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The Alaska Baptist Convention is congregations cooperating together to **SEEK** Christ, **SHARE** Christ, **STRENGTHEN** congregations, **START** congregations and **SEND** Christians.

ALASKA LEADERSHIP EVENT 2013

THE MAKING OF A CATALYST...

THAT SEES THE BEGINNING OF A CHURCH PLANTING MOVEMENT

ALASKA BAPTIST CONVENTION BUILDING
1750 O'MALLEY ROAD
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99507

MARCH 21 1:00 PM TO 5:30 PM
DINNER TO FOLLOW

MARCH 22 8:00 AM TO 5:30 PM
LUNCH INCLUDED
DINNER TO FOLLOW

CONFERENCES:

YOU HAVE NEVER TRAVELLED THIS WAY BEFORE
CATALYTIC BEHAVIORS:

- #1 MAKING THE MOST OF EVERY OPPORTUNITY
- #2 RELENTLESS PURSUIT OF CHURCH PLANTING OPPORTUNITIES
- #3 QUICK AND RELATIONAL FOLLOW UP OF CHURCH PLANTING LEADERS
- #4 FIND AND WORK THROUGH OTHER CATALYTIC LEADERS
- #5 RIGHT ATTITUDE TOWARD SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY

BONUS SESSION: ("WORKING DINNER" MARCH 21)
THE APPS OF A CHURCH PLANTING CATALYST

2000 Club

Goal: \$20,000 each quarter

Dillingham Bible Fellowship
Riverside Chapel
Moose Pass Community Church
Togiak Baptist Mission

ARISE AND BUILD

1st Quarter Recipient: Village Congregations

assistance with fuel oil
and heating costs

Make your check payable to the Alaska Baptist Convention, 1750 O'Malley Rd., Anchorage, AK 99507. Note the quarter for which you are contributing.

Committee Members Needed!

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee and the Resolutions Committee of the Alaska Baptist Convention have vacancies! If you are interested in serving on either committee, please contact Judy Zach, Chair, Committee on Committees hjzach@gci.net for additional information.



Joe (Cindy) Boney
Tongass Baptist Association



When I am asked: “*Why are you a Southern Baptist?*”, my response is, “*Because I believe the Cooperative Program is the best way I can be involved in missions around the world.*” Serving the churches in Tongass Baptist Association (TBA) is made possible because of your faithful giving through the Cooperative Program (CP). Cindy and I have supported God’s work through our CP giving for more than 40 years, and have served most of our 28 years of ministry funded by the CP. I graduated from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, received training in several areas of ministry, and have gone overseas on mission trips with the help of the CP. Cindy and I have served in six state conventions, planted four missions, and helped catalyze new works in southeast Alaska, all made possible through your devoted giving to the CP. As appointed missionaries through North American Mission Board, the CP is the reason we are able to serve in Alaska. Today, we have three missions in TBA supported by Southern Baptists and their CP funding. You are part of what God is doing in TBA as your giving makes it possible for us to visit remote communities and strategize with our pastors and churches to plant new work, impact our communities for Christ, and encourage and strengthen our churches and missions. Through your dedicated CP giving we can live and serve in TBA. Yes, we are the Cooperative Program.

God’s Plan for Sharing in Alaska

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
Chugach Baptist Association						
Alaska Iu-Mienh First Baptist Church	\$234.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$234.00
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	\$292.00	\$302.00	\$0.00	\$760.00	\$0.00	\$1,354.00
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	\$0.00	\$310.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$310.00
Comm Baptist Church, Nome	\$200.00	\$156.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$356.25
Cowboy Church of Anchorage	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Eagle River Korean Bapt Church	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$350.00
Filipino Bible Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,007.00	\$0.00	\$1,007.00
First Baptist Church, Anchorage	\$2,273.37	\$4,215.00	\$0.00	\$11,286.78	\$0.00	\$17,775.15
First Baptist Church, Eagle River	\$2,743.33	\$1,955.00	\$0.00	\$7,332.65	\$0.00	\$12,030.98
First Baptist Church, Kotzebue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church, Soldotna	\$1,209.00	\$1,098.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,307.00
First Hmong Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Korean Baptist Church	\$100.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$450.00
First Native Baptist Church	\$602.00	\$603.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,205.00
Frontier Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Gilead Ministries	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
Grandview Baptist Church	\$3,591.71	\$1,950.00	\$0.00	\$8,616.00	\$0.00	\$14,157.71
Greater Friendship Bapt Church	\$737.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$737.00
Hillside Baptist Church	\$1,213.59	\$313.00	\$0.00	\$861.00	\$0.00	\$2,387.59
Immanuel Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$1,097.68	\$0.00	\$260.00	\$0.00	\$1,357.68
Kiana Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Kobuk Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Korean New Central Bapt Church	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$385.00	\$0.00	\$485.00
Mountain View Comm Church	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
Muldoon Road Baptist Church	\$900.00	\$1,170.42	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,070.42
New Beginnings Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Grace Christian Church	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
New Hope Baptist Church	\$903.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$1,903.00
Rabbit Creek Community Church	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,400.00	\$0.00	\$3,400.00
River In The Desert Comm Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Samoa Alaska Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sand Point Baptist Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Shungnak Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Solid Rock Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$4,078.29	\$3,567.00	\$0.00	\$4,595.00	\$0.00	\$12,240.29
The Crossing @ Birchwood	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$350.00
True North Church	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
University Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$1,286.00	\$0.00	\$3,596.00	\$0.00	\$4,882.00
Valley View Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,664.00	\$0.00	\$1,664.00
Whittier Christian Comm Church	\$0.00	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$237.00	\$0.00	\$362.00
Total:	\$19,852.29	\$21,398.35	\$0.00	\$44,800.43	\$0.00	\$86,051.07
Hatcher Pass Baptist Association						
Big Lake Baptist Church	\$1,257.96	\$2,217.00	\$0.00	\$2,821.00	\$0.00	\$6,295.96
Bodenberg Butte Bapt Church	\$1,880.54	\$270.00	\$0.00	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$2,230.54
CrossCountry Church	\$150.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$830.00	\$0.00	\$1,230.00
Dillingham Bible Fellowship	\$1,412.39	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,100.00	\$0.00	\$2,512.39
Fairview Loop Baptist Church	\$4,743.85	\$2,839.47	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,583.32
First Baptist Church, Palmer	\$833.33	\$2,194.85	\$0.00	\$2,643.00	\$0.00	\$5,671.18
First Baptist Church, Valdez	\$1,895.76	\$2,044.07	\$0.00	\$7,440.68	\$0.00	\$11,380.51
First Baptist Church, Wasilla	\$1,213.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,918.83	\$0.00	\$9,132.53
First Baptist Church, Willow	\$960.07	\$450.00	\$0.00	\$3,316.00	\$0.00	\$4,726.07
Journey Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Montana Creek Baptist Church	\$943.84	\$760.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,703.84
North Bear Street Comm Church	\$49.18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$53.01	\$0.00	\$102.19
Pioneer Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Riverside Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Schrock Road Comm Church	\$0.00	\$765.60	\$0.00	\$799.20	\$0.00	\$1,564.80
Settler’s Bay Comm Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Wasilla Korean Baptist Church	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$550.00
Total:	\$15,390.62	\$11,790.99	\$0.00	\$27,551.72	\$0.00	\$54,733.33
Kenai Peninsula						
College Heights Baptist Church	\$3,695.50	\$2,790.00	\$0.00	\$5,499.80	\$0.00	\$11,985.30
First Baptist Church, Kenai	\$0.00	\$385.00	\$0.00	\$1,112.00	\$0.00	\$1,497.00
Lighthouse Community Church	\$540.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,605.00	\$0.00	\$2,145.00
Moose Pass Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mount Redoubt Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$750.00
Total:	\$4,235.50	\$3,675.00	\$0.00	\$8,466.80	\$0.00	\$16,377.30

January 2013 Gifts from ABC Churches

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
Other						
Misc. Contributors-Cash	\$0.00	\$3,775.00	\$0.00	\$1,050.00	\$0.00	\$4,825.00
Total:	\$0.00	\$3,775.00	\$0.00	\$1,050.00	\$0.00	\$4,825.00
Tanana Valley Baptist Association						
Clearwater Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cross Roads Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,070.88	\$0.00	\$2,070.88
Faith Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$0.00	\$916.00	\$0.00	\$2,001.00	\$0.00	\$2,917.00
First Baptist Church, North Pole	\$3,303.03	\$1,951.00	\$0.00	\$5,571.20	\$0.00	\$10,825.23
First Baptist Church, Delta Jct	\$4,924.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,980.00	\$0.00	\$7,904.00
Friendship Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$346.00	\$0.00	\$490.00	\$0.00	\$836.00
Hispanic Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
Korean Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$115.00	\$0.00	\$170.00	\$0.00	\$285.00
Moose Creek Baptist Church	\$1,572.61	\$336.27	\$0.00	\$374.35	\$0.00	\$2,283.23
Morning Star Baptist Church	\$304.58	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,120.00	\$0.00	\$2,424.58
Mount Pleasant Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
North Star Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Salcha Baptist Church	\$1,849.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,400.00	\$0.00	\$7,249.95
Shannon Park Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$1,050.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,050.00
St. John Baptist Church	\$916.76	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$576.00	\$0.00	\$1,842.76
Togiak Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
UBC-Chinese Fellowship	\$0.00	\$305.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$655.00
University Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$1,087.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$1,137.00
Total:	\$12,870.93	\$6,706.27	\$0.00	\$22,853.43	\$0.00	\$42,430.63
Tongass Baptist Association						
Anchor Baptist Church	\$477.42	\$160.00	\$0.00	\$260.00	\$0.00	\$897.42
Comm Bapt Church, Coffman Cove	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$116.00	\$0.00	\$198.00	\$0.00	\$314.00
Filipino Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
First Baptist Church, Juneau	\$828.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$160.00	\$0.00	\$988.70
First Baptist Church, Ketchikan	\$733.19	\$2,645.00	\$0.00	\$2,163.00	\$0.00	\$5,541.19
First Baptist Church, Petersburg	\$0.00	\$1,141.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,141.00
First Baptist Church, Sitka	\$670.37	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$904.00	\$0.00	\$1,574.37
Glacier Valley Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,586.85	\$0.00	\$3,586.85
Hoonah Baptist Mission	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40.00
Juneau Korean Church	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$370.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Kasaan Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Hope Fellowship	\$700.00	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$870.00
North Tongass Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Tenakee Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Thorne Bay Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total:	\$3,479.68	\$4,132.00	\$0.00	\$7,991.85	\$0.00	\$15,603.53
Grand Total:	\$55,829.02	\$51,477.61	\$0.00	\$112,714.23	\$0.00	\$220,020.86
Goals:	\$683,679.00	\$90,000.00	\$95,000.00	\$160,000.00		
Over/Under Goal:	\$(627,849.98)	\$(38,522.39)	\$(95,000.00)	\$(47,285.77)		

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



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1st Qtr \$15120 • 2nd Qtr \$320 • 3rd Qtr \$310 • 4th Qtr \$310

Your Cooperative Program dollars at work in Alaska...



Pray for Pastor Jesse (Wilma) Misa and the congregation of Filipino Baptist Church as they minister in Ketchikan. Your congregation's mission support through the Cooperative Program is a vital resource to this congregation.

**Please Pray for
our Pastorless
Churches**

Chugach Baptist Association

Chugach Resort Ministries
 Kiana Baptist Mission
 Mtn 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



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www.alaskabaptistconvention.com*

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Avalanche Youth Evangelism Conference

Anchorage Baptist Temple

March 15-16, 2013
Friday 7-9 pm (doors open at 6)

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

Featuring: John Evans, director, Fellowship of Christian Athletes,
University of Central Florida and the Praise Band of CBU
Youth leaders will meet with Paul Turner, Specialist, Liteway Students

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

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**WHATEVER
IT TAKES
REACHING THE ONE**



2013 Vacation Bible School Training

Monday, April 15

FBC Palmer

5:30-8:30 p.m.

(dinner provided)

Tuesday, April 16

University Baptist, Anch

5:30-8:30 p.m.

(dinner provided)

Saturday, April 27

FBC North Pole

9:00-11:45 a.m.

(snacks provided)

Base conferences for Directors/Pastors • Preschool • Children • VBX (5th-6th grade) • Crafts • Music

Break-outs: Missions in VBS • Backyard Bible Club • Decorating Made Easy

• Discipleship, Evangelism and Follow-up • Digging Deeper in the ABCs

sign up online at www.alaskabaptistconvention.com

Refresh: Ministers and Spouses Retreat

April 25-27, 2013 • Hotel Nord-Haven in Healy

Featured speaker: Gary Maroney

Cost: \$150 per couple, which includes two nights lodging, five meals and snacks

Register online at www.alaskabaptistconvention.com; click on "events"

Deadline to register is April 1, 2013



MILEPOST MOMENTS

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

Condolences

Our condolences to the family of Woody Woodruff, who passed away on January 22. Woody served at Whittier Christian Community Church. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to his wife Bonnie, at dr.bonniejwoodruff@charter.net.

Condolences

Our condolences to the family of Ruby Knutsen-Jackson, who passed away on February 13. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to her daughters Ruby Stogsdill (rubystogsdill@gmail.com) and Mary Sue Foster (marysuefoster@gci.net).

Fairview Loop Baptist Church,

Wasilla

Pastor Tom (Linda) Hoffman celebrated 17 years of ministry at FLBC. The church dedicated their new sanctuary on February 24. A mixed vocal ensemble, "Impact" will perform contemporary praise and worship music on Sunday, March 10 at 6:00 p.m.

Journey Church, Wasilla

Journey Church hosted a Valentine's banquet on February 8. On

Easter, they will begin a six-week study called "I Am Second" featuring a former band member of *Korn* giving his testimony.

Valley View Baptist Church,

Eagle River

VVBC ordained their pastor, David Jones, on January 27.



University Baptist Church,

Fairbanks

The youth group is going to Victory Bible Camp for a retreat in March, after which they will travel to Anchorage to attend Avalanche. The College/Career group of UBC will lead the Good Friday service on March 29. Their Easter musical will be featured during worship on Easter morning.

By the Numbers:

How often do U.S. adults pray?

56% daily

23% weekly/monthly

19% seldom/never

2% haven't considered it

A Growing Convention

Between 2010 and 2011, the number of church plants reported by state convention partners grew by 27%. A total of 1,003 new SBC church plants were reported in North America in 2011.

Disaster Relief

Southern Baptist Disaster Relief is ranked among the top three disaster relief agencies in the United States. For more information on how you can be involved in SBDR efforts this year, visit namb.net/dr.

Reprinted from OnMission magazine, Winter 2013 issue.

2013 State Evangelism Conference, First Baptist Church, Anchorage



Pictured left to right: Jimmy Stewart (ABC), Dwight Fitch (Celebration Church), Fred Luter (Franklin Avenue Baptist Church), Dennis Watson (Celebration Church), Dr. Mark Foley (University of Mobile), Mike Procter (ABC)

HE IS ABLE

Mission Rally and 68th annual meeting of
the Alaska Baptist Convention

Mon-Wed., September 23-25, 2013

Glacier Valley Baptist Church, Juneau

*If you plan to drive, get your ferry reservations early!
Conference hotel is Extended Stay America.
List of church messengers must be submitted no later
than September 1 (watch for your invitation to register
your messengers online)*

Forrest and Sybillia Fuhr

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, contact Adam Long,
foundation@alaskabaptistfoundation.com
(907)770-0581 • (800)883-9627**

impact worship and praise tour

IMPACT is a mixed vocal ensemble and band from University of Mobile (Alabama) that performs contemporary praise and worship music. IMPACT takes the most current sounds of the worship realm to church stages across America. The ensemble consists of singers and musicians and performs without music tracks. They will perform concerts across Alaska, allowing local musicians and music leaders an opportunity to participate in an incredible night of worship and praise. At selected locations, the ensemble will also conduct training following the concert.

sunday march 3

New Grace Christian Church, Anchorage
10:30 a.m.

*First Baptist Church, Anchorage
6:00 p.m.

monday march 4

*First Baptist Church, Soldotna
6:00 p.m.

tuesday march 5

*Wayland Baptist University, Anchorage
7:00 p.m.

wednesday march 6

*Big Lake Baptist Church
7:00 p.m.

friday march 8

*Moose Pass Community Church
6:00 p.m.

sunday march 10

First Baptist Church, Wasilla
10:45 a.m.

*Fairview Loop Baptist Church, Wasilla
6:00 p.m.

* following these performances, the members of IMPACT will conduct training in the latest technology for groups, best practices for putting together and maintaining weekly worship and answering questions for praise teams. Those involved in worship will want to take advantage of this unique opportunity.



Mike Procter
Executive Director

One of the top selling songs of 1964 was “The Name Game” sung by Shirley Ellis. The song created variations of any name and made that name rhyme with any other name. For example, the names Shirley, Lincoln, Arnold, Bob, Fred, Mary, Tony, Marsha and Nick were rhymed by replacing the first letter of each name with a “bo”, “fo” or “mo”. Over the course of the song, all of the names would rhyme. It was catchy and went as high as number three on the charts.

Baptists have a name with which we should all be familiar -- Annie Armstrong. In the late 1880s Annie Armstrong was a strong advocate for missions and spent years encouraging people and congregations to support missionaries commissioned by Southern Baptists and sent across North American and around the world. She was instrumental in starting what we know today as the Woman’s Missionary Union. Her passion, calling, avocation and desire was to see the cause of Christ advanced through our cooperative mission endeavors.

Many years ago, Southern Baptists chose to honor the legacy of Annie Armstrong by naming our national offering for North American missions after her. At one time it was called the “Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions.” Today, it is simply called the “Annie Armstrong Easter Offering” and 100 percent of the funds received through this offering are used to support and encourage our missionaries across North America.

In Alaska, the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering assists: our six jointly-appointed missionaries; at least fourteen church planters or congregations; and many of the training, encouraging and equipping events we have over the course of the year. In other words, this special, once-a-year offering your congregation is encouraged to receive has a tremendous impact in the life of congregations and ministries across Alaska.

By this time, you have received “Annie Armstrong Easter Offering” promotional materials. I encourage you to make this information available to your congregation and to support this special offering. In Alaska, our statewide goal is \$95,000.

The song “The Name Game” was also known as “The Bonana Song.” The “Annie Armstrong Easter Offering” is also referred to as the “Annie Armstrong Offering for North America Missions”, the “Annie Armstrong Offering” or simply “Annie.” Whatever you call it, it is important that we support our missionaries through it.

Blessings!



Jimmy Stewart
Director of Evangelism and Church Development

I read a good article from Baptist Press on ways to celebrate baptism in your church. Read the complete article at www.baptistpress.com, “8 Ways to Celebrate Baptisms at Your Church” by Diana Davis. In the article, Ms. Davis referenced a helpful website: www.baptismcelebration.org explaining that baptisms give us a unique opportunity to share the importance of this church ordinance with church members and believers. It allows us to elevate the unbeliever’s conversion to more than a simple act that transcends the supernatural. Where else in this world do we see the intersection of simple humanity with the supernatural divine nature of the Holy Spirit? We are no longer just human, but temples of the living God. We are new creations in Christ engaged in a journey with a Counselor who teaches us and guides us in this life -- He guides us to truth and the understanding of truth. My pastor has suggested that a person who doesn’t understand and respond to the truth of the Bible may not have the Holy Spirit and that is a scary thought. The sanctification of a sinner is proof of the existence of God. I am not just talking about those with sordid backgrounds and an extraordinary testimony of redemption, but all believers who follow Christ and yield their sinful nature to become slaves of righteousness. What on this earth could compel anyone to give up vices and values contrary to a Holy God? Not only do we give these up, but *gladly* yield control of ourselves, our desires, pleasures, commitments, plans and careers if we truly follow God. Life takes on a higher calling that is undergirded by the presence of the eternal. I am so thankful for the Holy Spirit. I truly pray that my temple is worthy of His habitation.

Avalanche Youth Evangelism Conference is March 15-16 at Anchorage Baptist Temple. We will focus on the definition of God’s temple and teens will learn the importance of staying pure while pursuing personal relationships, finding their purpose and being physically fit. Our featured guest is John Evans, director of Fellowship of Christian Athletes at Central Florida University. We will enjoy four sessions with John, have breakout sessions and lots of fun for the students. Christ will be presented to the lost in attendance. Cost is \$20 per person, payable at the door with cash or check. No preregistration is required. Doors open on Friday at 6:00 p.m. I hope to see you and your students at this event.



Butch Strickland
*Director of Church Planting
 and Missions*

If I had been there when Jesus knelt before His disciples' to wash their feet, I think I would have responded like Peter, "You shall never wash my feet." But I'll never know for sure, because I wasn't there.

If I had been there when Jesus said, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me," I think I would have responded like Peter, "Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head!" But I wasn't there.

If I had been there when Jesus took Peter, James, and John and went "a little farther and fell on his face and prayed," I am afraid I would have done exactly as the three did -- I would have fallen asleep. But, again, I wasn't there.

If I had been there when Thomas received the news that Jesus was alive, I probably would have responded just as he did, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." But I will never know, because I wasn't there.

If I had been there when Jesus revealed Himself to Thomas, I could not have said anything more than, "My Lord and my God!" But I don't know for sure how I would have responded, because I wasn't there.

However, there is one experience two of His disciples had that I can share. They said, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" My heart can burn as He opens the Scripture to me.

In Matthew 13, the disciples asked Jesus to explain the parable of the weeds of the field. He began to expound His own words, preaching from His own text and we have the wonderful opportunity to hear Him. "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom."

How does your heart feel? Does it burn within you as He tells us once again that His desire is to have us go into all the world?



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Building Wealth by Giving

A Case Study in Estate Stewardship

compiled by Adam Long, Alaska Baptist Foundation Coordination Director



As an example of estate stewardship, consider the following case study of a young family fulfilling their role as God's stewards with just a little bit of planning.

Harvey and Ronda Jones are married with three children ranging in ages from 7-12. Their financial estate is approximately \$800,000 which includes \$350,000 in life insurance, a home with \$275,000 in equity; one IRA and one 401(k) with a total value of \$75,000 (all tax-deferred). The rest of their assets are in financial investments and personal property.

Harvey and Ronda each created a Last Will and Testament (Will), Durable General Power of Attorney, Health Care Power of Attorney and Living Will/directive to Physicians.

Their primary concerns are to:

- Name a guardian for their children if they die prematurely,
- Make the entire estate available to their children through a trust as they are being raised. Once the children are grown, they want to divide the estate among their children and ministry interests (local church, world missions, the 2000 Club, and the Cooperative Program through the Alaska Baptist Convention/Foundation).

In their Wills, the full estate goes to the surviving spouse. At the death of the surviving spouse,


the entire estate, except for the tax-deferred retirement assets, will flow into a children's trust, to be administered by a Trustee. This trust will be continued into their 20s, with the Trustee authorized to meet such needs as costs for higher education, acquisition of a first home, etc. Once the children are grown, through the support of the children's trust, the remaining amount of the estate will be divided among the children and ministry interests, with the children receiving 75 percent and various ministry causes receiving 25 percent.

The tax-deferred retirement assets of Harvey and Ronda will generate significant income taxes if they are left directly to the children's trust. To avoid this, a tax-exempt Testamentary Charitable Remainder Trust (TCRT) was written into the Wills of Harvey and Ronda so the children will receive their tax-deferred retirement assets when both Harvey and Ronda die. This TCRT will pay seven percent of the trust amount each year for 15 years to the children's trust. Over this 15-year period, more than 100% of the original value will be distributed to the children through the supervision of the Trustee of the children's trust. At the termination of this trust, its remaining principal will go to the specified ministry causes.

Base case study information taken from California Baptist Foundation <http://californiabf.org/epbasics> (with modifications)

Is your legacy ready?

Two out of three people die without a Last Will and Testament. Don't leave your family unprepared! Did you know more than half of all Wills are outdated because of the implications of new laws? More than a third are outdated because of changes in personal possessions and family situations.



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The Pioneer Spirit

Mike Procter, Executive Director/Treasurer



Since its inception on March 27, 1946, the Alaska Baptist Convention (ABC) has been blessed with men and women called by God to serve Him in Alaska. From indigenous believers to early non-Native pioneers, a strong foundation was laid from which we see benefits today.

These early pioneers -- Grandma Tucker, C.O. Dunkin, Willie Johnson, Orland and Mable Carey, Irene Kalerak, B.I. Carpenter, Charlie Sheldon and Valeria Sherard -- have gone before us, proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ across Alaska. I am reminded of Felton and Laverne Griffin, John and Lillian Isaacs, Harley and Martha Shield, Leo Josey, Maurice and Ruth Murdock, Mr. and Mrs. B.C. Evans and William Lyons, to name a few more, who laid a foundation upon which we are still building today. It would be impossible to name everyone who has played a role in the development of the ABC. The number is too large and some are "nameless" to us but forever known to God.

One of the assignments of the Alaska Baptist Foundation (ABF) is to assist Alaska Baptists in remembering our rich history and, at the same time, challenge us to envision what the future holds as we "walk by faith and not by sight." Ninety-nine percent of the trusts and endowments the ABF manages are for future needs. Men and women dreamed and saw possibilities and laid a foundation by which the future could be funded -- church planting, church health, evangelism, missions, college and seminary education and providing for children, to name a few.

What do you see as a future need you might be able to meet? Since January 2013, two new trusts have been established; one to provide assistance in ministering to senior adults in a setting outside a local church facility; the other to assist pastors and missionary children attend camp and assist the ABF with administrative and operating costs. Any need for which you have a burden can be met through a trust or endowment.

For additional information on establishing a trust or endowment, please contact Adam Long, adam@alaskabaptistfoundation.com (907-770-0581 or 800-883-9627), David Baldwin, davidbaldwin316@gmail.com or Mike Procter, mike@alaskabaptistconvention.com and we will be honored to discuss how you can lay a foundation for the future.

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calendar

March 2013

2	Iditarod Ceremonial Start, Anchorage	24	New pastor/full-time staff orientation
3	Iditarod Restart, Willow	25-27	Ministers and Spouses Retreat
3-9	Youth Week	27	VBS Training TVBA
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 Sunday
15	VBS Training HPBA
16	VBS Training CBA
21	Life Commitment Sunday
22	VBS Training Kenai

May 2013

2	National Day of Prayer
5	Senior Adult Sunday
6-7	ABC Executive Board meeting
9	ABF Trustee meeting
12	Mother's Day
12-18	Christian Home Week
19-25	Baptist Association Emphasis
27	ABC and ABF offices closed, Memorial Day

upcoming events

- Annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention
- WMU National annual meeting
- Training Teens Today (T3)
- Summer camps at Laverne Griffin Youth Recreation Camp and Camp Baldwin
- JAM Camp