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The Alaska Baptist Milepost is going electronic!

Beginning with the August 2013 issue of the Alaska Baptist Milepost, we are converting to an online edition. The yearly cost savings for the Alaska Baptist Convention will be approximately \$13,000. The January, April, July and October issues will still be mailed to all subscribers. These four mailed issues will include the 2000 Club flyer and contribution envelope. Issues for the other eight months will be e-mailed.

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Jimmy (Kathryn) Stewart
Alaska Baptist Convention



Before I really understood what Southern Baptists and the Cooperative Program (CP) were all about, I became a US-2 missionary with the Home Mission Board (HMB, now North American Mission Board (NAMB)). After graduating from college I was hired to work with youth groups throughout California. I attended Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, not just because it was a Southern Baptist school, but in part because a portion of my education would be funded by the CP. That experience was an incredible time of learning, growth and development. I became pastor of a Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) mission church which gave 10 percent to CP, to their association and other causes. Out of the blue I was asked to become one of three evangelism interns employed by the HMB as a way to develop SBC leaders, and was fully supported by the CP through the evangelism department of the Georgia Baptist Convention (GBC). The three-year internship developed into a state-funded missionary position with the GBC where I served until 2001. In 2001, the Alaska Baptist Convention asked me to join the state staff where I was again funded by the CP through NAMB. My ministry has been fully devoted to SBC causes and much has been funded by the CP. As Southern Baptists, we have a great network of leaders and missionaries because of the money our churches give to the CP. I am privileged to be a part of this great missionary effort impacting the world for Christ.

God's Plan for Sharing in Alaska

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
Chugach Baptist Association						
Alaska Ju-Mienh First Bapt Church	\$234.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$234.00
Anch Hope Comm Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Aquillaq Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Calvary Baptist Church	\$548.00	\$302.00	\$0.00	\$760.00	\$0.00	\$1,610.00
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
City On A Hill Church	\$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
Community Baptist Church, Nome	\$260.00	\$156.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$416.25
Cowboy Church of Anchorage	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Eagle River Korean Baptist Church	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$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	\$7,837.45	\$4,665.00	\$0.00	\$12,006.78	\$0.00	\$24,509.23
First Baptist Church, Eagle River	\$5,438.34	\$1,955.00	\$0.00	\$7,437.65	\$0.00	\$14,830.99
First Baptist Church, Kotzebue	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
First Baptist Church, Soldotna	\$2,028.00	\$1,098.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,126.00
First Hmong Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Korean Baptist Church	\$200.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$550.00
First Native Baptist Church	\$875.00	\$603.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,478.00
Frontier Baptist Church	\$561.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$655.00	\$0.00	\$1,466.00
Gilead Ministries	\$0.00	\$305.00	\$0.00	\$130.00	\$0.00	\$435.00
Grandview Baptist Church	\$6,037.35	\$1,950.00	\$0.00	\$8,730.00	\$0.00	\$16,717.35
Greater Friendship Bapt Church	\$1,655.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,655.00
Hillside Baptist Church	\$2,063.59	\$313.00	\$0.00	\$861.00	\$0.00	\$3,237.59
Immanuel Baptist Church	\$182.45	\$1,097.68	\$0.00	\$2,508.85	\$0.00	\$3,788.98
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	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$385.00	\$0.00	\$585.00
Mt View Community Church	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Muldoon Road Baptist Church	\$1,800.00	\$1,170.42	\$0.00	\$710.35	\$0.00	\$3,680.77
New Beginnings Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Grace Christian Church	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
New Hope Baptist Church	\$903.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$1,903.00
Rabbit Creek Community Church	\$250.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,400.00	\$0.00	\$3,650.00
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	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
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	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$700.00
True North Church	\$625.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,625.00
True North Downtown	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
University Baptist Church	\$1,634.53	\$1,309.00	\$0.00	\$3,617.00	\$0.00	\$6,560.53
Valley View Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,664.00	\$0.00	\$1,664.00
Whittier Christian Comm Church	\$0.00	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$437.00	\$0.00	\$662.00
Total:	\$40,711.00	\$22,126.35	\$0.00	\$49,704.63	\$0.00	\$112,541.98
Hatcher Pass Baptist Association						
Big Lake Baptist Church	\$2,110.37	\$2,217.00	\$0.00	\$2,821.00	\$0.00	\$7,148.37
Bodenburg Butte Baptist Church	\$1,880.54	\$270.00	\$0.00	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$2,230.54
Community Christian Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CrossCountry Church	\$300.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$830.00	\$0.00	\$1,380.00
Dillingham Bible Fellowship	\$1,991.57	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$4,491.57
Fairview Loop Baptist Church	\$6,105.64	\$2,839.47	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,945.11
First Baptist Church, Palmer	\$1,666.66	\$2,194.85	\$0.00	\$2,643.00	\$0.00	\$6,504.51
First Baptist Church, Valdez	\$3,290.14	\$2,044.07	\$0.00	\$7,440.68	\$0.00	\$12,774.89
First Baptist Church, Wasilla	\$1,947.41	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,918.83	\$0.00	\$9,866.24
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	\$1,825.55	\$760.00	\$0.00	\$905.00	\$0.00	\$3,490.55
Moriah Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
North Bear St Comm Church	\$49.18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$53.01	\$0.00	\$102.19
OnMission Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pioneer Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$655.00	\$0.00	\$655.00
Riverside Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Schrock Road Comm Church	\$835.24	\$1,047.30	\$187.80	\$987.00	\$0.00	\$3,057.34
Settler's Bay Comm Church	\$4,210.15	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,210.15
Wasilla Korean Baptist Church	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
Total:	\$27,272.52	\$12,072.69	\$187.80	\$30,699.52	\$0.00	\$70,232.53
Kenai Peninsula						
College Heights Baptist Church	\$6,337.01	\$2,790.00	\$0.00	\$11,314.92	\$0.00	\$20,441.93
First Baptist Church, Kenai	\$464.05	\$385.00	\$0.00	\$1,712.00	\$0.00	\$2,561.05
Lighthouse Community Church	\$1,293.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,605.00	\$0.00	\$2,898.00
Moose Pass Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mount Redoubt Baptist Church	\$1,200.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	\$4,950.00
Total:	\$9,294.06	\$4,675.00	\$1,000.00	\$15,881.92	\$0.00	\$30,850.98

January-February 2012 Gifts from ABC Churches

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
Other						
Misc. Contributors-Cash	\$0.00	\$3,775.00	\$0.00	\$1,090.00	\$15.00	\$4,880.00
Total:	\$0.00	\$3,775.00	\$0.00	\$1,090.00	\$15.00	\$4,880.00

Tanana Valley Baptist Association

Anderson Church Plant	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Clearwater Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cross Roads Baptist Church	\$916.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,870.88	\$0.00	\$3,786.88
Faith Baptist Church	\$3,904.77	\$873.00	\$0.00	\$2,297.00	\$0.00	\$7,074.77
First Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$875.80	\$916.00	\$0.00	\$2,001.00	\$0.00	\$3,792.80
First Baptist Church, North Pole	\$4,878.14	\$1,951.00	\$0.00	\$5,571.20	\$0.00	\$12,400.34
First Baptist Church, Delta Junction	\$7,302.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,250.00	\$0.00	\$11,552.00
Friendship Baptist Mission	\$50.00	\$346.00	\$0.00	\$490.00	\$0.00	\$886.00
Hispanic Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
Korean Baptist Mission	\$150.00	\$115.00	\$0.00	\$170.00	\$0.00	\$435.00
Moose Creek Baptist Church	\$1,572.61	\$336.27	\$0.00	\$374.35	\$0.00	\$2,283.23
Morning Star Baptist Church	\$511.36	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,120.00	\$0.00	\$2,631.36
Mt 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	\$1,682.86	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$596.00	\$0.00	\$2,628.86
Togiak Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
UBC-Chinese Fellowship	\$72.00	\$305.00	\$0.00	\$362.00	\$0.00	\$739.00
University Baptist Church	\$3,092.00	\$1,187.00	\$0.00	\$5,202.00	\$0.00	\$9,481.00
Total:	\$26,857.49	\$7,679.27	\$0.00	\$32,404.43	\$0.00	\$66,941.19

Tongass Baptist Association

Anchor Baptist Church	\$688.68	\$160.00	\$0.00	\$260.00	\$0.00	\$1,108.68
Comm Baptist Church, Coffman Cove	\$276.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$526.70
Emmanuel Baptist Church	\$301.57	\$116.00	\$0.00	\$198.00	\$0.00	\$615.57
Filipino Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
First Baptist Church, Juneau	\$1,441.65	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$160.00	\$0.00	\$1,601.65
First Baptist Church, Ketchikan	\$1,409.65	\$2,645.00	\$0.00	\$2,183.00	\$0.00	\$6,237.65
First Baptist Church, Petersburg	\$722.41	\$1,141.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,863.41
First Baptist Church, Sitka	\$1,049.27	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$904.00	\$0.00	\$1,953.27
Glacier Valley Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,586.85	\$0.00	\$3,586.85
Hoonah Baptist Mission	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$60.00
Hydaburg Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Juneau Korean Church	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$370.00	\$0.00	\$430.00
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	\$202.26	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$202.26
Thorne Bay Baptist Church	\$98.82	\$0.00	\$18.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$116.82
Total:	\$7,011.01	\$4,132.00	\$18.00	\$8,261.85	\$0.00	\$19,422.86

Grand Total:	\$111,146.08	\$54,460.31	\$1,205.80	\$138,042.35	\$15.00	\$304,869.54
Goals:	\$683,679.00	\$90,000.00	\$95,000.00	\$160,000.00		
Over/Under Goal:	(\$572,532.92)	(\$35,539.69)	(\$93,794.20)	(\$21,957.65)		

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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Your Cooperative Program dollars at work in Alaska...



Pray for Pastor Dawson (Yvonne) Lindblom and the congregation of Christian Community Church as they plant a new work in Houston. Your congregation's mission support through the Cooperative Program is a vital resource to this new congregation.

Welcome!

Mountain View Community Church
Ron (Ria) Davis

Please Pray for our Pastorless Churches

Chugach Baptist Association

Chugach Resort Ministries
Kiana Baptist Mission
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

Tongass Baptist Association

Hoonah Baptist Mission
North Tongass Baptist Church



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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 Mary Butler, who passed away on February 22 in Birmingham, Alabama. Mary was a long-time resident of Fairbanks, and a member of First Baptist Church, Fairbanks. A memorial service was held on March 10 at FBC. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at holland-butler@hotmail.com.

Condolences

Our condolences to John Stewart (pastor, Pioneer Baptist Church, Wasilla) who lost his brother Roy to cancer.

Pioneer Baptist Church, Wasilla

Brett Kolb was named outstanding camper at Laverne Griffin Youth Recreation Camp this summer during Grace-Works Camp and was awarded a laptop computer. He demonstrated excellence in



sports, Bible knowledge, and got along well with other campers. The summer food program offered at PBC was instrumental in ministering to Brett and his parents, Wes and Cristen. They are pictured, flanked by Mike Blakeney (l) and Bryant Blakley (r) of Grandview Baptist Church, Anchorage.

False Pass Christian Fellowship

FPCF currently meets in the False Pass Public Library and have been averaging ten in attendance. Since their beginning, they have celebrated the Lord's Supper twice and the group is excited about the new church. Monte Chitty is pastor.

Community Baptist Church, Nome

Pastor Bruce Landry reported CBC was involved with their annual outreach ministry during the Iditarod. In addition to hosting teams for the ministry in Nome, team members were invited to some of the outlying villages. Pastor Landry recently completed his mandatory endorsement training at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

New Hope Fellowship, Haines

NHF was the recipient of the 2012 third quarter 2000 Club funds and used them to purchase windows and doors for the new building. The windows have been



installed and the doors are on the way. They are preparing to do the rough



plumbing and electrical. Even community members who don't currently attend the church have been helping during the building process! Thank you to all who contribute to the 2000 Club!

Togiak Baptist Mission

On behalf of the congregation of TBM, Pastor Paul and Laura Frost extend their thanks to everyone who contributed to the first quarter 2013 "2000 Club" allowing fuel assistance to Village congregations.

TBM received \$5500 in fuel assistance.

University Baptist Church,

Fairbanks

The college/career group will be busy in April, with sledding, Friday fellowships and a bonfire. Ladies will attend the Women on Mission Celebration in Anchorage and members will attend the VBS training at FBC North Pole on April 27. The Women's LIFE group will meet twice during the month.

Alaska Native Baptist Fellowship

Clara Anderson, Friendship Baptist Mission in Fairbanks, has been elected to serve on the Board of Directors for ANBF.

True North Downtown, Anchorage

TND had their first service on March 18. With a core group of 30, they had over 50 attend their first service. They meet in the Brown Bag Sandwich Shop on 4th Avenue.

First Baptist Church, Valdez

FBC restarted their Mothers of Preschoolers program, after a 20-year hiatus with outstanding reception of 14 mothers and 26 children!

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)



2013 Vacation Bible School Training

Monday, April 15
FBC Palmer
5:30-8:30 p.m.
(dinner provided)

Tuesday, April 16
University Baptist, Anchorage
5:30-8:30 p.m.
(dinner provided)

Monday, April 22
College Heights, Soldotna
9:00-11:45 a.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
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Refresh: Ministers and Spouses Retreat

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

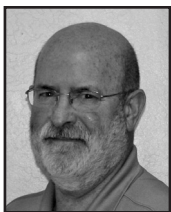
Featured speaker: Gary Maroney

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





Mike Procter
Executive Director



Jimmy Stewart
*Director of Evangelism and
Church Development*

“Words with Friends” is one of today’s most popular online games. If you are not familiar, it is online Scrabble and is so much fun to play, it can become addictive. On any given day, I play Words with Friends with four people and it becomes quite challenging to come up with words when all I draw are consonants. By the way, do you know which word in the English language has only one vowel?

Speaking of words, I have to ask myself if I am as addicted to sharing God’s Word as I am with playing Words with Friends. How about you? If we are honest with ourselves, most of us would say we enjoy playing the game more than witnessing or sharing the Word. We may be afraid of rejection or ridicule, or we may be afraid we will be asked hard questions for which we do not have the answer. We may also be too unfamiliar with God’s Word to adequately present a message. If you are playing Words with Friends and get stuck on a word, you can always use an app to help arrange your letters and locate the best spot to place the word for maximum points. Of course, that is considered cheating, but it is amazing how many people do it. How about when it comes to sharing the Word? Did you know the Alaska Baptist Convention has many resources available to help you learn how to confidently share the Word of God? Because of our differing personalities, ministry contexts and comfort zones, no one way is right for everyone so we offer a myriad of choices: Share Jesus Without Fear, Steps to Peace with God, The Four Spiritual Laws, F.A.I.T.H., the Roman Road, How to Use a Marked New Testament, One Day Soul Winning Classes, the EvangiCube, How to Give Your Testimony and many more. These methods are not considered cheating, but are ways to prepare you to share the Word. If you would like to know more about one of these witnessing techniques or some other way to share the Word, please contact Jimmy Stewart (jimmy@alaskabaptistconvention.com) or me (mike@alaskabaptistconvention.com) and we will be honored to assist you.

Oh...and the longest English word with only one vowel is “strengthlessnesses”, but you knew that, right? Blessings!

March was an exhilarating time of ministry in Alaska! The Impact music tour was truly a blessing as young worship leaders from the University of Mobile presented worship services in nine locations including a school and the Alaska Baptist Family Services. Their music, presentations and praise to the Lord challenged all of us to worship.

The Impact tour was followed by Avalanche, our youth evangelism conference. John Evans was the featured speaker. Eight young people gave their lives to the Lord and 12 others made decisions concerning their relationship with Christ. More decisions will be made in future days as a result of the ministry of this event. Many thanks to all of the workers and leaders who brought youth to the event.

In April, we are looking forward to the Women on Mission Celebration, Vacation Bible School (VBS) training and the Ministers and Spouses Retreat. Last year our attendance doubled at the VBS training clinics because we invited children to attend and participate with Jeff Slaughter. Again this year, we are encouraging children to attend so they will get excited about the summer VBS events at their churches. I heard from many that their VBS attendance was much higher because their children attended the clinics.

Kathryn and I are featured this month on page 2, “I Am the Cooperative Program.” Years ago, I remember a church visitor making the comment that she was “conflicted” about the CP -- she thought that a missionary proved God called them to the mission field by raising their own support. I explained to her that I was able to concentrate on ministry a hundred percent of the time because I didn’t have to spend precious ministry time raising my own support funds. I had a friend at the time who worked with another mission group and spent 50 percent of his time raising his own support. I told her I thought Southern Baptists had a pretty ingenious funding effort for missionaries as a result of the CP. She and her family joined our church after she saw how valuable giving to the CP could be.



Butch Strickland
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I was recently invited to teach a class on “God as a Missionary God.” Before the class began, I was asked by someone why he should be taking a class on missions since he was probably never going to serve as a missionary. I explained to him that calling him to be a missionary was neither my intent, nor the aim of the class. “Then what is the aim of the class?” he asked. I explained it was to begin to understand the heart of God and the longing to live so close to Him that the desires of His heart would become the desires of our own. If, in that process, God showed my friend that He had a burden for a certain people group or even for one person, the burden would be his as well.

C. S. Lewis says in his testimony, “You must picture me alone in that room in Magdalen, night after night, feeling, whenever my mind lifted even for a second from my work, the steady, unrelenting approach of Him whom I so earnestly desired not to meet.” God is always in pursuit of someone. We read in 2 Peter 3:9: “The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.” It is His desire and relentless pursuit to win the world for His kingdom. That is His heart, His burden. Now my question is this -- do I live my life close enough to Jesus that the desires of His heart become the desires of my own? When He has a burden on His heart for a certain people or person, does that burden become mine?

In our 9:38 prayer time, we pray twice a day Matthew 9:38: “Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest.” I hope that we do so, motivated by the preceding verses, to see what Jesus saw -- that the harvest is truly plenteous; and to feel what Jesus felt, compassion on the multitudes because they fainted and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Maybe if we begin to feel the heart of Jesus, then what He saw and felt will become what we see and feel.

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, Committee on Committees Chair, hjzach@gci.net for additional information.

Executive Director Vacancy

Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware

Rev. Charlie Brown, chairperson of the Executive Director Search Committee at the Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware (BCM/D), announced the BCM/D is now accepting applications for the Convention’s top post, through April 30, 2013, via a portal on the website, bcmd.org/executive-search.

The right candidate will be a Southern Baptist man and will lead the Convention, as chief executive officer, with vision and sensitivity through planning, organizing, staffing, directing, and utilizing all resources to fulfill the mission of the BCM/D.

The multi-state convention, whose office is in Columbia, MD, a suburb of Washington, D.C., serves and resources 550-plus churches in the Mid-Atlantic region who are in a cooperating relationship with the Southern Baptist Convention.

A special search committee has been established to find God’s man to serve in this office. This committee is comprised of Administrative Committee members of the Convention’s General Mission Board, a mixture of clergy and laity from BCM/D churches. The Administrative Committee oversees the personnel, finances and general operations of the BCM/D with input from the General Mission Board members.

The committee will accept resumes through a portal on the website, bcmd.org/executive-search, from prospective candidates through April 30, 2013. Those interested in the position should post his resume and fill out a questionnaire there.

Alternatively, resumes may be emailed to the BCM/D Executive Search Committee at executive-search@gcmd.org.

Furthermore, those wishing to recommend someone must send a formal letter of recommendation with the candidate’s resume to the above email address. Resumes must be received by close of business April 30, 2013.

The search committee will screen applications based on written materials submitted. Candidates selected for preliminary interviews may be interviewed in person or by conference call. Finalists will be invited to a personal interview, with members of the Convention participating.

For additional information, visit bcmd.org/executive-search.

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calendar

April 2013

7	SBC Seminaries Sunday
11-13	Women on Mission Celebration
14	Cooperative Program Sunday
14-19	Baptist Doctrine Study
15	VBS Training, FBC Palmer
16	VBS Training, UBC, Anchorage
21	Life Commitment Sunday
22	VBS Training, College Heights
24	New Pastor/full-time staff orientation
25-27	Ministers and Spouses Retreat
27	VBS Training, FBC North Pole

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

June 2013

7-8	Crossover – SBC
9-10	WMU National annual meeting
10-14	Alaska Native Youth Camp, LGYRC
11-12	Southern Baptist Convention
14-21	Training Teens Today (T3)
15	Crossover-SBC
16	Father's Day
	Baptist Men's Day
17-21	Youth Camp, Laverne Griffin YRC
23	Mission: Dignity Sunday
24-28	Boys Camp, Laverne Griffin YRC
27-29	K-2 nd grade camp, Camp Baldwin
30	Citizenship and Religious Liberty Sunday

upcoming events

Summer camps at Laverne Griffin Youth Recreation
 Camp and Camp Baldwin
 JAM Camp
 FUSION youth conference
 Valeria Sherard State Mission Offering emphasis
 Mission Rally, ABC annual meeting, WMU annual
 meeting