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Saturday, November 2 • First Baptist Church,
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David and Carole George
Church Planter Catalyst/
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Since the time God called me into full-time ministry, I have been supportive of the Cooperative Program (CP). While pastoring, the churches I served gave from 10 to 18 percent of general offerings to CP and I believed then, as I do now, that CP is the best method to reach the world for Christ.

When Carole and I became missionaries we were partly supported by CP. God does work in mysterious ways! Today 51 percent of our salary and housing, travel dollars, and health coverage are provided by Southern Baptist CP dollars. We could not serve where we are without your gifts. CP directly helps fund new church starts, provides needed resources for churches, and revitalizes struggling and plateaued congregations. Because CP dollars contribute so much to associational work, we are able to put other money to work to accomplish God's mission in Alaska.

Thank you for your faithfulness in giving to the Cooperative Program. From its inception, CP is still the best funding program for mission 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	\$2,480.57	\$0.00	\$110.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,590.57
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	\$9,665.96	\$0.00	\$2,359.02	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,024.98
Bodenburg Butte Baptist Church	\$5,266.14	\$0.00	\$427.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,693.14
Calvary Baptist Church	\$3,161.76	\$0.00	\$1,030.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,191.76
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	\$804.34	\$150.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,004.34
College Heights Baptist Church	\$33,114.28	\$0.00	\$6,692.58	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$39,806.86
Comm Bapt Church, Coffman Cove	\$4,426.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,426.20
Community Baptist Church, Nome	\$863.00	\$0.00	\$366.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,229.00
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	\$1,350.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,550.00
Dillingham Bible Fellowship	\$6,575.18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,575.18
Eagle River Korean Bapt Church	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$750.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church	\$2,786.31	\$0.00	\$360.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,146.31
Fairview Loop Baptist Church	\$20,079.90	\$0.00	\$3,025.43	\$4,655.35	\$0.00	\$27,760.68
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	\$1,750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,750.00
First Baptist Church, Anchorage	\$40,446.07	\$0.00	\$5,674.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$46,120.82
First Baptist Church, Eagle River	\$23,075.57	\$700.00	\$4,253.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$28,029.52
First Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$5,682.82	\$0.00	\$1,300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,982.82
First Baptist Church, North Pole	\$19,132.28	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$19,732.28
First Baptist Church, Delta Jct	\$37,137.00	\$0.00	\$4,180.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$41,817.00
First Baptist Church, Juneau	\$7,568.11	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,568.11
First Baptist Church, Kenai	\$3,605.45	\$0.00	\$660.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,265.45
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	\$14,166.61	\$0.00	\$2,849.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$17,015.61
First Baptist Church, Petersburg	\$3,698.26	\$0.00	\$909.12	\$435.00	\$0.00	\$5,042.38
First Baptist Church, Sitka	\$4,843.69	\$0.00	\$1,263.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,106.69
First Baptist Church, Soldotna	\$7,991.00	\$1,204.00	\$1,363.09	\$231.00	\$0.00	\$10,789.09
First Baptist Church, Valdez	\$14,149.42	\$0.00	\$4,035.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$18,184.82
First Baptist Church, Wasilla	\$8,783.90	\$0.00	\$2,327.05	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,110.95
First Baptist Church, Willow	\$4,030.06	\$0.00	\$756.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,786.06
First Hmong Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Korean Baptist Church	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$487.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,387.00
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	\$2,906.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,906.75
Gilead Ministries	\$976.25	\$0.00	\$105.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,081.25
Glacier Valley Baptist Church	\$17,963.30	\$0.00	\$3,630.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$21,593.30
Grandview Baptist Church	\$25,973.47	\$65.00	\$1,862.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$28,200.47
Greater Friendship Bapt Church	\$7,030.87	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,030.87
Hillside Baptist Church	\$8,306.97	\$0.00	\$746.33	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,053.30
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	\$708.02	\$0.00	\$1,435.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$2,168.02
Journey Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Juneau Korean Church	\$270.00	\$0.00	\$310.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$580.00
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	\$634.63	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$634.63
Korean Baptist Mission	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$170.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$470.00
Korean New Central Bapt Church	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,300.00
Lighthouse Community Church	\$6,912.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,912.00
Misc. Contributors-Cash	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$160.00	\$810.00
Montana Creek Baptist Church	\$5,634.88	\$0.00	\$240.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,874.88
Moose Creek Baptist Church	\$6,051.83	\$0.00	\$398.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,450.23
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	\$2,467.06	\$0.00	\$2,160.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,627.06
Mount Pleasant Baptist Church	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Mount Redoubt Baptist Church	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,200.00
Mtn View Community Church	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$225.00

January-September 2013 Gifts from ABC Churches

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
Muldoon Road Baptist Church	\$7,187.66	\$0.00	\$646.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,833.66
New Beginnings Baptist Church	\$964.58	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$964.58
New Birth Christian Church	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
New Grace Christian Church	\$2,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,250.00
New Hope Baptist Church	\$7,508.24	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,008.24
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 Community Church	\$49.18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$49.18
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	\$2,250.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,250.00
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	\$8,210.59	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,210.59
Samoa Alaska Baptist Church	\$637.92	\$0.00	\$136.36	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$774.28
Sand Point Baptist Chapel	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Schrock Road Community Church	\$3,490.24	\$680.00	\$804.80	\$525.00	\$0.00	\$5,500.04
Settler's Bay Community Church	\$6,363.63	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,363.63
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	\$8,089.39	\$0.00	\$519.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,608.39
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$18,656.13	\$0.00	\$9,588.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$28,244.63
Tenakee Community Church	\$202.26	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$202.26
The Crossing @ Birchwood	\$3,150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,150.00
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	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00
True North Downtown	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
UBC-Chinese Fellowship	\$582.64	\$0.00	\$370.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$952.64
University Baptist Church, Anc	\$7,152.88	\$0.00	\$1,943.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,095.88
University Baptist Church, Fbks	\$13,035.00	\$0.00	\$3,788.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$16,898.00
Valley View Baptist Church	\$3,187.50	\$0.00	\$558.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,745.50
Wasilla Korean Baptist Church	\$550.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,050.00
Whittier Christian Comm Church	\$675.00	\$0.00	\$115.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$840.00
Grand Totals:	\$506,706.11	\$3,999.00	\$86,915.58	\$6,746.35	\$210.00	\$604,577.04
Goals:	\$683,679.00	\$90,000.00	\$95,000.00	\$150,000.00		
Over/Under Goal:	\$(176,972.89)	\$(86,001.00)	\$(8,084.42)	\$(143,253.65)		

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 Daryl (Tricia) Turley as they minister in Anderson. Your congregation's mission support through the Cooperative Program is a vital resource to this congregation.

Welcome!

*Chris (Dorothy) Grooms
 Friendship Baptist Church, Fairbanks*

**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
 Greater Friendship Bapt Church, Anch
 Kiana Baptist Mission
 Korean Baptist Mission, Fairbanks
 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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Thank You Glacier Valley Baptist Church, Juneau for hosting the 68th annual meeting of the Alaska Baptist Convention



2013-14 Alaska Baptist Convention Leadership Team
(pictured l to r) Don Shannon (president), Jack Sherman (first vice president), Mary Sue Foster (recording secretary), Harold Conrad (second vice president), Mike Procter, Executive Director, ABC



Dr. Mike Procter
Executive Director
Alaska Baptist Convention



Jimmy Stewart
Alaska Baptist Convention



Dr. Gordon Mills
Pastor
Glacier Valley, Juneau



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Wonderful Annual Meeting Cook Team!
(pictured l to r) Ricky Creech, Donna Creech, Lashanor Doolittle, Paula Moutsos
(Appreciation gifts presented by Mike Procter, Executive Director, ABC)



Don Shannon
2012-13 President
Alaska Baptist Convention



Jack Sherman
2012-13 Vice President
Alaska Baptist Convention



Randy C.
working in the Balkans



Robin C.
working in the Balkans



(pictured l to r) **Doug Edwards** (pastor, First Baptist, Ketchikan), **Don Shannon** (president, ABC), **Mike Procter** (Executive Director, ABC)



(pictured l to r) **Dr. Kerry Chadwick** (pastor, First Baptist, Sitka) and **Don Shannon** (president, ABC)



Suzanne Reece
National WMU



2013-14 WMU Leadership Team
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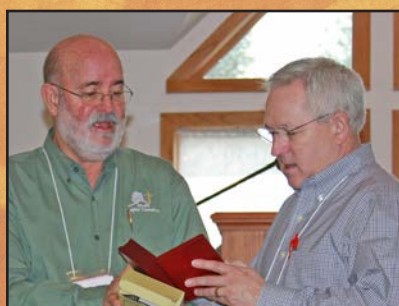
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MILEPOST MOMENTS

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

Condolences

Our condolences to Eric Ash, Dean, Wayland Baptist University, Anchorage campus, in the death of his mother on September 30. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to ashe@wbu.edu.

Condolences

Our condolences to John Jemar, Assistant Dean, Wayland Baptist University, Anchorage campus, in the death of his mother on September 25. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to jjemar@juno.com.

Condolences

Our condolences to Carole McKee (First Baptist Church, Anchorage) in the death of her mother on September 9. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to jdmckee@ak.net.

Condolences

Our condolences to Shirley Newberry in the death of her husband Brent on October 1. Newberrys served at Ekwok Christian Church and North Tongass Baptist Church, prior to moving to the Kenai area. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to brentnewberry1945@hotmail.com.

Sand Point Chapel

SPC was given permission to hold Bible study, worship and prayer at the Trident Seafood processing plant. The first gathering included nine people from six nations. Scott Morgan is pastor.

Riverside Chapel, King Salmon

In October, RC began offering a Sunday afternoon Sunday school, "Bible Adventures." Please pray for this congregation as they reach out to the youth in King Salmon. Russ Olsen is pastor.

Mountain View Community Church, Anchorage

MVCC ordained their pastor, Ron

Davis, to the gospel ministry on September 18.



Fairview Loop Baptist Church, Wasilla

Raymond Lowdermilk was commissioned on August 18 as a missionary of FLBC to serve as a chaplain in the Alaska Army National Guard. He was endorsed by the North American Mission Board on March 26. Laura Lowdermilk was also commissioned as a missionary of FLBC as she serves with Raymond.



University Baptist Church, Fairbanks

The college/career group will have a progressive dinner on November 8. Their fall retreat will be at Mt. Aurora Lodge, and on November 17 students will lead the evening worship service. Operation Christmas Child boxes will be dedicated on the 14th and the Chinese congregation will celebrate Thanksgiving on November 29.

Alaska Baptist Convention

Alan Dial and Mike Procter represented the ABC during the annual

Mission Rally of the Central Coast Baptist Association (CCBA) in California. Beginning January 1, the ABC and CCBA will enter into a five-year partnership. Pictured (l to r): Mike Procter, Alan Dial; Ken Reese, pastor FBC King City and CCBA moderator; Mike Stewart, Executive Director, CCBA; Mike Procter, Alan Dial.



First Baptist Church, Anchorage

FBC will host a WorldCraft Fair, Saturday, November 2, 1-3 p.m. Worldcraft products are made by artisans in impoverished countries allowing them to earn a sustainable income and offering eternal hope.

New Birth Christian Church, Fairbanks

NBCC celebrated the recent baptism of Neil Fulks (pictured left). Eric Jones (pictured right) is pastor.



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State Evangelism Conference
January 27-28, 2014

Job Openings!

Music/Youth Leader (part-time)

- contemporary/country music style, vocal and instrument
- assist praise team with talent development
- physical and spiritual development for youth ministry

contact: Mike Balos, pastor
CrossCountry Church, Wasilla
907.715.8761, mike@crosscountrychurch.com

Youth Director (bi-vocational)

- servant leader with a passion for young people
- possess strong communication skills
- coordinate and oversee all youth activities
- housing and utilities provided

Send resume and three references to:
Montana Creek Baptist Church, Attn: Youth Director Search Ctte
HC 89, Box 8571, Talkeetna, AK 99676; mterkbaptist@gmail.com

Student/Youth Minister (part-time)

contact: Bruce Rowell, pastor
First Baptist Church, Palmer
907.745.4483, bruce.rowell@fbcpalmer.com



Your Annual Church Profile is due November 10!

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).



Mike Procter
Executive Director

Have you ever gotten into trouble for being thankful? It happened to me when I was eight years old. I was at a family Thanksgiving meal and most of my extended family was present. We were around the table, preparing to eat and the Thanksgiving prayer had already been voiced. I was ready to dig in when my cousin said, "Before we eat, we should go around the table and have everyone say at least one thing they are thankful for." Well, you know how that goes – the first person is thankful everyone is together at Thanksgiving; the next person is thankful for all the food; the next is thankful everyone has been healthy over the past year. Finally it was my turn and I was panicking because all of the "good" things to be thankful for had already been spoken. I was just a dumb kid who couldn't think of anything elegant or deep and meaningful so I said, "I am thankful cousin (name is omitted to protect the innocent) did not sit by me this year because he (or she) always smells." Needless to say, my "thanks" stopped the show. My unnamed cousin left the table crying; another kicked me under the table; my mother reached over and twisted my ear; and most of my other cousins were snickering because what I said was true and they were glad I said it, even as I was getting in trouble. I was excused from the table until I apologized to my smelly cousin. At the time, it was not funny, but now it is a re-told story everyone thinks is hilarious, except for the cousin who smelled. By the way, my cousin was a young teen trying to smell nice by using cologne but I thought all cologne smelled, especially when applied heavily. As a child I preferred mud, crud, dirt, frog slime and caterpillar guts and if I had to take a bath once a week, I thought it was too often.

Since that incident, I have matured: I like it when Rebecca smells pretty; I take a shower at least once a week without grumbling; I have learned to be more tactful; and I have learned "Whatever happens, keep thanking God because of Jesus Christ..." (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

This Thanksgiving, I pray that you will be able to find something to truly be thankful for and that you will express that thanksgiving to God and others. Remember the story of the Christian who was robbed and when asked about it, replied that he was thankful. When challenged as to why he was thankful he said, "First, I am thankful that while the man took my money, he did not take my life. Second, I am thankful that I was the one being robbed and not the one robbing."

"Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good"
Blessings!



Jimmy Stewart
*Director of Evangelism and
Church Development*

Many of you know I have talented and wonderful children who are pursuing creative ministry and job opportunities. It is a blessing to see my children following the Lord and giving their lives to serve Him. Two of my children have pursued majors in worship leadership at University of Mobile, a Christian college. University of Mobile does an outstanding job of connecting students to churches that want to utilize a summer worship intern. Summer interns usually serve in larger churches as a part of the staff, learning about worship leadership and contributing to weekly worship services. But smaller churches can also take advantage of this program and I am interested in knowing if any of our churches might want to work with a worship intern next summer. This is a commitment to a young person involving time and energy. One benefit will be an exciting and contagious youthful energy to your music program. Another benefit will be that the student can usually do more than just lead in worship; they can help with many aspects of your summer ministries. The majority of their work should involve music, which would also include Vacation Bible School. You may also have a need to develop your music library and files which would be a great summer project for an intern. As these young people are introduced to Alaska, they may "fall in love" with the state, and God may direct them back to minister here after college. There are several students in the state right now who came up as summer missionaries and chose to stay. If you are interested in this program, give me a call and we can discuss logistics. This could be a wonderful experience for you and your congregation.

The upcoming Bible Study Leadership Training is a good time for your Bible study leaders to get energized about starting and developing new groups. The training will emphasize the development of leaders, and principles in multiplying groups. At each of the three locations, the first 30 people who sign up online will receive the book "Sunday School That Really Works" by Steve Parr. The principles in the book apply to small groups as well as traditional Sunday school. Steve has been the Sunday school team leader for the Georgia Baptist Convention and has produced a series resulting from research conducted throughout Georgia about growth in churches through Bible study. Your leaders will be encouraged by the book and training. I invite all age group leaders and general officers to attend. Information is available in this issue of the Milepost, as well as on our website, www.alaskabaptistconvention.com. If you have questions, please call.



Butch Strickland

***Director of Church Planting
and Missions***

I recently had the opportunity to teach a class for an organization called “Perspectives.” The class was about God being a missionary God. It was based on passages in the Old Testament when God revealed Himself as desiring the salvation of all peoples. I did not know the people in the class, so I took a few minutes to introduce myself and asked if there were any questions before the class began. An older gentleman inquired, “I do not ever plan on being a missionary. Why should I be taking this class?” I told him the class was not to convince anyone that they should be a missionary; the purpose of the class was to encourage us to draw close enough to God that we would begin to feel His heart and learn of His compassion for the peoples of the earth. Then, if we begin to feel the same compassion for that people (or person), we will do what it takes to win them for His kingdom. Henry Martyn, a missionary to India and Persia said it this way, “The spirit of Christ is the spirit of missions. The nearer we get to Him, the more intensely missionary we become.”

I have heard it said on several occasions that the work in Alaska is hard. The work is hard everywhere! Why should it be any different here? That is why it is called work. However, there are people all around us who are desperate to hear their lives can count for something. Three young people recently gave their testimony about their experience in youth camp. Each of them mentioned how anxious they were about going. They were all afraid that somehow they could not measure up to standards they thought the “cool” kids were setting. What a relief to find out each of them was valued, their presence at the camp was desired, and their participation in all the activities was requested. All they were wanting was for someone to think that they were important enough to love. Isn’t that the condition of the world we live in?

It seems I have heard this all before! Doesn’t the Bible tell us the greatest of the commandments is to love God with everything we are and to love our neighbor as ourselves? Sure it does. “And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all? Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this *is* the first commandment. And the second *is* like it, *namely* this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.” Mark 12:28-31



Baptist Women’s World Day of Prayer Monday, November 4, 2013

The annual observance of Baptist World Day of Prayer is the means for promoting understanding and sympathy and for drawing together Baptist women around the world. European women were the first to organize themselves into a continental union and gave birth to the idea of a special day of prayer among Baptist women. After the devastation of World War II, Baptist women in Europe felt compelled to begin the healing processes for women isolated by war and national loyalties. The first Day of Prayer was promoted as “a means to reunite Baptists separated by the pain and devastation of war, and to strengthen the spiritual bonds in years to come.”

The Day of Prayer observance links women of the world, providing spiritual lifelines that strengthen and give hope. Who can measure the courage gained by these women, realizing that their sisters in other countries are praying for them? In some parts of the globe, women are known to walk several miles, some over and down mountains, to reach appointed places of prayer. In parts of Asia and Africa it is reported that women swim small rivers and streams to participate in the Day of Prayer. Is it any wonder the movement has grown? With such courage and devotion Baptist women will continue to be the strength of their churches.

For additional information and resources, visit www.bwawd.org.

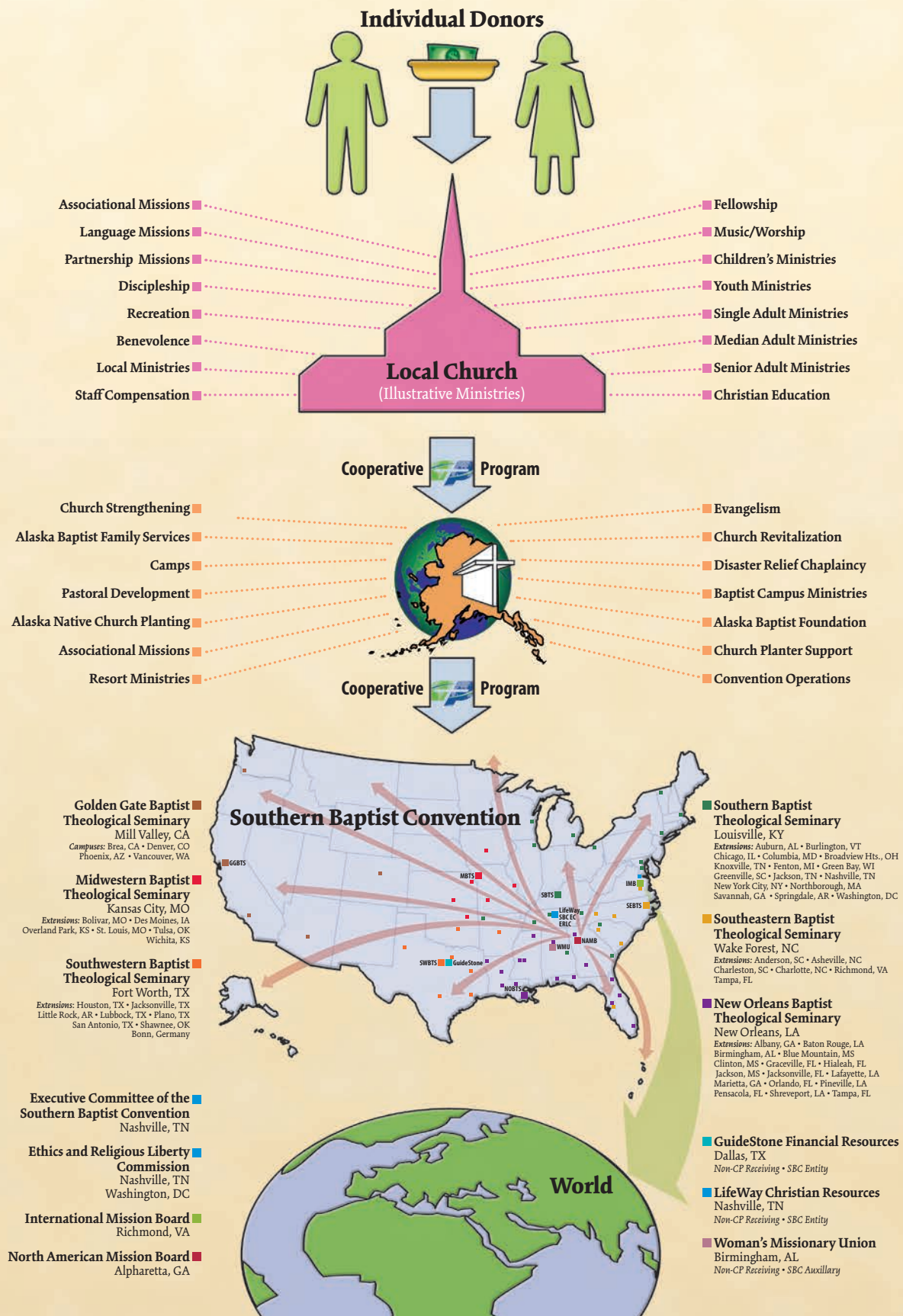
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The Big Boom

What pastors need to know about Boomers

This year, the first Boomer turns 67 and the last Boomer hits 49. Since their birth, this group has changed the world and the church. They've influenced everything from pop culture to politics to societal norms. When Boomers hit their teens, they ushered in what is now modern-day church youth ministry. Decades later, they are making churches rethink ministry to seniors.

Born between 1946 and 1964, this 77 million-strong generation is highly educated and possesses a wide range of business and technical skills. They are healthier, more active and have a longer life expectancy than the generation ahead of them. As churches explore how to minister to the Boomer generation, it's a smart move to consider what makes them tick and how to engage them in ministry.

Boomers care about causes. They want to change the world for the better. The calling of James 1:27 – to care for widows and orphans – resonates with this generation. Church leaders can tap into Boomers' desire to make a difference by providing opportunities for up close and personal ministry.

This generation thrives on relationships. Add to this the fact that younger generations look up to Boomers

because of their collective experience and wisdom, and you have the recipe for a thriving discipleship and mentoring ministry at your church.

Boomers have adopted the philosophy of “Go big, or go home!” as their battle cry. Never a generation to sit passively by, Boomers have always been about making changes that count. They are ready, willing and able to serve in areas where they feel they will make the biggest difference.

To engage Boomers in discipleship and service, try these things:

- Give them opportunities to do meaningful and hands-on ministry.
- Ask them to be involved in helping people personally rather than expect them to support people they don't know or feel they can never know.
- Encourage them to help build ministries that develop relationships with their peers and with younger generations.
- Give them problems to solve rather than tasks to finish.

Boomers have a lot to offer to their churches, their communities and their world. They may be a force to be reckoned with, but they are also a valuable resource to be tapped into for greater ministry in your church.

More Living from LifeWay, Winter 2013 issue.

A Report from our Church Planters

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

173 evangelistic encounters • 2 salvations • 2 baptisms

Your Alaska church planters are:

Willie Austin, Billy Barnhill, Gary Bearce, Joe Blackburn, Bryant Blakley, Oleg Bondar, Joe Boney, Monte Chitty, Will Cole, Jay Dagenhart, Alan Dial, 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 Baptist Convention Cooperative Program Support

	2013		2012	
September				
CP Goal	\$56,973.25		\$60,026.83	
Receipts	66,803.35		65,468.02	
Variance	(9,830.10)	-17%	(5,441.19)	-9%
Year-to-Date				
CP Goal	\$512,759.25		\$540,241.47	
Receipts	506,706.11		511,909.58	
Variance	6,053.14	1%	28,331.89	5%

Alaska Baptist Family Services Christmas Donation Wish List

Girls Cottage (ages 13-18)

Girls' clothing (ages 14-18)
 Winter Coats/boots
 Backpacks for girls
 Hairdryers
 Electric shavers
 Hair straighteners
 "Shark" floor steamer
 Dining room tables
 Kindles
 Apple TV
 iPods & extra ear buds
 Books (for teenage girls)
 Magazine subscriptions: Girls' Life, SHINE Brightly,
 National Geographic Kids, Muse Magazine
 Basketball goal
 Sewing machines
 Scrapbooking materials
 Yarn
 Volleyballs
 Stress balls
 Cosmetic bags
 Theater (PAC) tickets
 Arts and crafts activities/idea books

Boys Cottage (ages 9-13)

Smaller size new clothing
 Younger age books
 Socks
 Apple TV
 Footballs & other small sports equipment
 Snow pants: (extra small and small)
 Sleds
 Legos
 DVDs (G, PG)
 Craft building projects
 Backpacks
 Water bottles
 Board games
 Educational software
 Recreation and pool passes

GIFT CARDS: Wal-Mart, Fred Meyer, Target, iTunes, Barnes & Noble, Subway, Old Navy

Please make sure any donations arrive at 1600 O'Malley Road, Anchorage AK 99507 by **Friday December 13, 2013** or call (907) 349-2222. If you are located out of Anchorage, a check may be sent to ABFS c/o Christmas Wish List and gifts will be purchased locally on your behalf. Thank you for your continued support and help as we serve children and families in the Spirit of Christ!

calendar

November 2013

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	Children's Missions Celebration Day		
	Disaster Relief Appreciation 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		
11-12	Alaska Baptist Convention		
	Executive Board meeting		
27	ABC and ABF offices close at 1:00 p.m.		
28	ABC and ABF offices closed for Thanksgiving		

December 2013

2-9 Week of Prayer and Mission Study
 for International Missions
 and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

January 2014

1-31	Call to Prayer month
1-5	January Bible Study
18	TVBA Executive Board meeting
19	Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
26	Day of Prayer for the SBC
27-28	State Evangelism Conference

upcoming events

Avalanche '14 Youth Evangelism Conference
 Alaska Leadership Event
 Vacation Bible School Training clinics
 Women on Mission Celebration