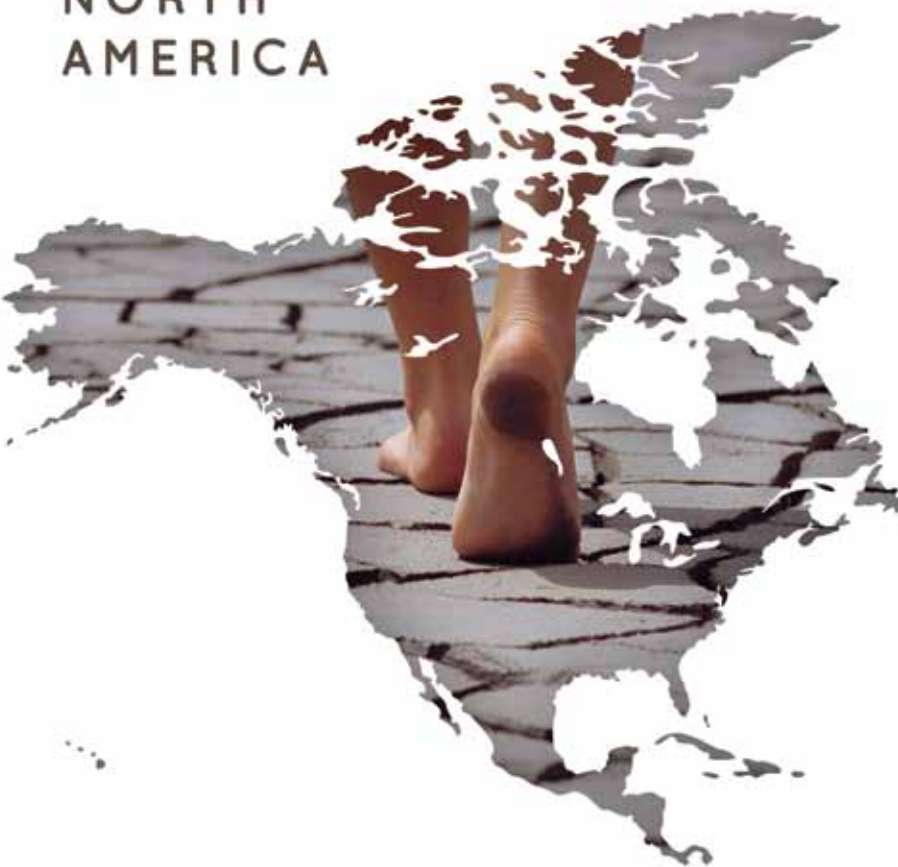


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*Sharing the good news as we go*  
- Matthew 28:19-20

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## Training Teens Today (T3)

Training Teens Today (T3) started in 2004 as an intentional leadership event for youth. Through this training over the past ten years, youth have served as leaders in their churches; helped with the youth ministry; formed youth councils to help facilitate a youth program; and started high school or middle school clubs to minister to kids at their school. Many have been trained in audio/technical ministry and assist in doing this in their church; some are involved with their church worship and praise team on Sunday mornings. It is exciting to see young people step up and take on ministry roles in the local church. We must never underestimate what young people are willing and able to do!

One of the T3 goals is to teach leadership. Students receive practical opportunities to learn and demonstrate leadership skills during an intensive week of ministry, and students are able to put into action everything they have learned. Along with elective tracks, students learn basic Bible doctrine. They also learn leadership skills, teamwork, decision making, and prayer ministry. All the students are involved in evangelistic ministries and service.

## God's Plan for Sharing in Alaska

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
Alaska Lu-Mienh First Baptist 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 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	\$1,595.32	\$1,446.10	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$4,541.42
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	\$273.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$273.50
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	\$10,586.27	\$3,174.80	\$0.00	\$10,224.66	\$0.00	\$23,985.73
Comm Baptist Church, Coffman Cove	\$1,936.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$2,286.50
Community Baptist Church, Nome	\$325.34	\$18.00	\$0.00	\$18.00	\$0.00	\$361.34
Community Christian Fellowship	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$37.00	\$110.00	\$0.00	\$247.00
Cowboy Church of Anchorage	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cross Roads Baptist Church	\$2,752.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$2,875.00	\$0.00	\$5,637.00
CrossCountry Church	\$150.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$550.00
Dillingham Bible Fellowship	\$3,018.11	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,452.81	\$0.00	\$5,470.92
Eagle River Korean Baptist Church	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church	\$637.11	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$1,237.11
Fairview Loop Baptist Church	\$10,416.76	\$2,870.07	\$0.00	\$9,216.09	\$0.00	\$22,502.92
Faith Baptist Church	\$5,065.45	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,065.45
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	\$875.00	\$427.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,302.00
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	\$8,123.58	\$2,776.50	\$135.00	\$5,721.00	\$0.00	\$16,756.08
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	\$6,824.00	\$650.00	\$0.00	\$2,165.00	\$0.00	\$9,639.00
First Baptist Church, Delta Junction	\$11,016.00	\$4,070.00	\$0.00	\$12,807.00	\$0.00	\$27,893.00
First Baptist Church, Juneau	\$1,389.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$1,439.35
First Baptist Church, Kenai	\$1,461.41	\$851.80	\$150.80	\$1,657.80	\$0.00	\$4,121.81
First Baptist Church, Ketchikan	\$2,285.13	\$2,930.00	\$0.00	\$2,854.72	\$0.00	\$8,069.85
First Baptist Church, Kotzebue	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
First Baptist Church, Palmer	\$5,000.06	\$1,127.00	\$0.00	\$2,237.00	\$0.00	\$8,364.06
First Baptist Church, Petersburg	\$1,448.89	\$1,298.00	\$0.00	\$435.00	\$0.00	\$3,181.89
First Baptist Church, Sitka	\$2,026.77	\$620.00	\$0.00	\$877.00	\$0.00	\$3,523.77
First Baptist Church, Soldotna	\$1,646.00	\$1,204.00	\$0.00	\$231.00	\$0.00	\$3,081.00
First Baptist Church, Valdez	\$4,410.31	\$1,473.00	\$220.00	\$3,153.54	\$0.00	\$9,256.85
First Baptist Church, Wasilla	\$4,661.22	\$1,133.84	\$0.00	\$6,245.66	\$0.00	\$12,040.72
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	\$300.00	\$310.00	\$0.00	\$363.00	\$0.00	\$973.00
First Native Baptist Church	\$1,156.00	\$205.00	\$0.00	\$700.74	\$0.00	\$2,061.74
Friendship Baptist Mission	\$245.03	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$1,563.00	\$0.00	\$1,908.03
Frontier Southern Baptist Church	\$1,012.40	\$160.00	\$0.00	\$480.00	\$0.00	\$1,652.40
Gilead Ministries	\$603.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$603.00
Glacier Valley Baptist Church	\$5,000.07	\$3,171.85	\$0.00	\$5,013.00	\$0.00	\$13,184.92
Grandview Baptist Church	\$5,129.85	\$3,150.00	\$40.00	\$3,406.00	\$0.00	\$11,725.85
Greater Friendship Baptist Church	\$925.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$925.20
Hillside Baptist Church	\$2,527.79	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$3,477.79
Hydaburg Baptist Mission	\$130.50	\$45.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$175.50
Immanuel Baptist Church	\$316.95	\$1,415.00	\$0.00	\$4,001.00	\$0.00	\$5,732.95
Journey Church	\$90.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$90.00
Juneau Korean Church	\$90.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$445.00	\$0.00	\$535.00
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	\$102.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$102.00
Korean Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Korean New Central Baptist Church	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,105.00	\$0.00	\$1,405.00
Lighthouse Community Church	\$1,983.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,983.00
Living Water Baptist Church	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$60.00
Misc. Contributors-Cash	\$0.00	\$8,889.55	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$60.00	\$9,069.55
Montana Creek Baptist Church	\$2,206.79	\$435.00	\$0.00	\$815.00	\$0.00	\$3,456.79
Moose Creek Baptist Church	\$1,128.32	\$1,102.84	\$0.00	\$1,130.73	\$0.00	\$3,361.89
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	\$1,808.13	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,233.00	\$0.00	\$3,041.13
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
Mountain View Community Church	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75.00



## January-March 2014 Gifts from ABC Churches

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
Muldoon Road Baptist Church	\$1,669.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$476.00	\$0.00	\$2,145.70
New Beginnings Baptist Church	\$362.66	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$288.50	\$0.00	\$651.16
New Birth Christian Church	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
New Grace Christian Church	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$750.00
New Hope Baptist Church	\$2,973.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$3,973.00
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 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	\$750.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,750.00
River In The Desert Comm Church	\$2,159.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,159.00
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	\$174.19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$174.19
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 Community Church	\$0.00	\$1,194.50	\$0.00	\$868.00	\$0.00	\$2,062.50
Settler's Bay Community 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	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Solid Rock Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
St. John Baptist Church	\$2,812.62	\$282.00	\$209.00	\$290.00	\$0.00	\$3,593.62
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$3,553.89	\$3,590.00	\$0.00	\$3,437.00	\$0.00	\$10,580.89
Tenakee Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
The Crossing @ Birchwood	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
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	\$1,200.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,700.00
True North Downtown	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
UBC-Chinese Fellowship	\$146.00	\$100.00	\$20.00	\$190.00	\$0.00	\$456.00
University Baptist Church, Anch	\$2,042.66	\$1,792.00	\$0.00	\$2,145.00	\$0.00	\$5,979.66
University Baptist Church, Fbks	\$4,049.00	\$1,378.00	\$0.00	\$5,285.00	\$0.00	\$10,712.00
Valley View Baptist Church	\$1,187.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,344.00	\$0.00	\$2,531.50
Wasilla Korean Baptist Church	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
Whittier Christian Community Church	\$180.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$280.00
<b>Grand Totals:</b>	<b>\$161,029.65</b>	<b>\$66,477.35</b>	<b>\$3,446.80</b>	<b>\$126,564.25</b>	<b>\$60.00</b>	<b>\$357,578.05</b>
<b>Goals:</b>	<b>\$702,836.00</b>	<b>\$90,000.00</b>	<b>\$95,000.00</b>	<b>\$150,000.00</b>		
<b>Over/Under Goal:</b>	<b>\$(541,806.35)</b>	<b>\$(23,522.65)</b>	<b>\$(91,553.20)</b>	<b>\$(23,435.75)</b>		

### 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	
<b>March</b>				
Receipts	\$50,952.50		\$49,792.65	
CP Goal	58,569.33		56,973.25	
Variance	(7,616.83)	-13%	(7,180.60)	-13%
<b>Year-to-Date</b>				
Receipts	\$161,029.65		\$162,658.86	
CP Goal	175,707.99		170,919.75	
Variance	(14,678.34)	-8%	(8,260.89)	-5%

## Please Pray for our Pastorless Churches

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

## Jesus • Arts • Music Camp July 20-24, 2014



Jesus, Arts and Music  
Camp is designed  
for students  
who have completed  
3rd - 9th grade.  
visit  
[www.hpbaak.org](http://www.hpbaak.org)  
for registration,  
scholarship information  
and  
promotional  
materials





## A Report from our Church Planters

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

**215 evangelistic encounters • 4 salvations • 1 baptism**

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*



Where will the  
next generation  
of missionaries  
come from?  
Your church.  
**Discover, develop  
and deploy**  
are three areas  
of focus  
a church should build  
into its DNA  
to help prepare  
the next generation  
of those who will  
faithfully live out  
the Great Commission.  
[namb.net/mobilize-me](http://namb.net/mobilize-me)

### 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](http://www.lgyrc.org)

### Camp Baldwin

**Kindergarten - Grade 2 • June 25-27, 2014**

**Grades 3-4 • June 30-July 4, 2014**

**Grades 5-6 • July 7-11, 2014**

**Grades 7-8 • July 14-18, 2014**

**Grades 9-12 • July 21-26, 2014**

Contact the Tanana Valley Baptist Association  
for details and costs • [tananavalleybaptistassociation.com](http://tananavalleybaptistassociation.com)



# 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.*

## **Farewell**

Bruce Landry, pastor of Community Baptist Church, Nome, will be leaving the state on May 25 to care for his father. Bruce has been blessed to serve at CBC, Dillingham Bible Fellowship, Alaska Baptist Convention Executive Board, the board of Alaska Baptist Family Services, and as the chaplain at Anvil Mountain Correctional Center.

## **New Birth Christian Church, Fairbanks**

The men of NBCC hosted a breakfast on March 27 for 60 members of the National Guard. The congregation welcomed four new believers as Pastor Eric Jones baptized them during March.

## **First Baptist Church, Anchorage**

Dr. Ed Gregory announced his retirement effective May 31. He and Cynthia will be moving to Iowa. The FBC Acteens were featured in the March/April edition of "The Mag," a magazine that promotes Mission Awareness and Growth for young ladies.



Avalanche '14: This group of young people came forward at the conclusion of Avalanche committing to making their lives count in ministry to God.

## **Sand Lake Fellowship, Anchorage**

On April 6, SLF began meeting at Filipino Bible Church at 6:00 on Sunday evenings. Their praise and worship team meets at 5:00 to practice. At 6:00 on Tuesday nights, SLF has their service "Outside The Walls" at the McDonald's at Diamond and Jewell Lake Road. David Gamble is pastor.

## **University Baptist Church, Fairbanks**

UBC will have a business meeting and potluck on May 7 before canceling all mid-week and other activities for the summer.

## **Clearwater Baptist Church, Delta Junction**

CBC hosted an auction and raised \$14,000 for the Care Net Pregnancy Center.



## **First Baptist Church, Sitka**

Dr. Kerry Chadwick announced his resignation effective May 31. He and Deanna are moving to New Mexico to become the directors of Inlow Baptist Camp in Tajique, NM.

## Reaching Veterans

**T**he majority of veterans in the post 9-11 era say that their fellow Americans have little understanding of the issues facing those in the military. Roughly 84% of veterans say few civilian Americans truly understand their struggles while in service and upon returning home. Pray for the chaplains working alongside these men and women as well as about ways your church can support veterans while deployed and after they return home from service.

*Source: Pew Research Center, November 9, 2012*





out evangelism initiatives, but nothing with the national prominence or staying power of the programs described above. Don't blame these agencies, however, for supposed shortcomings in their efforts. Offering these opportunities cannot overcome the apathy in many churches to adopt this kind of disciplined personal evangelism training.

So, what can be done? As a church leader, recognize people need training to effectively share their faith. They need information, but more importantly, increased confidence that comes from on-the-job training offered in a good training program. Choose an evangelism training program appropriate for your setting. Make a commitment to routinely include this training as part of your church's discipleship strategy. Stick with it for three years, then reevaluate. Expect to start small and build slowly. Don't worry about record numbers of participants. Allow God to enlarge the effort through the testimony of those who participate. Allow the results, people coming to faith in Jesus and presenting themselves for baptism, to provide the motivation to attract future participants.

Rediscovering evangelism training – routine, systemic, and systematic – is an important step to reversing the decline in our effectiveness in reaching new people with the gospel."

[www.ggbts.edu/president/blog](http://www.ggbts.edu/president/blog)

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Soldotna  
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[bestwesternalaska.com/soldotna-hotels](http://bestwesternalaska.com/soldotna-hotels)

**Aspen Hotel Soldotna**  
326 Binkley Circle  
Soldotna  
907.260.7736  
includes continental brkfst  
[aspenhotelsak.com/soldotna](http://aspenhotelsak.com/soldotna)

**Aspen Extended Stay Suites**  
10431 Kenai Spur Hwy  
Kenai  
907.283.2272  
includes continental brkfst  
[aspenhotelsak.com/kenai](http://aspenhotelsak.com/kenai)

**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.



April 5-11, a Partnership Vision Team from Orange County Southern Baptist Association visited Alaska to explore partnership opportunities. Pictured (l to r): Jade Thunyakij, Don Ho, Vu Nguyen, Mike Proud, Ellis Pitman.



**Mike Procter**  
*Executive Director*

I tend to be fairly conservative when trying new things. Recently, Rebecca purchased a new style of sock for me to wear when I walk and work out. I am not sure what they are called today, but when I was growing up, they were called “anklets” and only girls wore them. You know what I’m talking about – when I put them on, they barely reach the top of my ankle. Supposedly, everyone wears them to exercise, however I have my doubts. Up until now, I have worn socks that go halfway up my calf – “man socks”! Not “girlie socks”! But Rebecca bought them so I am wearing them. Once I put them on, as long as I don’t look down, I don’t notice any difference. Things are constantly changing and life is fluid. Just when I think I have something figured out, the “new and improved” version comes along and I am faced with a new challenge or learning experience.

In our spiritual lives, we should be open to all the new experiences the Lord has in mind for us. We do not want to become so set in our ways that we refuse to be flexible in following the Lord. You have heard people describe a person or congregation as being “in a rut” and a rut being “a grave with both ends kicked out.” When applied to a congregation, it usually means one that has plateaued and is seldom willing to try anything new. I once read this statement, “we do not want to be experts in what used to work.” We want to stay open to all the new ways the Lord may be leading us.

Back to my socks...the children of my generation put socks on the fireplace mantle at Christmas. What type of socks did we put up? Not “girlie” anklets or even mid-calf socks, but the largest, extra-long sock we could find – the one that would hold all the goodies and treats. In our walk with the Lord, let’s be so open to His will that we experience all the blessings He provides.

Blessings!



**Jimmy Stewart**  
*Director of Evangelism and Church Development*

From Jeff Iorg, President, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary:

“Southern Baptists have never had more money, more trained leaders, more materials and programs, more technology, more of a national presence, and more of an international reach. Yet, despite all this, we are becoming less and less effective at communicating the gospel and baptizing people – the first public step of discipleship. In 2012, we baptized fewer people than any year since 1948. Why?

The reasons are many and varied. Over this summer, I am blogging about some of the reasons – making no attempt to write a comprehensive treatise, just sharing some perspectives from my vantage point.

What happened to personal evangelism training by churches? In the first twenty years of my ministry – corresponding to the last twenty years of the last century – personal evangelism training was a normal part of healthy church programming. There were many options available – like Evangelism Explosion, Continuing Witness Training, Lay Evangelism School, and others with more niche audiences. There were also less formal approaches like using the Roman Road or a booklet like Steps to Peace with God or The Four Spiritual Laws. In the past decade, these type of training programs have become rare.

This kind of training was not a “one and done” effort. It was systematic – meaning it was a normal part of church life, made available once or twice each year and repeated year after year so members could participate when convicted of the need for the training. Churches chose the approach that best fit their situation or context and, through this training, continually motivated their members to fulfill their personal responsibility to share the gospel.

These days, it’s hard to find a church that has this kind of disciplined approach to training its membership to share the gospel. Our denomination has struggled in recent years to produce a national program to assist with this effort. LifeWay promoted FAITH for a few years, and some churches are still using that program. The North American Mission Board has rolled

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**Butch Strickland**  
*Director of Church Planting  
 and Missions*

Happy Mother's Day! I pray your Mother's Day will be unforgettable for all the right reasons. I also pray you will feel loved and appreciated. Those of us who have had the privilege of being raised by Christian mothers owe it to them to make it so.

My mother taught me to love Jesus. She corrected me when I was wrong. She encouraged me when I was right. She did so many things I took for granted—cooked my meals, washed my clothes, even made some of them. I'll never forget that white leisure suit! When God called me to the mission field, she said, "Venezuela is a long way from home." My response was in jest, but she understood perfectly, "It's all your fault," I said. "You took us to the mission you helped establish. You made us go to Royal Ambassadors (RA) and Girls' Auxiliary (GA). We went to RA and GA camp every summer. We were in church every Sunday, even when missionaries came. We were in discipleship classes every Sunday evening and Sunday School every Sunday morning. With that much exposure to the work of Jesus, the call came naturally."

Mom—this illustration is for you:  
 "A pastor had preached a strong sermon on personal evangelism pointing out every Christian's obligation to reach out and win others to the Lord. The sermon needed to be preached, of course, as it still does. Only apparently he had been guilty of some unfair emphases. The husband of this Christian mother was completing his resident work as a medical doctor but still found time to spend working at church. The wife beautifully cared for their three lovely children. All of them were very young and required a lot of time. During the meal the wife asked the pastor if he remembered the scripture, "For as his share is who goes down into battle, so shall his share be who stays by the baggage" (1 Sam 30:24). He confessed his ignorance, and she gave the context of King David insisting that the home guard be rewarded equally with those who had the more obviously essential role of fighting in the front line. Then she shared a wonderful truth which is so easily forgotten. She mentioned that she felt that taking care of children, patiently teaching them the ways of God, looking for moments to correct them from wrong decisions was "staying with the baggage." She went on to point out that she often felt guilty for not doing more of the "church" work than she did. But she felt her greatest ministry was being a dedicated Christian mother." (from A Treasury of Bible Illustrations Copyright © 1995, 1998 by AMG International, Inc. All rights reserved.)

Happy Mother's Day, Mom. I love you.

## Daily Prayer Guide

### May

1	Whittier Christian Community Church	Whittier
2	Alaska Lu-Mienh First Baptist Church	Anchorage
3	Anchor Baptist Church	Craig
4	Anch Hope Comm Baptist Church	Anchorage
5	Anderson Church Plant	Anderson
6	Aquillaq Baptist Mission	Ambler
7	Big Lake Baptist Church	Big Lake
8	Bodenberg Butte Baptist Church	Palmer
9	Calvary Baptist Church	Anchorage
10	Chinese Fellowship	Fairbanks
11	Christ Community Church	Anchorage
12	Chugach Baptist Association	Anchorage
13	Chugach Resort Ministries	Girdwood
14	City on a Hill Church	Eagle River
15	Clearwater Baptist Church	Delta Junction
16	Cliffside Community Chapel	Anchorage
17	Cold Bay Chapel	Cold Bay
18	College Heights Baptist Church	Soldotna
19	Community Baptist Church	Coffman Cove
20	Community Baptist Church	Nome
21	Community Christian Fellowship	Wasilla
22	Cowboy Church	Anchorage
23	CrossCountry Church	Wasilla
24	Cross Roads Baptist Church	North Pole
25	Dillingham Bible Fellowship	Dillingham
26	Eagle River Korean Baptist Church	Eagle River
27	Emmanuel Baptist Church	Juneau
28	Fairview Loop Baptist Church	Wasilla
29	Faith Baptist Church	Fairbanks
30	False Pass Christian Fellowship	False Pass
31	Filipino Baptist Church	Ketchikan

# Matthew 9:38

When we see the multitudes, as Jesus did, as a harvest that is plentiful,

When we feel compassion for them, as Jesus did, as sheep without a shepherd,

We will pray the Lord of the Harvest, as Jesus instructed us, that He would send forth laborers.

**...pray to the Lord of the Harvest...**

**EVERY DAY  
 AT 9:38 A.M. AND 9:38 P.M.**

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2000 Club

**\$1207.50**  
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**2014 2nd Quarter Recipient  
Village Congregations**

**Project:**  
assistance with fuel oil and heating costs

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN — MAY • JUN —

### May 2014

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

### June 2014

8-9	WMU national annual meeting
9-13	Alaska Native Youth Camp, LGYRC
10-11	Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting
13-20	Training Teens Today (T3)
15	Baptist Men's Emphasis
16-20	Youth Camp, LGYRC
22	Mission: Dignity Sunday
23-27	Boys Camp, LGYRC
26-28	K-2nd grade camp, Camp Baldwin
29	Citizenship and Religious Liberty Sunday
30-July 4	Girls Camp, LGYRC

*What kind of legacy do you want to leave?*



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