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I am the Cooperative Program

Pete and Holly Kuhn

New Hope Community Church

Moving to Juneau for work, Pete and Holly Kuhn felt the Lord's leadership to plant a church in downtown Juneau. Currently, there are churches in the downtown area, but few would be considered evangelical, so the need was identified. Since the first of the year, the Cooperative Program (CP) has assisted them with church planting funds for New Hope Community Church. In addition to New Hope, Pete has started a Bible study/chapel at the mine where he works. Your congregation's mission giving through the CP helps the Kuhns with this new congregation in Juneau, and to minister to those who work at the mine. Pete and Holly are a "face" of the Cooperative Program.

Among Alaska Baptist churches, mission work is supported by your congregation's financial gifts through Cooperative Mission giving. When churches send their Cooperative Mission gifts to the Alaska Baptist Convention, 64 percent of that money stays in Alaska, and 36 percent of the money is forwarded to the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee in Nashville, Tennessee for distribution to causes listed in the budget. The Cooperative Mission monies remaining in Alaska provide funds so Alaska Baptists can partner with the North American Mission Board to fund six jointly-appointed career missionary positions, support over 20 other mission ministries, and help provide various other training opportunities. Everything that comes in contact with the Alaska Baptist Convention has been touched in some way by the Cooperative Mission Offering. That is why Cooperative Mission giving is so important. It impacts every mission and ministry in Alaska Baptist work.

God's Plan for Sharing in Alaska

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
Alaska Iu-Mienh First Bapt Church	\$461.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$461.80
Anchor Baptist Church	\$2,006.57	\$0.00	\$110.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,116.57
Anchorage 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	\$8,328.18	\$0.00	\$2,359.02	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,687.20
Bodenburg Butte Bapt Church	\$4,060.78	\$0.00	\$427.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,487.78
Calvary Baptist Church	\$2,359.12	\$0.00	\$1,030.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,389.12
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	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$639.05
College Heights Baptist Church	\$29,398.06	\$0.00	\$6,692.58	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$36,090.64
Comm Bapt Church, Coffman Cove	\$3,016.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,016.20
Community Baptist Church, Nome	\$820.00	\$0.00	\$366.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,186.00
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	\$11,287.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,787.80
CrossCountry Church	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
Dillingham Bible Fellowship	\$5,824.54	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,824.54
Eagle River Korean Bapt Church	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$750.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church	\$2,533.89	\$0.00	\$360.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,893.89
Fairview Loop Baptist Church	\$18,634.07	\$0.00	\$3,025.43	\$4,655.35	\$0.00	\$26,314.85
Faith Baptist Church	\$5,386.72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,386.72
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	\$33,582.78	\$0.00	\$5,674.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$39,257.53
First Baptist Church, Eagle River	\$20,258.06	\$700.00	\$4,253.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25,212.01
First Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$5,682.82	\$0.00	\$1,300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,982.82
First Baptist Church, North Pole	\$16,997.28	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$17,597.28
First Baptist Church, Delta Jct	\$33,389.00	\$0.00	\$4,180.00	\$375.00	\$0.00	\$37,944.00
First Baptist Church, Juneau	\$6,600.69	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,600.69
First Baptist Church, Kenai	\$3,174.13	\$0.00	\$660.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,834.13
First Baptist Church, Ketchikan	\$5,851.41	\$0.00	\$3,029.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,880.41
First Baptist Church, Kotzebue	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
First Baptist Church, Palmer	\$12,499.95	\$0.00	\$2,849.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,348.95
First Baptist Church, Petersburg	\$3,303.52	\$0.00	\$909.12	\$435.00	\$0.00	\$4,647.64
First Baptist Church, Sitka	\$4,189.23	\$0.00	\$1,263.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,452.23
First Baptist Church, Soldotna	\$6,850.00	\$0.00	\$1,363.09	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,213.09
First Baptist Church, Valdez	\$11,949.21	\$0.00	\$4,035.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,984.61
First Baptist Church, Wasilla	\$7,717.86	\$0.00	\$2,327.05	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,044.91
First Baptist Church, Willow	\$3,702.72	\$0.00	\$756.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,458.72
First Hmong Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Korean Baptist Church	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$487.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,287.00
First Native Baptist Church	\$2,835.00	\$0.00	\$1,065.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,900.00
Friendship Baptist Mission	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Frontier Baptist Church	\$2,468.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,468.00
Gilead Ministries	\$976.25	\$0.00	\$105.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,081.25
Glacier Valley Baptist Church	\$10,565.28	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,565.28
Grandview Baptist Church	\$23,212.99	\$400.00	\$1,862.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$25,314.99
Greater Friendship Bapt Church	\$5,840.67	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,840.67
Hillside Baptist Church	\$7,524.37	\$0.00	\$746.33	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,270.70
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	\$0.00	\$1,415.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$2,047.31
Journey Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Juneau Korean Church	\$240.00	\$0.00	\$310.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$550.00
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	\$493.63	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$493.63
Korean Baptist Mission	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$170.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$470.00
Korean New Central Bapt Church	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
Lighthouse Community Church	\$6,390.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,390.00
Misc. Contributors-Cash	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$140.00	\$790.00
Montana Creek Baptist Church	\$5,634.88	\$0.00	\$240.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,874.88
Moose Creek Baptist Church	\$5,400.39	\$0.00	\$398.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,798.79
Moose Pass Community 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	\$2,215.06	\$0.00	\$2,160.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,375.06
Mount Pleasant Baptist Church	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00

January-August 2013 Gifts from ABC Churches

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
Mount Redoubt Baptist Church	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,200.00
Mtn View Community Church	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Muldoon Road Baptist Church	\$5,818.59	\$0.00	\$646.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,464.59
New Beginnings Baptist Church	\$773.02	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$773.02
New Birth Christian Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Grace Christian Church	\$2,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,250.00
New Hope Baptist Church	\$6,402.24	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,902.24
New Hope Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Hope Fellowship	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$820.00
North Bear St 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	\$0.00	\$110.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$110.00
Riverside Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$350.00
Salcha Baptist Church	\$6,437.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,437.35
Samoa Alaska Baptist Church	\$560.86	\$0.00	\$136.36	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$697.22
Sand Point Baptist Chapel	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Schrock Road Community Church	\$1,584.24	\$0.00	\$351.80	\$72.00	\$0.00	\$2,008.04
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	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$762.77
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	\$7,322.29	\$0.00	\$519.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,841.29
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$17,013.16	\$0.00	\$9,588.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$26,601.66
Tenakee Community Church	\$202.26	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$202.26
The Crossing @ Birchwood	\$2,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,800.00
Thorne Bay Baptist Church	\$563.66	\$0.00	\$87.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$650.66
Togiak Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
True North Church	\$4,375.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,375.00
True North Downtown	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
UBC-Chinese Fellowship	\$457.09	\$0.00	\$370.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$827.09
University Baptist Church, Anch	\$6,350.93	\$0.00	\$1,804.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,154.93
University Baptist Church, Fbks	\$10,754.00	\$0.00	\$3,779.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,533.00
Valley View Baptist Church	\$3,187.50	\$0.00	\$558.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,745.50
Wasilla Korean Baptist Church	\$450.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$950.00
Whittier Christian Comm Church	\$450.00	\$0.00	\$115.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$565.00
Grand Totals:	\$439,902.76	\$1,740.00	\$82,664.58	\$5,762.35	\$140.00	\$530,209.69
Goals:	\$683,679.00	\$90,000.00	\$95,000.00	\$150,000.00		
Over/Under Goal:	\$(243,776.24)	\$(88,260.00)	\$(12,335.42)	\$(144,237.65)		

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 Willie (Vaialae) Tauanuu and the congregation of Samoa Alaska Baptist Church as they minister in Anchorage. Your congregation's mission support through the Cooperative Program is a vital resource to this congregation.

Welcome!

Al (Sandy) Weeks
First Baptist Church, Kenai

**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, Valdez
Friendship Baptist Church, Fairbanks
Greater Friendship Baptist Church, Anc
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
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Are you watching for your Annual Church Profile survey?



The Annual Church Profile (ACP) is a survey of all Southern Baptist congregations across the United States and Canada. The statistics, compiled by LifeWay Christian Resources, include the number of church members and baptisms, as well as figures on Sunday School attendance and missions involvement. The ACP assists congregations, as well as

association and convention staffs in evaluating current ministries and developing new ones. Please be watching for your ACP survey and complete it by November 10, 2013. If you have questions, please call Debra Long in the Alaska Baptist Convention office (907-344-9627 or 800-883-9627).

Upper Tanana Valley Regional Church Planting Center

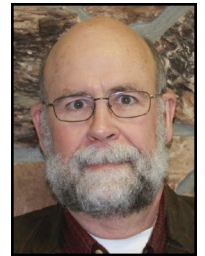
Alan Dial, Alaska Native Church Planter Catalyst

In May of this year, as Babs and I returned from the Ministers and Spouses Retreat in Healy, we came back to Anchorage the long way via the village of Tok. Tok is a crossroad with a village wrapped around it in the Interior, about four hours from Fairbanks, six or seven from Anchorage and 2½ from the border of Canada. About 1250 folks live in Tok, catering to the summertime RV'ers enroute to just about anyplace else in Alaska. In Tok you refuel the RV and the stomach (Fast Eddy's and Beaver Fever are my suggestions...although Three-Bears grocery store has the greatest Apple Fritter I've ever eaten) and turn left for Anchorage and Kenai or go straight toward Fairbanks. At one time, the Chamber of Commerce advertised Tok as the "Coldest Continuously Occupied Place in North America." We are about to find out if that is reality or hyperbole.

It was under the guidance of Alaska Baptist Convention (ABC) leadership that we took the long way home and at their direction surveyed Tok to come up with a strategy for the building (old Gateway Baptist Church/FBC Tok) and for reaching the indigenous populations in the area. We came, we saw, we asked, we visited, we wrote and then we returned. Babs was smitten with the place, I was encouraged and the boys liked the idea of the city park across the street from the old building. The facility is in good shape; First Baptist Church, Delta Junction has invested a lot of time and energy in

keeping it up, and with a minimum investment we will be able to reestablish the church or repurpose the building. But it is time to rethink our strategy in Tok. What are we here for? What is our goal? There are good evangelical churches in Tok, so duplicating their effort would be not be smart. What is missing is a strengthened discipleship strategy and a place for Alaska Native People to train for the ministry and to prepare them to minister in their villages. Epiphany! So the strategy is to repurpose the facility, creating a mission resource and training center that will birth churches in the approximately 45 villages from Delta Junction to Whitehorse in the Yukon Territory, Canada. We returned to Anchorage, wrote a proposal and waited for the two leaders in my "chain-of-command" to respond. They liked it. They let me present the idea to the ABC Board of Trustees and surprise! They liked it too.

The next need was to find a family that could and would go to Tok. One morning Mike Procter asked me if Babs and I would consider going...I pondered it...gave him the standard Baptist answer that we would pray about it, went home and shared the decision with Babs. She liked it too. We didn't give up the old job -- just added the new responsibility to it. Our summer calendar was already full and we had



See "Tok" on page 7

Bible Study Leadership Training

RAISING UP GODLY LEADERS



November 2 • Fairbanks
November 4 • Palmer/Wasilla
November 5 • Anchorage



Celebrate God's work in the world • **Anticipate** your role in God's mission
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Statewide On Mission Celebrations • October 26-November 3

A Report from our Church Planters

Here is some news from our church planters August reports to encourage you to pray for them:

**227 evangelistic encounters • 6 salvations
• 4 baptisms**

Your Alaska church planters are:

Willie Austin, Billy Barnhill, Gary Bearce, Joe Blackburn, Bryant Blakley, Oleg Bondar, Joe Boney, Monte Chitty, Jay Dagenhart, Alan Dial, Coley Elkins, David Gamble, Clifton Gay, David George, Matt Hoke, Pete Kuhn, Priestley Lee, Dawson Lindblom, Bill Little, Larry Macknicki, Leon May, Kwang Oh, Su'e Su'e, Daryl Turley, Andy Vaughn, Brent Williams, Paul Worsham.

Our church planters are fulfilling the mission of Jesus Christ in Alaska!

Butch Strickland
Director of Church Planting and Missions

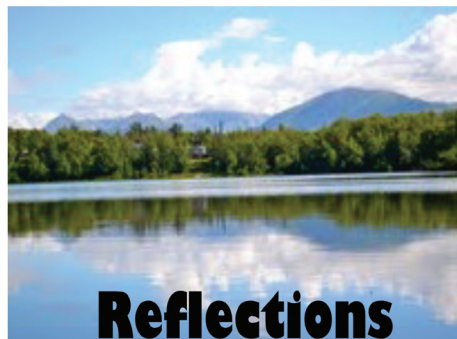


Alaska Statewide Women's Celebration

\$15

October 4-5, 2013

**Friday—6pm-9pm
Saturday—9am-noon**



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Proverbs 31

**God created Women, let's bring a friend
and celebrate together.**

MILEPOST MOMENTS

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

Condolences

Our condolences to Sherry Worthy (First Baptist Church, Willow) in the death of her father on August 12. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to sworthy@mtaonline.net

Condolences

Our condolences to Mae Moses (Alaska Native Baptist Fellowship) in the death of her daughter Barbara on September 1. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to mae@mtaonline.net.

Emmanuel Baptist Church,

Juneau

EBC ordained Pastor Nathan (Dominika) Buck on June 30. Nathan's father Todd Buck delivered the ordination message. The evening concluded with a fellowship meal.

Glacier Valley Baptist Church,

Juneau

Pastor Gordon Mills was recognized for his response to an emergency at the Juneau Home Depot, when an employee collapsed from a heart attack. Pastor Mills administered CPR until paramedics arrived.

New Hope Baptist Church,

Anchorage

NHBC called John Smith as their interim pastor.

Fairview Loop Baptist Church,

Wasilla

FLBC took a mission team to Kodiak Island for the sixth year. Thirty-one volunteers partnered with Frontier Baptist Church and First Baptist Church, Perryton, Texas to hold Vacation Bible School, make much needed repairs to the church building, and conduct outreach to the community. The mission team also led Bible camp in Old Harbor for about 30 kindergarten-sixth grade-aged children, and hosted youth outreach and community service projects.

First Baptist Church, Willow

FBC celebrated 35 years of ministry in Willow at a special service on August 25.

First Baptist Church, Kenai

FBC welcomed their new pastor Al (Sandy) Weeks in September.

Samoa Alaska Baptist Church,

Anchorage

In August, over 100 people attended a community picnic and worship service in Mountain View hosted by SABC (Willie Tauanuu, pastor) and Mountain View Community Church (Rob Davis, pastor). Soonamulu Tosi was the guest speaker.

University of Alaska, Southeast

The UAS Baptist Collegiate Ministries had a great beginning to the new school year when they fed 100 people during their "moving into the dorms" dinner. They also had 21 attend the college-age Sunday school class and 22 attended the Thursday night Bible Study.



University Baptist Church,

Fairbanks

Mothers of preschoolers will enjoy a tea, and their LIFE group starts up this month. The college group will join with the Chinese congregation for "Chinese Night," a popular time of fellowship including a worship service and potluck.

Alaska Baptist Convention

In late August, a "vision team" from Central Coast Baptist Association in California was in Alaska, exploring partnership mission opportunities. Beginning January 1, 2014, the ABC and CCBA will enter into a five-year partnership. (pictured l to r: Ken Reese, Moderator and pastor, First Baptist Church, King City; Brook Ewbank, Ministry Specialist; Mary Helen Gallegos, Treasurer; Mike Stewart, Executive Director of Missions)



Alaska Baptist Convention Cooperative Program Support

	2013		2012	
August				
CP Goal	\$56,973.25		\$60,026.83	
Receipts	54,806.18		60,836.21	
Variance	(2,167.07)	-3.8%	809.38	1.3%
Year-to-Date				
CP Goal	\$455,786.00		\$480,214.64	
Receipts	439,902.76		446,441.56	
Variance	(15,883.24)	-3.5%	(33,773.08)	-7.0%

HELP WANTED

Youth Director (bi-vocational) 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 provided. Please send resume and (at least) three references to: Montana Creek Baptist Church, attn: Youth Director Search Committee, HC 89, Box 8571, Talkeetna, AK 99676; mtcrkbaptist@gmail.com.

Student/Youth Minister (part-time) First Baptist Church, Palmer is looking for a part-time student/youth minister. Interested persons may contact Pastor Bruce Rowell, 907.745.4483, bruce.rowell@fbcpalmer.com

Music/Youth Leader (part-time) CrossCountry Church, Wasilla, is looking for a part-time music/youth leader. They need someone with a contemporary/country music style, both instrumentally and vocally and who can help members of the Praise Team develop their talents. The youth ministry is in beginning stages and needs physical and spiritual development. Please contact Pastor Mike Balos, 907.715.8761, mike@crosscountrychurch.com

Pastor Pioneer Baptist Church is accepting resumes for the senior pastor position. Send resumes to Pioneer Baptist Church, Attn: Pastor Search Committee, 7362 W. Parks Hwy., #382, Wasilla, AK 99623

T H E H A R V E S T I S G R E A T

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to fit this move into a schedule that had me out-of-town and out-of-state most of the summer. Plus, our daughter-in-law was expecting a baby and needed to stay with us in Anchorage the months of June and July before heading back to King Cove. We started moving to Tok – one trip up with a full truck and trailer, unload, turn around...repeat. The apartment in the back of the existing building is functionally complete. The sanctuary is under renovation...the dorm rooms are studded out and sheetrocked, lighted and ready for paint and bunk beds. The visiting family rooms are ready for furniture and the new bath and laundry is in progress. We have already entertained vision teams and expect to have a full schedule of mission teams next summer. Hopefully, training classes will start in October but we may need to postpone until early 2014. God moves fast when He decides to move!

We hope to evangelize the Athabaskan and First Nations (Canada) Peoples and see God raise indigenous leadership for ministry. We want to enlist, equip, encourage and educate lay leaders and mentor them as they start biblically and culturally correct churches in “THEIR” villages. We also want a place for new missionaries to come and work with us in preparation for their assignment in Bush Alaska – sort of like a missionary “boot-camp.” In the summer months, teams

from around Alaska and Outside can stay at the center, work in the villages and reflect the presence of God in their lives. Two of the rooms will be set aside as family rooms for those coming with their children, or missionaries coming to depressurize from ministry. Will it work? That depends on you, your vision and your understanding of how God works on the cutting edge of lostness. If you are content, you probably shouldn't bother. But, if you're convicted, give us a call. Come and see where God is at work in the interior of the “Last Frontier” and how He wants you to use the gifts received at your re-birth.

Pastor Appreciation Month

October marks the observance of Pastor appreciation Month and the Pastor Relations team of the North American Mission Board wants to help churches recognize pastors and church staff.

A new website, namb.net/pastor-support, hosts resources to help congregations honor their pastor. Explore creative ways you can recognize your pastor and your entire church ministry team.

The site also contains tools to help in all areas of a pastor's calling, including family, relationships, accountability and more. In addition, the site contains information on church revitalization, among other resources.



Mike Procter
Executive Director

October is Pastor Appreciation Month and I hope your congregation plans on doing something to express appreciation for your pastoral staff.

Often I am asked how a congregation can show appreciation for their pastoral staff. The following from Diana Davis might be helpful:

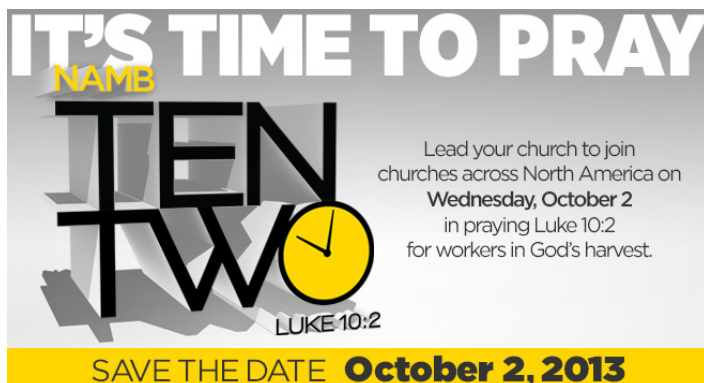
- Lots of letters. On Sunday before Pastor Appreciation Day, distribute stamped envelopes addressed to the pastor. An instruction note invites each church member to write and mail a personal note of encouragement and appreciation to the pastor this week.
- Very merry commentary. Purchase a full set of Bible commentaries. Allow various groups, such as Bible classes, committees or church organizations, to present one book of the set, individually wrapped with their personal notes of appreciation on the inside pages.
- Million M&Ms. Think of one small thing your pastor enjoys -- M&Ms, fishing lures, coffee, etc. Ask each member to bring that item on Sunday, i.e. one bag, any size, of M&Ms. Supply extras for guests or forgetful members.
- Thirty days of appreciation. Use an October calendar to schedule volunteers for a month-long schedule of surprise treats. Each day of the month, the pastor will receive a surprise token of appreciation from a church member, committee or group within the church. The tributes will vary widely -- a balloon delivery, shoe shine, an apple pie, a gift. After a whole month of pleasant surprises, won't your pastor feel appreciated?
- A couple other ideas. Give him an extra day off -- have someone watch the kids and treat your pastor and his wife to a dinner at a local restaurant.

Pray for your pastor...if you would like a copy of the tract "Pray for Your Pastor: a 40-day Intercessory Prayer Guide", please contact me and I will mail one to you.

Have a blessed October and remember to say thank you to your pastoral staff.



Jimmy Stewart
Director of Evangelism and Church Development



The North American Mission Board (NAMB) has an emphasis, "It's Time to Pray {Ten Two}" to inspire our church leaders and members to pray for workers in God's harvest. There are a lot of good resources available to help your church focus on the lost using this emphasis.

- Penetrating lostness in North America requires thousands of local churches and tens of thousands of individual believers prayerfully demonstrating and declaring the gospel with determination and compassion. *"He told them: 'The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest'"* (Luke 10:2, HCSB).
- The North American Mission Board invites Southern Baptists:
 - At 10:02 each day—morning or night—to pray that God will send workers into His harvest field.
 - Have a special prayer service in your church on Oct. 2, 2013

Check out the NAMB website for sermon outlines, suggested orders of worship, a guide to praying for the lost and bulletin inserts to help with this emphasis in your church. Historically, Southern Baptists have assigned the first Sunday in October as "Soul Winning Commitment" day. NAMB is using the "Ten Two" emphasis to promote the goal of reaching the lost.

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Bible Study Leadership Training occurring November 2 (Fairbanks), November 4 (Palmer/Wasilla) and November 5 (Anchorage). The theme is "Raising up Godly Leaders." Encourage your Bible study and small group leaders to attend.



Butch Strickland

Director of Church Planting and Missions

Matt 9:38 *Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.*

Luke 11:5-8 *And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves; For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him? And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee. I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth.*

“The blessing to be asked will not be less. Every believer is a labourer; there is not one of God’s children who has not been redeemed for service, and has not his work waiting. It must be our prayer that the Lord would so fill all His people with the spirit of devotion, that not one may be found standing idle in the vineyard. Wherever there is a complaint of the want of helpers, or of fit helpers in God’s work, prayer has the promise of a supply. There is no Sunday school or district visiting, no Bible reading or rescue work, where God is not ready and able to provide. It may take time and importunity, but the command of Christ to ask the Lord of the harvest is the pledge that the prayer will be heard: ‘I say unto you, he will arise and give him as many as he needeth.’”*

While the church in Antioch was worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit instructed them to separate Saul and Barnabas for the work to which the Lord had called them. The church played an integral part in the call. They were worshiping, fasting and praying. Let’s continue to pray that God would send laborers and use us to discover, develop, and deploy them.

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Safety Deposit Box vs. Fireproof Home Safe

What is the best way to secure against the risk of loss for items of great value or importance? There is no single answer to this question, but for the sake of this discussion, two common solutions are a safety deposit box and fireproof home safe.

Many banks and credit unions offer safety deposit boxes with annual costs ranging from \$50 - \$400 depending on the size of the box and where it is located. A list of suggested valuables to put in a safety deposit box is:

- insurance policies
- birth, marriage and death certificates
- adoption papers and divorce decrees
- deeds, titles, mortgage papers and lease contracts
- military records and citizenship papers
- stock and bond certificates
- videotape or DVD inventory of your home and all its contents

This is not an exhaustive list and value is subjective to each individual.

Many states impose a lockdown on safety deposit boxes following the death of the owner. This can make gaining access to contents of a safety deposit box extremely difficult, often requiring a court order. For this reason some items should not be kept in a safety deposit box:

- originals of wills, trusts and power of attorney documents
- medical care directives
- funeral or burial instructions
- cash (cash kept in a safety deposit box is not insured by financial institutions)

Those items are best kept in a fireproof safe so contents can be accessed in the case of incapacitation or death.

There are clear advantages and disadvantages of each method and each individual must evaluate the best means to secure personal assets.

The best solution for storing personal valuables can vary between individuals and may certainly involve a combination of a safety deposit box and personal fireproof safe. If an individual chooses this type of combined approach, it is recommended a key to the safety deposit box be kept in the fireproof safe. A safety deposit box key can be difficult to replace.

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Safety Deposit Box

Advantages
security

third-party protection

easy to maintain

Disadvantages

limited access: subject to business hours of a financial institution

concerns over privacy: certain governmental agencies may seek the ability to examine, and in some cases seize, the contents of a safety deposit box without a warrant

month/annual fee: is determined by box size

Fireproof Home Safe

Advantages
unlimited access

privacy

less costly

Disadvantages

security: safety is the responsibility of the individual

third-party protection is removed: if something happens to your home, you may lose all the safe contents as well

no monthly fee: one-time safe purchase cost, as well as adequate square footage for installation

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Mike Procter, Executive Director/Treasurer



Have you ever noticed how often “wealth” is based upon one’s perception? The following illustration was in a past issue of “Stand Firm”:

A wealthy man took his son into an impoverished rural area to expose him to the plight of the poverty of the people living there. After spending the day in the area, the father asked, “Son, what did you learn?” The son answered, “We have one dog, but they have four. We have a pool, they have a

creek without end. We have imported lanterns in our garden, they have the stars at night. We have a small piece of land to live on, and they have fields beyond sight. We have locks on the doors to protect us, but they have friends. Thanks Dad, for showing me how poor we are.”

A person can make a great discovery when they realize what true riches really are. In Luke 12, Jesus told the story of the farmer who was so successful he had to build more barns to hold all of his crops. As the farmer was sitting back enjoying the good life God told him he would die that night and then who would get to

enjoy all his “things”? This farmer found out that, while material possessions might make life easier, they do not always mean we are rich. The farmer focused on his material assets and failed to remember he could not take them with him into eternity or, as the gospel hymn says, “You will never see a U-haul being towed behind a hearse”. The farmer’s perspective was way off.

Don’t get me wrong. I believe the Bible teaches that we should be wise stewards of that with which God has blessed us. The problem comes when the “stuff” becomes the goal, and we may find ourselves with the same perspective as the farmer.

The Alaska Baptist Foundation (ABF) exists to assist you with being a wise steward of that which God has blessed you. When you enter eternity, what will happen to all of your “stuff”? The ABF can help you establish an estate plan that will take care of your family, as well as the ministries you support.

If we can be of assistance, please contact Adam Long

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907.770.0581 or 800.883.9627.



Your Living Will

Having a Last Will and Testament, leaving a legacy and sharing your final wishes are all important life decisions. Not all of these decisions are easy, but you would never want to place your family in a difficult situation where your wishes are not clear, especially in the event of a terminal illness or accident. A living will can be easily drawn up by a qualified attorney, or you

can discuss your wishes with your physician. Most hospitals will offer this document to patients at no cost. Although you may not like to think about the possibility of death during a medical procedure, it is prudent as a faithful steward to prepare for this time to assure your deepest convictions are recognized and honored.

by Ron Kelley, excerpted from Mature Living magazine, September 2013 issue

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6	Soul-Winning Commitment Day		Executive Board meeting
9	CBA Annual Meeting	27	ABC and ABF offices close at 1:00 p.m.
13	World Hunger Sunday	28	ABC and ABF offices closed for Thanksgiving
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	23	ABC and ABF offices close at 1:00 p.m.
2	Bible Study Leadership Training, TVBA	24-Jan 1	ABC and ABF offices closed for Christmas
3	Disaster Relief Appreciation Day		
	Children's Missions Celebration Day		
	Daylight Savings Time Ends		
4	Baptist Women World Day of Prayer		
	Bible Study Leadership Training, HPBA		
5	Bible Study Leadership Training, CBA		
7	Trustee meeting, Alaska Baptist Foundation		
10	Annual Church Profiles due		

upcoming events

State Evangelism Conference
Avalanche '14, Youth Evangelism Conference
Vacation Bible School training clinics