

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

Did you know?

During the American Revolution, the legal separation of the Thirteen Colonies from Great Britain occurred on **July 2, 1776**, when the Second Continental Congress voted to approve a resolution of independence that had been proposed in June by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia declaring the United States independent from Great Britain^{1,2}. After voting for independence, Congress turned its attention to the Declaration of Independence, a statement explaining this decision, which had been prepared by a Committee of Five, with Thomas Jefferson as its principal author. Congress debated and revised the wording of the Declaration, finally approving it on July 4.

Unique or historical celebrations:

- Held since 1785, the Bristol Fourth of July Parade in Bristol, Rhode Island is the oldest continuous Independence Day celebration in the United States.
- Since 1868, Seward, Nebraska has held a celebration on the same town square. In 1979, Seward was designated “America’s Official Fourth of July City – Small Town USA” by resolution of Congress. Seward has also been proclaimed Nebraska’s “Official Fourth of July City” by Governor James Exon in proclamation. Seward is a town of 6,000 but swells to 40,000+ during the July 4 celebrations³.
- Since 1972, Nathan’s Hot Dog Eating Contest is held in Coney Island, Brooklyn, New York City.
- Since 1959, the International Freedom Festival is jointly held in Detroit, Michigan and Windsor, Ontario during the last week of June each year as a mutual celebration of Independence Day and Canada Day (July 1). It culminates in a large fireworks display over the Detroit River.
- On the Capitol lawn in Washington, D.C., “A Capitol Fourth”, a free concert, precedes the fireworks and attracts over half a million people annually.

God Bless AMERICA

¹Becker, Carl L. (1922) *The Declaration of Independence: A Study in the History of Political Ideas*, New York: Harcourt, Brace. ISBN 0-394-70060-0, page 3

²Staff writer (July 1, 1917). “How Declaration of Independence was Drafted” (PDF). *New York Times*. Retrieved November 20, 2009. “On the following day, when the formal vote of Congress was taken, the resolutions were approved by twelve Colonies—all except New York. The original Colonies, therefore, became the United States of America on July 2, 1776.”

³<http://www.julyfourthseward.com/history.html>



Alaska Baptists have been blessed to have student summer missionaries serving in our state. A student missionary is a high school, college, or graduate student who serves 6 to 10 weeks assisting local churches as they seek to accomplish the Great Commission through evangelism, discipleship, and church planting. These young men and women serve on the front lines of missions, participating in experiences designed to help students develop a lifetime of missionary service. The North American Mission Board celebrates the calling-out of those whom God is sending across the United States and Canada, including some of the most under-reached and underserved areas in North America. These young people have a vision to see as many people as possible come to faith in Christ. Some of the qualifications to become a student missionary include:

- Be a committed and maturing Christian and have a desire for missionary development
- Be willing to verbally share the gospel with others
- Be an active member of an SBC church and affirm the Baptist Faith & Message 2000
- Be available to serve the entire length of the project
- Invest 25 hours per week

God's Plan for Sharing in Alaska

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
Alaska Lu-Mienh First Bapt Church	\$348.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$348.00
Anchor Baptist Church	\$567.00	\$0.00	\$195.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$1,162.00
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	\$3,160.69	\$1,446.10	\$1,200.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$7,306.79
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	\$521.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$521.00
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	\$677.35	\$150.00	\$100.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$1,077.35
College Heights Baptist Church	\$19,141.72	\$3,174.80	\$4,381.00	\$10,224.66	\$0.00	\$36,922.18
Comm Baptist Church, Coffman Cove	\$3,393.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$3,743.50
Comm Baptist Church, Nome	\$591.34	\$18.00	\$0.00	\$18.00	\$0.00	\$627.34
Community Christian Fellowship	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$37.00	\$110.00	\$0.00	\$447.00
Cowboy Church of Anchorage	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cross Roads Baptist Church	\$6,364.00	\$10.00	\$340.00	\$2,875.00	\$0.00	\$9,589.00
CrossCountry Church	\$150.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$550.00
Dillingham Bible Fellowship	\$4,074.71	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,452.81	\$0.00	\$6,527.52
Eagle River Korean Bapt Church	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$450.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church	\$1,323.51	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$1,923.51
Fairview Loop Baptist Church	\$14,478.59	\$2,870.07	\$0.00	\$9,216.09	\$0.00	\$26,564.75
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	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$770.00
Filipino Bible Church	\$875.00	\$427.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,302.00
First Baptist Church, Anchorage	\$16,982.60	\$4,707.50	\$5,378.00	\$6,909.00	\$0.00	\$33,977.10
First Baptist Church, Eagle River	\$13,238.85	\$2,776.50	\$4,937.00	\$5,921.00	\$0.00	\$26,873.35
First Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$2,877.91	\$1,096.00	\$1,336.00	\$1,825.00	\$0.00	\$7,134.91
First Baptist Church, North Pole	\$10,907.00	\$650.00	\$1,415.50	\$2,165.00	\$0.00	\$15,137.50
First Baptist Church, Delta Jet	\$17,578.00	\$4,070.00	\$11,813.00	\$12,932.00	\$0.00	\$46,393.00
First Baptist Church, Juneau	\$3,364.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$3,414.00
First Baptist Church, Kenai	\$2,560.39	\$1,263.61	\$850.61	\$1,857.61	\$0.00	\$6,532.22
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	\$8,333.38	\$1,127.00	\$2,182.00	\$2,237.00	\$0.00	\$13,879.38
First Baptist Church, Petersburg	\$2,498.44	\$1,298.00	\$0.00	\$435.00	\$0.00	\$4,231.44
First Baptist Church, Sitka	\$3,727.61	\$620.00	\$855.00	\$877.00	\$0.00	\$6,079.61
First Baptist Church, Soldotna	\$4,731.00	\$2,240.78	\$0.00	\$1,796.00	\$0.00	\$8,767.78
First Baptist Church, Valdez	\$9,101.07	\$1,473.00	\$2,256.00	\$3,153.54	\$0.00	\$15,983.61
First Baptist Church, Wasilla	\$6,692.17	\$1,133.84	\$0.00	\$6,245.66	\$0.00	\$14,071.67
First Baptist Church, Willow	\$1,359.67	\$630.00	\$1,534.00	\$2,555.00	\$0.00	\$6,078.67
First Hmong Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$120.00
First Korean Baptist Church	\$500.00	\$310.00	\$327.00	\$363.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
First Native Baptist Church	\$2,112.00	\$205.00	\$0.00	\$700.74	\$0.00	\$3,017.74
Friendship Baptist Mission	\$1,067.26	\$0.00	\$1,036.00	\$1,563.00	\$0.00	\$3,666.26
Frontier Southern Baptist Church	\$1,012.40	\$160.00	\$0.00	\$480.00	\$0.00	\$1,652.40
Gilead Ministries	\$975.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,025.00
Glacier Valley Baptist Church	\$8,405.55	\$3,171.85	\$0.00	\$5,013.00	\$0.00	\$16,590.40
Grandview Baptist Church	\$11,712.89	\$3,153.00	\$3,652.00	\$3,606.00	\$0.00	\$22,123.89
Greater Friendship Bapt Church	\$1,233.51	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,233.51
Hillside Baptist Church	\$4,884.82	\$150.00	\$550.00	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$6,384.82
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	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$295.00	\$445.00	\$0.00	\$890.00
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	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$595.00	\$1,105.00	\$0.00	\$2,200.00
Lighthouse Community Church	\$3,590.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,590.00
Living Water Baptist Church	\$180.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$180.00
Malamalama Fou (New Light) Church	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$230.00
Misc. Contributors-Cash	\$0.00	\$8,989.55	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$80.00	\$9,189.55
Montana Creek Baptist Church	\$4,907.92	\$435.00	\$0.00	\$815.00	\$0.00	\$6,157.92
Moose Creek Baptist Church	\$3,530.03	\$1,102.84	\$1,638.26	\$1,130.73	\$0.00	\$7,401.86
Moose Pass Community 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	\$2,942.13	\$0.00	\$895.00	\$1,233.00	\$0.00	\$5,070.13
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	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$125.00

January-May 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	\$493.67	\$0.00	\$175.78	\$288.50	\$0.00	\$957.95
New Birth Christian Church	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$700.00
New Grace Christian Church	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
New Hope Baptist Church	\$5,160.00	\$500.00	\$610.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$6,770.00
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	\$160.74	\$0.00	\$249.50	\$371.00	\$42.00	\$823.24
Rabbit Creek Community Church	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
River In The Desert Comm Church	\$2,903.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,903.00
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	\$349.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$349.40
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 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	\$325.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$325.00
Solid Rock Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
St. John Baptist Church	\$4,743.91	\$282.00	\$319.00	\$290.00	\$0.00	\$5,634.91
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$7,631.48	\$3,590.00	\$3,655.30	\$3,437.00	\$0.00	\$18,313.78
Tenakee Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
The Crossing @ Birchwood	\$1,600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,600.00
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	\$1,900.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,400.00
True North Downtown	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
UBC-Chinese Fellowship	\$227.00	\$100.00	\$175.00	\$190.00	\$0.00	\$692.00
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	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Whittier Christian Comm Church	\$295.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$445.00
Grand Totals:	\$271,728.88	\$68,153.94	\$64,366.82	\$132,000.42	\$122.00	\$536,372.06
Goals:	\$702,836.00	\$90,000.00	\$95,000.00	\$150,000.00		
Over/Under Goal:	\$(431,107.12)	\$(21,846.06)	\$(30,633.18)	\$(17,999.58)		

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	
May				
Receipts	\$52,137.24		\$55,511.99	
CP Goal	58,569.33		56,973.25	
Variance	(6,432.09)	-11%	(1,461.26)	-3%
Year-to-Date				
Receipts	\$271,728.88		\$291,418.07	
CP Goal	292,846.65		284,866.25	
Variance	(21,117.77)	-7.21%	6,551.82	2%

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

Since 2009...
Churches with
WMU gave nearly
80% of the total
given through
the Cooperative
Program -- up .1%
even in the midst
of the nation's
Great Recession.
But churches
without WMU
decreased their
giving by nearly
half, or 48.72%

Source: GBC Research Services

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

July 3:

Chester Creek Estates, Charles Smith Memorial Park

July 10:

David Rose Park, Turpin Park

July 17:

Kiwanis Fish Creek Park, Kanchee Park

July 24:

Arctic Benson Park, Chester Creek Estates

July 31:

Charles Smith Memorial Park, David Rose 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 (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)



Ten money-saving tips for your congregation

Nearly every congregation is looking for ways to cut costs and save money. One of the best ways to save is with a proactive approach to maintenance. Here are 10 inexpensive maintenance projects that congregations can tackle without the help of a professional or investing in costly supplies:

1. Clearly mark uneven steps and areas
2. Keep light fixtures clean and functional
3. Clear clutter from the boiler or furnace room

4. Reconfigure electrical cords
5. Install or repair handrails
6. Clean gutters and downspouts
7. Set outdoor lights with a timer
8. Maintain the playground surface
9. Trim overgrown shrubs and tree limbs
10. Keep walkways free of ice and snow

Source: Church Mutual Insurance Company, Risk Reporter for Religious Institutions, Winter 2012, Vol. 11, Issue 1

MILEPOST MOMENTS

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

Summer Camps at Camp Baldwin

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

FREE BASKETBALL CLINIC



WHEN: Saturday,
August 16, 2014

1-6th Grade

9am-12pm

7-12th Grade 1-4pm

WHERE: Wasilla
Middle School

FREE!



CROSSFIRE BASKETBALL CAMP IS HERE FOR
ONE DAY ONLY.

DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS AMAZING
OPPORTUNITY.

RSVP names & ages to cgteach@ak.net

<http://crossfireministry.com>

Southern Baptist Convention

Twenty Alaskans attended the SBC in Baltimore, Maryland, June 8-11. Gary Bearce (Church Planter Catalyst, Hatcher Pass Baptist Association) and Alan Dial (Alaska Native Church Planter Catalyst) served on the Committee on Committees. Ruby Stogdill, member of First Baptist Church, Soldotna, and the president of Alaska Woman's Missionary Union, served on the Tellers Committee. Becky Sherman, member of First Baptist Church, Palmer, was elected as the ABC representative to the Board of Trustees, North American Mission Board. Charles Worthy, pastor, First Baptist Church, Willow was elected as the ABC representative to the SBC Executive Committee Board. Bill Milewski, member of First Baptist Church, Kenai, is the ABC representative to the Board of the International Mission Board. Scott and Dana Belmore, members of The Crossing @ Birchwood, and Sarah Taulai, youth director for the Whittier Samoan church, were commissioned as Mission Service Corps missionaries.

Upper Tanana Valley Regional Church Planting Center, Tok



UTVRPCPC hosted a women's basketball team from Shorter College

in Rome, Georgia. The team conducted basketball clinics in Tok, Mentasta, Tanacross and Tetlin.

Riverside Chapel, King Salmon

RC recently distributed 300 gift bags to the workers at the Silverbay Seafoods Cannery. Russ Olsen is pastor.

FREE Singles Event

Friday, August 15, 7:00-10:00 p.m., Palmer Borough Gymnasium. Great food, fun times, inspiring speakers and awesome fellowship! Contact Christine for additional information, cgteach@ak.net

FREE Basketball Clinic

Saturday, August 16, Wasilla Middle School. 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (grades 1-6); 1:00-4:00 p.m. (grades 7-12). RSVP names and ages to Christine, cgteach@ak.net

University Baptist Church,

Fairbanks

The Chinese congregation at UBC will host a Chinese mission team that will stay at the church for ten days.

Condolences

Our condolences to church planter Bryant Blakley in the loss of his grandfather on June 7. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at bryant_blakley@yahoo.com.

Sand Point Chapel

SPC had their annual Fisherman's Potluck on June 1, where 120 attendees enjoyed fellowship, music, food and the "Blessing of the Fleet." Scott Morgan is pastor.



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 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 May reports of our church planters to encourage you to pray for them:

428 evangelistic encounters • 10 salvations • 6 baptisms

Your Alaska church planters are:

Willie Austin, Billy Barnhill, Gary Bearce, Joe Blackburn, Bryant Blakley, Oleg Bondar, Joe Boney, Monte Chitty, Will Cole, Jay Dagenhart, Alan Dial, David Gamble, Clifton Gay, David George, Matt Hoke, Pete Kuhn, Priestley Lee, Dawson Lindblom, Bill Little, Larry Macknicki, Leon May, Kwang Oh, 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





Mike Procter
Executive Director

The Bible is God's Word. All scripture is inspired by God and is inerrant and infallible.

Is it safe to say many of us have biblical passages that have meant a lot to us? It might have been a verse that spoke to us on the day we became a follower of Jesus Christ; maybe it was a verse that ministered to our heart when we were grieving; it may have been a verse that provided strength to get through a difficult time.

In my life, there are three passages that have been an integral part of my walk with the Lord:

- Lamentations 3:22-23, "It is because of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great is Thy faithfulness." This verse is a daily reminder of God's grace and mercy in my life and an assurance He will never fail me.
- Deuteronomy 11:11-12, "But the land you are about to go into and take for your own is a land of hills and valleys. It drinks water from the rain of heaven. The Lord your God cares for this land. His eyes watch over it from the beginning to the end of the year." This is the passage of scripture God used to confirm my call to Alaska nearly 30 years ago.
- Leviticus 13:40, "If a man's hair has fallen off of his head, he is bald: yet is he clean". It does not take a lot of thought to know why I like this verse.

And speaking of hair, in the May/June issue of *Healthy Living Made Simple*, it was reported that between 1999 - 2010 the number of men in America who color their hair rose from two to seven percent. The number one reason a man colors his hair is to cover up the gray so he looks younger. In a society that is youth conscience, men and women often go to extraordinary lengths to appear younger. But hair coloring is a simple procedure compared to the many that have undergone plastic surgery. It amazes me that someone would be willing to endure a surgical procedure for no other reason than to look younger!

In Genesis 1:26-27, we are reminded that God made men and women in His likeness. Obviously, that does not refer to our physical being because, as we are reminded in John 4:24, "God is a Spirit; and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and truth." Genesis reminds us that all people have been created by God and that in each one of us our spirit or soul was made in His likeness. If we are created in God's image, what are we doing to become more like Him? Are we willing to exercise the discipline to grow in the grace and knowledge of His Word and to become more like Him? Do we have the desire to exhibit Jesus Christ by the way we live? How do we present a positive picture (witness or testimony) to the life-saving and life-changing power of Jesus Christ in our lives?



Jimmy Stewart
Director of Evangelism and Church Development

I have been involved in some incredible small groups; they have developed beyond their primary function of teaching the word of God. Small group members have become family and have contributed to my well-being. When I am able to connect with people beyond the surface, I find I am more sensitive to the world around me. I listen more closely and see people in a different way. When I reach below the surface and discover God's purpose and meaning in my life, I tend to engage with people and participate at a level that influences all aspects of my life. In Acts 2:42 we read about a community that learned and lived together and literally transformed the community around them. I have yet to be part of a small group that has accomplished that last stage of development. What would our community look like if small groups met the needs of those around them? Wouldn't believers be encouraged? A church that fills needs through Christ would not be anemic; it would have power, energy and love and would care for its members. I want to be part of a small group of believers who want to make a difference. Do you believe that small groups matter? What evidence do you see in your own church that small groups matter? How have lives been changed? What needs have been met? If a particular small group didn't exist, would it be missed? Are people energized and focused on the needs around them because of the small group to which they belong? Do those who are currently not in a small group see a reason to join? Today's younger generation wants to be part of something that will make a difference. If you are seeking to add young people to your church, seek to develop small groups that matter. For more information, see the website www.groupsmatter.org.

**GROUPS
MATTER.**



Butch Strickland
*Director of Church Planting
 and Missions*

My most memorable patriotic moment took place in the Miami airport when we returned after our first term as missionaries. We had been gone 3 ½ years. First, there was a sense of recognition – everything was as we remembered. There was a sense of belonging as we made our way through the area where documents are examined. There were long lines for those from other countries trying to enter our wonderful country, however, there were also booths clearly marked, “U. S. Citizens.” Finally, when the moment came, I handed my passport to the agent and he looked at where I had been and commented on how long we had been out of the country. He stamped the passport, handed it back to me and said, “Welcome home.”

We are blessed to be able to call this country our home. The abundance we enjoy is unprecedented. Our history is extraordinary. Our power unequalled. And our freedom... how can we describe our freedom? Unparalleled? Precious? Envied? Costly? Fragile?

Do we take freedom for granted? Do we abuse it? Is it the final word on freedom? No. There is a freedom even greater.

- “Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.” 2 Corinthians 3:17
- “For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.” Galatians 5:1
- “And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” John 8:32
- “So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” John 8:36
- “For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.” Romans 8:2

As wonderful as our freedom is in this country, there is a freedom that exceeds it. It is the freedom we enjoy in Christ. We are no longer slaves, but are free to enjoy “our citizenship that is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.” Philipians 3:20-21

A.W. Tozer said it like this, “In almost everything that touches our everyday life on earth, God is pleased when we’re pleased. He wills that we be as free as birds to soar and sing our maker’s praise without anxiety.” Welcome home!

Daily Prayer Guide **July**

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

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.

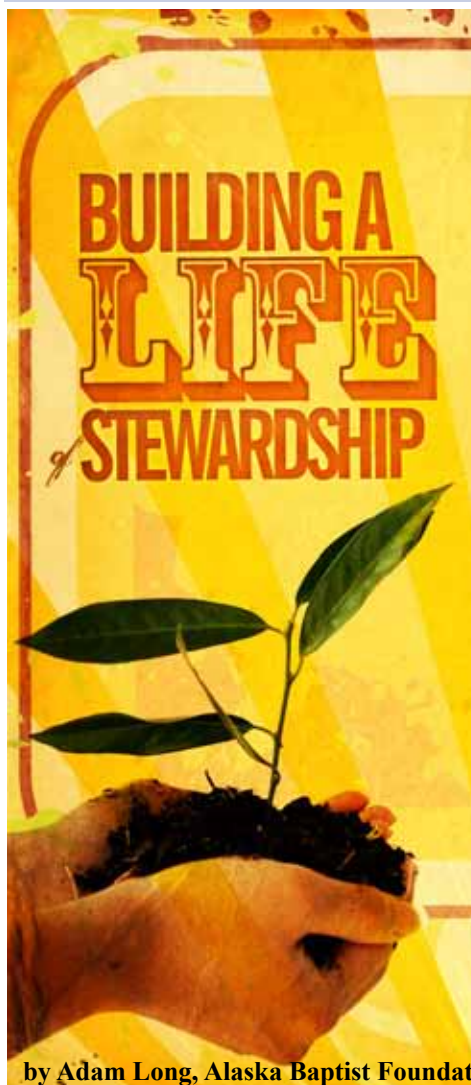
...pray to the Lord of the Harvest...

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



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As I reflect on the sacrifice our Lord Jesus Christ made on our behalf so we could be reconciled to God through the unblemished blood of Jesus Christ (the only acceptable and holy payment for sin), I am drawn to the words of the apostle Paul. He charged us to present ourselves a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God which is our reasonable service (Romans 12:1). Paul expanded on this concept when he wrote we are not our own, we have been bought by a price (1 Corinthians 6:19-20). Throughout scripture, we are reminded that the earth is the Lord's and all it contains (Psalms 24:1). When we look at Scripture, we are led to the inescapable conclusion that each of us is part of God's "estate." We are not owners in the absolute sense, but managers (stewards). When stewardship is truly understood, God is in every aspect of life. He is first with finances, time, and talents. Often when we think of stewardship, we think in terms of money and the giving of a tithe. We must ask ourselves, do we give God 2.4 hours of the day (10 percent) to pray, study His word, and meditate on His teachings? Do we devote at least ten percent of our God-given spiritual gifts to advance His kingdom through service in the local church and other ministry opportunities? To faithfully practice stewardship means to be conscious of all these things in our Christian lives, and have a greater appreciation for the grace and mercy of the Lord. It is easy to get lost for hours in a good book, movie, or outdoor activities; yet how difficult it is for us to give time, talent, and money for God's purposes. It is easy to be rude to God and allow things to take a higher priority in our lives than God. The act of becoming a Christian is easy because it is found wholly within Christ. Living the Christian life however, and being a steward of the Lord God Almighty, is decidedly more difficult because it requires each of us to sacrifice the desires of our nature and be reborn to the desires and will of Christ on a continual basis.

by Adam Long, Alaska Baptist Foundation Coordination Director

Oldest Known Last Will and Testament

The "Will of Uah" is the oldest known Will in existence, and it was found in a tomb in Egypt. It dates back to 2458 B.C. and leaves all property to his wife, Teta.

1066 PAGES!

The longest Last Will and Testament ever probated was 1066 pages and 95,940 words. An Englishwoman, Frederica Evelyn Stilwell Cook holds this record.

Famous Americans...

....who have died without a Last Will and Testament include:
Martin Luther King, Jr.,
Howard Hughes,
John Denver, Sonny Bono,
Chris Farley and
Kurt Cobain

"Fun Facts About Estate Planning", by Gerry Beyer, http://lawprofessors.typepad.com/trusts_estates_prof/2012/05/ten-fun-facts-about-estate-planning.html

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Water, water everywhere.....

Mike Procter, Executive Director/Treasurer



Recently I read that approximately 79 percent of the earth's surface is covered with water. Of that, 98 percent is salt-water, so only two percent is fresh water that has to meet the needs of 100 percent of the earth's population – a population whose body is approximately 60 percent water. The average person needs a minimum of one gallon of water a day and can live only three to five days without water.

Percentages play a role in our everyday lives. When you go to a restaurant, don't you figure the tip based on a percentage of the total bill?

The Bible instructs us to give a tithe to the Lord. People question me about the ten percent tithe – should it be based on the gross or

net income? If we tithe, should we give an additional offering? If so, how much? How about setting something aside for retirement? If you start early, it is not necessary to set aside hundreds of dollars a month in order to build a retirement fund. For example, if a 25-year-old begins by saving \$50 a month (\$600 a year), at 3 percent interest for 40 years, at the age of 65, that person will have saved over \$45,000 for retirement. Imagine, saving the cost of three lattes or mochas a week and accruing \$45,000! The average person has approximately \$75,000 in retirement, and of 100 people starting employment at the age of 25 and the aim of retiring at age 65, one percent will be considered wealthy, four percent will have adequate retirement, 63 percent will be dependent on Social Security,

family, friends or charity and 29 percent will be dead. We need to be prepared for retirement. Are you?

One of the ministries of the Alaska Baptist Foundation is to assist Alaska Baptists with preparing for retirement and estate planning. You do not need a lot of money to start but it is important that you do start and the younger you start the more you will be able to set aside. If you would like additional information, please contact Adam Long, Foundation Coordination Director, at adam@alaskabaptistfoundation.com or 800-883-9627.

If every day, you saved the cost of	You'd contribute an extra	In 10 years, you'd have*	In 20 years, you'd have*	In 30 years, you'd have*
1 breakfast muffin (\$2)	\$730 per year	\$11,617	\$37,404	\$94,640
1 restaurant lunch (\$7)	\$2,555 per year	\$40,661	\$130,913	\$331,240
1 bottled water (\$1.50)	\$547 per year	\$8,713	\$28,053	\$70,980
1 fancy coffee (\$3.50)	\$1,277 per year	\$20,330	\$65,456	\$165,620

All figures assume an 8% annual rate of return, compounded monthly.

*These illustrations are hypothetical, are not guaranteed and are not intended to reflect the performance of any specific investment. Systematic investing does not ensure a profit nor guarantee against loss.

excerpted from Guidestone magazine, Issue 10, 2013

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTE

In 1829, James Smithson created the Smithsonian Institute through a bequest in his Last Will and Testament.

three....simple....words

The shortest known Last Will and Testaments are only three words long... "all to son" and "all to wife."

PASSWORD PROTECTION

A recent study indicates approximately 11 percent of Britons have their internet passwords in their Last Will and Testament.

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2000 Club

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**2014 3rd Quarter Recipient
Mountain View Community Church, Anchorage**

Project:
a fence for a safe outdoor children's area

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN — JUL • AUG • SEP —

July 2014

Jun 30-Jul 4 Grades 3-4 camp, Camp Baldwin
 Girls camp, LGYRC
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

August 2014

6-8 FUSION Youth Conference
 Anchorage Baptist Temple
8 Alaska Native Baptist Fellowship Board mtg

September 2014

Aug 31-Sep 7 Valeria Sherard
 State Mission Offering emphasis
1 ABC and ABF offices closed for Labor Day
25-26 Tongass Baptist Association annual mtg
29 Mission Rally
30 wMu Annual Meeting
 Pastor's Conference
30-Oct 1 Annual Meeting of
 the Alaska Baptist Convention

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