40	\$260.43	\$0.00	\$783.05	\$20.46	\$4,057.34
Morning Star Baptist Church	\$2,271.24	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,336.00	\$0.00	\$4,607.24
Mount Pleasant Baptist Church	\$250.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
North Star Baptist Church	\$42.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$42.00
Salcha Baptist Church	\$2,178.09	\$320.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,498.09
Shannon Park Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
St. John Baptist Church	\$4,031.41	\$463.00	\$454.81	\$551.00	\$0.00	\$5,500.22
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
Total	\$48,189.81	\$10,078.43	\$4,710.81	\$24,888.62	\$20.46	\$87,888.13
Tongass Baptist Association						
Anchor Baptist Church	\$1,340.53	\$379.00	\$0.00	\$210.00	\$0.00	\$1,929.53
Comm Bapt Church, Coffman Cove	\$318.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,350.00	\$0.00	\$1,668.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church	\$967.81	\$200.00	\$500.00	\$295.00	\$0.00	\$1,962.81
Filipino Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church, Juneau	\$2,608.22	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$655.00	\$0.00	\$3,263.22
First Baptist Church, Ketchikan	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,345.00	\$0.00	\$2,345.00
First Baptist Church, Petersburg	\$1,127.00	\$852.00	\$0.00	\$1,761.00	\$0.00	\$3,740.00
First Baptist Church, Sitka	\$1,816.44	\$975.00	\$0.00	\$509.00	\$0.00	\$3,300.44
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	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$335.00	\$410.00	\$0.00	\$865.00
Kasaan Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Hope Fellowship	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$700.00
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
Total	\$9,373.69	\$5,559.00	\$835.00	\$8,136.00	\$0.00	\$23,903.69
Grand Totals:	\$210,260.89	\$57,181.54	\$29,844.13	\$121,582.05	\$675.23	\$419,543.84
Goals:	\$720,322.00	\$75,000.00	\$90,000.00	\$150,000.00		
Over/Under Goals:	\$(510,061.11)	\$(17,818.46)	\$(60,155.87)	\$(28,417.95)		

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 April 30, 2012:

First Quarter 2012	\$5395
Second Quarter 2012	\$4665
Third Quarter 2012	\$530
Fourth Quarter 2012	\$525

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 198 regular contributors...imagine how much more we could do with an additional 1802 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



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67th Annual Meeting of the Alaska Baptist Convention

Monday-Wednesday, September 24-26, 2012
Rabbit Creek Community Church • Anchorage

Monday, September 24

Annual Mission Rally
“We Would See Jesus”
Monday, September 24, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Rabbit Creek Community Church, Anchorage

Tuesday, September 25

5:00	Registration
5:50	Call to Order
5:55	Worship through Music
6:05	Welcome from host church
6:10	Scripture and Prayer
6:15	Adoption of Program
6:20	Seating of Messengers
6:25	Worship through Music
6:30	IMB Report
6:55	Prayer for IMB
7:00	Worship through Music
7:15	NAMB Report and Message
7:45	Prayer for NAMB
7:50	Announcements
7:55	Prayer/Benediction

Wednesday, September 26

10:00	Call to Order
10:05	Worship through Music
10:10	Scripture and Prayer
10:15	Introduction of New Personnel to State
10:25	Committee on Committees Report
10:30	Nomination for President and Recording Secretary
10:40	Worship through Music
10:45	Constitution and Bylaws Report
10:50	Evangelism and Church Development Report
11:10	Prayer for Evangelism
11:15	Miscellaneous Business
11:20	Alaska Baptist Foundation Report
11:35	wMu Report
11:50	Worship through Music
12:05	President's Message
12:35	Benediction
1:30	Call to Order
1:35	Worship through Music
1:40	Scripture and Prayer
1:45	Election of President and Recording Secretary

Wednesday continued

1:55	Committee on Board Report
2:00	State Mission Report
2:15	Nominations for Vice Presidents
2:25	Adoption of 2013 ABC Budget
2:35	LifeWay Christian Resources Report
2:50	Executive Board Actions
2:55	Worship through Music
3:05	Last Miscellaneous Business
3:15	Time, Place, and Preacher Committee Report
3:20	Wayland Baptist University, Anchorage
	Wayland Baptist University, Fairbanks
3:35	Alaska Baptist Family Services Report
3:55	Resolutions Committee
4:00	Worship through Music
4:10	Executive Director's Report
4:25	Prayer for ABC
4:30	Announcements
4:35	Benediction
5:55	Call to Order
6:00	Worship through Music
6:10	Scripture and Prayer
6:15	Election of Vice Presidents
6:25	SBC Executive Committee
	Prayer for SBC
7:10	Recognitions; Vice President Results;
	Installation of Officers
7:20	Worship through Music
7:35	Annual Sermon
8:00	Adjournment, Announcements
	Benediction

Hotel

Clarion Suites Downtown is our convention hotel. Room rate is \$79/night (plus tax), single/double occupancy, plus \$10 for extra person. To reserve, call (907)222-5005 and use the group code: AK Baptist. Rooms are available September 23-26. 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.

Messengers

Messenger registration for the 67th annual meeting will be online only. Registration will open June 1, 2012. In May, each church should have received an e-mail invitation to register messengers for the event. Call the ABC office if you have questions.



Alaska Baptist Convention

Summary Board Actions, May 7-8, 2012

1. Approved the minutes of February 1, 2012, ABC Executive Board Meeting minutes.
2. Approved adding Alan Dial as a check signer for ABC bank accounts.
3. Approved the April 2012 Financial Reports.
4. Approved to recommend the 2013 Proposed Budget of ABC to be voted on at the September 2012 ABC Annual Meeting.
5. Approved to recommend to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee to reduce the size of committees as follows:
 - Constitution and Bylaws Committee from 6 to 5 members.
 - Resolution Committee from 6 to 5 members.
 - Credentials Committee from 6 to 5 members.
 - Time, Place, Preacher Committee from 6 to 5 members.
 - Committee on Committees from 9 to 5 members.
 - Committee on Board from 9 to 5 members.
6. Approved the following changes to the Personnel section of the Policies and Procedures Manual:
 - Section 1, page 5, Item 14 A and B should be removed. This refers to the annual convention host churches assisting with the location of housing accommodations for Messengers.
 - Section 1, page 15, Item 4, Section a, number 2 (L), should be removed. This refers to the annual convention offering a day camp.
 - Section 1, page 29, D. Section 4: “the state Director of Missions and the Directors of Missions for Associations” should be changed to “the Director of Church Planting and Missions and Associational Church Planter Catalysts”.
 - On page 29, D. Section 4, 1.d: “the state Director of Missions, Associational Directors of Missions, Director of Evangelism/Church Development, and Director of Missions Ministries/WMU” should be changed to “the Director of Church Planting and Missions, Associational Church Planter Catalysts, and Director of Evangelism/Church Development.”
 - PPM Appendix I, signers “Associational Director of Missions and State Director of Missions” should be replaced with “Associational Church Planter Catalysts and Director of Church Planting and Missions”.
7. Approved changing Policies and Procedures Manual, Part I On page 19, Section B, Item 4: to reflect that the immediate past president will continue to receive reimbursement of travel to board meetings. The wording concerning the funding for the CPC from the association will be dropped from this section.
8. Approved removing sections 2a and 2b from Policies and Procedures Manual, Part II on pages 24-25. This section refers to the bonding and notary of the Executive Director.
9. Approved the following changes to Policies and Procedures Manual, Part II:
 - Change the position title on page 33 from “Director of Evangelism, Prayer, and Collegiate Ministries” to “Director of Evangelism and Church Development.”
 - Change the position title on page 35 from “Director of Church Planting” to Director of Church Planting and Missions.”
 - Change the position title on page 40 from “Alaska Native Church Starter Strategist (ANCSS)” to “Alaska Native Church Planter Catalyst (ANPCP).”
 - Change the position title on page 49 from “Administrative Assistant/Receptionist/Mission Assistant” to “Administrative Assistant/Receptionist.”
 - Change the position title on page 52 from “Ministries and Mission Education/Evangelism Assistant” to “Administrative Assistant to Directors of Evangelism/Church Development and Church Planting and Missions.”
 - Rename title position on page 58 to “Foundation Coordination Director.”
 - Change page 64 under XXI Relations with Associations “Directors of Missions” to “Associational Church Planter Catalysts.”
10. Approved removing the following pages from the Policies and Procedures Manual, Part II since these positions no longer exists: Pages 37-39; Pages 42-44; and Pages 56-57.
11. Approved to insert job description of the Information Technology Specialist to the Policies and Procedures Manual, Part II.
12. Approved the following changes to Policies and Procedures Manual, Part III:
 - Page 14, Section G., Item 2 should be changed from “to be transferred to Designated Account 8401, the account that is assigned for tracking the receipts and disbursements of the Pastoral Annuity” to read “to be sent to the Alaska Baptist Foundation and deposited in the Pastoral Annuity Trust Fund.”
 - Page 22, third paragraph should be changed from “Direct of Missions and Church Planting” to “Director of Church Planting and Missions” and the “Director of Evangelism, Prayer, and Collegiate Ministries” should be changed to “Director of Evangelism and Church Development.”
13. Approved removing page 13, Section 4. Vision Fund from Policies and Procedures Manual, Part III.
14. Approved recommending the 2012-2013 Alaska Baptist Convention Calendar.
15. Approved sending First Baptist Church, North Pole \$5,000 from Account 8196 State Mission Offering to be used toward replacing the church’s heating system.
16. Approved making First Baptist Church, North Pole the third quarter 2012 2000 Club recipient to assist in the funding of replacing the church’s heating system.
17. Approved making New Hope Fellowship, Haines the fourth quarter 2012 2000 Club recipient to help with construction of a new church facility.
18. Approved sending Glacier Valley Baptist Church \$2,500 to be used to conduct a church probe for the community of Elfin Cove.
19. Approved dedicating the 2012 Book of Reports to Paul Wells and Linda Hokit for their faithful service to the Lord in Alaska.

MILEPOST MOMENTS

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

Frontier Baptist Church, Kodiak

Kodiak Island Outreach (KIO), a ministry of FBC, hosted a team from Alaska Missions and Retreats during the Crabfest Outreach. KIO was also featured in an article in the Kodiak Daily Mirror. Gary Elmore is pastor.

First Korean Baptist Church, Anchorage

FKBC welcomes new associate pastor SiYoung Oh to their staff.



Alaska Baptist Convention

The ABC welcomes our newest staff member, Eugene Ward, who replaces Robbie Courtney as our IT Specialist. Robbie accepted a full-time position and will marry in June. Eugene is an Alaskan born and bred and comes to us from Anchorage Faith and Action Congregations (AFAC), a faith-based organization which partners with neighborhood churches to empower



their communities to effect positive and lasting changes in their neighborhoods. He is a Personal Care Assistant for the elderly disabled, which is something he does on an ongoing basis. Eugene is also the former director of the Fairview Rec Center Campfire program. In his "spare" time, he likes to read, play the viola, write Christian science-fiction/fantasy fiction novels, play with his Pomeranian dog Missile, spend time with his family and draw. Eugene is a member of Gilead Ministries. The next time you are in the office, stop by and introduce yourself to Eugene!

Chugach Baptist Association

David George, CBA Church Planter Catalyst, recently returned from University of Munich, Germany where he taught English grammar, punctuation and conversational English to students from all over the world. During his second week in Germany, he visited missionaries in Prague and Berlin.

Southern Baptist Convention

Sherry Worthy, member of First Baptist Church, Willow, and David George, member of First Baptist Church, Anchorage, were appointed by Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) President Bryant Wright, to serve as the Alaska representatives on the 2012 SBC Committee on Committees. Ruby Stogsdill, member of First Baptist Church, Soldotna and Alaska wMu President, was appointed to the Tellers Committee for the 2012 SBC annual meeting in New Orleans.

Korean Church Leadership Conference

Participants in the May Leadership Conference are pictured:

(standing, L to R) Ik Bo Jang (pastor, Wasilla Korean Baptist Church), Jea One Lee (pastor, First Korean Baptist Church), Hong Rae Lee (pastor, Eagle River Korean Baptist Church); (seated, L to R) Alan Dial (Alaska Native Church Planter Catalyst), Joseph Choi (pastor, Ebenezer Baptist Church, New York and president, Korean Southern Baptist Fellowship in America), Sam Lee (pastor, Korean New Central Baptist Church).



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First Baptist Church, Wasilla

FBC will celebrate their 30th anniversary on June 24, with a special 3:00 p.m. worship service. There will be a churchwide fellowship immediately following the service.

University Baptist Church, Fairbanks

The College/Career group at UBC will kick off the summer with a progressive dinner and canoe outing. They will have a Bible study every Thursday and a fellowship most Fridays. A former member of their group will be ordained on June 24. The Kindergarten-Grade 2 children will attend Camp Baldwin at the end of the month.

Girl Power

For the first time in history, men are in the minority at colleges and universities around the country. The male student population now makes up only 40%, while women now hold the majority at 60%. In addition, more women are holding higher honors at colleges and universities with 70% of valedictorians and honor roll students being female. In the last 10 years alone 2 million more women than men graduated from college.

Source: NBC News, March 5, 2011; reprinted from Fall 2011 issue of On Mission magazine.

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ARE POSSIBLE

July 22-26

Laverne Griffin Youth Recreation Camp, Wasilla
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Summer Food Program Feeds Kids for Free!

Lunch will be served at the following locations this summer to any child under the age of 18. There are no income or registration requirements.

Pioneer Baptist Church (Wasilla)

June 1-August 15, Monday-Friday, Noon-1:30 p.m.

(contact Pioneer Baptist Church for more information, 907.232.0182)

Cheney Lake, Kanchee, and Arctic - Benson Parks (Anchorage)

June 4-August 3, Monday-Friday, 1:00 p.m. — 2:30

p.m. (contact Grandview Baptist Church for more information, 907.276.6027)

Grandview Baptist Church (Anchorage)

June 25-28, Monday-Thursday, Noon-1:00 p.m.

(contact Grandview Baptist Church for more information, 907.276.6027)

Each year the U.S. Department of Agriculture partners with local organizations to provide free meals to children when school is out for the summer. For more information about statewide Summer Food Service Sites, visit www.aksummerfood.com.

2012 Summer Camps

Laverne Griffin Youth Recreation Camp, Wasilla

June 4-8, Girls Camp (K-grade 6). Girls will participate in Bible study, worship, swimming, fishing, boating, cooking, and classes for knitting, sign language, scrap booking, balloon training, and much more. Camp fee is \$175 for the week.

June 11-15, Alaska Native Youth Camp (middle-high school Alaska Native boys and girls). Campers will have opportunities to participate in Bible study, worship, swimming, fishing, canoeing, basketball, crafts, group games, and more. Camp fee is \$175 for the week.

June 18-22, Xtreme Faith (X-Faith) Youth Camp (middle-high school boys and girls). 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 (K-grade 6). Campers will have opportunities to participate in Bible study, worship, swimming, fishing, canoeing, basketball, crafts, group games, derby races, and more. Camp fee is \$175 for the week.

Camp flyers and registration forms can be found at www.lgyrc.org. Contact the camp for more information, 907.376.6887, lgyrc@mtaonline.net



Camp Baldwin, Delta Junction

June 27-29: Kindergarten-Grade 2

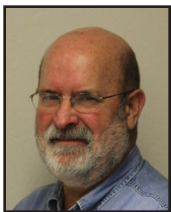
July 2-6: Grades 3-4

July 9-13: Grades 5-6

July 16-20: Grades 7-8

July 23-28: Grades 9-12

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 for additional information.



Mike Procter
Executive Director

My oldest granddaughter Alivia, was nominated and selected to represent Anchorage at the Junior National Youth Leadership Conference and I accompanied her to Washington D.C. in late May. Young adults from across the nation gathered to learn about our civic and political history and to experience firsthand the historical monuments, landmarks and places that many of us only read about or see on television. For a 12-year-old 7th grader, this was quite an honor. According to the nomination recommendation, she was chosen because of her 'A' grade point average and her many extracurricular activities. Alivia is active with the Girls In Action group at Sunset Hills Baptist Church, serves as a peer in the conflict resolution program at her school, is involved with different sports and musical programs, is learning American Sign Language in order to communicate with the deaf and is planning to volunteer for two weeks this summer at Solid Rock Bible Camp, with one week being the Developmental Disability Camp. Needless to say, I am very proud of her. She is a sharp young lady who has a tender heart for people, a desire to serve others and, most importantly, sensitivity to the Lord's will and leadership for her life. Is she perfect? Of course not, but I am proud of, and thankful for, her.

In the United States, June is the month we recognize our earthly fathers by observing Father's Day. For some, it may be a day of remembrance; for others it may be a day to make a long distance telephone call; others may be able to take their fathers out for a meal or some other celebration.

As you think of earthly father, also think of your heavenly Father who is the giver of all life. Do you realize, as God's child, He is proud of you? That does not mean He is always pleased with everything you do but when you became a follower of Jesus Christ, you became part of His family and He is pleased. To be sure, just as our earthly fathers had to discipline us, there are times when our heavenly Father must do the same, but that does not limit His love for us or His joy when we call Him "Abba." Just as I am proud of Alivia, our heavenly Father is proud of us because we are His. Do you reflect and rejoice in the fact that God is your heavenly Father and He is proud of you? The old Bill Gaither song says it very well, "...I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God..."

For those who are fathers, I pray you are thankful for your children and are living a life that points your children to the heavenly Father who is proud of you. Blessings!



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

This is going to be a busy summer. I hope you have great experiences in outreach with families and church groups; and you enjoy the beautiful Alaskan summer. Most of you know I am a health nut and love to eat well and exercise. I am able to do so much more with my family and friends as a result. So, I want to share some valuable advice for all of us over the age of 50 (<https://www.facebook.com/BeachBodyTony/posts/10150889327647248>). My prayer is that we all enjoy to the fullest the bodies God gave us. Just because we are getting older doesn't mean we have to slow down.

"After 30 years plus in the fitness business I've learned that balance, flexibility and strength matter as much or more than cardiovascular health after 50. Yoga will give you all three. In my opinion yoga is the most important fitness approach for guys over 50. Yoga will also force you to spend time working on your weaknesses which in turn creates the most permanent change. Avoid repetitive fitness machines for 20 or more minutes. Treadmills, elliptical machines, stationary bikes, stair steppers, etc. will lead to boredom, injuries and the dreaded plateau effect." I have been doing some yoga and I concur, but I don't get into the spiritual "junk" that some yoga offers.

Concerning food, here is some advice from the same person: "Never forget that it was food that got you in trouble in the first place and it will be healthy food that will keep you out of trouble going forward. Sugar and refined carbs may lead to heart disease and cancer so avoid them at every turn. Find gluten-free high-fiber bread and avoid too much dairy. Stick with plenty of salads and green veggies. Eat all the wild fish and free range chicken you want and remember that beans are loaded with fiber and protein so eat 'em up. Avoid eating fat, sugar, salt and chemicals from boxes, bottles, cans and bags and eat as many fruits, veggies, whole grains and lean protein as you can. If you can't pronounce it, avoid it -- if you can pronounce it -- blueberries, carrots, peas, kale, broccoli, salmon, brussel sprouts, etc. - eat it! You need to exercise five to seven days a week and all major meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner) have to be healthy. If you must cheat do it between meals when the calorie count is smaller. Poor eating habits and lack of exercise will ruin the rest of your life and cause an early painful demise. Just look at the folks around you in their 60s and 70s. It's not the way I'm going out. If you do the right thing the weight will stay off and life will be good!"

I really believe we can do more for God with better health. We live in a land that really emphasizes the need to be healthy. There is so much to enjoy here in Alaska -- don't let poor health or lack of fitness keep you from climbing the heights and seeing life from the tops of mountains. Last fall I went for a walk with my son and his friend. We walked up a mountain and my son's friend told my son, "I thought we were going on a leisurely walk. I didn't know your dad was going to make us work so hard." I just had to laugh. This kid, who is half my age, was complaining about my little stride. I truly believe we are as young as we think we are. I never want to get old. Keep up the exercise and let this be a testimony of God's grace and goodness in your life.



Butch Strickland

Director of Church Planting and Missions

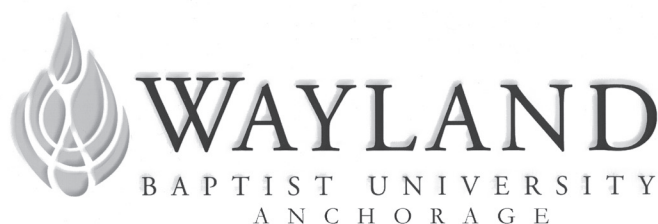
"Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel." Matthew 8:10b

The thing Christ seeks is *faith*, and wherever it is, He finds it, though but *as a grain of mustard-seed*. Faith amazed Jesus—whether by its absence or its presence. Among those from whom He expected faith, there was very little or none at all. Among the authorities of His day there was no faith. Even among the disciples there was very little. You will recall after Jesus fed 4000 men (plus the women and children), the disciples felt as if they were being scolded for not bringing bread when Jesus warned them of the leaven of the Pharisees. Jesus even asked, *"O ye of little faith, why reason ye among yourselves, because ye have brought no bread? Do ye not yet understand, neither remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets ye took up? Neither the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many baskets ye took up? How is it that ye do not understand that I spake it not to you concerning bread, that ye should beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees?"* Matthew 16:8-11.

Among those from whom He did NOT expect faith, He found it. The Roman centurion did not have the advantage of having been educated in the Law or the traditions of the Jews among whom he lived. There was no background in his life that would have caused him to believe. But Jesus said about him that He had not found so great faith in all of Israel.

Ying Kai and his wife Grace have been at the center of the fastest growing church-planting movement (CPM) in recent history. They went through CPM training to learn practical ministry steps that would move them toward that lofty vision. The purpose of the vision is that it is so "God-sized" it guides the missionary and his partners for many years to come. The end-vision drives them to attempt things in faith they never would otherwise have attempted. Ying's experience was different, however. Three months into his plan, Ying called the regional leader of his mission organization and said, "I have finished my plan. What do I do next?" Ying had done in three months what should have taken ten years to accomplish! In the following ten years, the church planting movement among his people group resulted in over 1.7 million baptisms and almost 160,000 new churches.

Can God do the same thing in Alaska? Of course, He can! He is just looking for faith, the kind of faith that would move mountains and tear down barriers. The kind of faith that won't use the word "can't." *"Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?"* Luke 18:8 excerpts from Steve Smith with Ying Kai, *T4T A Discipleship Re-Revolution*, WIG-Take Resources, Monument, Colorado, 2011



Wayland Baptist University-Anchorage has lots of exciting news to share with Alaska Baptists! Our new Associate Dean, John Jemar, former pastor of Valley View Baptist Church in Eagle River, came aboard in April and hit the ground running. John brings great leadership, experience and insight to the table as Wayland continues its efforts to be a distinctively Christian academic institution of excellence, serving Alaska.

In June, Wayland-Anchorage is hosting the Wayland Leadership Conference, bringing more than 50 people from throughout the Wayland system to Anchorage for strategic planning.

Wayland-Anchorage has formed a new student Christian association known as Wayland Alaska Missions (WAM!). This student-led organization will focus on ways Wayland can reach out to Alaskans with the gospel through missionary efforts. The first of these is a Wayland Galena Mission project to raise funds for a "Galena Machina." This utility, super-wide track snow machine will be used by Galena Bible Church and several missionaries in Galena who are serving in a boarding school for Native Alaskan students. It will help them join with the students filling a critical need to cut and haul firewood in the winter for Galena residents, building relationships with Native Alaskan students in the process.

Additionally, Wayland will offer two new and exciting master degree programs this fall: counseling and elementary education. Both programs have associated certifications.

Eric Ash, Executive Director/Dean, WBU Anchorage

Condolences to the family of Marlin

Starnes, who passed away May 8, 2012 in Summerville, Georgia. Pastor Starnes was a long-time pastor at First Baptist Church Delta Junction and also started the first bus ministry at First Baptist Church North Pole. Funeral services were held at Cove Baptist Church in Mentone, Alabama on May 11.



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Alaska Baptist Foundation Summary Board Actions May 10, 2012

1. Approved modification of the leave policy for employees. Employees can now carry over a maximum of two weeks of vacation leave from one year to the next. Additionally, when an employee leaves the service of the Foundation a maximum of two weeks of leave can be cashed out. If the employee is terminated for cause, then the cash out provision is forfeited.
2. The Trustees made the selection of the Fuhr and Parker scholarship applicants for the 2012- 2013 academic year.

Four Approaches for Developing Stewardship Hearts

by David Waganer/March 12, 2012

An insightful statement was once made: *"There are three ways you can get to the top of a tree: 1) sit on an acorn, 2) make friends with a bird, 3) climb it"* (Anonymous). Let's take a closer look at these three options in relation to developing stewardship among your members.

The Sit-on-it Approach. Far too often, stewardship hearts are never touched by leaders due to an unwillingness to actually do something to bring about change. Such leaders seem more interested in maintaining their position than in actually seeing stewardship life develop in their members. As a result, the leader role and impact becomes forfeited.

The Make Friends with a Bird Approach. With such an approach, leaders seem more interested in making *friends* with others rather than actually engaging as *leaders* to initiate change in stewardship responses. Again, such leaders

fail to get on with changing the hearts of people.

The Climb It Approach. There's a different perspective for anyone that manages to climb to the top of a tree. When it comes to developing stewardship hearts, it would help to gain a long-view perspective, similar to what you get when you climb a tree. In church life, the change in perspective comes when you see lives changed in the stewardship responses of members.

Allow me to offer one additional alternative: **The Cut It Down Approach!** This approach looks upon the trees that often block us from greater growth. Far too many allow the obstacles that must be addressed in developing stewards to prevent them from doing the hard work of growing stewards! Take time and cut down the obstacles and give rise to the generosity of your members.

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"You may have already won....."

Mike Procter
Executive Director/Treasurer



If someone were to offer you \$86,400 every day for the rest of your life and told you it was yours to spend however you deemed best but the only catch was, at the end of each day, the entire \$86,400 had to be spent and none of it could be saved for another day, would you take it? I think most of us would. Imagine what that money could be used for; you could pay off your mortgage, help your children with college tuition, buy a new car, take that "once in a lifetime" vacation, retire and never work another day in your life. How about the charitable and benevolent possibilities? Think of your pastor's reaction when you told him you would be able to tithe nearly \$60,500 a week. How would that affect your church budget? You could support many Alaskan, North American and International missionaries through the Valeria Sherard State Mission Offering, Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. What an encouragement you could be for a congregation that requested a 2000 Club Call grant through the Alaska Baptist Convention to assist them with building or renovating their facilities. It is unimaginable all you could do for the Lord's work in Alaska, across North America and around the world.

Personally, I am not going to "hold my breath" waiting for someone to make that offer. It reminds me of the old Publishers Clearing House

Sweepstakes I would receive that said something like "you are the next winner of one million dollars" and then in the fine print were disclaimers and other information indicating I was not the actual winner but one of millions of people who had received the same letter. I remember the first time I received such a letter as a 13-year-old boy, and the excitement and visions of grandeur I had, only to be brought back to earth by my dad saying, "read the fine print."

While I do not expect \$86,400 dollars a day for the rest of my life, God has given me 86,400 seconds a day for every day of my life and it is my responsibility to decide if I am going to be a wise manager of those seconds or if I am going to waste them. Am I going to allow my life to count for the things of the Lord or am I going to claim all of the seconds as my own and do with them what I want? My desire is to have each moment of my life count for the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Alaska Baptist Foundation is able to assist you with estate and stewardship planning so you may be a wise steward of all of the resources with which God has blessed you -- your time, talents and treasures. Please do not hesitate to call us if we can be of assistance.

What do you plan to do with the 86,400 seconds gifted to you each day by our Heavenly Father? As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord!

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The next wave of generous givers will not come from leaders who sit and wait for stewardship to grow out of the ground or who hope friendship will simply influence and encourage giving. Stewardship leaders must take the time to gain perspective and push through obstacles if they are to develop faithful stewards!

"Multitudes, multitudes, in the valley of decision! For the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision." Joel 3:14

http://www.stewardshipdirect.com/blog/4_approaches_for_developing_stewardship_hearts/

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11-15	Alaska Native Youth Camp, LGYRC	22-26	JAM Camp
18-22	Youth Camp, LGYRC	23-28	Grades 9-12 Summer Camp, Camp Baldwin
17	Father's Day		
17	Baptist Men's Emphasis		
17-23	Training Teens Today (T3)		
18	WMU National annual meeting		
19-20	Annual Southern Baptist Convention		
24	Mission: Dignity Sunday		
25-29	Boys Camp, LGYRC		
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August 2012

1-4	FUSION Youth Conference
5	Social Issues Sunday
12	Living with Urgency: Student Evangelism Day

July 2012

1	Citizenship and Religious Liberty Sunday
2-6	Grades 3-4 Summer Camp, Camp Baldwin
4	Independence Day
4	ABC and ABF office closed for Independence Day
9-13	Grades 5-6 Summer Camp, Camp Baldwin
15	Serving Your Community Sunday