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

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

Messenger Registration for the 68th Annual Meeting is online only.

Registration opens June 1, 2013. In May, each church received an e-mail invitation to register messengers for the event. Call the ABC office if you have questions, 907.344.9627, 800.883.9627.

If you plan to drive, get your ferry reservations early! Conference hotel is Extended Stay America.

Church messengers must be registered by September 1.

2000 Club

Goal: \$20,000 each quarter

ARISE AND BUILD

2nd Quarter Recipient: Hillside Baptist, Anchorage

*assistance with painting
church building exterior*

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

Pastor's Conference "iCan"

Tuesday, September 24
First Baptist Church, Juneau
8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
(breakfast and lunch provided)



WMU Annual Meeting
Tuesday, September 24
Glacier Valley Baptist Church
8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
(lunch provided)



I am the Cooperative Program

Butch (Pam) Strickland

Director of Church Planting and Missions
Alaska Baptist Convention



I have always wanted to be a missionary. From the time I was saved in my hometown mission church, attended Royal Ambassador camp and saw the missionary artifacts from all over the world; heard missionaries speak and saw one of them unroll an Anaconda snakeskin down the middle aisle of our sanctuary; I have wanted to be a missionary. Thanks to the Cooperative Program (CP) my desire and calling became a reality.

Pam and I have spent most of our ministry supported by the generous giving of Southern Baptists like you through the CP. As missionaries, we pastored a church in Oregon, served 15 years with the International Mission Board in Venezuela and now serve you in church planting and missions in Alaska. We have seen how the CP works to do missions around the world.

We have also seen the advantages of the way Southern Baptists respond to the Great Commission. Through the CP, missionaries are able to live and minister all around the world with the knowledge that Baptists "back home" are taking care of them financially and spiritually. Pam always reminds me our entire family served as missionaries because the CP took care of all our needs. There is also an accountability factor built into the CP. Southern Baptists have a right to know their offerings are being used for the purpose to which they are given. Safeguards are put in place so we can be the best stewards of the resources God has provided through your faithful giving. Thank you, Alaska Baptists, for your trust and generosity.

God's Plan for Sharing in Alaska

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
Chugach Baptist Association						
Alaska Iu-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	\$1,542.00	\$302.00	\$1,030.00	\$760.00	\$0.00	\$3,634.00
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	\$341.45	\$310.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$651.45
Community Baptist Church, Nome	\$470.00	\$156.25	\$366.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$992.25
Cowboy Church of Anchorage	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Eagle River Korean Bapt Church	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$850.00
False Pass Christian Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Filipino Bible Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,007.00	\$0.00	\$1,007.00
First Baptist Church, Anchorage	\$18,398.33	\$4,665.00	\$4,842.75	\$12,006.78	\$0.00	\$39,912.86
First Baptist Church, Eagle River	\$11,125.30	\$1,955.00	\$2,184.95	\$7,587.65	\$0.00	\$22,852.90
First Baptist Church, Kotzebue	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
First Baptist Church, Soldotna	\$2,810.00	\$1,098.00	\$1,363.09	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,271.09
First Hmong Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Korean Baptist Church	\$400.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$430.00	\$0.00	\$1,180.00
First Native Baptist Church	\$1,610.00	\$603.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,213.00
Frontier Baptist Church	\$789.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$655.00	\$0.00	\$1,694.00
Gilead Ministries	\$577.25	\$305.00	\$0.00	\$130.00	\$0.00	\$1,012.25
Grandview Baptist Church	\$12,234.90	\$1,950.00	\$1,507.00	\$9,030.00	\$0.00	\$24,721.90
Greater Friendship Bapt Church	\$3,260.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,260.00
Hillside Baptist Church	\$3,964.86	\$313.00	\$745.00	\$861.00	\$0.00	\$5,883.86
Immanuel Baptist Church	\$298.63	\$1,097.68	\$0.00	\$2,508.85	\$0.00	\$3,905.16
Kiana Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Kobuk Baptist Mission	\$208.13	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$208.13
Korean New Central Bapt Church	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$385.00	\$0.00	\$1,185.00
Mountain View Comm Church	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Muldoon Road Baptist Church	\$2,700.00	\$1,170.42	\$646.00	\$710.35	\$0.00	\$5,226.77
New Beginnings Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Grace Christian Church	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,250.00
New Hope Baptist Church	\$2,960.24	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$4,460.24
Rabbit Creek Community Church	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,400.00	\$0.00	\$4,400.00
River In The Desert Comm Church	\$0.00	\$144.00	\$110.00	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$374.00
Samoa Alaska Baptist Church	\$289.23	\$0.00	\$136.36	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$425.59
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	\$8,589.11	\$3,567.00	\$9,148.50	\$4,595.00	\$0.00	\$25,899.61
The Crossing @ Birchwood	\$1,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,400.00
True North Church	\$1,875.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,875.00
True North Downtown	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
University Baptist Church	\$2,848.53	\$1,309.00	\$1,804.00	\$3,617.00	\$0.00	\$9,578.53
Valley View Baptist Church	\$2,125.00	\$0.00	\$558.00	\$1,664.00	\$0.00	\$4,347.00
Whittier Christian Comm Church	\$150.00	\$225.00	\$115.00	\$437.00	\$0.00	\$927.00
Total	\$86,100.96	\$22,270.35	\$26,856.65	\$50,704.63	\$0.00	\$185,932.59
Hatcher Pass Baptist Association						
Big Lake Baptist Church	\$4,232.79	\$2,217.00	\$2,348.02	\$2,821.00	\$0.00	\$11,618.81
Bodenburg Butte Baptist Church	\$2,715.05	\$270.00	\$0.00	\$280.00	\$0.00	\$3,265.05
Community Christian Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CrossCountry Church	\$600.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$830.00	\$0.00	\$1,680.00
Dillingham Bible Fellowship	\$3,413.26	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$5,913.26
Fairview Loop Baptist Church	\$10,151.51	\$2,839.47	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,990.98
First Baptist Church, Palmer	\$4,999.98	\$2,444.85	\$150.00	\$2,793.00	\$0.00	\$10,387.83
First Baptist Church, Valdez	\$5,468.08	\$2,044.07	\$3,575.40	\$7,440.68	\$0.00	\$18,528.23
First Baptist Church, Wasilla	\$3,963.12	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,918.83	\$0.00	\$11,881.95
First Baptist Church, Willow	\$1,846.72	\$450.00	\$0.00	\$3,316.00	\$0.00	\$5,612.72
Journey Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Montana Creek Baptist Church	\$2,863.98	\$760.00	\$0.00	\$905.00	\$0.00	\$4,528.98
Moriah Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
North Bear Street 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	\$100.00	\$655.00	\$0.00	\$755.00
Riverside Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$350.00
Schrock Road Comm Church	\$1,316.24	\$1,185.30	\$279.80	\$1,079.00	\$0.00	\$3,860.34
Settler's Bay Comm Church	\$4,210.15	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,210.15
Wasilla Korean Bapt Church	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$700.00
Total	\$46,030.06	\$12,460.69	\$6,803.22	\$31,141.52	\$0.00	\$96,435.49
Kenai Peninsula						
College Heights Baptist Church	\$14,746.52	\$2,790.00	\$5,655.00	\$11,314.92	\$0.00	\$34,506.44
First Baptist Church, Kenai	\$1,373.95	\$385.00	\$660.00	\$1,712.00	\$0.00	\$4,130.95
Lighthouse Comm Church	\$3,397.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,605.00	\$0.00	\$5,002.00
Moose Pass Comm 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	\$20,717.47	\$4,675.00	\$7,315.00	\$15,881.92	\$0.00	\$48,589.39

January-April 2013 Gifts from ABC Churches

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
Other						
Misc. Contributors-Cash	\$0.00	\$3,775.00	\$150.00	\$1,090.00	\$80.00	\$5,095.00
Total	\$0.00	\$3,775.00	\$150.00	\$1,090.00	\$80.00	\$5,095.00
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	\$4,442.00	\$0.00	\$3,025.15	\$2,870.88	\$0.00	\$10,338.03
Faith Baptist Church	\$5,386.72	\$873.00	\$0.00	\$2,297.00	\$0.00	\$8,556.72
First Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$2,405.58	\$916.00	\$0.00	\$2,001.00	\$0.00	\$5,322.58
First Baptist Church, North Pole	\$7,912.28	\$1,951.00	\$0.00	\$5,571.20	\$0.00	\$15,434.48
First Baptist Church, Delta Jet	\$17,789.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,500.00	\$0.00	\$22,289.00
Friendship Baptist Mission	\$100.00	\$346.00	\$0.00	\$490.00	\$0.00	\$936.00
Hispanic Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
Korean Baptist Mission	\$300.00	\$115.00	\$170.00	\$170.00	\$0.00	\$755.00
Moose Creek Baptist Church	\$2,905.91	\$336.27	\$328.40	\$374.35	\$0.00	\$3,944.93
Morning Star Baptist Church	\$1,081.61	\$0.00	\$2,160.00	\$2,120.00	\$0.00	\$5,361.61
Mount Pleasant Bapt 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	\$360.00	\$1,050.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,410.00
St. John Baptist Church	\$3,821.59	\$350.00	\$415.00	\$596.00	\$0.00	\$5,182.59
Togiak Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
UBC-Chinese Fellowship	\$231.01	\$305.00	\$250.00	\$362.00	\$0.00	\$1,148.01
University Baptist Church	\$5,894.00	\$1,187.00	\$0.00	\$5,322.00	\$0.00	\$12,403.00
Total	\$54,479.65	\$7,679.27	\$6,348.55	\$32,774.43	\$0.00	\$101,281.90
Tongass Baptist Association						
Anchor Baptist Church	\$1,191.84	\$160.00	\$110.00	\$260.00	\$0.00	\$1,721.84
Comm Bapt Church, Coffman Cove	\$1,698.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$1,948.70
Emmanuel Baptist Church	\$1,160.15	\$116.00	\$360.00	\$198.00	\$0.00	\$1,834.15
Filipino Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
First Baptist Church, Juneau	\$3,129.36	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$160.00	\$0.00	\$3,289.36
First Baptist Church, Ketchikan	\$3,567.68	\$2,645.00	\$0.00	\$2,183.00	\$0.00	\$8,395.68
First Baptist Church, Petersburg	\$1,897.60	\$1,141.00	\$889.12	\$1,125.00	\$0.00	\$5,052.72
First Baptist Church, Sitka	\$2,141.29	\$0.00	\$1,263.00	\$904.00	\$0.00	\$4,308.29
Glacier Valley Baptist Church	\$10,565.28	\$1,633.50	\$0.00	\$8,447.11	\$0.00	\$20,645.89
Hoonah Baptist Mission	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$80.00
Hydaburg Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Juneau Korean Church	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$310.00	\$370.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
Kasaan Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Hope Comm Church	\$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 Bapt 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	\$403.65	\$0.00	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$473.65
Total	\$26,857.81	\$5,765.50	\$3,002.12	\$14,247.11	\$0.00	\$49,872.54
Grand Totals:	\$234,185.95	\$56,625.81	\$50,475.54	\$145,839.61	\$80.00	\$487,206.91
Goals:	\$683,679.00	\$90,000.00	\$95,000.00	\$160,000.00		
Over/Under Goals:	\$(449,493.05)	\$(33,374.19)	\$(44,524.46)	\$(14,160.39)		

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...



Over the years, your congregation's mission giving through the Cooperative Program has helped the Kiana Baptist Mission with ministry expenses. While currently pastorless, we continue to have a presence in the village.

**Please Pray for
our Pastorless
Churches**

Chugach Baptist Association

Chugach Resort Ministries
Greater Friendship Baptist Church
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
First Baptist Church, North Pole
Friendship Baptist Church

Tongass Baptist Association

Filipino Baptist Church
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.

Biennial Reports for non-profit corporations are due July 2

Check the website http://commerce.alaska.gov/occ/home_corporations.html to see if the biennial report is due for your church.

Condolences

Our condolences to Rebecca Myers, Faith Baptist Church in Fairbanks, in the death of her father who passed away on April 29. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Rebecca at myersrjm@gmail.com.

Dillingham Bible Fellowship

Larry Peet, a member of FBC Palmer, and his neighbor, Bob Wolfe, assisted the folks at DBF with drywalling their new parsonage.



Big Lake Baptist Church

BLBC recently purchased and shipped a Blaze-King wood stove to the Kobuk Baptist Mission. This new stove replaces the old, inefficient barrel stove they are currently using.

New Birth Christian Church,

Fairbanks

In March, NBCC hosted a breakfast for the National Guard during their drill.



The congregation appreciates the use of the National Guard building, and is grateful for the soldier's service to our country! Angela Jones graduated May 12 with



a master of counseling.

Laverne Griffin Youth Recreation Camp, Wasilla

AK Native Youth Camp, June 10-14. This camp is for AK native teens in 6th through 12 grade. Camp fee is \$175; X-Faith Youth Camp, June 17-21. This camp is for teens who have completed 6th grade through 12th grade. Camp fee is \$175; Boys Camp, June 24-28. This camp is for boys who have completed Kindergarten through 6th grade. Camp fee is \$175; Girls Camp, July 1-5. This mission-focused week is for girls who have completed Kindergarten through 6th grade. Camp fee is \$175. Camp forms can be downloaded from website: www.lgyrc.org or email lgyrc@mtaonline.net for forms. Contact Walter and Sherry if you have questions: 907-376-6887.

Camp Baldwin, Delta Junction

K-2nd grade camp, June 26-28 (\$80); 3rd-4th grade camp, July 1-5 (\$100); 5th-6th grade camp, July 8-12 (\$100); 7th-8th grade camp, July 15-19 (\$100); 9th-12th grade camp, July 22-27 (\$120). Contact Tanana Valley Baptist Association for additional information, 907-474-4989, www.tananavalleybaptistassociation.com.

Community Christian Fellowship, Wasilla

Members Leroy Hawn and Glenn Forss returned from a mission to Kenya, where they worked on a church building. Leroy has been active for a long time, building churches and drilling water wells. CCF currently has 12 people attending services. Dawson Lindblom is pastor.

Clearwater Baptist Church, Delta Junction

Laura Cotton, daughter of Pastor Glen (Kathy) Cotton was featured in the April 13 issue of The Biblical Recorder, the news journal of North Carolina Baptists. The article dealt with her transition from growing up in Delta Junction to attending Fruitland Bible Institute in Henderson, North Carolina.

Riverside Chapel, King Salmon

On May 18th, RC had a dedication service and blessing potluck. In June, they will welcome a mission team from Kentucky who will focus on cannery worker outreach. Russ Olsen is pastor.

Greater Friendship Baptist Church, Anchorage

John Smith has resigned as pastor and moved back to Alabama.



Vonda Skelton

*Award-winning playwright and lyricist
inspiring women to laugh, learn and love*

Wednesday, June 12, 7:00 p.m.

Rabbit Creek Community Church

tickets: \$10 • at-the-door: \$15

Contact Carol for tickets and information: 907.345.7830

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.



To subscribe to the e-mail issues, please read this Quick Response (QR) code with your smartphone or visit www.alaskabaptistconvention.com/registration.

First Baptist Church, Sitka

Mike Procter (pictured left), Executive Director, Alaska Baptist Convention presents Kerry Chadwick, pastor, with his Disaster Relief Chaplaincy endorsement from the North American Mission Board. On May 18, Kerry received his DMin degree from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary. He was also awarded the Ronald Hornecker Award



given annually to the student who exemplifies personal growth during the course of their studies. Congratulations, Dr. Chadwick!

Southern Baptist Convention

SBC president Fred Luter has appointed Don Shannon, pastor of Sunset Hills Baptist Church (Anchorage) and Ruby Stogsdill, member of First Baptist Church (Soldotna) to serve on the national Committee on Committees. The committee will meet in Houston, Texas, June 11-12, prior to the SBC annual meeting. They will nominate members for the Committee on Nominations which will then nominate trustees to serve on boards of various SBC entities. SBC Bylaw 19 also states the Committee on Committees "shall nominate all special committees authorized during the sessions of the convention, not otherwise provided for." The Com-

mittee on Committees is comprised of 70 members, two from each of the 35 state or regional areas qualified for representation on boards of SBC entities.

First Baptist Church, Ketchikan

Doug Edwards, pastor, was selected as the Alaska Vocational Teacher of the Year! Doug teaches Culinary Arts at Ketchikan High School. Congratulations, Doug! Happy Anniversary to Edwards' for 16 years of ministry at FBC. The church celebrated with a prayer meeting and finger food fellowship on May 15. Pastor Doug continues to pastor, teach culinary arts, lead the minis-



try of Orton Ranch, support the Filipino Fellowship and has begun new work in outlying areas of Ketchikan.

University Baptist Church,

Fairbanks

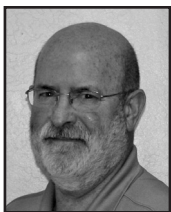
The college/career group at UBC will be active in June with plans for frisbee golf, a barbeque, progressive dinner and canoe party.

New Hope Baptist Church,

Anchorage

NHBC hosted a "Woman of God" prayer breakfast with topics on "Cleaning from Inside Out" and "From Darkness to Light." Carolyn Knox and Joyce Johnson were featured speakers.





Mike Procter
Executive Director



Jimmy Stewart
*Director of Evangelism and
Church Development*

Hooray, it is June! Summer is here! I remember how much I enjoyed summer when I was growing up in Southern California: no school for three months, swimming, surfing, camping, riding my motorcycle, playing baseball, lying in the sun and just enjoying life. For three months I would wear only shorts, a t-shirt and flip flops. Enjoying the sun was the order of the day and my brothers and I did. We would leave the house early in the morning and not get home until suppertime – we had our priorities straight!

At the time, no one gave much thought about prolonged exposure to the sun causing skin cancer. I would slather baby oil on in order to get a deep tan. By the end of summer, I would be a nice golden brown that was the envy of everyone. However, today I am facing the consequences of my earlier actions. For the past twenty years, I have had to have skin cancers, carcinomas and keratoses either cut out or frozen off. Most recently, the doctor tried a treatment on my forehead called “Picato.” In layman’s terms, it is topical chemotherapy applied on the target area for three days and it attacks the actinic keratosis. The application left the skin on my forehead very flaky and scaly. It was not a pretty sight and it is too early to tell if it will be effective. All of this is a result of my earlier actions. It doesn’t seem fair, does it? It wasn’t my fault! I didn’t know any better! I was not warned!

Now, think for a moment about another cancer more prevalent and deadlier than skin cancer. This cancer is called sin and the Bible says that everyone has it (Rom 3:23). It is the result of disobedience: exercising our own will over the will of God. If left untreated, like cancer, sin will end in death however, unlike cancer, there is a 100 percent guaranteed cure rate if one is willing to be treated by the Great Physician. The treatment for the forgiveness of sin is the blood of Jesus Christ. There are many verses attesting to the sacrifice of Jesus Christ as God’s cure for sin: “...don’t you know that you have been redeemed with the blood of Jesus Christ...” (1 Pt 1:18-19), “...for God sent Jesus to take the punishment for our sins...we are made right with God when we believe that Jesus shed His blood, sacrificing His life for us...” (Rom 3:25), “for the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord...” (Rom 6:23). How do we receive this cure from the consequences of sin? Again, the Bible has the answer, “...since we have been made right...by the blood of Jesus Christ, He will certainly save us...we will be delivered from punishment by His life...” (Rom 5:9-10) and “...whosoever calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved...” (Rom 10:13).

The effectiveness of this latest bout of treatment for my actinic keratosis remains to be seen, however I do know, beyond the shadow of doubt, my sins are forgiven. I called upon Jesus Christ to forgive my sins and asked Him to be my Lord and Savior.

As you are outdoors this summer, be sure to apply sun block in order to avoid exposure to the harmful ultraviolet rays. As you are doing that, remember to apply the word of God to your life so the blood of God’s Son will cover and protect you from the consequences of sin.

Recently, I enjoyed lunch with the leader of one of the independent mission organizations that brings hundreds of volunteers to Alaska each summer to serve our communities through feeding and outreach programs. These groups have been very active in Anchorage, Soldotna and many of our Native villages. This mission group is opening doors to villages that have been closed for a long time and I appreciate their “forward thinking” and the strategic plans they are making. But, they are not alone; we have several groups that bring volunteers to minister in Alaska. The biggest question is how are the local churches partnering with them to follow up with those who hear the gospel? This is an open door for our churches. In Anchorage, volunteers are at work in neighborhood parks and communities organizing activities, administering food programs, conducting Bible clubs and holding block parties. Many people who don’t attend church are impacted by these outreach programs. Would YOU like to regularly follow up with these individuals? Would YOU like to be involved in summer activities to reach out and meet these folks in their own neighborhoods? Would YOU be willing to start a Bible study group? If you are interested in becoming involved, please contact Alaska Missions or GraceWorks, and they will plug you in! Contact me for additional information.

LifeWay Christian Resources is producing new Bible study materials for the fall, which will have more of a “life” application. It will also have a downloadable app with weekly sessions. Included materials have been written by leading pastors in our national convention. Check out www.biblestudyforlife.com for additional information and sample lesson plans. I think you will be extremely impressed.

Save the date of September 7 for the National Sunday School Directors Seminar being held at Sunset Hills Baptist Church in Anchorage. The cost is \$35 and you must register online at www.lifeway.com/nssds. Pastors, please encourage your Bible study leaders to attend this training event.



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“Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do. And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; And to esteem them very highly in love for their work’s sake. And be at peace among yourselves.” I Thessalonians 5:11-13.

I would like to recommend a southern gospel song to you, even if it is not the style of music to which you normally listen. The lyrics are great and speak to the passage above. Go to www.YouTube.com and listen to “Sometimes I Cry” by Jason Cragg.

I would also like to speak for a group who usually doesn’t speak for themselves and at times may find themselves in the position Jason Crabb sings about. According to estimates by the Alban Institute in Washington, D.C., and reported in “The Charlotte Observer,” at least 17 percent of clergy suffer from stress or burnout. About 1,400 ministers a year call a toll-free hot line of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC), which counsels ministers through its LeaderCare program. Brooks Faulkner, a LeaderCare counselor, estimates that nearly 100 SBC pastors leave their ministry every month. Sunscape Ministries of Colorado, which serves clergy in crises, reported through “The Abilene Reporter-News” that in all denominations nationwide, 1,600 ministers per month are terminated or forced to resign their pulpit. Although a sense of hurt is unavoidable for both pastor and congregation, it is particularly traumatic for a minister who steps down.

The apostle Paul encouraged the Thessalonians to edify one another and to esteem very highly in love those who labored among them. Missionary Sybil Bingham wrote a letter to her sisters in which she makes reference to a letter she received from them some five years earlier. The effect of that letter is that it continued to encourage her and help her to be found faithful to the end -- “the date of your last letter, which now lies before me, was almost five years since; but the words of kindness and encouragement which were then so precious to me, have still the effect to call forth the silent tear, and animate the desire to be found faithful unto the end.”

Our pastors and ministers need to be edified and encouraged. Our church planters also need to be lifted up when it seems there is no fruit of their labors. You would be surprised how much an edifying word from you would mean to them—sometimes even five years down the road.

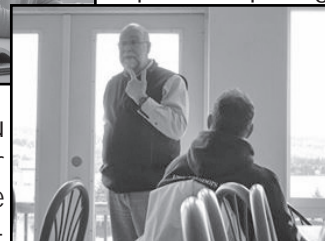
HELP WANTED

Bi-vocational Youth Director

Montana Creek Baptist Church, Talkeetna, Alaska has a job opening for a bi-vocational youth director, working primarily with youth grades 7-12. This individual must be a servant leader with a passion for young people; have strong communication skills; be able to coordinate and oversee all youth activities. Housing and utilities are provided. Please send resume and (a minimum of) three references to: Montana Creek Baptist Church, attn: Youth Director Search Committee, HC 89, Box 8571, Talkeetna, AK 99676; mtrkbaptist@gmail.com.

Kodiak Island Outreach Retreat “As For Me and My House....”

Butch Strickland (Director of Church Planting and Missions) and Alan Dial (Alaska Native Church Planter Strategist) attended the 2013 Kodiak Island Outreach Retreat on Woody Island in early May. Alan was the featured speaker. Four Alaska Native Villages were represented (Karluk, Old Harbor Port Lions, and Larsen Bay). Friday through Sunday were spent in fellowship and worship, and exploring



historic Woody Island. Thank you to Pastor Gary Elmore (Frontier Baptist Church, Kodiak) for the invitation and awesome hospitality.

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calendar

June 2013

7-8	Crossover
9-10	WMU annual meeting
10-14	Alaska Native youth camp, LGYRC
11-12	SBC annual meeting
14-21	Training Teens Today (T3)
16	Baptist Men's Day
17-21	X-Faith youth camp, LGYRC
23	Mission: Dignity Sunday
24-28	Boys camp, LGYRC
26-28	K-2nd grade camp, Camp Baldwin
30	Citizenship and Religious Liberty Sunday

15-19	7th-8th grade camp, Camp Baldwin
21	Serving Your Community Sunday
21-25	JAM Camp, LGYRC
22-27	9th-12th grade camp, Camp Baldwin

August 2013

4	Social Issues Sunday
7-9	FUSION Youth Conference
11	Student Evangelism Day
18-24	Worship Music Week

July 2013

1-5	Girls Camp, LGYRC
	3rd-4th grade camp, Camp Baldwin
4	Independence Day
	ABC and ABF offices closed
8-12	5th-6th grade camp, Camp Baldwin

upcoming events

Valeria Sherard State Mission Offering emphasis
National Sunday School Director Seminar
ABC annual Mission Rally, Alaska WMU annual
meeting, ABC annual meeting
Winter Youth Celebration
Statewide OMC rallies
Bible Study Leadership Training