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ALASKA BAPTIST

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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

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
(full schedule on page 5)

2000 Club

Goal: \$20,000 each quarter




ARISE AND BUILD

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assistance with
church building repair

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Attention Messengers to the Annual Meeting!

	Name	Payment Status	Free Order	
Event Alaska Baptist Convention 68th Annual Meeting	Date+Time Tuesday, September 24, 2013, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 25, 2013, 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Type Messenger	Location Glacier Valley Baptist Church 3921 Mendenhall Loop Rd. Juneau	Order Info
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You must print out and bring your ticket!



Paul and Laura Frost
Togiak Baptist Mission

In 1993, Paul and Laura Frost sensed the Lord's leadership to move to Togiak to begin the Togiak Baptist Mission. Originally, it was an outreach to youth in the village however, over the years a church facility has been built and now has regular Bible studies and services. Your congregation's mission giving through the Cooperative Program (CP) has assisted the Frosts and Togiak Baptist Mission with financial support including ongoing ministry expenses, building expenses and construction costs. Although there have been many challenges in the 20 years of ministry in Togiak, the Lord has been faithful to meet the needs and your mission support through the CP is one way we partner together with the Lord and Paul and Laura.

Cooperative Program

67%
stays in Alaska!

- church planting • missions
- church development
- evangelism • native work
- summer missionaries
- disaster relief • partnerships
- sunday school • discipleship
- vacation bible school • student ministries • 2000 club
- training • community missions
- volunteers • alaska baptist family services • church music
- new pastor orientation
- woman's missionary union

God's Plan for Sharing in Alaska

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
Alaska Iu-Mienh First Bapt Church	\$234.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$234.00
Anchor Baptist Church	\$1,804.57	\$160.00	\$110.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,074.57
Anch Hope Comm Bapt 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
Aquillaq Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Big Lake Baptist Church	\$7,633.88	\$2,217.00	\$2,359.02	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,209.90
Bodenburg Butte Baptist Church	\$2,715.05	\$270.00	\$427.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,412.05
Calvary Baptist Church	\$2,359.12	\$302.00	\$1,030.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,691.12
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	\$25,837.77	\$2,790.00	\$6,692.58	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$35,320.35
Comm Bapt Church, Coffman Cove	\$3,016.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,016.20
Community Bapt Church, Nome	\$740.00	\$156.25	\$366.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,262.25
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	\$9,008.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,508.80
CrossCountry Church	\$1,050.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,300.00
Dillingham Bible Fellowship	\$5,125.24	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,125.24
Eagle River Korean Bapt Church	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$650.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church	\$2,200.07	\$116.00	\$360.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,676.07
Fairview Loop Baptist Church	\$16,620.71	\$2,839.47	\$3,025.43	\$4,655.35	\$0.00	\$27,140.96
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, Anchorage	\$1,750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,750.00
First Baptist Church, Anchorage	\$27,035.42	\$4,665.00	\$5,674.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$37,375.17
First Baptist Church, Eagle River	\$18,527.45	\$1,955.00	\$4,253.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$24,736.40
First Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$4,976.42	\$916.00	\$1,300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,192.42
First Baptist Church, North Pole	\$15,037.28	\$1,951.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$17,588.28
First Baptist Church, Delta Jct	\$28,878.00	\$0.00	\$4,180.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$33,308.00
First Baptist Church, Juneau	\$5,213.88	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,213.88
First Baptist Church, Kenai	\$2,479.55	\$385.00	\$660.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,524.55
First Baptist Church, Ketchikan	\$5,851.41	\$2,645.00	\$3,029.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,525.41
First Baptist Church, Kotzebue	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
First Baptist Church, Palmer	\$9,999.96	\$2,444.85	\$2,849.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,293.81
First Baptist Church, Petersburg	\$2,898.10	\$1,141.00	\$889.12	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,928.22
First Baptist Church, Sitka	\$3,722.13	\$0.00	\$1,263.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,985.13
First Baptist Church, Soldotna	\$5,657.00	\$1,098.00	\$1,363.09	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,118.09
First Baptist Church, Valdez	\$10,344.85	\$2,044.07	\$4,035.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$16,424.32
First Baptist Church, Wasilla	\$6,937.64	\$0.00	\$2,327.05	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,264.69
First Baptist Church, Willow	\$3,409.48	\$450.00	\$756.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,615.48
First Hmong Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Korean Baptist Church	\$700.00	\$350.00	\$487.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,537.00
First Native Baptist Church	\$2,394.00	\$603.00	\$1,065.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,062.00
Friendship Baptist Mission	\$100.00	\$346.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$446.00
Frontier Baptist Church	\$2,094.35	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,344.35
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	\$20,190.64	\$1,980.00	\$1,862.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$24,232.64
Greater Friendship Bapt Church	\$5,392.87	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,392.87
Hillside Baptist Church	\$6,841.41	\$313.00	\$745.96	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,900.37
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	\$607.31	\$1,117.68	\$1,415.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$3,164.99
Journey Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Juneau Korean Church	\$210.00	\$0.00	\$310.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$520.00
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 Central Bapt Church	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,100.00
Lighthouse Community Church	\$5,807.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,807.00
Misc. Contributors-Cash	\$500.00	\$8,414.31	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$9,184.31
Montana Creek Baptist Church	\$4,121.08	\$760.00	\$240.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,121.08
Moose Creek Baptist Church	\$5,400.39	\$336.27	\$398.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,135.06
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	\$1,943.06	\$0.00	\$2,160.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,103.06
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 - July 2013 Gifts from ABC Churches

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
Muldoon Road Baptist Church	\$5,818.59	\$1,170.42	\$646.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,635.01
New Beginnings Bapt Church	\$579.82	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$579.82
New Birth Christian Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Grace Christian Church	\$1,750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,750.00
New Hope Baptist Church	\$5,697.24	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,697.24
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	\$1,750.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,750.00
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 Comm Church	\$1,584.24	\$1,293.30	\$351.80	\$72.00	\$0.00	\$3,301.34
Settler's Bay Community Church	\$4,210.15	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,210.15
Shannon Park Baptist Church	\$762.77	\$1,050.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,812.77
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	\$6,621.76	\$350.00	\$519.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,490.76
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$15,118.56	\$3,567.00	\$9,588.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$28,274.06
Tenakee Community Church	\$202.26	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$202.26
The Crossing @ Birchwood	\$2,450.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,450.00
Thorne Bay Baptist Church	\$563.66	\$0.00	\$87.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$650.66
Togiak Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
True North Church	\$3,750.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,750.00
True North Downtown	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
UBC-Chinese Fellowship	\$424.01	\$305.00	\$370.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,099.01
University Baptist Church, Anch	\$5,577.58	\$1,309.00	\$1,804.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,690.58
University Baptist Church, Fbks	\$8,613.00	\$1,187.00	\$3,441.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,241.00
Valley View Baptist Church	\$3,187.50	\$0.00	\$558.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,745.50
Wasilla Korean Baptist Church	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$850.00
Whittier Christian Comm Church	\$450.00	\$375.00	\$115.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$940.00
Grand Totals:	\$385,096.58	\$61,573.12	\$82,306.21	\$5,202.35	\$120.00	\$534,298.26
Goals:	\$683,679.00	\$90,000.00	\$95,000.00	\$150,000.00		
Over/Under Goal:	\$(298,582.42)	\$(28,426.88)	\$(12,693.79)	\$(144,797.65)		

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



Received as of July 31, 2013 • 173 contributors

1st Qtr \$18582.50 • 2nd Qtr \$6819.50
3rd Qtr \$4439.50 • 4th Qtr \$999

Your Cooperative Program dollars at work in Alaska...



Pray for Willie (Gail) Austin as they plant a new work in Hydaburg. 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, Valdez
 Friendship Baptist Church, Fairbanks
 Greater Friendship Baptist Church, Anchorage
 Kiana Baptist Mission
 Lighthouse Community Church, Nikiski
 Moose Pass Community Church
 New Beginnings Baptist Church, Seward
 New Hope Baptist Church, Anchorage
 North Tongass Baptist Church
 Pioneer Baptist Church, Wasilla
 Shungnak Baptist Mission
 University Baptist Church, Anchorage

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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 Richard Burns, former pastor of Kinney Lake Baptist Church and North Tongass Baptist Church, who passed away July 29. After leaving Alaska, the Burns family moved to Colorado. Please be in prayer for them.

New Birth Christian Church, Fairbanks

NBCC celebrated the baptism of Antwaun Carrothers in Birch Lake during their church retreat in July.



University Baptist Church,

Anchorage

In July, UBC and Laverne Griffin Youth Recreation Camp hosted a retreat for the Palauan Evangelical Fellowship. Representatives from Guam, Hawaii, Palau, Saipan, Texas, California, Oregon and Colorado joined UBC for a three-day retreat, followed by four days of meetings at the church. Eighty people attended the camp, and many others joined the festivities in Anchorage including Bible study and worship, baptism and communion, baby dedication and prayer.



Nebraska Mission Team

Judy Rice, Mike Procter, Teresa Cappel and Rhonda Olsen (pictured l to r) represented Alaska at a children's camp for the Oregon Trail Baptist Association July 14-19. The Alaska team introduced Alaska Native games to the children and explained the purpose of each game, applying spiritual truth.



Camp Baldwin

Campers at each of the summer camps enjoyed working on mission projects, learn-

ing about Jesus, playing games and singing around the campfire. The 5th-6th grade campers did not let a little rain stop their fun and also celebrated two salvation decisions. Eight summer missionaries assisted during the high school camp where one salvation decision was made.



False Pass Christian Fellowship

FPCF held their Vacation Bible School the last week of July and every child in town participated!

Community Baptist Church, Nome

This summer, CBC hosted 15 mission teams and served Nome, Gambell and Stebbins. They conducted Bible camp and youth ministry events, in addition to their regular outreach activities.

True North Church, Anchorage

Over nine days in July, TNC hosted 12 block parties, delivered 20,000 door hangers; served 2800 hamburgers, 2000 hot dogs, 1500 pounds of snow cones, 300 gallons of lemonade and 4800 cotton candy cones; gave out 48 Bibles, and had doughnuts delivered

to 325 downtown businesses. As a result, 30 new families visited True North Church!

Pioneer Baptist Church, Wasilla

This summer, PBC hosted a mission team from Mississippi who completed a new covered drive-through entry, installed a new furnace for the worship center and completed restrooms with showers adjoining the worship center. On August 4, PBC celebrated Pastor John (Carolyn) Stewart's 11 years of ministry at the church. It was also the Stewarts last Sunday at PBC. They will retire and move to Mississippi. Prior to Pioneer, Stewarts served at Sand Point Chapel. (pictured l to r, Sharon Kilfove, John Stewart, Carolyn Stewart)



First Baptist Church, North Pole

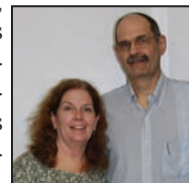
FBC called Jeff (Jenny) Ling as pastor, following the retirement of Johnny McCoy. Prior to assuming the pastorate, Jeff was associate pastor at FBC.

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.

Alaska Baptist Convention

Steve (Paula) Baumgardner, Director of Business Services for the Florida Baptist Convention, conducted an assessment of the financial records of the Alaska Baptist Convention and Foundation.



Alaska Baptist Convention Cooperative Program Support

	2013		2012	
July				
CP Goal	\$56,973.25		\$60,026.83	
Receipts	58,936.10		53,715.69	
Variance	1,962.85	3.4%	(6,311.14)	-10.5%
Year-to-Date				
CP Goal	\$398,812.75		\$420,187.81	
Receipts	385,096.58		385,258.35	
Variance	(13,716.17)	-3.4%	(34,929.46)	-8.3%

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



Mike Procter
Executive Director

Every September Alaska Baptists are encouraged to support the Valeria Sherard State Mission Offering (VSSMO). While the VSSMO does not get the same recognition as Lottie Moon Christmas Offering or Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, it has a greater impact on our state than the other two because **100% of this offering stays in Alaska** to meet our mission and ministry needs.

In 2012 and so far in 2013, the VSSMO has been used to:

1. Revitalize a congregation that was going to close its doors,
2. Plant a Mission Resource and Training Center in Tok,
3. Assist a congregation in replacing their antiquated heating system with a more fuel efficient one,
4. Assist several bush village congregations with winter fuel costs,
5. Provide travel assistance for a church planting probe in Southeast Alaska,
6. Provide financial assistance to our four associations: Tongass, Tanana Valley, Hatcher Pass and Chugach,
7. Provide financial assistance to our three camps: Orton Ranch, Camp Baldwin and Laverne Griffin,
8. Provide financial assistance to Alaska Baptist Family Services,
9. Provide disaster relief funds to assist with refurbishing the flooded parsonage in Kobuk,
10. Assist with 2000 Club promotion.

This year our offering goal is \$90,000 which is an increase of nearly \$28,000 over what we received in 2012. An increase of nearly a third is a large jump, however with the opportunities and challenges we have before us, \$90,000 will only allow us to scratch the surface in meeting the mission and ministry needs across Alaska.

I pray you will join me and Rebecca in supporting the 2013 VSSMO. Your church has received information and specially marked envelopes. If you have not seen the information, be sure to ask your pastor about them.

The Alaska Baptist Convention is congregations cooperating together to **SEEK CHRIST, SHARE CHRIST, STRENGTHEN CONGREGATIONS, START CONGREGATIONS and SEND CHRISTIANS**. One way we do this is through the Valeria Sherard State Mission Offering.



Jimmy Stewart
Director of Evangelism and Church Development

I am concerned that in recent years, I have seen a decline in attendance at youth events and it might be attributed to some factors I read about recently:

1. 20-30 year olds attend church at half the rate of their parents and a quarter the rate of their grandparents. (<http://thegospelside.com/2012/09/23/whats-so-uncool-about-cool-churches/>). Think about the implication to those working in youth ministry: thousands have invested their lives in reproducing faith in the next generation and the group we were tasked with reaching quit the church when they left us.
2. 61 percent of churched high school students never go back to church after graduation! (Time Magazine, 2009) Even worse, 78 – 88 percent of those in youth programs today will leave church, most to never return. (Lifeway, 2010) Please read those statistics again. Ask yourself why attending a church with no youth program can be more effective in keeping youth in church than attending one with an established youth program?

These facts are devastating to the future of our churches. What are some of the reasons? Here is a quick summary from an article explaining why young people are leaving.

What are we doing in our youth ministries that might be making people less likely to attend church as an adult? I believe it is "preference." We have embraced the idea of market-driven youth ministry. Unfortunately, giving people what they "prefer" is a road that has no end. In his 2010 book titled Generation Y, Tim Elmore calls this "the overindulged Generation." They ask for more and more, and we give it to them. And more and more the market-driven experience is substituted for the power of God. (<http://thegospelside.com/2012/09/23/whats-so-uncool-about-cool-churches/>)

One thing I have tried to do with Alaska Baptist Convention-sponsored events for youth is to give youth opportunities to dig deep and grow in Christ. With our limited funds, it is hard to host big name personalities and bands, so we have concentrated on the message and depth of teaching events. Unfortunately, that is not as appealing as the market-driven approach. My desire is to provide a platform for youth to experience a deep connection with Christ. In upcoming articles, I will discuss what might be done to reverse this trend.

Check out the rest of this issue of the Alaska Baptist Milepost to learn about upcoming events and activities that will be helpful for your church and growth. Call me about training and ministry opportunities in which you might be interested. With so many people to reach in Alaska, let me help your church be a focal point in your community.



Butch Strickland

**Director of Church Planting
and Missions**

New Tribes Mission publishes a monthly report of their work with tribal peoples around the world. The May issue featured a story about a visit of the parents of a missionary couple working with one of those tribes. When the parents arrived, many of the tribal chiefs gathered around to give them the following message:

“You weren’t stingy ones. No, you didn’t hold on to your children tightly but let them come here to live among us....If you would have been stingy ones....we wouldn’t have been able to hear the Good Words that they brought to us...we would still be dying off and going to the big fire lake. But no, you did like God, for He wasn’t a stingy one either. He didn’t hold on to His Son tightly but let Him come down from heaven. Even though He just had one Son and not more, He let Him come down so He could die interveningly for all the bad we have done. So yes, you have been good to us.... You did well in not being stingy with what was yours.” (used by permission from *New Tribes Mission*)

Our church planting strategy has a goal we want to meet before the year 2022 -- to multiply the number of church planters by calling out the called, until we have at least 150 across our state. To meet that goal, every church with a membership of over 300 would need at least two, and every other church at least one. That is a challenging goal. When we realize there are 100 villages around our state and many areas of Anchorage and other cities with no evangelical influence, we can’t be stingy.

In September, we are promoting our Valeria Sherard State Mission Offering with an honorable goal of \$90,000. Let’s not be stingy in that area either. “But no, you did like God, for He wasn’t a stingy one either.” (used by permission from *New Tribes Mission*.)



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calendar

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
25	See You At The Pole
26-27	TBA annual meeting

October 2013

1-31	Cooperative Program emphasis month Clergy Appreciation 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

November 2012

Oct 26-3	Statewide OMC Rallies
3	Disaster Relief Appreciation Day Children's Missions Celebration Day Daylight Savings Time Ends
4	Baptist Women World Day of Prayer
5	Bible Study Leadership Training, HPBA
5	Bible Study Leadership Training, CBA
7	Bible Study Leadership Training, Kenai/Soldotna Trustee meeting, Alaska Baptist Foundation
9	Bible Study Leadership Training, TVBA
11-12	Alaska Baptist Convention Executive Board meeting
15	Annual Church Profiles due
27	ABC and ABF offices close at 1:00 p.m.
28	ABC and ABF offices closed for Thanksgiving

upcoming events

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Intern'l Missions
State Evangelism Conference
Avalanche '14, Youth Evangelism Conference