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**Women on Mission
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April 11-13, 2013**

**First Baptist Church
Anchorage**



Brent (Cari) Williams
True North Church



When we planted True North Church in Anchorage, there was never a doubt we would be a Southern Baptist church. My roots are Southern Baptist. I know the themes of Vacation Bible School for the last 20 years and my mother still has the noodle cross I made in third grade. I graduated from a Southern Baptist seminary and have never been a member of a church that was not Southern Baptist. I love being a Southern Baptist. When asked why, my answer is, "We can do more together than we can do by ourselves." Though we have heard it many times, it is the truth. Because of the partnership we have through Alaska Baptists and the Cooperative Program (CP), I was given the opportunity to teach on the University of Alaska campus with our Baptist Collegiate Ministry. Those students then became the launch team for True North Church. We have made CP giving a priority at True North Church. Every Easter, the entire offering is given to CP so our people will recognize the greatest legacy a church can leave is a Kingdom legacy. May we all be challenged to not only say we are Southern Baptists, but to also steward God's resources to reveal the truth of our hearts. I love being a Southern Baptist.

God's Plan for Sharing in Alaska

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
Chugach Baptist Association						
Alaska Iu-Mienh First Bapt Church	\$216.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$216.50
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	\$5,094.45	\$302.00	\$1,029.50	\$560.00	\$0.00	\$6,985.95
Christ Community Church	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
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	\$1,732.92	\$310.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,442.92
Community Baptist Church, Nome	\$989.00	\$156.25	\$633.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,778.25
Cowboy Church of Anchorage	\$1,283.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,283.00
Eagle River Korean Baptist Church	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
Filipino Bible Church	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,007.00	\$0.00	\$4,507.00
First Baptist Church, Anchorage	\$58,992.69	\$4,215.00	\$8,674.44	\$11,236.78	\$0.00	\$83,118.91
First Baptist Church, Eagle River	\$33,899.97	\$1,955.00	\$7,003.00	\$6,047.65	\$1,079.67	\$49,985.29
First Baptist Church, Kotzebue	\$1,150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,150.00
First Baptist Church, Soldotna	\$11,400.00	\$1,098.00	\$875.00	\$0.00	\$84.27	\$13,457.27
First Hmong Baptist Church	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
First Korean Baptist Church	\$1,100.00	\$350.00	\$306.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,756.00
First Native Baptist Church	\$5,095.00	\$603.00	\$541.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,239.00
Frontier Baptist Church	\$4,210.97	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,460.97
Gilead Ministries	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
Grandview Baptist Church	\$35,422.56	\$1,950.00	\$7,382.00	\$720.00	\$146.00	\$45,620.56
Greater Friendship Bapt Church	\$8,478.88	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,478.88
Hillside Baptist Church	\$14,354.05	\$313.00	\$690.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,357.05
Immanuel Baptist Church	\$1,272.92	\$1,097.68	\$200.00	\$260.00	\$0.00	\$2,830.60
Kiana Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Kobuk Baptist Mission	\$185.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$185.00
Korean New Central Bapt Church	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$385.00	\$0.00	\$1,885.00
Mtn View Community Church	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Muldoon Road Baptist Church	\$11,425.00	\$1,170.42	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,595.42
New Beginnings Baptist Church	\$151.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$151.80
New Grace Christian Church	\$3,150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,150.00
New Hope Baptist Church	\$11,704.67	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$13,204.67
Rabbit Creek Community Church	\$4,000.44	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.44
River In The Desert Comm Church	\$1,517.00	\$0.00	\$72.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,589.00
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	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$650.00
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$23,428.61	\$3,567.00	\$3,658.00	\$55.00	\$511.14	\$31,219.75
The Crossing @ Birchwood	\$4,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,200.00
True North Church	\$7,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$12,500.00
University Baptist Church	\$12,128.38	\$1,286.00	\$1,861.00	\$3,596.00	\$0.00	\$18,871.38
Valley View Baptist Church	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00
Whittier Christian Comm Church	\$877.00	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$237.00	\$0.00	\$1,239.00
Total:	\$275,260.81	\$21,398.35	\$37,474.94	\$25,604.43	\$1,821.08	\$361,559.61
Hatcher Pass Baptist Association						
Big Lake Baptist Church	\$12,031.96	\$2,217.00	\$1,741.00	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$16,114.96
Bodenberg Butte Baptist Church	\$5,811.45	\$270.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,431.45
CrossCountry Church	\$1,650.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,150.00
Dillingham Bible Fellowship	\$7,163.35	\$0.00	\$2,650.00	\$1,100.00	\$0.00	\$10,913.35
Ekwok Christian Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fairview Loop Baptist Church	\$19,307.72	\$2,839.47	\$3,093.61	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25,240.80
First Baptist Church, Palmer	\$20,000.00	\$2,194.85	\$2,268.67	\$2,643.00	\$0.00	\$27,106.52
First Baptist Church, Valdez	\$22,295.64	\$1,994.07	\$2,944.00	\$7,370.68	\$0.00	\$34,604.39
First Baptist Church, Wasilla	\$32,285.34	\$0.00	\$2,355.50	\$7,918.83	\$0.00	\$42,559.67
First Baptist Church, Willow	\$4,266.96	\$450.00	\$296.67	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,013.63
Montana Creek Baptist Church	\$5,972.06	\$760.00	\$260.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,992.06
North Bear St Community Church	\$66.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$66.00
Pioneer Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$340.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$340.00
Riverside Chapel	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$65.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$365.00
Schrock Road Comm Church	\$5,531.81	\$765.60	\$1,222.00	\$799.20	\$0.00	\$8,318.61
Settler's Bay Comm Church	\$4,702.11	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,702.11
Wasilla Korean Baptist Church	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,100.00
Total:	\$141,984.40	\$11,740.99	\$18,336.45	\$19,956.71	\$0.00	\$192,018.55
Kenai Peninsula						
College Heights Baptist Church	\$45,497.37	\$2,790.00	\$3,669.00	\$5,499.80	\$121.52	\$57,577.69
First Baptist Church, Kenai	\$6,365.13	\$385.00	\$289.00	\$1,112.00	\$0.00	\$8,151.13
Lighthouse Community Church	\$13,340.67	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,840.67
Moose Pass Community Church	\$356.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$356.00
Mount Redoubt Baptist Church	\$600.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$1,850.00
Total:	\$66,159.17	\$3,675.00	\$6,958.00	\$6,861.80	\$121.52	\$83,775.49

January-December 2012 Gifts from ABC Churches

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
Other						
Misc. Contributors-Cash	\$370.00	\$3,775.00	\$500.00	\$1,050.00	\$170.00	\$5,865.00
Total:	\$370.00	\$3,775.00	\$500.00	\$1,050.00	\$170.00	\$5,865.00

Tanana Valley Baptist Association

Clearwater Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cross Roads Baptist Church	\$16,751.30	\$0.00	\$1,387.00	\$2,070.88	\$0.00	\$20,209.18
Faith Baptist Church	\$3,325.00	\$0.00	\$1,144.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,469.00
First Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$8,240.12	\$916.00	\$1,863.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,019.12
First Baptist Church, North Pole	\$26,803.08	\$1,951.00	\$1,246.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30,000.08
First Baptist Church, Delta Jct	\$44,801.00	\$0.00	\$2,593.00	\$920.00	\$0.00	\$48,314.00
Friendship Baptist Mission	\$650.00	\$346.00	\$514.00	\$490.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Hispanic Mission	\$345.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$1,145.00
Korean Baptist Mission	\$750.00	\$115.00	\$190.00	\$170.00	\$0.00	\$1,225.00
Moose Creek Baptist Church	\$10,783.30	\$336.27	\$270.07	\$80.00	\$238.46	\$11,708.10
Morning Star Baptist Church	\$7,567.49	\$0.00	\$955.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$10,022.49
Mount Pleasant Baptist Church	\$500.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$650.00
North Star Baptist Church	\$42.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$42.00
Salcha Baptist Church	\$7,279.23	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,779.23
Shannon Park Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$1,050.00	\$860.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,910.00
St. John Baptist Church	\$10,413.89	\$350.00	\$671.81	\$471.00	\$0.00	\$11,906.70
Togiak Baptist Mission	\$300.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
UBC-Chinese Fellowship	\$882.20	\$305.00	\$245.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$1,782.20
University Baptist Church	\$18,458.00	\$1,087.00	\$5,387.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$24,982.00
Total:	\$157,891.61	\$6,706.27	\$18,025.88	\$6,801.88	\$238.46	\$189,664.10

Tongass Baptist Association

Anchor Baptist Church	\$4,534.03	\$160.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,794.03
Comm Bapt Church, Coffman Cove	\$3,062.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,062.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church	\$3,980.83	\$116.00	\$500.00	\$198.00	\$0.00	\$4,794.83
Filipino Baptist Church	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
First Baptist Church, Juneau	\$10,964.08	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$11,014.08
First Baptist Church, Ketchikan	\$9,317.86	\$2,645.00	\$2,895.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,857.86
First Baptist Church, Petersburg	\$3,698.00	\$1,141.00	\$875.63	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,714.63
First Baptist Church, Sitka	\$8,419.94	\$0.00	\$52.57	\$904.00	\$0.00	\$9,376.51
Glacier Valley Baptist Church	\$17,237.50	\$0.00	\$3,662.00	\$3,586.85	\$0.00	\$24,486.35
Hoonah Baptist Mission	\$592.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$592.00
Juneau Korean Church	\$360.00	\$0.00	\$335.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$695.00
Kasaan Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Hope Fellowship	\$700.00	\$70.00	\$151.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$921.00
North Tongass Baptist Church	\$227.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$227.50
Tenakee Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Thorne Bay Baptist Church	\$557.21	\$0.00	\$162.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$719.71
Total:	\$63,900.95	\$4,132.00	\$8,733.70	\$4,938.85	\$50.00	\$81,755.50

Grand Total:	\$705,566.94	\$51,427.61	\$90,028.97	\$65,213.67	\$2,401.06	\$914,638.25
Goals:	\$720,322.00	\$90,000.00	\$90,000.00	\$160,000.00		
Over/Under Goal:	\$(14,755.06)	\$(38,572.39)	\$28.97	\$(94,786.33)		

Legend:

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



Received as of Dec. 31, 2012 • 208 contributors

1st Qtr \$6219 • 2nd Qtr \$6864 • 3rd Qtr \$7325 • 4th Qtr \$7414

Your Cooperative Program dollars at work in Alaska...



Pray for Pastor Andy (Betsy) Vaughn and the congregation of City on a Hill Church as they plant a new work in Eagle River. Your congregation's mission support through the Cooperative Program is a vital resource to this new congregation.

Welcome!

Riverside Chapel (formerly King Salmon Community Baptist Church)
Russ (Rhonda) Olsen

Please Pray for our Pastorless Churches

Chugach Baptist Association

Chugach Resort Ministries
Kiana Baptist Mission
Mountain View Community Church
New Hope Baptist Church
Shungnak Baptist Mission
New Beginnings Baptist Church
University Baptist Church

Kenai Peninsula

First Baptist Church, Kenai
Moose Pass Community Church

Tanana Valley Baptist Association

Chinese Fellowship
Friendship Baptist Church
North Star Baptist Church

Tongass Baptist Association

Hoonah Baptist Mission

Fairview Loop Baptist Church, Wasilla, Alaska is seeking a **part-time, bi-vocational youth pastor** (grades 7-12). Please include education and experience in resume. To apply please send your resume to Fairview Loop Baptist Church, 3118 W. Fairview Loop Road, Wasilla, AK 99654, email to flbc@mtaonline.net or fax to 907.373.7873.

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MILEPOST MOMENTS

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Alaska Leadership Event • March 21-22, 2013 **Alaska Baptist Convention office, 1750 O'Malley Road, Anchorage** **907.344.9627 • 800.883.9627**

Featured speaker: Gary Smith, Canadian Church Planter Catalyst, certified trainer and Master trainer for Dynamic Church Planting International.

Sign up online at www.alaskabaptistconvention.com

Condolences

Our condolences to the family of William (Bill) Canary, who passed away December 26, 2012 in Flip-pin, Arkansas. His funeral service was December 29 at First Baptist Church in Yellville. Bill served as State Music and Student Director for the Alaska Baptist Convention from 1975-1979. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at christene.canary@hotmail.com.

Cold Bay Chapel

Monte (Sylvia) Chitty resigned as pastor. Josh (Rachel) Kremer has been called as pastor.

False Pass Mission

Monte (Sylvia) Chitty has been called as pastor.

Riverside Chapel, King Salmon

Formerly named King Salmon Community Baptist Chapel, Pastor Russ Olsen is excited to see how God will use the fellowship of believers in King Salmon to further His kingdom work.

Journey Church, Wasilla

Journey Church is a new church plant in the Hatcher Pass Baptist Association. They meet in the Crossroads Center in Wasilla, and have services Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. Bill Little is pastor.

Big Lake Baptist Church

BLBC is praising the Lord for the 25 acres recently acquired just a mile away from the current church site. They are also thanking God for the mission opportunity at Christian Community Church at the MidValley Senior Center. Dawson Lindblom is leading that group.

Frontier Baptist Church, Kodiak

FBC hosted a joint Christmas Eve candlelight service with two other congregations.

University Baptist Church,

Fairbanks

UBC is collecting donations for the Fairbanks Food Bank on "Souper Bowl" Sunday. The "Road to Healing" grief support group meets Mondays through February 18. The youth will hold their annual Valentine banquet fundraiser to raise money for a mission trip to Peru this summer. The college group will have their Recharge Retreat this month, followed by a student-led evening service on February 24.

Sand Point Chapel

After an extended time visiting family in the Lower 48, Scott (Judi) Morgan are now serving as interim at SPC. Please be in prayer for this congregation as they seek God's direction, protection and provision.



*Marriage can be tough...merging two lives, beliefs and hope can cause a lot of conflict. If you would like to make your marriage better, Sunset Hills Baptist Church would like to help! Join us for **The Art of Marriage**, a special event that includes expert teaching, engaging stories, real-life testimonies and humorous vignettes to help strengthen your relationship.*

The Art of Marriage Seminar

Friday-Saturday, February 8-9

Friday: 7:00-9:30 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Cost is \$30 which includes workbooks and lunch on Saturday

Call Sunset Hills Baptist Church
for information and registration
907.345.2500
www.sunsethills.org

what do you believe?

A new study focuses on just what it is that young Christians (18 - 34) believe.

- 29% believe people can lead a meaningful life without accepting Jesus Christ.
- 49% of Christians agree that sharing your faith is important vs. 23% who say Christianity is not a faith that all American should automatically accept.
- 64% believe the Bible is accurate in its teachings vs. 18% who believe the Bible, Quran and other such religious books are all different ways of expressing the same truths.

Source: Relevant Magazine, September/October 2011. Reprinted in OnMission magazine, Winter 2012 issue.



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR
North American Missions
March 3-10, 2013

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IT TAKES**
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Memorial Scholarship for 2013-2014

Application deadline is April 30, 2013

A maximum of ten (10) scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$1500 each for the 2013-2014 school year (full-time status). Part-time status will be allowed at a prorated reduced amount. Funds may be used for tuition, fees, books, room and board. Award notification letters are mailed by May 31, 2013. The 2013 application and brochure are available online.

If you have questions, please contact Adam Long,
foundation@alaskabaptistfoundation.com, (907)770-0581 • (800)883-9627

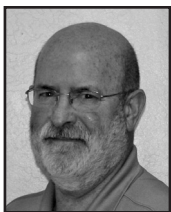
Avalanche Youth Evangelism Conference

Anchorage Baptist Temple

March 15-16, 2013
Friday 7-9 pm (doors open at 6)
Saturday 9-Noon; 1:30-4 pm

Featuring: John Evans, director, Fellowship of Christian Athletes
University of Central Florida
and the Praise Band of California Baptist University

Cost is \$20 per person (check or cash only) payable at the door • no preregistration required



Mike Procter
Executive Director



According to “Real Facts” at Snapple.com, #928 states there are 722 miles of subway track in New York City. With an area of 301 square miles, that is approximately 2.4 miles of subway track for every square mile. Based on a population of approximately 8,244,910, there is one mile of subway track for every 11,420 people. In Alaska, which is approximately 586,000 square miles, we have 5,000 miles of road or 117 miles of road per square mile; the ratio is 150 miles of road per person. And many of our villages and communities are not on the road system.

The Bible has a lot to say about roads: in one passage, we read that people were encouraged to prepare the way (road) of the Lord. In another place, we read the path (road) to destruction is wide but the way (road) to life is narrow. Elsewhere we read there is a way (road) which seems logical or right to people but the end of the road leads to death. Then we read where Jesus said, “I am in the way (road), truth and life and no one comes to the Father but by me.”

I understand in this day and age, there is the teaching that all roads (religions) lead to heaven but according to the Bible, that is not so. There is only one road to heaven and that is through the person of Jesus Christ. When we realize we are traveling down the wrong road, we are instructed to make a U-turn (repent) and, instead of traveling the wide road, begin to travel the narrow one, the only way, the one way which brings everlasting, abundant life through Jesus Christ.

If you are not sure you are on the right road, please contact the Alaska Baptist Convention. Your state staff will be honored to share God’s word with you and explain how you can get on the right road.



Jimmy Stewart
Director of Evangelism and Church Development

I am constantly amazed how fast time flies! Before I know it, the Youth Evangelism Conference, Avalanche, will be upon us. Our guest speaker this year is John Evans, director, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) at University of Central Florida. We will also be joined by Paul Turner from LifeWay Christian Resources. Our theme is “The Temple: the Body God Inhabits” –understanding that God intends for our bodies to be used for Him, as He proclaims in 1 Corinthians. We will learn: how to keep the temple pure; about relationships that defile the temple; how to use the temple for its intended purpose; methods for keeping the temple in prime condition. During Avalanche, additional break-out sessions will be offered, covering topics that will challenge teens to have purposeful relationships. The world’s view on sex, dating and homosexuality will also be discussed. Teens will learn practical ways to respond in love to those who don’t share their same philosophy. We want our youth to stand firm and share their belief that God’s ways will always be more beneficial for both the believer and non-believer. I know this will be a great conference and I encourage you to make plans to attend. Avalanche will be held at Anchorage Baptist Temple, Friday-Saturday, March 15-16. The cost is \$20 per person, payable at the door and no preregistration is required.

In March, the worship and praise team, “Impact”, will perform concerts across the state. This group is from University of Mobile, an Alabama Baptist State Convention Christian college. “Impact” will follow their concerts with a special presentation, targeted to worship and praise band members who wish to learn the latest technology and techniques many worship groups currently use. Most of the members of this group are worship majors and upon graduation, plan to use their skills to lead worship. I encourage church members to attend one of these special nights of worship and praise.

If you have questions about any programs the Alaska Baptist Convention offers, please call the office, 800.883.9627 or 907.344.9627.



Butch Strickland

**Director of Church Planting
and Missions**

Ruth Riley plays center for the Women's National Basketball Association's (WNBA) *Chicago Sky*. She is 6 feet 5 inches tall and led the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame to the National Collegiate Athletic Association championship in 2001. She won two championships while playing for the Detroit Shock of the WNBA. She also played on the U.S. women's basketball team which won the gold medal in Athens in 2004.

All of this seems pretty impressive until you hear about all she does off the court. She travels to Africa to provide opportunities for girls to learn basketball while also educating them about the spread of HIV and AIDS. She works with *No Kid Hungry* to fight to end childhood hunger. She works with *Nothing But Nets*, a United Nations foundation helping to end malaria deaths by the year 2015.

Her desire to contribute to these causes comes from two experiences of her past. The first was her career at Notre Dame. She says, "The university did a good job of providing the players with opportunities to help kids by speaking at schools, visiting hospitals and similar activities." Her college coach, Muffet McGraw, had a significant impact on Riley's commitment to the community. The chaplain of her first professional team, Miami Sol, also impacted Riley's life. "There are a lot of people who had an influence on my wanting to make a contribution," she says. "Our team chaplain mentored me, not by telling me what to do as much as I just was able to see all that she did in reaching out to people. The work she does is amazing."

A lot of WNBA fans know the name of Ruth Riley. I wonder how many know the name of the chaplain of the Miami Sol that contributed to Riley's desire to excel off the court?

Philippians 2:3-4: *Let nothing be done through strife or vain glory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.*

By the way, her name is Arlene DeBardelaben.

Excerpted from "A Legacy of Caring, Athletes Who Excel Both At Sports And Helping Others" by John Hickey, Alaska Airlines magazine, January 2013 issue.

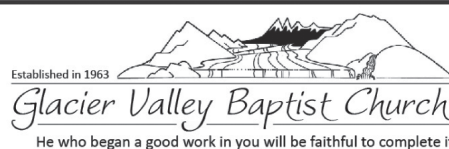
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calendar

February 2013

1-28	"True Love Waits" Emphasis Month
2	Yukon Quest Dog Race
	Fairbanks to Whitehorse
3	Souper Bowl Sunday for Hunger Relief
10	Racial Reconciliation Sunday
11-17	Focus on wMu
16	Children's Ministry Day

March 2013

2	Iditarod Ceremonial Start, Anchorage
3	Iditarod Restart, Willow
3-9	Youth Week
3-10	Week of Prayer and Mission Study and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
10	Daylight Savings Time begins
15-16	Avalanche '13
17	Substance Abuse Prevention Sunday
	Church Planting Emphasis Sunday
21-22	Alaska Leadership Event
24	Palm Sunday
31	Easter Sunday

April 2013

7	SBC Seminaries Sunday
11-13	Women on Mission Celebration
14	Cooperative Program Sunday
14-19	Baptist Doctrine Study
15	VBS training clinic HPBA
16	VBS training clinic CBA
21	Life Commitment Sunday
22	VBS training clinic, Kenai
24	New pastor/full-time staff orientation
25-27	Ministers and Spouses Retreat
27	VBS training clinic, TVBA

upcoming events

- National Day of Prayer
- Annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention
- Training Teens Today (T3)
- Summer camps at Lavern Griffin Youth Recreation Camp and Camp Baldwin

Watch the Alaska Baptist Milepost for additional information about these events!