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68th annual meeting of the
Alaska Baptist Convention
Glacier Valley Baptist Church,
Juneau

September 23-25, 2013
Monday, Mission Rally
Tuesday, WMU annual meeting
and Pastors' Conference
Tuesday/Wednesday
ABC annual meeting



I am the Cooperative Program

Alan (Babs) Dial
Alaska Native Church Planter Catalyst
Alaska Baptist Convention



I have no idea how much it costs to keep ten thousand international and national missionaries on the field; or to certify chaplains for service with our military, hospitals, prisons and industry; or to subsidize Christian universities and seminaries ensuring they are accredited and staffed with the best professors. I have no idea what it takes other than sacrificial giving by men and women in the pews of every Southern Baptist church in America. My family and I have been the beneficiaries of Cooperative Program (CP) giving while living and serving in Lesotho in southern Africa, from the 4X4 truck we drove to the villages every day, to the small house with the tin roof that made sleeping so nice during the rain. The CP paid for health check-ups for our sons and for my cataract surgery; it bought Bibles to share with the Basotho People. Now, in Alaska, the CP keeps me on the road to the villages and as chaplain at the Alaska Native Health Center. It helps fund leadership programs for our native believers and the material needed to witness to those who do not yet know the Savior. Your church's participation in the CP is the natural extension of your association with the other 16,999,999 Southern Baptists and their 40,000 churches, all coming together to efficiently fund the varied needs for the completion of our Great Commission. I am the Cooperative Program...you are too!

God's Plan for Sharing in Alaska

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
Alaska Iu-Mienh First Baptist Church	\$234.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$234.00
Anchor Baptist Church	\$1,441.68	\$160.00	\$110.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,711.68
Anc Hope Comm Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Anderson Church Plant	\$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
Big Lake Baptist Church	\$6,163.94	\$2,217.00	\$2,359.02	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,739.96
Bodenburg Butte Bapt Church	\$2,715.05	\$270.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,985.05
Calvary Baptist Church	\$1,723.00	\$302.00	\$1,030.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,055.00
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
Clearwater Baptist 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	\$589.05	\$310.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$949.05
College Heights Baptist Church	\$21,886.65	\$2,790.00	\$6,692.58	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$31,369.23
Comm Bapt Church, Coffman Cove	\$2,462.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,462.20
Community Bapt Church, Nome	\$470.00	\$156.25	\$366.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$992.25
Community Christian Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cowboy Church of Anchorage	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cross Roads Baptist Church	\$7,235.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,735.80
CrossCountry Church	\$900.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,150.00
Dillingham Bible Fellowship	\$4,537.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,537.40
Eagle River Korean Bapt Church	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$650.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church	\$1,752.29	\$116.00	\$360.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,228.29
Fairview Loop Baptist Church	\$13,892.06	\$2,839.47	\$3,025.43	\$4,655.35	\$0.00	\$24,412.31
Faith Baptist Church	\$5,386.72	\$873.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,259.72
False Pass Christian Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Filipino Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Filipino Bible Church	\$1,750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,750.00
First Baptist Church, Anchorage	\$22,426.18	\$4,665.00	\$5,674.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$32,765.93
First Baptist Church, Eagle River	\$15,086.49	\$1,955.00	\$4,253.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$21,295.44
First Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$3,640.48	\$916.00	\$1,300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,856.48
First Baptist Church, North Pole	\$12,152.28	\$1,951.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,703.28
First Baptist Church, Delta Jct	\$25,172.00	\$0.00	\$4,180.00	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$29,477.00
First Baptist Church, Juneau	\$3,893.77	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,893.77
First Baptist Church, Kenai	\$2,081.15	\$385.00	\$660.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,126.15
First Baptist Church, Ketchikan	\$4,824.48	\$2,645.00	\$3,029.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,498.48
First Baptist Church, Kotzebue	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
First Baptist Church, Palmer	\$8,333.30	\$2,444.85	\$2,849.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,627.15
First Baptist Church, Petersburg	\$2,248.12	\$1,141.00	\$889.12	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,278.24
First Baptist Church, Sitka	\$2,687.00	\$0.00	\$1,263.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,950.00
First Baptist Church, Soldotna	\$5,657.00	\$1,098.00	\$1,363.09	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,118.09
First Baptist Church, Valdez	\$8,092.50	\$2,044.07	\$4,035.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,171.97
First Baptist Church, Wasilla	\$6,095.40	\$0.00	\$2,327.05	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,422.45
First Baptist Church, Willow	\$2,644.04	\$450.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,094.04
First Hmong Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Korean Baptist Church	\$600.00	\$350.00	\$487.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,437.00
First Native Baptist Church	\$1,978.00	\$603.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,581.00
Friendship Baptist Mission	\$100.00	\$346.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$446.00
Frontier Baptist Church	\$1,744.35	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,994.35
Gilead Ministries	\$976.25	\$305.00	\$105.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,386.25
Glacier Valley Baptist Church	\$10,565.28	\$1,633.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,198.78
Grandview Baptist Church	\$17,281.96	\$1,980.00	\$1,862.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$21,223.96
Greater Friendship Bapt Church	\$4,621.87	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,621.87
Hillside Baptist Church	\$5,454.01	\$313.00	\$745.11	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,512.12
Hispanic Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hoonah Baptist Mission	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$120.00
Hydaburg Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Immanuel Baptist Church	\$545.73	\$1,117.68	\$1,415.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$3,103.41
Journey Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Juneau Korean Church	\$180.00	\$0.00	\$310.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$490.00
Kasaan Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Kiana Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Kobuk Baptist Mission	\$351.63	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$351.63
Korean Baptist Mission	\$300.00	\$115.00	\$170.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$585.00
Korean New Cntl Bapt Church	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Lighthouse Community Church	\$5,064.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,064.00
Misc. Contributors-Cash	\$500.00	\$8,414.31	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$9,164.31
Montana Creek Baptist Church	\$4,121.08	\$760.00	\$240.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,121.08
Moose Creek Baptist Church	\$4,152.63	\$336.27	\$398.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,887.30
Moose Pass Comm Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Moriah Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Morning Star Baptist Church	\$1,647.06	\$0.00	\$2,160.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,807.06
Mount Pleasant Baptist Church	\$500.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$650.00
Mount Redoubt Baptist Church	\$1,200.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,700.00
Mtn View Community Church	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00

January - June 2013 Gifts from ABC Churches

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
Muldoon Road Baptist Church	\$4,617.95	\$1,170.42	\$646.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,434.37
New Beginnings Baptist Church	\$461.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$461.10
New Birth Christian Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Grace Christian Church	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
New Hope Baptist Church	\$4,817.24	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,817.24
New Hope Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Hope Fellowship	\$700.00	\$70.00	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$890.00
North Bear Street Comm Church	\$49.18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$49.18
North Star Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
North Tongass Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
OnMission Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pioneer Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Rabbit Creek Community Church	\$1,250.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,250.00
River In The Desert Comm Church	\$0.00	\$144.00	\$110.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$254.00
Riverside Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$350.00
Salcha Baptist Church	\$4,142.81	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,142.81
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
Schrock Road Community Church	\$1,316.24	\$1,185.30	\$279.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,781.34
Settler's Bay Community Church	\$4,210.15	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,210.15
Shannon Park Baptist Church	\$360.00	\$1,050.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,410.00
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
St. John Baptist Church	\$5,445.72	\$350.00	\$519.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,314.72
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$12,496.48	\$3,567.00	\$9,588.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25,651.98
Tenakee Community Church	\$202.26	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$202.26
The Crossing @ Birchwood	\$2,100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,100.00
Thorne Bay Baptist Church	\$403.65	\$0.00	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$473.65
Togiak Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
True North Church	\$3,125.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,125.00
True North Downtown	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
UBC-Chinese Fellowship	\$361.01	\$305.00	\$370.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,036.01
University Baptist Church, Anc	\$3,797.38	\$1,309.00	\$1,804.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,910.38
University Baptist Church, Fbks	\$8,613.00	\$1,187.00	\$3,441.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,241.00
Valley View Baptist Church	\$2,125.00	\$0.00	\$558.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,683.00
Wasilla Korean Baptist Church	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Whittier Christian Comm Church	\$300.00	\$375.00	\$115.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$790.00
Grand Totals:	\$326,160.48	\$61,465.12	\$79,468.36	\$4,905.35	\$100.00	\$472,099.31
Goals:	\$683,679.00	\$90,000.00	\$95,000.00	\$150,000.00		
Over/Under Goals:	\$(357,518.52)	\$(28,534.88)	\$(15,531.64)	\$(145,094.65)		

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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1st Qtr \$18582.50 • 2nd Qtr \$6649.50
3rd Qtr \$1008 • 4th Qtr \$979

Your Cooperative Program dollars at work in Alaska...



Pray for Oleg (Amanda) Bondar and the congregation of The Bridge as they plant a new work in Anchorage. Your congregation's mission support through the Cooperative Program is a vital resource to this congregation.

Please Pray for our Pastorless Churches

Big Lake Baptist Church, Wasilla
 Chinese Fellowship, Fairbanks
 Chugach Resort Ministries, Girdwood
 Cowboy Church of Anchorage
 First Baptist Church, Kenai
 First Baptist Church, North Pole
 Friendship Baptist Church, Fairbanks
 Greater Friendship Baptist Church, Anchorage
 Hoonah Baptist Mission
 Kiana Baptist Mission
 Moose Pass Community Church
 New Beginnings Baptist, Seward
 New Hope Baptist Church, Anchorage
 North Tongass Baptist Church
 Shungnak Baptist Mission
 University Baptist Church, Anchorage

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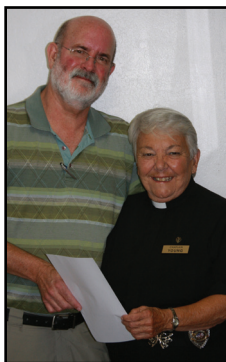
St. John Baptist Church,

Fairbanks

SJBC held their Vacation Bible School (VBS) in June where 22 children accepted Christ and two rededicated their lives! At Sunday morning worship, the children sang the VBS theme song and two adults accepted Christ.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Barbara Young who received her certificate of endorsement from the Chaplains Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention to serve as a Law Enforcement chaplain with the Anchorage Police Department. (pictured l to r; Mike Procter, Barbara Young)



Moose Creek Baptist Church,

North Pole

MCBC celebrated their 50th anniversary in June with a community-wide barbeque and special worship service. (pictured l to r: Cindy and John Bills (pastor), Judy and Jim



Cabe, long-time members.)

Filipino Bible Church,

Anchorage

FBC held their annual family camp in June. The theme was "Seeking

God Together—Pursuing His Purpose for Our Family." There were activities for all ages with games, family time, Bible studies and worship. Pastor Val (Dinna) Natcher and Nick (Eden) Morlet hosted the event. Butch Strickland, Director of Church Planting and Missions, Alaska Baptist Convention, was the featured speaker.

False Pass Christian Fellowship

FPCF held their VBS July 15-19. During July, Sylvia Chitty taught a daily Sunday school class for children and averaged seven in attendance.

New Birth Christian Church,

Fairbanks

NBCC, along with Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, held a joint service at Lions Park. They also had a church retreat at Birch Lake, July 12-14. Over the past three years, they have baptized eight in the lake during this annual retreat.

University Baptist Church,

Fairbanks

Several groups from UBC will attend the Tanana Valley Fair, August 8-11. The College/Career group will host a Chinese night, canoe trip and bonfire during the month.

Whittier Christian Community

Church

WCCC welcomed their new pastor Brian (Debra) Hicks and family. Brian and Kevin Jones, outgoing pastor, will co-pastor while the Jones' prepare to move overseas as missionaries.

First Baptist Church, Palmer

FBC will host a Women's Celebration, October 4-5. The cost is \$15. Contact Kay Carter for additional information, 907.232.6193, sgtcarter29@yahoo.com

EXCITING NEWS FROM HOONAH!

On June 30, First Baptist Church (FBC), Sitka launched a new church campus in Hoonah. The Hoonah campus meets on Sunday (via the internet) with the congregation of FBC. Bill and Ruth Brown, who came to Hoonah in September 2005 to start a drug and alcohol rehabilitation program, started a mission in Hoonah under the sponsorship of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Juneau. The mission closed its doors but reopened as a campus of FBC. The Browns continue their efforts to establish a drug and alcohol rehabilitation program in Hoonah as a separate endeavor from the Hoonah campus of FBC.

The campus church functions differently from a mission church. The goal and purpose of a mission is to become a self-supporting church. The campus church is simply an extension of an already-established church. The goal of FBC is to impact Hoonah with the gospel and win and disciple souls for Christ. The Browns have become a key to this process; they have opened their home so others can connect during church services. Hoonah will also participate in the electronic mentoring ministry FBC has established over the last year.

FBC hopes to connect with other preaching points in the region as well. A preaching point is a place unlikely or unable to establish a church. Since starting the campus church in Hoonah, a couple from Gustavus has expressed interest in starting a campus church in their community as well.

*Kerry Chadwick, Pastor
First Baptist Church, Sitka*

68th Annual Meeting of the Alaska Baptist Convention

Monday-Wednesday, September 23-25, 2013

Glacier Valley Baptist Church, Juneau

All events take place at Glacier Valley Baptist Church unless noted otherwise.

Monday, September 23

Annual Mission Rally, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

"He Is Able"

Finger food fellowship following.

Tuesday, September 24

- WMU annual Meeting, 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. (lunch included)
- Pastors' Conference, 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (lunch included) at First Baptist Church, Juneau

Tuesday evening, September 24

5:00 Registration
5:50 Call to Order
5:55 Worship through Music
6:05 Welcome from host church
6:10 Scripture and Prayer
6:15 Adoption of Program
6:20 Seating of Messengers
6:25 Worship through Music
6:30 IMB Report
6:45 Prayer for IMB
6:50 Worship through Music
7:00 NAMB Report
7:15 Prayer for NAMB
7:20 Worship through Music
7:30 Executive Director's Report
7:55 Announcements
8:00 Prayer/Benediction

Wednesday morning, September 25

10:00 Call to Order
10:05 Worship through Music
10:10 Scripture and Prayer
10:15 Introduction of New Personnel to State
10:25 Committee on Committees Report
10:30 Nomination for President and Recording Secretary
10:40 Worship through Music
10:45 Constitution and Bylaws Report
10:50 Alaska Baptist Family Services
11:00 Prayer for the ABFS
11:05 Miscellaneous Business
11:10 Alaska Baptist Foundation Report
11:30 Alaska Partnership Report
11:40 wMu Report
11:55 Worship through Music
12:00 President's Message
12:30 Benediction
12:35 Lunch

Wednesday afternoon, September 25

1:30 Call to Order
1:35 Worship through Music
1:40 Scripture and Prayer
1:45 Election of President and Recording Secretary
1:55 Committee on Boards Report
2:00 State Mission Report
2:15 Nominations for Vice Presidents
2:25 Adoption of 2014 ABC Budget
2:35 LifeWay Christian Resources Report
2:40 Executive Board Actions
2:45 Worship through Music
2:55 Last Miscellaneous Business
3:00 Time, Place, and Preacher Committee Report
3:05 Wayland Baptist University
3:20 SBC Executive Committee Report
3:40 Prayer for the SBC Executive Committee
3:45 Resolutions Committee
4:00 GuideStone Financial Service
4:15 Worship through Music
4:20 Evangelism and Church Development Report
4:35 Prayer for Evangelism
4:40 Announcements
4:45 Benediction
4:50 Supper

Wednesday evening, September 25

5:55 Call to Order
6:00 Worship through Music
6:10 Scripture and Prayer
6:15 Election of Vice Presidents
6:25 Valeria Sherard State Mission Offering Presentation
6:35 Offering for Valeria Sherard State Missions
6:45 Recognitions; Vice President Results; Installation of Officers
7:00 Worship through Music
7:15 Annual Sermon
7:45 Adjournment, Announcements
7:50 Benediction

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Room rate is \$95/night (plus tax), single/double occupancy. To reserve your room, call (907) 790-6435 and use the group code: ABC. Rooms will be available Monday night, September 23-Wednesday night, September 25. Room type requests will be honored on a space-available basis. The hotel courtesy van will provide transportation to and from the airport, ferry, and Convention site. **DEADLINE to reserve rooms is noon, August 23.** A first night room and tax deposit and a major credit card number must accompany all individual reservations.



Mike Procter
Executive Director

As of July 11, there were 15 pastorless congregations across the Alaska Baptist Convention. Some of these congregations have been pastorless for months, or even years.

I have talked with several pastors in the last few months who have mentioned they need more Sunday school, Bible study and small group leaders within their congregations, and others willing to be involved with the myriad ministries and activities of their congregations. This applies to large and small congregations alike.

The Alaska Baptist Convention constantly has vacancies on its boards and committees. Our Associational Church Planter Catalysts-Directors of Missions have indicated they are always searching for persons willing to participate in and lead events and activities around the state.

What do we do?

Obviously, we should encourage those within our congregations and ministries to seek the leadership of the Lord as to their place of service, challenging them to use their gifts, skills and talents. We should be equipping and training those in our congregations and ministries, empowering them to do what God has called them to do. One other often-overlooked strategy is found in Matthew 9:38. Jesus encourages us to pray to the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers. How often do we pray for laborers? I would guess that, unless there is a pressing need, most of us seldom pray for workers, because we see that as the responsibility of the nominating committee or whoever has been tasked within the congregation or ministry to do so. I would like to propose it is a privilege for all of us to pray for laborers. The staff of the Alaska Baptist Convention has their cell phone alarms set to ring twice daily -- 9:38 a.m. and 9:38 p.m. The alarms remind us "...to pray unto the Lord of the harvest..." I encourage you to join us and set your phone or watch alarm to ring at 9:38 and pray the Lord will call out workers and that those He is calling will be faithful to answer His call.

Blessings!



Jimmy Stewart
Director of Evangelism and Church Development

In June, you received information about the National Sunday School Directors Conference at Sunset Hills Baptist Church on September 7. This conference is for Sunday school directors, pastors and anyone leading Bible groups in your church. Participants will receive practical instruction on directing Bible study ministries. It is an important opportunity to rethink management and development of Bible study programs. I hope to see you at this event. You need to register at www.lifeway.com/nssds; cost is \$35 per person which includes all resource materials and lunch.

Training Teens Today (T3) was an extraordinary event this year. We had a great group of teens dedicated to serving the Lord and aiming high for Jesus. I was amazed at their willingness to learn and grow; they became equipped to assist leadership in their home churches. The students were so positive, even during our long training sessions. This year, we combined our training with the X-Faith youth camp at Laverne Griffin Youth Recreation Camp. There were 120 leaders and campers for the week and the camp gave our T3 students the opportunity to use the skills they had learned. There were eight decisions for Christ and 17 others surrendered to ministry. Tracy Simmons and Jason Souza (Christ Community Church, Anchorage) did an excellent job of organizing the X-Faith camp. I am already looking forward to next year and the challenge of engaging more youth for Christ, as we aim high for Jesus.

This is my challenge for you: ask your young people to aim high for Jesus! T3 is not for everyone because not many want to commit to leadership and a deeper level of following Christ. My son Steven just married his college sweetheart. Their sophomore year of school, they decided to commit to "courtship" rather than "dating." Kathryn and I have always challenged our children to aim high when choosing their mates; we wanted them to stay pure until their wedding. Steven decided his first kiss with Anna would be on his wedding day. We celebrated the moment with Steven when we witnessed him present a great gift to his bride. It was so special and their testimony was an encouragement to their friends. The concept of courtship is contrary to the present culture in America where morals have taken a back seat. What a shame to see young people throwing away purity as if it was not a treasure. Challenge your youth and children to aim high and let them know there are young people today who are examples of living for Jesus.



Butch Strickland

*Director of Church Planting
and Missions*

This *is* a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. 1Timothy 3:1

Ministry has been fun lately! I know there were a lot of reasons why Paul said what he did about the office of bishop being a good work. But I also think Paul enjoyed it. You know he had to have enjoyed the fellowship of believers. How else could he have written things like, “For God is my witness, how I long after you all in the tender mercies of Christ Jesus”? (Philippians 1:8)

He must have enjoyed watching the proverbial light bulb “go on” when someone captured the ideas he was teaching. He tarried in Antioch, teaching and preaching the word of the Lord, with many others. He dwelt in Corinth a year and six months, teaching the word of God; in Ephesus he taught publicly, from house-to-house. For two years in his own rented dwelling in Rome he taught the things concerning the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness. He also knew what Jesus said about having joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents. No doubt, he joined in the celebration!

So why can’t ministry be fun? We have started a new Bible study in the home of a young lady who confessed all she knew about the Bible was the creation story and the Ten Commandments. What fun to watch the light bulb “go on” and hear her express the truths she is learning using analogies that make sense to her. What fun to watch her eight-year-old boy find out there are stories about lions and giants and soldiers in the Bible.

What fun to tweet about three people coming to know Christ and get a reply that says, “Yea, God!” Ministry has been fun lately. I hope I never get tired or bored with it. I can’t ever imagine that being the case. I pray you’re having fun!

Don’t forget! We will be taking up our Valeria Sheppard State Mission Offering soon. Pray about what you will give so we can offer something worthy of the sacrifice Jesus made for us.

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Ministry Opportunity

Alaska Baptist Family Services is in need of volunteers for our “Welcome Backpack Ministry.” Each year, many of the children who come to us arrive with just the clothes on their backs or a trash bag of tattered things. The Welcome Backpack Ministry ensures they are welcomed immediately at the door with a large backpack so they can be ready to go to school the very next day.

The following items are needed for each backpack:

- large backpack
- teen Bible
- welcome card
- small hygiene/toiletry bag with toothbrush, toothpaste, dental floss, comb, deodorant, bar of soap with container
- one 3” binder with divider tabs
- two 1” binders with divider tabs
- one pack of pencils and one pack of pens
- two packs of loose-leaf college-ruled paper
- two spiral notebooks (college-ruled)
- one pair of flip-flops (shower shoes)
- \$50 WalMart gift card

The backpacks usually cost about \$100-\$150 to fill and send so this ministry opportunity lends itself well to a small group mission project.

Alaska Baptist Family Services
Welcome Backpack Ministry
C/O Lorie Morris (akfamilies@gci.net)
1600 O’Malley Road
Anchorage, AK 99507

Oops!

In the July issue of the Alaska Baptist Milepost, page 5, the following Executive Board Action was reported: "11. Approved funding \$4000 per month, beginning September 1, if the assessment from the work done in Kanchee Park shows the viability of a church plant. Grandview Baptist Church will be the sponsor for this new work and funds will come from Account 5342 if a church plant is created" **should have read** *"Approved funding \$1000 per month, September 1 through December 31, 2013 (total of \$4000) if the assessment from the work done in Kanchee Park shows the viability of a church plant. Grandview Baptist Church will be the sponsor for this new work and funds will come from Account 5342 if a church plant is created."* We apologize for any confusion.



Don't forget to file your Vacation Bible School statistics on the Southern Baptist Directory Service (SBDS). If you need assistance, please call Debra Long in the ABC office, 907.344.9627.

calendar

August 2013

4	Social Issues Sunday
7-9	FUSION Youth Conference
11	Student Evangelism Day
18-24	Worship Music Week
21-24	Alaska Native Baptist Fellowship

September 2013

1	Single Adult Sunday
1-8	Valeria Sherard
	State Mission Offering Emphasis
2	ABC and ABF offices closed for Labor Day
7	Sunday School Director seminar
15	Anti-Gambling Sunday
23	Mission Rally
24	WMU annual meeting
	Pastor's conference
24-25	ABC annual meeting

26-27

TBA annual meeting

October 2013

1-31	Cooperative Program Emphasis Month
6	Soul-Winning Commitment Day
9	CBA Annual Meeting
13	World Hunger Sunday
16	National Boss's Day
19	HPBA Annual Meeting/Missions Celebration
26-Nov 3	Statewide OMC Rallies

upcoming events

Bible Study Leadership Training
Alaska Baptist Foundation Board meeting
Alaska Baptist Convention Board meeting
Annual Church Profiles due