

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

“how can God use me?”

Avalanche ‘14 • youth evangelism conference

March 21-22

Anchorage Baptist Temple

Friday: registration @ 6: 30 pm • event is 7 - 9:30 pm

Saturday: 9 am - 4 pm

(lunch, on your own, off campus)

Featuring: CBU Praise Band, Mark Bejsovec (Big Valley Grace Community Church in Modesto, California), Loren Leman (former Alaska LT Governor), guest testimonies and break-out sessions

**\$20
at the
door**

important scholarship information

Fuhr Scholarship:

For those planning to attend an undergraduate university, college, or an approved and accredited vocational training school the deadline to return all materials to the Foundation office is April 30, 2014. In order to be considered complete, please see the website (www.alaskabaptistfoundation.com) for all necessary documentation. To receive the full yearly amount, students must provide proof of enrollment for both the fall and spring semesters. An applicant who does not provide this information by the specified due dates will be deemed to have

forfeited any claim to scholarship money for the academic year.

Parker Scholarship:

For men interested in becoming pastors, or current pastors wishing to continue their education in seminary (masters or doctoral level programs), review the material on the website (www.alaskabaptistfoundation.com). Please note the April 30 deadline also applies for the Parker scholarship. Please review the Parker scholarship brochure for specific required materials.





Your Cooperative Program giving helps support such events as our statewide youth evangelism conference, Avalanche. Avalanche '14 will be held March 21-22 at Anchorage Baptist Temple. The theme is "How Can God Use Me?" and there will be a variety of speakers who will share their experiences in several different areas of service to the Lord. The California Baptist University praise band are the worship leaders. Mark Bejsovec, junior high youth leader from Big Valley Grace Community Church in Modesto, California will be our speaker, with special guest, former Lieutenant Governor Loren Leman. There will be breakout sessions, including one specifically for youth leaders, and great fun for everyone. Please get a group of teens to come; the cost is \$20 per person and no preregistration is required.

God's Plan for Sharing in Alaska

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
Alaska Lu-Mienh First Bapt Church	\$211.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$211.00
Anchor Baptist Church	\$197.68	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$597.68
Anch Hope Comm Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Anderson Church Plant	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Aquillaq Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Big Lake Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$1,446.10	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,946.10
Bodenburg Butte Bapt Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Calvary Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$863.00	\$0.00	\$884.00	\$0.00	\$1,747.00
Christ Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Chugach Resort Ministries	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
City on a Hill Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Clearwater Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cliffside Community Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cold Bay Chapel	\$478.35	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$778.35
College Heights Baptist Church	\$3,648.30	\$3,174.80	\$0.00	\$6,013.50	\$0.00	\$12,836.60
Comm Bapt Church, Coffman Cove	\$1,371.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,371.50
Comm Bapt Church, Nome	\$80.00	\$18.00	\$0.00	\$18.00	\$0.00	\$116.00
Community Christian Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$110.00	\$0.00	\$110.00
Cowboy Church of Anchorage	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cross Roads Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$480.00	\$0.00	\$490.00
CrossCountry Church	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Dillingham Bible Fellowship	\$2,041.09	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,041.09
Eagle River Korean Bapt Church	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Fairview Loop Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,655.35	\$0.00	\$4,655.35
Faith Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
False Pass Christian Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
Filipino Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$270.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$520.00
Filipino Bible Church	\$0.00	\$427.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$427.00
First Baptist Church, Anchorage	\$7,736.85	\$4,707.50	\$500.00	\$6,909.00	\$0.00	\$19,853.35
First Baptist Church, Eagle River	\$2,766.82	\$2,776.50	\$0.00	\$5,124.00	\$0.00	\$10,667.32
First Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$458.70	\$1,096.00	\$0.00	\$1,825.00	\$0.00	\$3,379.70
First Baptist Church, North Pole	\$1,559.00	\$650.00	\$0.00	\$2,165.00	\$0.00	\$4,374.00
First Baptist Church, Delta Jet	\$4,040.00	\$4,070.00	\$0.00	\$10,675.00	\$0.00	\$18,785.00
First Baptist Church, Juneau	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
First Baptist Church, Kenai	\$632.02	\$701.00	\$0.00	\$1,507.00	\$0.00	\$2,840.02
First Baptist Church, Ketchikan	\$2,285.13	\$2,930.00	\$0.00	\$2,854.72	\$0.00	\$8,069.85
First Baptist Church, Kotzebue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church, Palmer	\$1,666.74	\$1,127.00	\$0.00	\$2,037.00	\$0.00	\$4,830.74
First Baptist Church, Petersburg	\$521.88	\$1,298.00	\$0.00	\$435.00	\$0.00	\$2,254.88
First Baptist Church, Sitka	\$0.00	\$620.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$620.00
First Baptist Church, Soldotna	\$1,646.00	\$1,204.00	\$0.00	\$231.00	\$0.00	\$3,081.00
First Baptist Church, Valdez	\$1,317.25	\$1,473.00	\$0.00	\$3,133.54	\$0.00	\$5,923.79
First Baptist Church, Wasilla	\$2,731.02	\$1,133.84	\$0.00	\$6,245.66	\$0.00	\$10,110.52
First Baptist Church, Willow	\$614.44	\$630.00	\$0.00	\$2,555.00	\$0.00	\$3,799.44
First Hmong Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Korean Baptist Church	\$100.00	\$310.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$410.00
First Native Baptist Church	\$585.00	\$205.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$790.00
Friendship Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Frontier Southern Bapt Church	\$822.90	\$160.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$982.90
Gilead Ministries	\$603.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$603.00
Glacier Valley Baptist Church	\$1,603.86	\$3,171.85	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,775.71
Grandview Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$3,150.00	\$0.00	\$3,206.00	\$0.00	\$6,356.00
Greater Friendship Bapt Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hillside Baptist Church	\$736.08	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$1,486.08
Hydaburg Baptist Mission	\$130.50	\$45.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$175.50
Immanuel Baptist Church	\$131.66	\$1,415.00	\$0.00	\$4,001.00	\$0.00	\$5,547.66
Journey Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Juneau Korean Church	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$445.00	\$0.00	\$475.00
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	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Korean Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Korean New Central Bapt Church	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,105.00	\$0.00	\$1,205.00
Lighthouse Community Church	\$630.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$630.00
Misc. Contributors-Cash	\$0.00	\$8,889.55	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$9,009.55
Montana Creek Baptist Church	\$2,206.79	\$435.00	\$0.00	\$715.00	\$0.00	\$3,356.79
Moose Creek Baptist Church	\$492.32	\$1,102.84	\$0.00	\$1,130.73	\$0.00	\$2,725.89
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	\$885.53	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,233.00	\$0.00	\$2,118.53
Mount Pleasant Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mount Redoubt Baptist Church	\$1,200.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,200.00
Mtn View Community Church	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00

January 2014 Gifts from ABC Churches

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
Muldoon Road Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Beginnings Baptist Church	\$64.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$264.75
New Birth Christian Church	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
New Grace Christian Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Hope Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
New Hope Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Hope Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
North Bear Street 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	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rabbit Creek Community Church	\$250.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,250.00
River In The Desert Comm Church	\$262.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$262.00
Riverside Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Salcha Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Samoa Alaska Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sand Lake Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Sand Point Baptist Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Schrock Road Comm Church	\$0.00	\$1,194.50	\$0.00	\$868.00	\$0.00	\$2,062.50
Settler's Bay Comm Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Shannon Park Baptist Church	\$106.90	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$456.90
Shungnak Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Slavic Bridge	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Solid Rock Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
St. John Baptist Church	\$819.05	\$282.00	\$0.00	\$280.00	\$0.00	\$1,381.05
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$3,590.00	\$0.00	\$2,641.50	\$0.00	\$6,231.50
Tenakee Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
The Crossing @ Birchwood	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Thorne Bay Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Togiak Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
True North Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
True North Downtown	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
UBC-Chinese Fellowship	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$190.00	\$0.00	\$290.00
University Baptist Church, Anch	\$0.00	\$1,775.00	\$0.00	\$1,715.00	\$0.00	\$3,490.00
University Baptist Church, Fbks	\$2,289.00	\$1,378.00	\$0.00	\$4,455.00	\$0.00	\$8,122.00
Valley View Baptist Church	\$1,187.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,344.00	\$0.00	\$2,531.50
Wasilla Korean Baptist Church	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Whittier Christian Comm Church	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Grand Totals:	\$51,715.61	\$62,429.48	\$1,500.00	\$88,157.00		\$203,802.09
Goals:	\$702,832.00	\$90,000.00	\$95,000.00	\$150,000.00		
Over/Under Goal:	\$(651,116.39)	\$(27,570.52)	\$(93,500.00)	\$(61,843.00)		

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

Alaska Baptist Convention Cooperative Program Support

	2014		2013	
January				
Receipts	\$51,175.61		\$57,549.15	
CP Goal	58,569.33		56,973.25	
Variance	(6,853.72)	-12%	575.90	1%
Year-to-Date				
Receipts	\$51,715.61		\$57,549.15	
CP Goal	58,569.33		56,973.25	
Variance	(651,116.39)	-12%	(626,129.85)	1%

Welcome!

Eric (Marla) Hiatt

Moose Pass Community Church

Please Pray for our Pastorless Churches

Big Lake Baptist Church, Wasilla
Chinese Fellowship, Fairbanks
Chugach Resort Ministries, Girdwood
Greater Friendship Baptist Church,
Anchorage
Lighthouse Community Church,
Nikiski
New Beginnings Baptist Church,
Seward
New Hope Baptist Church, Anchorage
North Tongass Baptist Church
Shungnak Baptist Mission



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- Every time you shop and use your Rewards Card, you will help ABFS earn a donation!
- You still earn your Rewards Points, Fuel Points and Rebates, just as you do today.
- If you do not have a Rewards Card, they are available at the customer service desk of any Fred Meyer store.
- For more information, please visit www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards.

Entry Level

Disaster Relief Chaplain Training

featured leader Dr. Naomi Paget, DMin, BCC, BCETS, FBI Chaplain

**Tuesday-Wednesday
March 18-19, 2014**

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Alaska Baptist Convention office

register your intent by e-mailing betsy@alaskabaptistconvention.com

*Deadline to register (postmarked)
is March 13.*

\$50

cost includes instruction, class materials and lunch

Suicide:

Prevention, Intervention & Postvention

featured leader, Dr. Naomi Paget, DMin, BCC, BCETS, FBI Chaplain

Thursday-Friday

March 20-21, 2014

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Alaska Baptist Convention office

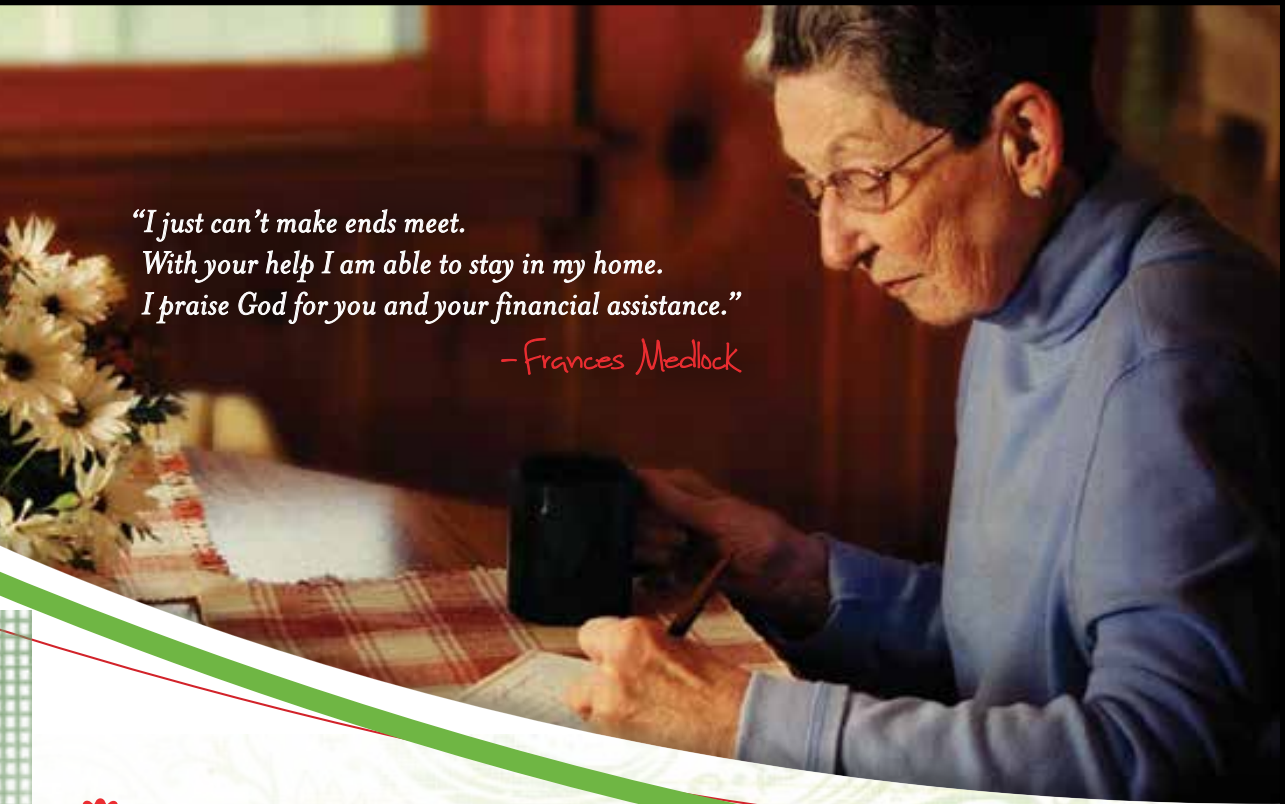
register your intent by e-mailing

betsy@alaskabaptistconvention.com and receive additional instructions for registration.

\$75 *Deadline to register (postmarked) is March 13.*

Cost includes instruction, class materials, training manual, certificate of completion, opportunity for discounted ICISF membership and lunch.





*"I just can't make ends meet.
With your help I am able to stay in my home.
I praise God for you and your financial assistance."*

-Frances Medlock



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Taking Time to Count My Blessings

Alan Dial, Alaska Native Church Planter Catalyst

There is no end to the stories and jokes told about growing old, forgetting what we were just doing or why we entered a room, and what we can and cannot remember. For instance I can tell you exactly where I was on March 17, 1983, down to the last detail, including meals and clothing, but I can't remember what I had for breakfast yesterday. Growing older has been unremarkable except for

my memory. I would blame it all on my behavior back in the 1960s except I can remember all of that!

The one thing I have been fortunate to remember is how blessed I am. The exercise of pastoral and missionary ministry has been a series of blessings and a wonderful panorama of God's grace and mercy. I have five beautiful children, three beautiful in-laws, eleven grandchildren (Mason, Gabby, Joshua, Liam,

Gunnar, Nolan, Julian, Gia, Alana, Elana, and AJ) and one great-grandchild, Jackson!

While not in my dotage, my life is becoming one of reflection and introspection. I see where God has shaped me (willingly or otherwise), moved me and knocked the lumps out of the clay as He has directed me toward the center of His will. My life verse is 1Peter 2:9 and I understood early that my task was to pro-

TAKING CARE of BUSINESS

Join us for a Church Organization Forum and get your questions answered!

March 17
1:00-5:00 p.m.

what is an EIN?

how do we get 501(c)3 status?

what is the ACP?

what is an SDB ID?

W2 vs. 1099?

how much is a pastor's housing allowance?

does our church need to "incorporate"?

Class held at the ABC office • 1750 O'Malley Rd., Anchorage
For additional information, contact Debra Long in the ABC office
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claim the excellencies of Him who called me from darkness into light. Despite knowing what I was supposed to do, like so many, I ran as fast as I could in the other direction; responsibility is a scary thing and responsibility toward God is the scariest of all. Despite my failures, God has been gentle toward me, patient, kind, merciful, gracious and generous. As I age, I find myself sneaking up on those attributes, none of which I had as a youth. Years and grandchildren make it pleasant to be pleasant, fun to be generous and easy to be kind.

“...my only regret was my lack of obedience when I heard the call.”

This month Babs and I will celebrate our 43rd anniversary and as we reflect, our only regret, my only regret, was my lack of obedience when I heard the call. How much sweeter and more blessed it would have been to have said “yes Lord” the first time I recognized His whisper. When you hear His voice, be quick to answer yes, allow Him to work the plan He made for you before the foundation of the world and the one He knit into you while in your mother’s womb. Prodigals regret the time away from His presence. God bless.

Available Positions

Senior Pastor: Greater Friendship Baptist Church is accepting resumes through March 29 for the position of senior pastor.

- Great Friendship Baptist Church
Attn: Pastoral Search Committee
P.O. Box 203088
Anchorage, AK 99530
- Secretary-gfbc@alaska.com
Attn: Pastoral Search Committee
- FAX: 907.274.8036
Attn: Pastoral Search Committee

Please contact the church (907.272.4346) for the full job description and additional information.

Pastor: Calvary Baptist Church, an English language church ministering to the U.S. military personnel in Misawa, Japan is accepting resumes for the position of pastor. www.cbcmisawa.org/about/pastor-search/

REFRESH We would see JESUS

Ministers and Spouses Retreat Thursday - Saturday, April 24-26, 2014

Host church: First Baptist Church, Soldotna

Conference hotel: Aspen Hotel-Soldotna

Featured speakers: Randy and Leigh McWhorter,
Healthy Church Group leader / evangelism director,
California Southern Baptist Convention

Cost includes: two nights hotel, five meals and snacks

Register online at www.alaskabaptistconvention.com

and click on “events”

DEADLINE is March 24, 2014

\$150
per couple

payment must be
postmarked by
March 24

MILEPOST MOMENTS

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

Condolences

Our condolences to Pete Kuhn, pastor of New Hope Community Church (Juneau) in the death of his father. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at peteandhollykuhn@gmail.com.

Condolences

Our condolences to the family of Bill Duncan, who passed away February 15. Bill served as pastor of FBC North Pole, as associational missionary for Tanana Valley Baptist Association, as evangelism director and executive director for the Alaska Baptist Convention. Following his retirement, Bill served as pastor and interim pastor for several churches in Hawaii. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at cynthia.duncan119@gmail.com.

Alaska WMU

Alaska WMU will receive a grant from the Alaska WMU Touch Tomorrow Today endowment awarded by the WMU Foundation board of trustees. The grant is unrestricted

receptor/treasurer). The WMU Foundation manages the Touch Tomorrow Today endowment.

Hatcher Pass Baptist Association

Seven people, from five different churches in the HPBA, traveled to Guatemala to conduct Vacation Bible School (VBS). They partnered with Path of Love, a mission of God is Love Baptist Church. The mission meets in a small structure with a dirt floor and no plumbing, in a poorer section of town. Over 80 children attended the VBS and the team did a wonderful job. In addition to the VBS, the team also led two training conferences, focusing on church membership and church

planting; five adult Bible studies and two evening worship services.

Community Baptist Church, Nome

Aaron Cooper, a member of CBC, has been approved to be a chaplain at Anvil Mountain Correctional Center in Nome.

University Baptist Church, Fairbanks

UBC will host an Alaska Missions team during the Iditarod restart in Fairbanks on March 2-3. Focus on WMU is March 10-16. Youth will attend Avalanche '14 in Anchorage after successfully fundraising for several months. Their final fundraiser was the annual Valentine banquet on February 14.

A Report from our Church Planters

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

244 evangelistic encounters • 6 salvations

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, Mike Saffle, 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



and can be used for any mission or ministry as determined by the leadership of Alaska WMU. Pictured (l to r): Mark Shipley (chairman, WMU Foundation board), David George (WMU Foundation president), Ruby Stogsdill (Alaska WMU president), Debby Akerman (national WMU president), Wanda Lee (national WMU executive di-

Tanana Valley Baptist Association

TVBA hosted the Women's Winter Wake-Up, held at University Baptist Church (Fairbanks) January 31-February 1. Ninety-six women attended the event to hear guest speaker Dawn Jordan, a Christian



songwriter, singer, author and speaker from South Carolina. It was a spirit-filled event that ministered to women in an exceptional way.

2014 State Evangelism Conference



(pictured L to R) Michael Lewis, Keith and Deborah Jefferson, Brittany and Nick Nye, Greg and Julie Goforth, Jordan Johnson, Lucas Scott Lawrence, Jeff Anderson, Andrew Goodwin, James Berrian

Surrender to the Savior

Women on Mission Celebration
Thursday-Saturday, April 10-12, 2014
First Baptist Church, Anchorage

Thursday, 6:30 - 9 pm • Friday 9 - noon, 6:30 - 9 pm • Saturday, 9 - noon

Sign up online at
www.alaskabaptistconvention.com/events
Cost is \$35 in advance
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contact: Ruby Stogsdill, rubystogsdill@gmail.com



Mike Procter
Executive Director

Recently I was in one of those conversations where you ask yourself, “how did we get on this topic?” The topic was how to properly brush teeth, and there was lively discussion as to the proper technique and equipment to use:

- One person said they started with their bottom outside, moved to the bottom inside, moved to the top outside and finished with the top inside, using a traditional toothbrush.
- Another said they started on the top outside, moved to the top inside, moved to the bottom outside and ended with the bottom inside, using an electric toothbrush.
- Someone else said a SoniCare electric toothbrush was the best way to go.
- Another person indicated they use one the above methods, however they end by brushing their tongue after their teeth.
- One person said they brushed twice a day (morning and evening) and another said after every meal, keeping a toothbrush and toothpaste at work for use after lunch.

At my recent dental appointment, my dental hygienist suggested I start “pre-brushing” by using a dry toothbrush on my teeth to loosen tartar, and then apply toothpaste and brush again. I had never heard of this and am still wondering if she just said it to see if she could get me to do it.

While we all differed on style and equipment, we were unanimous that it is important to brush.

This month our congregations and ministries are encouraged to receive the Annie Armstrong Offering for North America Missions. One hundred percent of the funds received goes to support missions, ministries and missionaries across North America...none is used for administrative costs. As your congregation or ministry considers receiving this special offering, what is the best way to do it?

In the past, one congregation emphasized the offering each week and mentioned it would be received every Sunday through the month; another designated a particular Sunday when they would receive the offering; a third congregation set aside a percentage of their undesignated funds for the year and gave that amount. Which is the best approach? It depends on the congregation, but no matter the method, it is important to support this offering.

In Alaska, this offering is used to assist with the ministries of 24 church planting pastors, four church planter catalysts, two state missionaries, church strengthening/developing/health training events, leadership training, camping ministries, campus ministries, providing literature and other resources to congregations/ministries, servant evangelism and human needs projects, and many other mission and ministry needs.

Promote and receive the Annie Armstrong Offering for North America Missions! Any method is fine.



Jimmy Stewart
Director of Evangelism and Church Development

“In 2012, Michael Patterson, the retired vice chairman of J.P. Morgan Chase & Co. and three teammates rode bicycles from Oceanside, Calif., to Annapolis, Md., in six days, 13 hours and 13 minutes. The four-man relay team, which included Dave Burnett, Durward Higgins and Don Metz, averaged just over 19 miles an hour and set a record for the 70-plus and 60-plus age groups.”

The Wall Street Journal article* reminded me that even at my age, physically I should be able to do many things. Just because I’m getting older doesn’t mean I have slow down. The article went on to say these men actually finished only a few hours behind a team of men in their 30s! It is pretty remarkable to me that God made us with bodies that can function at such a high level even into our later years.

The interviewer asked to what these men attributed their ability, “a number of factors: good parental selection, persistent physical training that has become ingrained in your lifestyle over many years, lack of disease, a strong desire to exercise when all of society takes the easy way out—and a bicycle saddle you are comfortable spending a lot of time in.”

The saddle would be the easy part – easy to purchase and install. On the other hand, you can’t do much about genetics. The one thing all of us can do is to exercise. A key to good quality of life is exercise and I encourage everyone to be fit, no matter what your age. Take the time to be active.

How does all this apply to our churches? The more energy and stamina we have, the more strength and excellent health we will enjoy, resulting in more time to serve the Lord! I pray I am always able to maintain my health as I seek to serve the Lord. Don’t be sidelined in your service because of poor health. A combination of exercise, good diet, sleep and balance means we will be able to do so much more for the Lord. If you don’t like to exercise, find things that promote good health – it can be as simple as a daily walk.

Avalanche ’14 Youth Evangelism Conference, March 21-22 is going to be a great event this year. Our theme is “How Can God Use Me?” and the main speaker is Mark Bejsovec, staff at Big Valley Grace Community Church in Modesto, California. The California Baptist University praise band will provide our music and we will enjoy a host of other speakers and presenters, including Loren Leman, former Lieutenant Governor for Alaska. Your students will be challenged at the event held at Anchorage Baptist Temple. The cost is \$20 per person and no preregistration is required. See the information flyer on our website (www.alaskabaptistconvention.com) or ask your pastor/youth leader for information.

*Wall Street Journal, “Across the Country in a Week” by Robbie Shell, 12 January 2014



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*Director of Church Planting
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There is so much that needs to be done! There are so many areas of my own life where I see a need for improvement; so many things I want to do before it is too late. Recently, I have realized if I stop improving, I am never going to get those things done. I pray I can communicate that idea in places where I minister – there is always room for improvement in the church where I serve, the sermons I preach, the evangelism and discipleship in which I am involved, in my ministry to those who are hurting, in church planting, in areas of promotion of missions, etc.

I have also found it is very easy to quit. I run out of improvement ideas and this is where you come in. I need your help! And because God placed us in a body, I think that is where I can help you. "Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up," Ecclesiastes 4:9-10.

Our entire convention cooperates jointly because we believe together we can do more than any of us can do individually. The Cooperative Program is based on that premise. Our support of all kinds of missions and ministry is making a significant impact on lostness in the world. So let's encourage more, help more, love more, give more. Think of this when you are praying about how to give to the Annie Armstrong Offering – **Never Stop Improving®**

Daily Prayer Guide

March

1	Hydaburg Baptist Mission	Hydaburg
2	Immanuel Baptist Church	Anchorage
3	In His Steps Community Fellowship	Palmer
4	Journey Church	Wasilla
5	Juneau Korean Church	Juneau
6	Kasaan Mission	Thorne Bay
7	Kiana Baptist Mission	Kiana
8	Kobuk Baptist Mission	Kobuk
9	Korean Baptist Mission	Fairbanks
10	Korean New Central Baptist Church	Anchorage
11	Kuparuk Preaching Point	Kuparuk
12	Lighthouse Community Church	Nikiski
13	Living Water Baptist Church	Anchorage
14	Malamalama Fou Church	Whittier
15	Montana Creek Baptist Church	Talkeetna
16	Moose Creek Baptist Church	North Pole
17	Moose Pass Community Church	Moose Pass
18	Moriah Fellowship	Peters Creek
19	Morning Star Baptist Church	Healy
20	Mount Pleasant Baptist Church	Fairbanks
21	Mount Redoubt Baptist Church	Kenai
22	Mtn View Community Church	Anchorage
23	Muldoon Road Baptist Church	Anchorage
24	New Beginnings Baptist Church	Seward
25	New Birth Christian Church	Fairbanks
26	New Grace Christian Church	Anchorage
27	New Hope Baptist Church	Anchorage
28	New Hope Community Church	Juneau
29	New Hope Fellowship	Haines
30	North Bear Street Baptist Church	Wasilla
31	North Tongass Baptist Church	Ward Cove



Alaska goal: \$95,000

BUILDING A LIFE OF SERVICE

2000 Club

188
contributors
gave
\$7,791.56
in 4Q 2013

2014 1st Quarter Recipient
Montana Creek Baptist Church, Talkeetna

Project:
provide a highly visible church sign on the Parks Highway

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN — MAR • APR —

March

- 2-8 Youth Week
- 2-9 Week of Prayer and Mission Study and
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
- 9 Daylight Savings Time begins
- 16 Substance Abuse Prevention Sunday
Church Planting Emphasis Sunday
- 17 "Taking Care of Business"
Church Organizational Forum
- 18-19 Disaster Relief Chaplain Training
- 20-21 Suicide: Prevention Training
- 21-22 Avalanche '14

April

- 6 SBC Seminaries Sunday
- 10-12 Women on Mission Celebration
- 13 Cooperative Program Sunday
- 14 VBS Training HPBA
- 15 VBS Training CBA
- 17 VBS Training Kenai/Soldotna
- 19 TVBA Executive Board Meeting
- 20 EasterLife Commitment Sunday
- 22 VBS Training TVBA
- 23 New pastor/full-time staff orientation
- 24-26 Ministers and Spouses Retreat

Gathering
Growing
Giving



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