


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



**mission:**  
**ALASKA**

**>>> ACTS 13:47**

**Mission Rally and 69th annual meeting  
of the Alaska Baptist Convention  
Monday-Wednesday, September 29 - October 1, 2014  
College Heights Baptist Church, Soldotna**

**Messenger Registration  
for the 69th annual meeting  
is online only  
Registration opens June 1**

In May, each church received an e-mail invitation to register messengers for the event.  
Call the ABC office if you have questions,  
907.344.9627, 800.883.9627.  
Hotel information can be found on page 6.

**Pastor's Conference  
Tuesday, September 30  
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
breakfast and lunch provided**

**WMU Annual Meeting  
Tuesday, September 30  
College Heights Baptist Church  
8:30 a.m. - Noon**





## Disaster Relief Chaplains

Disaster Relief Chaplains are members of Southern Baptist Disaster Relief teams. They are mobilized with their SBC State Convention Disaster Relief team by the State Disaster Relief Coordinator.

As persons called by God, Disaster Relief Chaplains are trained to serve in an environment of disaster relief service and response. There are not many areas of mission service that require greater spiritual sensitivity and more rapid response to human need than a disaster. Therefore, we must be ready to be the “Lord’s hands and feet” to hurting humanity, bringing gospel hope to them during crisis.

Disaster Relief Chaplains extend the witness and care of the church into a very specialized time of ministry in the lives of people disrupted unexpectedly by a disaster. For this reason, the training requirements for endorsement as a Disaster Relief Chaplain are set high!

The first step is to complete one unit of training in Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM). For the last several years your Cooperative Program giving has provided training here in Alaska for those who want to serve in this capacity.

## God’s Plan for Sharing in Alaska

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
Alaska Iu-Mienh First Baptist Church	\$348.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$348.00
Anchor Baptist Church	\$487.50	\$0.00	\$145.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$1,032.50
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
Aquillaa Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Big Lake Baptist Church	\$2,424.85	\$1,446.10	\$1,200.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$6,570.95
Bodenburg Butte Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Calvary Baptist Church	\$1,132.99	\$863.00	\$0.00	\$884.00	\$0.00	\$2,879.99
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	\$368.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$368.50
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	\$677.35	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$977.35
College Heights Baptist Church	\$15,181.96	\$3,174.80	\$0.00	\$10,224.66	\$0.00	\$28,581.42
Comm Bapt Church, Coffman Cove	\$3,393.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$3,743.50
Community Baptist Church, Nome	\$591.34	\$18.00	\$0.00	\$18.00	\$0.00	\$627.34
Community Christian Fellowship	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$37.00	\$110.00	\$0.00	\$347.00
Cowboy Church of Anchorage	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cross Roads Baptist Church	\$4,684.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$2,875.00	\$0.00	\$7,569.00
CrossCountry Church	\$150.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$550.00
Dillingham Bible Fellowship	\$3,642.99	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,452.81	\$0.00	\$6,095.80
Eagle River Korean Bapt Church	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$350.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church	\$1,009.43	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$1,609.43
Fairview Loop Baptist Church	\$10,416.76	\$2,870.07	\$0.00	\$9,216.09	\$0.00	\$22,502.92
Faith Baptist Church	\$6,745.81	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,775.36	\$0.00	\$9,521.17
False Pass Christian Fellowship	\$370.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$520.25
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	\$13,637.00	\$4,707.50	\$2,428.00	\$6,909.00	\$0.00	\$27,681.50
First Baptist Church, Eagle River	\$10,811.10	\$2,776.50	\$2,477.00	\$5,721.00	\$0.00	\$21,785.60
First Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$2,249.31	\$1,096.00	\$1,336.00	\$1,825.00	\$0.00	\$6,506.31
First Baptist Church, North Pole	\$9,032.00	\$650.00	\$0.00	\$2,165.00	\$0.00	\$11,847.00
First Baptist Church, Delta Junction	\$14,717.00	\$4,070.00	\$115.00	\$12,932.00	\$0.00	\$31,834.00
First Baptist Church, Juneau	\$2,518.59	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$2,568.59
First Baptist Church, Kenai	\$2,206.94	\$1,087.35	\$306.35	\$1,793.35	\$0.00	\$5,393.99
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	\$6,666.72	\$1,127.00	\$0.00	\$2,237.00	\$0.00	\$10,030.72
First Baptist Church, Petersburg	\$2,073.22	\$1,298.00	\$0.00	\$435.00	\$0.00	\$3,806.22
First Baptist Church, Sitka	\$3,313.25	\$620.00	\$0.00	\$877.00	\$0.00	\$4,810.25
First Baptist Church, Soldotna	\$4,007.00	\$2,240.78	\$0.00	\$1,796.00	\$0.00	\$8,043.78
First Baptist Church, Valdez	\$4,410.31	\$1,473.00	\$220.00	\$3,153.54	\$0.00	\$9,256.85
First Baptist Church, Wasilla	\$5,763.36	\$1,133.84	\$0.00	\$6,245.66	\$0.00	\$13,142.86
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	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$120.00
First Korean Baptist Church	\$400.00	\$310.00	\$0.00	\$363.00	\$0.00	\$1,073.00
First Native Baptist Church	\$1,602.00	\$205.00	\$0.00	\$700.74	\$0.00	\$2,507.74
Friendship Baptist Mission	\$245.03	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$1,563.00	\$0.00	\$1,908.03
Frontier Southern Bapt Church	\$1,012.40	\$160.00	\$0.00	\$480.00	\$0.00	\$1,652.40
Gilead Ministries	\$975.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$975.00
Glacier Valley Baptist Church	\$6,972.35	\$3,171.85	\$0.00	\$5,013.00	\$0.00	\$15,157.20
Grandview Baptist Church	\$8,619.88	\$3,153.00	\$863.00	\$3,506.00	\$0.00	\$16,141.88
Greater Friendship Bapt Church	\$1,233.51	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,233.51
Hillside Baptist Church	\$3,606.40	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$4,556.40
Hydaburg Baptist Mission	\$200.50	\$45.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$245.50
Immanuel Baptist Church	\$541.26	\$1,415.00	\$2,348.56	\$4,001.00	\$0.00	\$8,305.82
Journey Church	\$90.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$90.00
Juneau Korean Church	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$445.00	\$0.00	\$565.00
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 Bapt Church	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$595.00	\$1,105.00	\$0.00	\$2,100.00
Lighthouse Community Church	\$2,967.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,967.00
Living Water Baptist Church	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$120.00
Misc. Contributors-Cash	\$0.00	\$8,989.55	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$60.00	\$9,169.55
Montana Creek Bapt Church	\$2,206.79	\$435.00	\$0.00	\$815.00	\$0.00	\$3,456.79
Moose Creek Baptist Church	\$2,029.76	\$1,102.84	\$0.00	\$1,130.73	\$0.00	\$4,263.33
Moose Pass Comm Church	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Moriah Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Morning Star Baptist Church	\$2,455.13	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,233.00	\$0.00	\$3,688.13
Mount Pleasant Baptist Church	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
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	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00



## January-April 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	\$454.12	\$0.00	\$175.78	\$288.50	\$0.00	\$918.40
New Birth Christian Church	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
New Grace Christian Church	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$750.00
New Hope Baptist Church	\$4,142.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$5,142.00
New Hope Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Hope Fellowship	\$375.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$475.00
North Bear Street Baptist Church	\$265.31	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$265.31
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	\$42.00	\$42.00
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	\$2,653.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,653.00
Riverside Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Salcha Baptist Church	\$2,508.14	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$4,501.00	\$0.00	\$7,159.14
Samoa Alaska Baptist Church	\$287.91	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$287.91
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	\$213.80	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$563.80
Shungnak Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Slavic Bridge	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$225.00
Solid Rock Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
St. John Baptist Church	\$4,104.03	\$282.00	\$319.00	\$290.00	\$0.00	\$4,995.03
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$5,969.24	\$3,590.00	\$872.50	\$3,437.00	\$0.00	\$13,868.74
Tenakee Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
The Crossing @ Birchwood	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
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	\$207.00	\$100.00	\$175.00	\$190.00	\$0.00	\$672.00
University Baptist Church, Anch	\$4,475.42	\$1,792.00	\$2,468.31	\$2,145.00	\$0.00	\$10,880.73
University Baptist Church, Fbks	\$5,129.00	\$1,378.00	\$3,732.00	\$5,285.00	\$0.00	\$15,524.00
Valley View Baptist Church	\$2,375.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,344.00	\$0.00	\$3,719.00
Wasilla Korean Baptist Church	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$900.00
Whittier Christian Comm Church	\$295.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$445.00
<b>Grand Totals:</b>	<b>\$219,591.64</b>	<b>\$67,902.68</b>	<b>\$22,068.50</b>	<b>\$131,265.16</b>	<b>\$102.00</b>	<b>\$440,929.98</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>\$(483,244.36)</b>	<b>\$(22,097.32)</b>	<b>\$(72,931.50)</b>	<b>\$(18,734.84)</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>April</b>				
Receipts	\$58,561.99		\$73,247.22	
CP Goal	58,569.33		56,973.25	
Variance	(7.34)	0%	16,273.97	29%
<b>Year-to-Date</b>				
Receipts	\$219,591.64		\$235,906.08	
CP Goal	234,277.32		227,893.00	
Variance	(14,685.68)	-6.27%	8,013.08	4%

## Welcome!

Rhys Mateo

Filipino Baptist Church, Ketchikan

Please Pray for  
our Pastorless  
Churches

Big Lake Baptist Church, Wasilla  
Chinese Fellowship, Fairbanks  
Chugach Resort Ministries, Girdwood  
Community Baptist Church, Nome  
First Baptist Church, Anchorage  
First Baptist Church, Sitka  
Greater Friendship Baptist 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

**YOU'RE  
INVITED**

More than 80% of un-churched people say they would come to church were they invited by a friend, family member or coworker. However, only 2% of church members have invited an unchurched person to attend with them. Consider how you can encourage members of your congregation to reach out and invite their unchurched friends, relatives or coworkers to join them at your church.

Source: *Facts & Trends*, Spring 2013, printed in *On Mission* magazine, Fall 2013 issue.



# Eleven of the most common mistakes made by churches today

**I** was recently in Arkansas speaking with a pastor who is a daily reader of this blog. He expressed gratitude for all the free content, but then he made a kind plea. He said that the blog has so much content that it can be overwhelming at times.

He then asked if I could write some posts that summarized several issues I covered in multiple articles over many months. I asked him to give me an example for clarity. He said, “Maybe you could write an article on the ten most common mistakes made by churches.”

His request is proof positive that my readers are much smarter than I am. Why didn't I think of that?

Thank you, pastor. Here is my response with one added to the ten. These are not necessarily the most important issues (I think theological heresy would outrank them all), but they are the most common.

1. **Failure to have an informative, easy-to-use web-site.** I cringe when I see some churches' websites. That is now the first place a prospective guest visits when he or she is thinking about attending a church. Websites are incredibly affordable today, and they can be updated easily. A church website should be updated at least once a week. It should be one of high quality. And it should contain good and accurate information for guests and members alike.
2. **Failure of pastors and staff to be actively involved in social media.** That is analogous to a missionary in another land failing to learn how to speak the language of the people.
3. **Failure of pastors and staff to understand they represent the church when they are involved in social media.** When I see some of the blog posts and Twitter and Facebook communication of pastors and staff, I am often left speechless. Even if it is a personal blog or Twitter or Facebook account (or almost a dozen other social media entrants), church members read them. The community reads them. Pastors and staff: you represent yourself, your church, and, most importantly, Christ. Please be careful with your words.
4. **Failure to urge people to be a part of groups.** Groups are key to healthy assimilation, ministry involvement, evangelistic intentionality, biblical accountability, and community connections. Church leaders should regularly encourage members and others to get involved in a small group, home group, Sunday school class, or some other ongoing group.
5. **Failure of leaders to be actively involved in influencing the content of groups.** Can you imagine a pastor asking a random person to preach and what that person would say? That's how many leaders treat their groups. Some have no idea what is being taught, studied, and discussed.
6. **Failure of church members to be considerate of where they sit during a worship service.** I can't tell you how many guests told me they had to climb over church members who arrived early and got an aisle seat. I can't tell you how many left no room for others because they used space for their coats, Bibles, smartphones, and other items.
7. **Failure to have parking lot greeters.** This ministry is a church's opportunity to make a first positive impression. However, most churches do not have parking lot greeters.

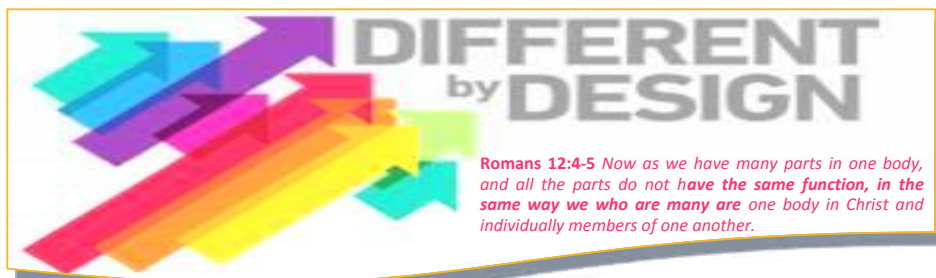


8. **Failure to have clearly marked guest parking.** Most churches have guest parking places. The problem is most guests can't find them.
9. **Failure to have clearly marked entrances to the worship center.** Ask a person who has never attended your church to do so. Then ask them how difficult it was to find the worship center. Because we know our own church well, we often don't comprehend the challenges a first time guest may have.
10. **Failure to have clearly marked entrances to the church offices.** This issue is, of course, more of a problem during weekdays.
11. **Failure to have adequate restroom facilities.** There should be an adequate number of restrooms. They should be clean. And guests should see clearly marked signs that tell them how to find them.

This "top ten plus one" list is not comprehensive. It simply represents the most common mistakes I see.

See [thomrainer.com](http://thomrainer.com) for more insights on churches.

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## JAM (Jesus, Arts & Music) Camp 2014

July 20-24

- ✝ Learn about your gifts & talents that are **DIFFERENT** than others
- ✝ Find ways to use your gifts & talents **BY** sharing them with others
- ✝ Learn why & how God's **DESIGN** of your gifts & talents are unique and how to use them to Praise Jesus and Glorify God!

• **Jesus, Arts, and Music Camp** is designed for students who have completed **3rd through 9th grade**. Held at LaVerne Griffin Youth Camp. Please go to [www.hpbaak.org](http://www.hpbaak.org) for registration, scholarship information and promotional materials.

• **Information:** Gary, Hatcher Pass Baptist Association, 907-982-0133

*submitted by Hatcher Pass Baptist Association*

## A Report from our Church Planters

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

**287 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*






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907.262.5857 • includes full, hot restaurant brkfst  
[bestwesternalaska.com/soldotna-hotels](http://bestwesternalaska.com/soldotna-hotels)

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

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

**Quality Inn • 10352 Kenai Spur Hwy • Kenai**  
907.283.6060 • includes buffet breakfast  
[qualityinn.com/hotel-kenai-alaska-AK032](http://qualityinn.com/hotel-kenai-alaska-AK032)



## 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.

## Do we like Facebook more than the Bible?

On its 10th birthday, Facebook's statistics revealed the social network had **more than 143 million daily users** in the United States and Canada. A CBS News poll found there are **40 million daily Bible readers** in those two countries. This means more than three times as many people check their newsfeed and share photos with friends than spend time in God's Word.



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*Source: USA today; Facts & Trends magazine, Spring 2014 issue*

### 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  
\$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)*



## Summer CAMP

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**The Executive Committee passed three board actions while the Board was not in session from November 13, 2013 to May 11, 2014:**

1. On November 25, 2013, approved funding in the amount of \$2400 to New Beginnings Baptist Church, Seward for 2014. Funds will come from 2014 account 5342 Church Planting Fund.
2. On January 14, 2014, approved a change to the Policies and Procedure Manual Part II, Section IX. Financial, A. Insurance, items 1 and 2 to state “term life insurance provided to full-time employees by the Alaska Baptist Convention is limited to 4 times their annual salary and housing. Employees will be given the option to buy more coverage as a deduction of their pay up to the amount limited by GuideStone Financial Services.”
3. On February 27, 2014, approved funding in the amount of \$9000 for the Upper Tanana Valley Regional Church Planting Center in Tok (\$1,000 per month) starting April 1, 2014. Funds will come from 2014 account 5342 Church Planting Fund.
5. Approved the 2015 proposed budget for the Alaska Baptist Convention in the amount of \$1,692,529.00 with projected revenues of \$704,393.00 from the Cooperative Program; \$901,538.00 from the North American Mission Board; \$60,000.00 from LifeWay Christian Resources; \$15,798.00 from designated funds; \$6,000.00 from the Alaska Baptist Foundation; and \$4,800.00 from the Alaska Baptist Foundation Protection Insurance Trust Fund.
6. Approved to change the investment allocation of accounts 1225 and 1226 from money market to the balance fund. The motion passed unanimously.
7. Approved assignment of the current proposal of ABC equitable salary schedule to the Administration and Personnel Committee to develop a proposed pay based upon salaries for similar jobs in various conventions and return their findings to the BFC.

**May 12-13, 2014, Alaska Baptist Convention Executive Board Actions:**

Budget and Finance Committee (BFC)

1. Approved the April 30, 2014 Financial Report with a journal entry to move \$81.54 from designated account 8920 Designated State Evangelism Conference to budget account 5420 Evangelism Conference.
2. Approved creation of the following designated accounts: account 8441 McKay Trust; account 8442 Rolins Trust; account 8443 ABC Education Trust; account 8444 Procter Minister’s Spouse Trust; and account 8445 Robert Procter Trust.
3. Approved creation of account 5325 Multi-Ethnic Church Planting Training; account 5349 Evangelism Projects; and account 5447 Love Loud Projects. Included in the updated Chart of Accounts described in May 12-13, 2014 Executive Board Action 4 by the BFC is the description of how these funds will be used.
4. Approved adoption of the updated Chart of Accounts of the Alaska Baptist Convention for 2015 for the following accounts: account 5325 Multi-Ethnic Church Planter Training funds to be used to assist in providing training and development of multi-ethnic church planters; account 5343 Special Project funds for special multi-ethnic group leadership expenses incurred from special projects for church starts authorized by the director of church planting and missions or executive director; account 5348 Ministers and Spouses Conference funds to be used to plan, promote, and initiate an annual training for all Alaska Baptist Convention ministers and spouses; account 5349 Evangelism Project funds to be used to help church plants engage their communities and campuses with the gospel through events, projects, training, and resources; account 5445 Evangelism Program funds to be used for planning, promoting, and conducting evangelistic training events

and projects; and account 5447 Love Loud Project funds to be used for churches serving their communities through ministry and evangelistic projects.

5. Approved the 2015 proposed budget for the Alaska Baptist Convention in the amount of \$1,692,529.00 with projected revenues of \$704,393.00 from the Cooperative Program; \$901,538.00 from the North American Mission Board; \$60,000.00 from LifeWay Christian Resources; \$15,798.00 from designated funds; \$6,000.00 from the Alaska Baptist Foundation; and \$4,800.00 from the Alaska Baptist Foundation Protection Insurance Trust Fund.
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7. Approved assignment of the current proposal of ABC equitable salary schedule to the Administration and Personnel Committee to develop a proposed pay based upon salaries for similar jobs in various conventions and return their findings to the BFC.

Administration and Personnel Committee

1. Approved the 2014-2015 calendar of the Alaska Baptist Convention.
2. Approved adoption of a Reference Release Form as policy of the Alaska Baptist Convention and add it to the Alaska Baptist Convention Policies and Procedures Manual under P&P Manual II, XII. Termination of Service, D. References the following: “No staff member of the Alaska Baptist Convention shall provide a reference or recommendation for a person until there is a signed copy of a Reference Release Form comparable to Appendix 6.”

Missions and Church Development Committee

1. Approved support in the amount of \$20,000 to In His Steps Community Fellowship for six months (\$3,333.33 per month) starting July 1, 2014. Monies to be used for pastoral assistance and rent to continue outreach and summer ministries. Funding would come from account 5342 Church Planting Fund.
2. Approved support in the amount of \$7500 to Kenai Peninsula Church Plant for five months (\$1,500 per month) starting August 1, 2014. Funding would come from account 5342 Church Planting Fund.
3. Approved to provide additional funds in the amount of \$4800 to OnMission Church for six months (\$400 per month) starting July 1, 2014. Monies to be used for church growth. Funding would come from account 5342 Church Planting Fund.
4. Approved support up to \$12,000 for seven months (\$1714.28 per month) to explore the viability of a church plant in Whitehorse starting June 1, 2014. Funding would come from account 5342 Church Planting Fund, 10 percent viability funds. Funds will be distributed upon presentation of need.
5. Approved support in the amount of \$10,500 for a



- church plant targeting Wayland Baptist University-Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson area for five months (\$2,100 per month) starting August 1, 2014. Funding would come from account 5342 Church Planting Fund.
6. Approved to grant \$2000 to First Baptist Church, Eagle River to involve church members in a mission project, targeting the community around the church. Funding would come from account 8575 Church Strengthening Fund.
  7. Approved to grant \$3500 to First Baptist Church, Palmer to encourage older children (completed grades 3-6) and their parents to get involved in spiritual growth together during the summer. Funding would come from account 8575 Church Strengthening Fund.

8. Approved to grant \$5250 to First Baptist Church, Wasilla to encourage youth to get involved in spiritual growth during the summer. Funding would come from account 8575 Church Strengthening Fund.

#### Executive Committee

1. Approved to dedicate the 2014 Book of Reports to Dawson and Yvonne Lindblom. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Approved the theme "Mission Alaska" for the 2014-2015 State Mission Offering and the 2014 annual meeting of the Alaska Baptist Convention.

## summer food program

*All sites will have either free snacks or lunches for kids up to 18 years old, Bible clubs, games, music, crafts, sports, and more!*

### Alaska Missions

Park Ministry, Monday-Friday (Jun 2 - Aug 1): 12:30-4:30 p.m.  
Block Parties: 6:00-8:00 p.m.

### Anchorage Sites

- Arctic Benson Park
- Charles Smith Memorial Park
- Chester Creek Estates
- Turpin Park
- Kiwanis Fish Creek Park
- David Rose Park
- Kanchee Park

### Block Party Schedule

June 5: Arctic Benson Park, Chester Creek Estates  
June 12: Charles Smith Memorial Park, David Rose Park  
June 19: Turpin Park, Kiwanis Fish Creek Park  
June 26: Kanchee Park, Arctic Benson Park

### GraceWorks

Park Ministry, Monday-Friday (May 26 - Aug 8): 1:30-4:00 p.m.  
Tuesday Night Family Night: 6:30 p.m., include topics like first aid, music, science, bike safety, fitness, art, career day, and more.  
Block Parties: 6:30-8:30p.m.

### Anchorage Sites

Park Ministry • Tuesday Family Night

Block Party (weekday noted next to location)

- Williwaw Park (Friday block party)
- Russian Jack Spring Park (Friday block party)
- Penland Mobile Home Park (Thursday block party)
- Ira Walker Park (Thursday block party)
- Standish Park (Thursday block party)
- Sand Lake (Wednesday block party)
- Woodland Park (starting June 9th) (Tuesday block party)

### Kenai Sites

Park Ministry • Tuesday Family Night

Block Party (weekday noted next to location)

- Soldotna Park (Wednesday block party)
- Old Town Park (Thursday block party)
- Kenai Municipal Park (Friday block party)

### Wasilla Sites

Park Ministry • Tuesday Family Night

Block Party (weekday noted next to location)

- Williwaw neighborhood (Wednesday block party)
- A-moosment Park (Thursday block party)
- Wonderland Park (Friday block party)



# MILEPOST MOMENTS

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

## Anniversary Celebration!



L to R: Don Shannon, President, ABC Executive Board; Debra Long; Mike Procter, Executive Director, ABC

During the May 12-13, 2014 Alaska Baptist Convention (ABC) Executive Board meeting, Debra Long was recognized for 15 years of ministry and service as the office manager and bookkeeper of the ABC.

## Condolences

Our condolences to the family of Linda Clark, who passed away on May 5. Linda, along with her husband Jim, served at Morning Star Baptist Church (Healy), began North Star Baptist Church (Anderson), served at Clear Air Force Base, and served as missionaries in the northeast Arctic. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at [Sherman@mtaonline.net](mailto:Sherman@mtaonline.net)

## Condolences

Our condolences to the family of Virginia McKay, who passed away on May 10. Mike and Virginia McKay came to Alaska in the late 1940s and served in what is now known as First Native Baptist Church, Moose Pass Baptist Mission, First Baptist

Church-Seward, and as regional missionaries for what was the Tustumena Baptist Association. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at [jkrise@gci.net](mailto:jkrise@gci.net) or [mkrisel@gmail.com](mailto:mkrisel@gmail.com)

## RSVP Required!

“A Conversation with Dr. Albert Mohler”, Monday, June 2, 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Fox Hollow Chalet in Anchorage. Lunch is provided with your RSVP to Brent Williams, pastor, True North Church, [brentwilliams@mac.com](mailto:brentwilliams@mac.com).

## Friendship Baptist Church, Fairbanks



Dorothy Grooms, pastor's wife at FBC, recently participated in a fundraiser for cancer research and had her head shaved in

memory of her brother and niece who both passed away from cancer.



## Riverside Chapel, King Salmon

The church sponsored three “Parenting with Purpose” classes January – April. Pastor Russ and Rhonda want to help parents understand the importance of true parenting. Church attendance is

increasing and currently has 8-10 attending each week. The church will host two mission teams this summer that will help with community ministry and building projects. The church will get an upgraded kitchen with additional cabinets and the two-story exit stairs will be repaired. The teams will also provide one-day “Kid’s Club”, reach out to cannery workers and be part of the “Fishtival” activities in July.

## St. John Baptist Church, Fairbanks

## Fairbanks

The SJBC Praise Dancers led



worship for the Women on Mission Celebration held in Anchorage in April. Karen

Ellison led a breakout session on crafts.

## Positions Available!

First Baptist Church North Pole is hoping to fill two vacant positions: Minister of Music and Youth Director. In the right situation, these positions could be combined. Housing and salary provided. Interested persons should contact Jeff Ling, pastor, [jlingfbc@gmail.com](mailto:jlingfbc@gmail.com)





# WELCOME NEW STAFF TO THE STATE!



George Nytes



Tricia and Daryl Turley

The Alaska Baptist Convention (ABC) held its annual new pastor/full-time staff orientation on April 23. The orientation provides the opportunity for new pastors to meet and talk to the ABC staff, receive information about the ABC strategy, programming, funding and relationships. Next year's orientation will be April 22, 2015, and is open to any pastor (and spouse) serving the first two years in Alaska. Participating in this year's orientation were Daryl and Tricia Turley, church planters in Anderson and George Nytes, pastor of University Baptist Church in Anchorage.

## Glacier Valley Baptist Church, Juneau

GVBC worked closely with the Baptist Collegiate Ministries (BCM) at University of Alaska-Southeast (UAS) during the school year. Students were active in Bible studies, accountability groups, prayer times, special events and sharing Jesus with other students on the UAS campus. Throughout



the school year, an average of 25 attended Thursday night Bible studies

and during those times, nine people made decisions to either recommit their lives to Christ, or make a first-time commitment to Him. A group of 15 BCM students went to Haines to work on New Hope Fellowship.



## Journey Church, Wasilla

Journey Church held a block party with over 120 people in attendance!

## Happy couples focus on God

**53%** of very happy couples say God is at the center of their marriage (compared to 7 percent of struggling couples).

**30%** of struggling couples admit God is not at the center of their marriage.



Source: The Surprising Secrets of Highly Happy Marriages (Multnomah Books) by Shaunti Feldhahn; printed from Facts and Trends magazine, Spring 2014 issue.







**Mike Procter**  
*Executive Director*

I came home one evening many years ago, and Rebecca commented that she was exhausted because she had to chase after “your sons” all day. At the time, Seth was nearly five years old and Noah was just about two. On that day, I learned two very important lessons: first, I learned the reference to “your sons” meant it had not been a good day; and it was not smart to say “how can you be tired? You have been home all day and I had to go to work.” Men! Learn from my mistake. Don’t ever say something like that to the mother of your children, especially when she has already told you it’s been a hard day!

According to the May/June 2014 issue of *Healthy Living*, the average toddler takes approximately 176 steps a minute which is 10,560 steps an hour! As a general rule, an adult should try to walk 10,000 steps a day but a preschooler would probably laugh in my face about taking only 10,000 steps in a day. I know from practical experience that preschoolers can run circles around me. When our grandchildren were younger and would come to our house, my job was to follow them around while they traveled from room to room exploring, looking and touching everything we had that was within reach. It was not long until I was ready for them to take a nap, watch “Veggie Tales” or even “WWF Smackdown.” I did not care – I just wanted them to sit down a minute because I was tired!

In Isaiah 40: 28-31 the Bible says that people who wait on, trust in, depend upon, rely on and have faith in the Lord will get new strength and will be able to run and not get weary, and walk and not become weak. Obviously, these verses apply to spiritual strength and endurance. When we are facing a challenge or a temptation, as we trust in the Lord, He will provide the strength we need. Remember 1 Corinthians 10:13, “You have never been tempted to sin in any different way than other people. **God is faithful.** He will not allow you to be tempted more than you can take. But when you are tempted, **He will** make a way for you to keep from falling into sin” and Galatians 6:9, “Do not let yourselves get tired of doing good. If we do not give up, we will get what is coming to us at the right time.”

As we live for the Lord, the enemy will encourage us to take our eyes off the Lord and not trust in His power. Instead of being distracted, let’s be sure to keep our eyes on the Lord and trust Him, depend upon Him, rely on Him, have faith in Him and wait on Him so we will not be weary in our faith, so we can become more than conquerors through Him.



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

## GROUPS MATTER.

Did that catch your attention? Do you have groups in your church? Do your groups matter? How do your groups impact the community around you? Is “groups matter” a true statement of the intent and direction of the groups in your church? Can you identify groups in your church?

As a pastor, Sunday school leader, a small group leader, worship leader, children’s teacher or adult team leader, I encourage you to think about this slogan: “groups matter.” There are reasons and benefits to being part of a group. In your own church, can you identify results of groups that have directly contributed to the Great Commission? Do your groups help accomplish the vision of your church? Are your groups healthy? Are they growing? Are they multiplying and forming more groups?

“Groups are absolutely essential to the health and mission of a church. They are likely the starting point for community, discipleship, and service in your church. In fact, recent research shows that people involved in groups are healthier spiritually than those who aren’t. People in groups read the Bible more, pray more, give more, and serve more. Simply stated: your groups matter.” ([www.groupsmatter.com](http://www.groupsmatter.com))

In your church, how many are involved in groups? Many churches report only half their members are involved in groups. Listen again to the statement, “people involved in groups are healthier spiritually than those who aren’t.” Could more people in your church be in a group? Yes! Who will start this group and invest in the lives of those people?

I propose a “groups movement.” Examine who is not in a group and invite them to join one – they may not be in one because no one has invited them. Pastors, now might be a good time to form a new group. On the website [www.groupsmatter.com](http://www.groupsmatter.com) you will find helpful information on starting new groups and benefits of doing so. What if every church in Alaska started a new group? Let’s try it and see how.....

## GROUPS MATTER.





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

In 1 Cor 16:12-14 Paul told the Corinthians that Apollos was not going to go to Corinth at the present time, but would go when another opportunity presented itself. In Apollos' absence, there were some things that Paul wanted them to know. The men of the Corinthian church were to act like men. He said they ought not to make their hopes of salvation dependent on Apollos or any other teacher. Apparently, they were being negligent in their duties as men, especially as Christian men – they were a little too “laid back.” So Paul chided them to wake up and be on their guard. They were also being a little too weak and spineless so Paul instructed them to stand firm and be strong. They were not to just *act* like men, they were to *actually* be manly. Paul expressed the same idea in 1 Cor 15:58: “Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.” And, finally, they were to quit all that caused strife among them and do everything in love.

This is a timely word for us. The next generation requires we be the men of God Paul admonished the Corinthian men to be. In 1985, I worked in the village of Atkasuk erecting telephone poles, stringing wires, and installing transformers in the entire village. I worked with a linesman in his latter working years – he had hung a lot of wires throughout his lifetime. He appreciated the work I did but instead of complimenting me, when he took me to the airport for my flight home, he said, “The next time you see your Dad, tell him he did a great job.” I am glad that my Dad got the recognition he deserved for raising me the way he did. I pray that I have been that kind of Dad to my own children. Happy Father's Day. Be strong in the Lord!

“A king, realizing his incompetence, can either delegate or abdicate his duties. A father can do neither.” Marlene Dietrich

## Daily Prayer Guide

### June

1	Filipino Bible Church	Anchorage
2	First Baptist Church	Anchorage
3	First Baptist Church	Delta Junction
4	First Baptist Church	Eagle River
5	First Baptist Church	Fairbanks
6	First Baptist Church	Juneau
7	First Baptist Church	Kenai
8	First Baptist Church	Ketchikan
9	First Baptist Church	Kotzebue
10	First Baptist Church	North Pole
11	First Baptist Church	Palmer
12	First Baptist Church	Petersburg
13	First Baptist Church	Soldotna
14	First Baptist Church	Sitka
15	First Baptist Church	Valdez
16	First Baptist Church	Wasilla
17	First Baptist Church	Willow
18	First Hmong Baptist Church	Anchorage
19	First Korean Baptist Church	Anchorage
20	First Native Baptist Church	Anchorage
21	Friendship Baptist Mission	Fairbanks
22	Frontier Baptist Church	Kodiak
23	Gilead Ministries	Anchorage
24	Glacier Valley Baptist Church	Juneau
25	Grandview Baptist Church	Anchorage
26	Greater Friendship Baptist Church	Anchorage
27	Hatcher Pass Baptist Association	Palmer
28	Hillside Baptist Church	Anchorage
29	Hoonah Baptist Mission	Hoonah
30	Hydaburg Baptist Mission	Hydaburg

## 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.**



# BUILDING A LIFE OF SERVICE

2000 Club

**\$5168.00**  
has been  
received for  
**2Q 2014\***  
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Village Congregations**

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

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN — JUN • JUL —

### 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)
16-20	Youth Camp, LGYRC
22	Mission: Dignity Sunday
23-27	Boys Camp, LGYRC
25-27	K-2nd grade camp, Camp Baldwin
30-Jul 4	Girls Camp, LGYRC

### July 2014

Jun 30-Jul 4	Grades 3-4, Camp Baldwin
4	Independence Day
7-11	Grades 5-6 camp, Camp Baldwin
14-18	Grades 7-8 camp, Camp Baldwin
19	TVBA Executive Board meeting
20-24	JAM Camp
21-26	Grades 9-12 camp, Camp Baldwin

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



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