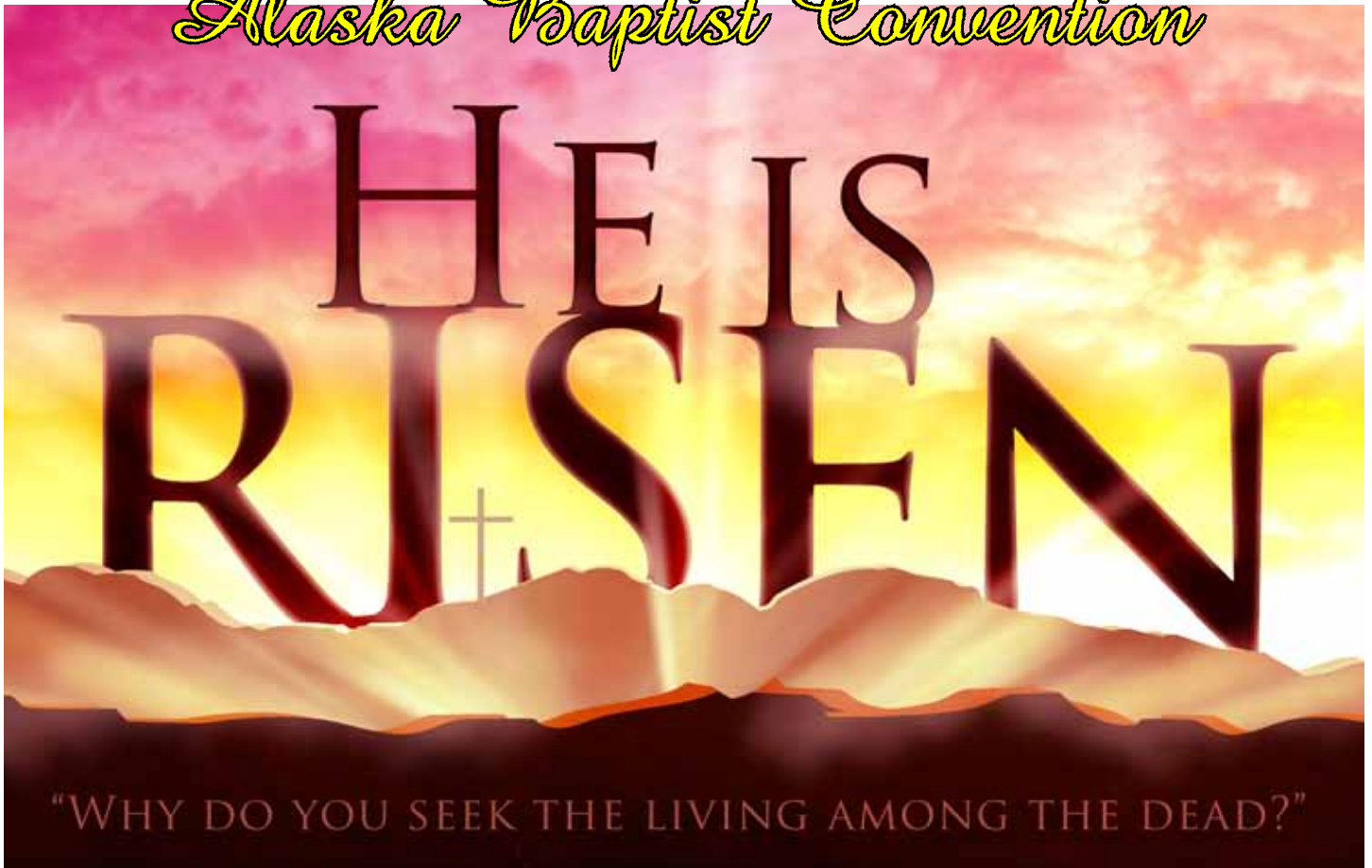


The Alaska Baptist Convention is congregations cooperating together to **SEEK** Christ, **SHARE** Christ, **STRENGTHEN** congregations, **START** congregations and **SEND** Christians.

*Happy Easter from the staff of the
Alaska Baptist Convention*



april 30 is scholarship deadline!

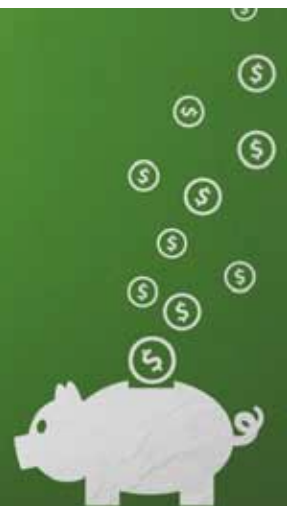
Fuhr Scholarship:

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 (CP) giving makes possible events like the Ministers and Spouses Retreat. Randy McWhorter, leader of the Healthy Church Group for the California Southern Baptist Convention (CSBC), will lead the retreat this year in Soldotna. His responsibility for the CSBC is to help churches attain and maintain healthy congregations. He will address church revitalization; his wife, Leigh, will accompany him. Leigh has been involved in their local church, leading in several ministry positions including Upward Basketball Commissioner where she organized and led a league with more than 350 players. Being a minister's wife, mother of three children, and now the grandmother of four, Leigh has gained rich insights for pastors' wives. Currently she serves on the CSBC's Minister's Wives Council. Thank you for your faithful support of CP.

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	\$487.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$887.50
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	\$790.95	\$1,446.10	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$3,737.05
Bodenburg Butte Baptist 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	\$101.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$101.00
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	\$6,794.13	\$3,174.80	\$0.00	\$6,013.50	\$0.00	\$15,982.43
Comm Baptist Church, Coffman Cove	\$1,371.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,371.50
Community Baptist Church, Nome	\$175.34	\$18.00	\$0.00	\$18.00	\$0.00	\$211.34
Community Christian Fellowship	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$110.00	\$0.00	\$210.00
Cowboy Church of Anchorage	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cross Roads Baptist Church	\$1,141.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$2,875.00	\$0.00	\$4,026.00
CrossCountry Church	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Dillingham Bible Fellowship	\$2,587.24	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,452.81	\$0.00	\$5,040.05
Eagle River Korean Baptist Church	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church	\$311.74	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$911.74
Fairview Loop Baptist Church	\$8,161.03	\$2,870.07	\$0.00	\$9,216.09	\$0.00	\$20,247.19
Faith Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
False Pass Christian Fellowship	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
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	\$11,789.26	\$4,707.50	\$500.00	\$6,909.00	\$0.00	\$23,905.76
First Baptist Church, Eagle River	\$5,393.23	\$2,776.50	\$0.00	\$5,521.00	\$0.00	\$13,690.73
First Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$1,045.90	\$1,096.00	\$0.00	\$1,825.00	\$0.00	\$3,966.90
First Baptist Church, North Pole	\$3,583.00	\$650.00	\$0.00	\$2,165.00	\$0.00	\$6,398.00
First Baptist Church, Delta Jet	\$7,341.00	\$4,070.00	\$0.00	\$12,207.00	\$0.00	\$23,618.00
First Baptist Church, Juneau	\$685.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$735.14
First Baptist Church, Kenai	\$1,122.62	\$794.45	\$93.45	\$1,600.45	\$0.00	\$3,610.97
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	\$3,333.40	\$1,127.00	\$0.00	\$2,237.00	\$0.00	\$6,697.40
First Baptist Church, Petersburg	\$1,014.05	\$1,298.00	\$0.00	\$435.00	\$0.00	\$2,747.05
First Baptist Church, Sitka	\$1,478.34	\$620.00	\$0.00	\$877.00	\$0.00	\$2,975.34
First Baptist Church, Soldotna	\$1,646.00	\$1,204.00	\$0.00	\$231.00	\$0.00	\$3,081.00
First Baptist Church, Valdez	\$2,610.31	\$1,473.00	\$0.00	\$3,153.54	\$0.00	\$7,236.85
First Baptist Church, Wasilla	\$3,639.62	\$1,133.84	\$0.00	\$6,245.66	\$0.00	\$11,019.12
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	\$200.00	\$310.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$510.00
First Native Baptist Church	\$585.00	\$205.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$790.00
Friendship Baptist Mission	\$245.03	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$1,563.00	\$0.00	\$1,908.03
Frontier Baptist 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	\$3,405.81	\$3,171.85	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,577.66
Grandview Baptist Church	\$2,463.42	\$3,150.00	\$0.00	\$3,206.00	\$0.00	\$8,819.42
Greater Friendship Bapt Church	\$501.77	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$501.77
Hillside Baptist Church	\$1,598.16	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$2,348.16
Hydaburg Baptist Mission	\$130.50	\$45.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$175.50
Immanuel Baptist Church	\$233.09	\$1,415.00	\$0.00	\$4,001.00	\$0.00	\$5,649.09
Journey Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Juneau Korean Church	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$445.00	\$0.00	\$505.00
Kasaan Fellowship	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
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	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,105.00	\$0.00	\$1,305.00
Lighthouse Community Church	\$1,187.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,187.00
Misc. Contributors-Cash	\$0.00	\$8,889.55	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$20.00	\$9,029.55
Montana Creek Baptist Church	\$2,206.79	\$435.00	\$0.00	\$815.00	\$0.00	\$3,456.79
Moose Creek Baptist Church	\$492.32	\$1,102.84	\$0.00	\$1,130.73	\$0.00	\$2,725.89
Moose Pass Comm Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Moriah Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Morning Star Baptist Church	\$1,324.53	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,233.00	\$0.00	\$2,557.53
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	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00

January-February 2014 Gifts from ABC Churches

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
Muldoon Road Baptist Church	\$686.47	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$476.00	\$0.00	\$1,162.47
New Beginnings Baptist Church	\$163.16	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$288.50	\$0.00	\$451.66
New Birth Christian Church	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
New Grace Christian Church	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
New Hope Baptist Church	\$2,141.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$3,141.00
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	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
North Bear Street Bapt 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 Comm Church	\$250.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,250.00
River In The Desert Comm Church	\$1,636.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,636.00
Riverside Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Salcha Baptist Church	\$1,533.61	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$4,501.00	\$0.00	\$6,184.61
Samoa Alaska Baptist Church	\$69.66	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$69.66
Sand Lake Fellowship	\$47.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$147.50
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	\$2,672.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,672.25
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	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
Solid Rock Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
St. John Baptist Church	\$1,695.72	\$282.00	\$0.00	\$290.00	\$0.00	\$2,267.72
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$2,141.57	\$3,590.00	\$0.00	\$3,121.50	\$0.00	\$8,853.07
Tenakee Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
The Crossing @ Birchwood	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Thorne Bay Baptist Church	\$318.61	\$110.00	\$35.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$473.61
Togiak Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
True North Church	\$600.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,100.00
True North Downtown	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
UBC-Chinese Fellowship	\$87.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$190.00	\$0.00	\$377.00
University Baptist Church, Anch	\$2,042.66	\$1,792.00	\$0.00	\$2,145.00	\$0.00	\$5,979.66
University Baptist Church, Fbks	\$3,116.00	\$1,378.00	\$0.00	\$5,135.00	\$0.00	\$9,629.00
Valley View Baptist Church	\$1,187.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,344.00	\$0.00	\$2,531.50
Wasilla Korean Baptist Church	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$700.00
Whittier Christian Comm Church	\$180.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$280.00
Grand Totals:	\$110,077.15	\$66,420.00	\$2,728.45	\$113,523.50	\$20.00	\$292,769.10
Goals:	\$702,836.00	\$90,000.00	\$95,000.00	\$150,000.00		
Over/Under Goal:	\$(592,758.85)	\$(23,580.00)	\$(92,271.55)	\$(36,476.50)		

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	
February				
Receipts	\$58,361.54		\$55,317.06	
CP Goal	58,569.33		56,973.25	
Variance	(207.79)	0%	(1,656.19)	-3%
Year-to-Date				
Receipts	\$110,077.15		\$112,866.21	
CP Goal	117,138.66		113,946.50	
Variance	(7,061.51)	-6.03%	(1,080.29)	-1%

Welcome!

David (Cindy) Bradley
First Baptist Church, Valdez

Please Pray for
our Pastorless
Churches

Big Lake Baptist Church
Chinese Fellowship
Chugach Resort Ministries
Greater Friendship Baptist Church
Lighthouse Community Church
New Beginnings Baptist Church
New Hope Baptist Church
North Tongass Baptist Church
Shungnak Baptist Mission



You can help **Alaska Baptist Family Services** earn donations just by shopping with your Fred Meyer Rewards card!

Fred Meyer donates \$2.5 million per year to non-profits in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington, based on where their customers tell them to give. Here's how the program works:

- Sign up for the community Rewards program by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card at www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards.
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- You still earn your Rewards Points, Fuel Points and Rebates, just as you do today.
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Annie Armstrong: The business of missions

By Carol C. Holcomb, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor

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The first corresponding secretary of Woman's Missionary Union, Annie Armstrong, was born in Baltimore, Md., July 11, 1850, and lived most of her life in the same house. After her conversion at age 19 at Seventh Street Baptist Church in Baltimore, Armstrong enthusiastically joined in mission work and social ministry.

Armstrong never married. Instead, she devoted her life to advancing the cause of Christian missions and benevolence work. She is considered the founder of the Ladies Bay View Mission for poor women, was founding member and 24-year president of the woman's Home Mission Society of Maryland, corresponding secretary and chief architect of the Maryland Baptist Mission Rooms, corresponding secretary of WMU from 1888 to 1906, and manager of the Aged Men and Aged Women's Homes of Baltimore 20 years. Her vision also can be credited for mission and social work among immigrants in Baltimore, at least two missions and an orphanage for African-Americans in Baltimore, ministry to Native American tribes in the Southwest, schools in Appalachia and numerous successful fundraising strategies for the Baptist denomination.

Annie Armstrong once mused if she had been a man, she would have been successful at business. "I believe I have some ability in this line," she stated. A colleague observed Armstrong was "energetic, resourceful, persevering, trained in the management of large affairs, of masterly mind and a born leader." She was the financial and organizational mastermind behind WMU, the Baptist mission society she helped establish in 1888. Since women of her generation had virtually no access to business careers, Armstrong applied her considerable talent to the "business" of WMU. She was the quintessential missionary professional. She utilized accounting, marketing, promotion, advertising, publishing and mass communica-

tion to raise money and awareness for foreign and home missions.

Armstrong resigned as corresponding secretary of WMU in 1906 due to a disagreement with other leaders over the Woman's Missionary Training School. During her last months in office, Armstrong worked feverishly to leave things in good order. In addition to the routine work of WMU, she endeavored to complete several key projects. One long-awaited dream was realized with the opening of the Margaret Home for children of missionaries in Greenville, S.C. Some missionaries had difficulty securing an education for their children on certain mission fields. The Margaret home provided a safe place for children to attend high school and college in the United States. Armstrong

"...she devoted her life to advancing the cause of Christian missions and benevolence work."

also organized a campaign to raise \$3,000 for a new ward to a Baptist hospital in China. Finally, she redoubled her efforts to discharge an earlier WMU

commitment of \$20,000 for the Tichenor Memorial Church Building and Loan Fund.

During Armstrong's tenure, WMU developed from a gathering of 32 delegates in 1888 to an organization representing thousands of Southern Baptist women in more than 20,000 churches. When her tenure was completed, WMU had 4,387 state women's societies, 1,500 Sunbeam Bands for children and 618 Young Women's Auxiliaries. From 1888 to 1906, annual mission receipts more than doubled, and the WMU operating revenue grew from \$400 to \$8,187. WMU became a fine-tuned network of women, with strong avenues of communication, capable of raising large sums of money in relatively short periods of time. After she left national WMU, Armstrong focused all of her energies on her home church and the social service ministries in Baltimore. She never accepted another denominational post. In her 1913 history of WMU, Fannie Heck wrote that the organization owes its success to Annie Armstrong more than any other person.

What is Your Legacy?

Please join us for a comfortable conversation at the intersection of Biblical Stewardship and Estate Planning.

SEMINAR LOCATIONS AND DATES

Seminars will be taught by staff from The Baptist Foundation of Alabama

- **Sunset Hills Baptist Church - Anchorage**
Wednesday, May 14, 2014 | 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. | *Presented by Nathan McCarthy*
- **First Baptist Church Soldotna**
Friday, May 16, 2014 | 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. | *Presented by Nathan McCarthy*
- **First Baptist Church Palmer**
Saturday, May 17, 2014 | 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. | *Presented by Barry Bledsoe and Nathan McCarthy*
- **University Baptist Church - Fairbanks**
Monday, May 19, 2014 | 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. | *Presented by Barry Bledsoe*
- **First Baptist Church Petersburg**
Wednesday, May 21, 2014 | 6:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. | *Presented by Barry Bledsoe*



Barry Bledsoe
President



Nathan McCarthy
Investment Officer



In partnership with the Alaska Baptist Foundation, The Baptist Foundation of Alabama, the Alaska Baptist Convention and the churches listed above.

MILEPOST MOMENTS

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

Thank You

Violet Warman, volunteer chaplain and member of First Native Baptist Church wishes to thank everyone who donated Bibles for use at the Alaska Native Medical Center.

Hillside Baptist Church,

Anchorage

HBC will host "Christ in the Passover" on April 14 at 7:00 p.m. Rob Wertheim with Jews for Jesus will present the program with a fellowship immediately following. The ladies conference, May 16-17 will feature Dr. Travis Plumlee, a national board certified cognitive behavioral therapist. This event costs \$25 to attend so call the church office for additional information. Dr. Plumlee is also the featured speaker during special services May 18-21 at the church.

Camp Baldwin

2014 camp dates are: June 25-27 (Kindergarten-grade 2); June 30-July 4 (grades 3-4); July 7-11 (grades 5-6); July 14-18 (grades 7-8); July 21-26 (grades 9-12). Contact the Tanana Valley Baptist Association for additional details and costs: www.tananavalleybaptistassociation.com

University Baptist Church,

Fairbanks

The college/career class from UBC will have their annual "Resurrection Party" which includes rescuing useable items to re-gift at a "Redemption Party" a few days later. The preschool department will have their Easter party on Saturday, and a special music program will replace the morning worship service on Easter Sunday.

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**ABC
Annual Meeting
Hotel Information**

These hotels are recommended by the ABC. We do not have a group rate. Best rates are available online as AAA, senior or Alaska resident. Some also have "internet only" rates.

A Report from our Church Planters

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

148 evangelistic encounters • 5 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



Laverne Griffin Youth Recreation Camp

Alaska Native Youth Camp • June 9-13, 2014 • Co-ed camp for 7-12th graders
\$175

X-Faith Youth Camp • June 16-20, 2014 • Co-ed camp for 7-12th graders
\$175 (by May 16) • \$190 (after May 16, space available)

Boys Camp • June 23-27, 2014 • For boys 1-6th grade
\$175

Girls Camp • June 30-July 4, 2014 • For girls 1-6th grade
\$175

Check-in: 2:00-4:00 p.m. on first day of camp

Parent pick-up: 1:00 p.m. on last day of camp

Flyers and registration forms can be downloaded from www.lgyrc.org



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

Cost is \$40 at the door
price includes lunch on Saturday

childcare available birth-kindergarten-aged children

Conference hotel: Clarion Suites Downtown
\$83/night (plus tax, double occupancy)
Book directly by calling the hotel, 907.929.6461
use the code "ABC-WOM"
contact: Ruby Stogsdill, rubystogsdill@gmail.com



Mike Procter
Executive Director

I think it is safe to say that most men envision themselves as a hero – saving the damsel in distress, scoring the winning touchdown (basket or goal) in the last second of the game or hitting the game-winning home run in the bottom of the ninth inning with two outs.

Our society likes heroes. In the military, heroes are awarded medals; in sports, more money and longer contracts; in business, perks and bonuses. This month, we celebrate Easter, the special day when we remember Jesus' resurrection from the grave – the day He became our hero by bringing us victory over sin and death. 1 Corinthians 15:55 says, "Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting?" (Holman Christian Standard Bible) Sin is the sting that results in death, and the law gives sin its power. But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ. When we were lost, without hope and headed for defeat, Jesus Christ provided the victory we needed.



What is the award Jesus should get because of His victory? We should allow Him to become our Lord and Savior, committing ourselves to His will in our lives. We should also tell others what Jesus has done for us.

When a sports hero does something spectacular, we do not hesitate to tell others

because we are fans. Are we as quick to proclaim what Jesus Christ has done for us? We should, because we are His disciples.

As a disciple of Jesus, He has promised He will never leave us, fail us or forsake us and He will provide the wisdom and power to do whatever He asks us to do. That is why we are reminded in Philippians 4:13, "I am able to do all things through Him who strengthens me." (Holman Christian Standard Bible) This means I can be a hero...a hero by living for Jesus Christ, serving Him and telling others about Him. Even when I feel unworthy and unable, Jesus says He will strengthen me and He has provided a sign, a promise, a guarantee...His resurrection.

I will never be a sports, business, military or political hero but I can be a hero every day for Jesus Christ. How about you? Will you be a hero for Jesus Christ?



Jimmy Stewart
Director of Evangelism and Church Development

From the March 27, 2014 issue of Rolling Stone magazine, the following interview is excerpted:

"You're a technologist, but a lot of your work now with the foundation has a moral dimension. Has your thinking about the value of religion changed over the years?"

The moral systems of religion, I think, are superimportant. We've raised our kids in a religious way; they've gone to the Catholic Church that Melinda goes to and I participate in. I've been very lucky, and therefore I owe it to try and reduce the inequity in the world. And that's kind of a religious belief. I mean, it's at least a moral belief.

Do you believe in God? I agree with people like Richard Dawkins that mankind felt the need for creation myths. Before we really began to understand disease and the weather and things like that, we sought false explanations for them. Now science has filled in some of the realm – not all – that religion used to fill. But the mystery and the beauty of the world is overwhelmingly amazing, and there's no scientific explanation of how it came about. To say that it was generated by random numbers, that does seem, you know, sort of an uncharitable view [laughs]. I think it makes sense to believe in God, but exactly what decision in your life you make differently because of it, I don't know."

Can you guess who is being interviewed? One of the richest, most influential men in the world! Before I tell you who it is, re-read what he says about a "moral dimension" – about it being "superimportant." This individual attends a Catholic church with his wife and has raised his children in that way. He says, because he has been lucky, he is obligated to help the world. So, if you are unlucky, you don't owe the world anything? It is disconcerting that a person can attend church and believe morals are important, but not believe in the moral law giver. This particular "super" intellectual agrees publicly with Richard Dawkins because he doesn't want to be labeled a right wing conservative. He ends the interview with "I think it makes sense to believe in God," but won't publicly commit to a belief in God. It is this type of influential person who is pouring a lot of money into our economy to create systems he feels are beneficial to the world. You should read the rest of the article to see what **Bill Gates** thinks is important. He does make some good points, but most of what he says is grounded in a conflict between "Mother Earth" and capitalism.

Our youth are facing a dilemma to which we have a solution. Training Teens Today (T3) is a program targeted at nurturing future leaders of our church, grounding them with a solid biblical foundation, and helping them to avoid the pitfalls of secularism! Applications are due April 15 and I hope you are encouraging your youth to participate. Also, Vacation Bible School training will be April 14 (Big Lake Baptist Church, Wasilla); April 15 (Sunset Hills Baptist Church, Anchorage); April 17 (First Baptist Church, Soldotna); and April 22 (Cross Roads Baptist Church, North Pole). Please plan to attend the training session nearest you.



Butch Strickland
*Director of Church Planting
 and Missions*

I have been challenged recently to find grace exhibited by those around me. It has been quite an enlightening experience. I have found grace in areas where you would expect it, but in others where it is the last thing you would expect. I have seen grace in circumstances where you would normally find bitterness or even disgust; recently I found grace in a place where you would expect to find it, but from a person who might surprise you. I was in a hospital waiting room and saw grace exhibited in an unforgettable manner. The man was huge by anyone's measure – he had the “Alaska look” of beard, long hair, camouflage, snow boots, and standard plaid Costco coat. According to his appearance, he displayed the rugged individualism for which Alaskans are famous. Probably in his middle to late 30s in age, he had come to the hospital for a heart procedure. His wife accompanied him because he needed someone drive him home after the procedure. As we waited, the wife's phone rang. She had not talked long when she began to cry. At the end of the short conversation, the husband asked, “What's wrong?” Her father, who was in ICU in a different hospital, had taken a turn for the worse and was not expected to last much longer. “You have to go see him,” the man said. “you might not get another chance.” “But what about you?” she asked. “Don't worry about me. I'll be fine. I will make a few calls and someone can come get me.” Grace can be demonstrated by the most unlikely people and in the most unlikely circumstances, but we are all in need of it and we can all show it. As Christians, we are recipients of the grace which surpasses every grace—the grace that saves. “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,” *Ephesians 2:8*. As I write this, I am listening to the Collingsworth family sing *Shine On Us* – “Lord let your grace, grace from your hand, fall on us that we may be saved, that we may have life to find our way in the darkest night, let your grace fall on us.”

Bask in the grace of God. Demonstrate grace in every relationship you have, especially in your relationships with those who are lost.

Daily Prayer Guide

April

1	OnMission Church	Palmer
2	Pioneer Baptist Church	Wasilla
3	Rabbit Creek Community Church	Anchorage
4	River in the Desert Comm Church	Anchorage
5	Riverside Chapel	King Salmon
6	Salcha Baptist Church	Salcha
7	Samoa Alaska Baptist Church	Anchorage
8	Sand Lake Fellowship	Anchorage
9	Sand Point Chapel	Sand Point
10	Schrock Road Community Church	Wasilla
11	Settler's Bay Community Church	Wasilla
12	Shannon Park Baptist Church	Fairbanks
13	Shungnak Baptist Mission	Shungnak
14	Slavic Bridge	Anchorage
15	Solid Rock Baptist Church	Anchorage
16	St. John Baptist Church	Fairbanks
17	Sunset Hills Baptist Church	Anchorage
18	Tanana Valley Baptist Association	Fairbanks
19	Tenakee Community Church	Juneau
20	The Crossing @ Birchwood	Birchwood
21	Thorne Bay Baptist Church	Thorne Bay
22	Togiak Baptist Mission	Togiak
23	Tongass Baptist Association	Ketchikan
24	True North Church	Anchorage
25	True North Downtown	Anchorage
26	University Baptist Church	Anchorage
27	University Baptist Church	Fairbanks
28	Upper Tanana Valley Reg Church Pltg Ctr	Tok
29	Valley View Baptist Church	Eagle River
30	Wasilla Korean Baptist Church	Wasilla



Vacation Bible School Training

Mon., April 14 • Big Lake Baptist Church, Wasilla
 Tues., April 15 • Sunset Hills Baptist Church, Anc
 Thurs., April 17 • First Baptist Church, Soldotna
 Tues., April 22 • Cross Roads Baptist Church, No Pole

5:30 p.m.
6:00 p.m.
6:50 p.m.
7:25 p.m.
8:45 p.m.

Registration
Break-outs
Worship Rally
Base conferences
Dismiss



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Count your many blessings, name them one-by-one....

by Mike Procter, Executive Director/Treasurer

One of the benefits of living in Alaska is the Permanent Fund Dividend (PFD) we receive every year. Whenever I travel to the Lower 48, people often comment how fortunate I am the State of Alaska pays me to live here. I usually smile and answer, "yes, I am!" I am thankful for the PFD, as there have been years when the money was used to cover medical bills, emergency travel or to pay for a vacation. Rebecca and I have always tithed on our PFDs as we tried to be good stewards of God's blessings.

On September 18, 2013, the Anchorage Daily News reported interesting facts and figures about the 2013 PFD:

- How much was the dividend per person: \$900
- The oldest applicant: 108 years old
- The youngest applicant: one minute old by the deadline of midnight December 31, 2012

- Number of people who applied for the PFD: 670,865
- Number of people who received a PFD: 640,436
- Total amount of PFDs: \$576 million
- Number of people who gave to charity through "Pick, Click and Give": 26,093
- Total given to charity through "Pick, Click and Give": \$2.4 million
- Total of individual PFDs since the first one in 1982: \$36,343.41
- Lowest dividend ever: \$331.29 in 1984
- Highest dividend ever: \$2,069 in 2008

While the PFDs are a blessing, I am even more thankful for the on-going, everyday blessings God provides and I strive to be a faithful steward of that with which God has blessed me. I am

careful to not take for granted or misuse His generous gifts.

Rebecca and I have gone through an estate planning process so when we die, we have confidence our estate will provide for our children and grandchildren, as well as continue to provide for mission and ministry needs in Alaska and elsewhere.

If you have never been involved with estate planning or developing a Last Will and Testament or Trust, I encourage you to contact Adam Long, Foundation Coordination Director, adam@alaskabaptistfoundation.com (907)770-0581 or (800)883-9627.



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Age 70: Access Social Security benefits

If you haven't already begun receiving Social Security Benefits, consider signing up now. **Social Security payouts grow by as much as 8% for each year you delay until age 70, but not after.**

70 1/2

Age 70 1/2: Tap into your nest egg

Once you're 70 1/2, the IRS requires you to take distributions from your retirement accounts like 403(b) or 401(d) plans if you're retired. (You must take distributions from your IRA at this point, even if you're working.) These mandatory distributions are called **required minimum distributions**.

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Retirement Rundown

9 key retirements ages — and what they mean to you

Age 50: Cash in on catch-ups

50

Once you're 50, the IRS allows you to make "**catch-up**" contributions up to \$5,500 (for 2013) to your 403(b) or 401(k) plan. That means you can defer taxes on up to \$23,000 in contributions annually. Have an IRA, too? You can contribute an extra \$1,000 there as well, up to \$6,500 annually.

Age 55: Withdraw without penalty

55

If you retire in the year you turn age 55, you can take withdrawals from your 403(b) or 401(k) without having to pay the 10% early withdrawal penalty.

59½

Age 59 1/2: Crack open the IRA

Have an IRA? You can now withdraw any amount without a penalty tax. Roth withdrawals can be taken without taxation of earnings if you've had the account at least 5 years.

Age 62: Get Social Security -- or wait?

62

You can now draw Social Security, but you might not want to just yet. You'll receive **reduced payments at 62**. The longer you wait to begin your benefits, the larger your payout will be.

65

Age 65: Welcome to Medicare

You become Medicare eligible. You're required to enroll in certain parts of Medicare, so don't put it off -- if you don't take timely action at 65, you could incur premium penalties. Medicare can be complicated -- be sure to give yourself plenty of time before your 65th birthday to understand your choices. One of the biggest: whether to purchase a Medicare supplement plan to cover costs not covered by Medicare. Hint: You should strongly consider it.

66ish

Age 66(ish): Step up to Social Security

Your retirement age, which is determined by your year of birth, determines when you're eligible for full Social Security benefits. It generally falls between 66 and 67 years of age.

67

Age 67: 1960s babies score full Social Security benefits

Born 1960 or later? You'll be eligible to receive your full Social Security retirement benefits at age 67.

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191
contributors
gave
\$10,770
in 1Q 2014

2014 2nd Quarter Recipient
Village Congregations

Project:
assistance with fuel oil and heating costs

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN — APR • MAY —

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	Easter
	Life Commitment Sunday
22	VBS Training TVBA
23	New Pastor/full-time staff orientation
24-26	Ministers and Spouses Retreat

May

4	Senior Adult Sunday
9	Alaska Native Baptist Fellowship Board Meeting
11	Mother's Day
	Pray for Alaska Baptist Family Services
11-17	Christian Home Week
12-13	Alaska Baptist Convention Executive Board mtg
15	Alaska Baptist Foundation Trustee mtg
16-22	ABF statewide conferences
18-24	Baptist Association Emphasis
26	ABC and ABF office closed for Memorial Day

What kind of legacy do you want to leave?



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