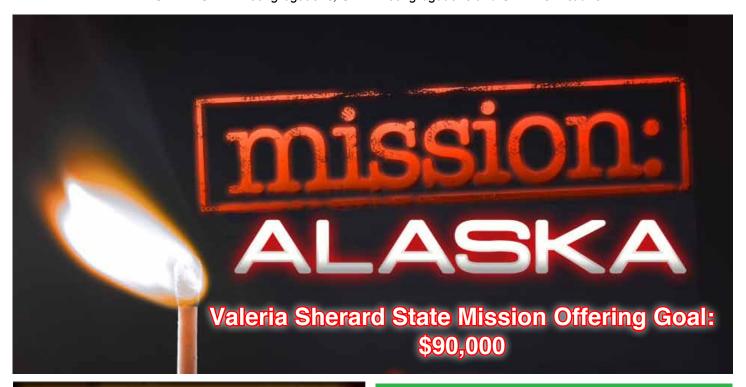
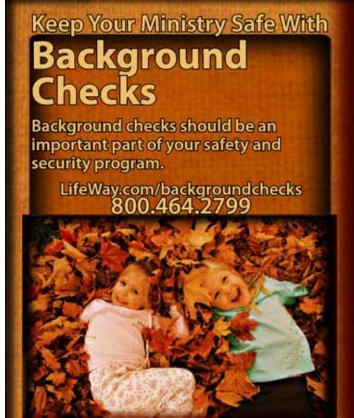


August 2014 Vol 69 • No 8

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





Mission Rally
Monday, September 29 • 7:00 p.m.

Pastor's Conference
Tuesday, September 30 • 8:00 a.m.

WMU Annual Meeting
Tuesday, September 30 • 8:30 a.m.

Annual Meeting of the
Alaska Baptist Convention
Tuesday-Wednesday
September 30-October 1

Additional details can be found on page 4 of this issue of the Alaska Baptist Milepost



Cooperative Program (CP) giving assists churches in Southeast Alaska in fulfilling the Great Commission.

More than 20 teens were blessed at youth camp at Orton Ranch because of CP giving and 12 children were involved in Bible study, music, and mission moments with four receiving Christ as Savior!

Hydaburg Baptist Mission and the Ketchikan Filipino Baptist Mission receive support through the faithfulness of Southern Baptists cooperating together to help strengthen these works. As a result, Willie Austin has baptized two men at Hydaburg and Rhys and Susil Mateo have come to Ketchikan to minister to the Filipino community.

Tongass Baptist Association (TBA) continues to explore Angoon, Pelican, Elfin Cove, Kake, and Gustavus for possible new work sites. Not only is CP giving important, but prayer and going demonstrate the heart of Southern Baptist Convention churches across Alaska in reaching the lost and strengthening churches.

Through CP giving, Baptist Collegiate Ministries at University of Alaska-Southeast, Juneau campus, is able to minister to more than 25 students each semester, growing future leaders, pastors, and missionaries.

TBA is grateful to be part of this great effort as supporters of CP as well as recipients.

God's Plan for Sharing in Alaska

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
_	\$2.49.00	00.00		00.00	\$0.00	
Alaska Iu-Mienh First Bapt Church Anchor Baptist Church	\$348.00 \$567.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$195.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$348.00 \$762.00
Anch Hope Comm Bapt Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Anderson Church Plant	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Aquillaq Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Big Lake Baptist Church	\$3,911.62	\$1,446.10	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,557.72
Bodenburg Butte Baptist Church	\$4,196.65	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$395.00	\$0.00	\$4,591.65
Calvary Baptist Church	\$1,889.85	\$1,863.00	\$0.00	\$22.00	\$0.00	\$3,774.85
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	\$561.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$561.00
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	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$927.35
College Heights Baptist Church Comm Bapt Church, Coffman Cove	\$22,345.11 \$3,393.50	\$3,174.80 \$0.00	\$4,381.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$29,900.91 \$3,393.50
Comm Bapt Church, Nome	\$710.34	\$18.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$728.34
Community Christian Fellowship	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$37.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$437.00
Cowboy Church of Anchorage	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cross Roads Baptist Church	\$7,690.00	\$10.00	\$340.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,040.00
CrossCountry Church	\$750.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$950.00
Dillingham Bible Fellowship	\$4,826.02	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,826.02
Eagle River Korean Bapt Church	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church	\$1,761.10	\$200.00	\$605.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,566.10
Fairview Loop Baptist Church	\$14,478.59	\$2,870.07	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$17,348.66
Faith Baptist Church	\$6,745.81	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,745.81
False Pass Christian Fellowship	\$370.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$370.25
Filipino Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$270.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$520.00
Filipino Bible Church	\$1,750.00	\$427.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,177.00
First Baptist Church, Anchorage	\$16,982.60	\$4,707.50	\$5,378.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$27,068.10
First Baptist Church, Delta Jct	\$21,434.00	\$4,070.00	\$12,013.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$37,517.00
First Baptist Church, Eagle River First Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$15,476.79	\$2,776.50	\$4,937.00	\$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$23,190.29
First Baptist Church, Juneau	\$2,877.91 \$4,093.88	\$1,096.00 \$0.00	\$1,336.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,309.91 \$4,093.88
First Baptist Church, Kenai	\$3,157.75	\$1,372.22	\$959.22	\$108.61	\$0.00	\$5,597.80
First Baptist Church, Ketchikan	\$2,285.13	\$2,930.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,215.13
First Baptist Church, Kotzebue	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
First Baptist Church, North Pole	\$12,597.00	\$650.00	\$1,415.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,662.50
First Baptist Church, Palmer	\$10,000.04	\$1,127.00	\$2,182.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,309.04
First Baptist Church, Petersburg	\$2,944.76	\$1,298.00	\$860.00	\$470.00	\$0.00	\$5,572.76
First Baptist Church, Sitka	\$4,363.41	\$620.00	\$855.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,838.41
First Baptist Church, Soldotna	\$5,596.00	\$2,240.78	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,836.78
First Baptist Church, Valdez	\$9,101.07	\$1,473.00	\$2,256.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,830.07
First Baptist Church, Wasilla	\$7,550.47	\$1,133.84	\$1,406.11	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,090.42
First Baptist Church, Willow	\$2,009.99	\$630.00	\$1,534.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,173.99
First Hmong Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$120.00
First Korean Baptist Church	\$600.00	\$310.00	\$327.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,237.00
First Native Baptist Church	\$2,333.00	\$205.00	\$554.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,092.00
Friendship Baptist Mission	\$1,257.49	\$0.00	\$1,036.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,293.49
Frontier Southern Bapt Church Gilead Ministries	\$1,012.40 \$1.230.50	\$160.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$50.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$1,172.40 \$1,280.50
Glacier Valley Baptist Church	\$9,510.34	\$3,171.85	\$3,275.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,280.30
Grandview Baptist Church	\$14,398.67	\$3,173.00	\$3,812.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$21,583.67
Greater Friendship Bapt Church	\$1,747.71	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,747.71
Hillside Baptist Church	\$5,894.01	\$150.00	\$550.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,594.01
Hydaburg Baptist Mission	\$200.50	\$45.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$245.50
Immanuel Baptist Church	\$654.65	\$1,415.00	\$2,348.56	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,418.21
Journey Church	\$90.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$90.00
Juneau Korean Church	\$180.00	\$0.00	\$295.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$475.00
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	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$595.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,195.00
Lighthouse Community Church	\$4,162.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,162.00
Living Water Baptist Church	\$240.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$240.00
Malamalama Fou Church	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$230.00
Misc. Contributors-Cash Montana Creek Baptist Church	\$0.00 \$4,907.92	\$8,989.55 \$435.00	\$0.00 \$367.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$100.00	\$9,089.55
Montana Creek Baptist Church Moose Creek Baptist Church	\$4,907.92 \$3,530.03	\$435.00 \$1,102.84	\$367.00 \$1.638.26	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$5,709.92 \$6,271.13
Moose Pass Comm Church	\$5,550.05	\$1,102.84	\$1,638.26 \$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	\$3,534.13	\$0.00	\$970.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,504.13
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	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,200.00
Mtn View Community Church	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00

January-June 2014 Gifts from ABC Churches

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
Muldoon Road Baptist Church	\$4,631.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,631.20
New Beginnings Baptist Church	\$819.17	\$0.00	\$175.78	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$994.95
New Birth Christian Church	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$700.00
New Grace Christian Church	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,250.00
New Hope Baptist Church	\$5,903.00	\$500.00	\$610.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,013.00
New Hope Fellowship	\$375.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$525.00
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	\$0.00	\$42.00	\$452.24
Rabbit Creek Comm Church	\$1,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00
River In The Desert Comm Church	\$3,206.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,206.00
Riverside Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Salcha Baptist Church	\$2,508.14	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,658.14
Samoa Alaska Baptist Church	\$406.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$406.60
Sand Lake Fellowship	\$47.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$47.50
Sand Point Baptist Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Schrock Road Comm Church	\$2,224.00	\$1,782.50	\$392.00	\$392.00	\$0.00	\$4,790.50
Settler's Bay Comm Church	\$2,672.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,672.25
Shannon Park Baptist Church	\$384.21	\$490.00	\$300.00	\$321.79	\$0.00	\$1,496.00
Shungnak Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Slavic Bridge	\$375.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$375.00
Solid Rock Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
St. John Baptist Church	\$5,511.19	\$282.00	\$319.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,112.19
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$9,608.27	\$3,590.00	\$3,655.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$16,853.57
Tenakee Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
The Crossing @ Birchwood	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Thorne Bay Baptist Church	\$318.61	\$110.00	\$35.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$463.61
Togiak Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
True North Church	\$1,900.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,400.00
True North Downtown	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
UBC-Chinese Fellowship	\$282.00	\$100.00	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$557.00
University Baptist Church, Anch	\$5,438.80	\$1,792.00	\$2,478.31	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,709.11
University Baptist Church, Fbks	\$6,854.00	\$1,378.00	\$4,188.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,420.00
Valley View Baptist Church	\$2,375.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,375.00
Wasilla Korean Baptist Church	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
Whittier Christian Comm Church	\$450.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
Grand Totals:	\$320,419.33	\$70,110.55	\$73,285.54	\$1,909.40	\$142.00	\$465,866.82
Goals:	\$702,836.00	\$90,000.00	\$95,000.00	\$150,000.00		
Over/Under Goal:	\$(382,416.67)	\$(19,889.45)	\$(21,714.46)	\$(148,090.60)		

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	
June Receipts CP Goal Variance	\$48,690.45 58,569.33 (9,878.88)	-17%	\$36,462.54 56,973.25 (20,510.71)	-36%
Year-to-Dat Receipts CP Goal Variance	\$320,419.33 351,415.98 (30,996.65)	-8.82%	\$327,880.61 341,839.50 (13,958.89)	-4%

Please Pray for our Pastorless Churches

Big Lake Baptist Church, Wasilla Chinese Fellowship, Fairbanks Community Baptist Church, Nome First Baptist Church, Anchorage First Baptist Church, Sitka Greater Friendship Baptist Church, Anc Lighthouse Community Church, Nikiski New Beginnings Baptist Church, Seward New Hope Baptist Church, Anchorage North Tongass Baptist Church, Ward Cove Shungnak Baptist Mission

Atheist church attendance

Many who consider themselves to be atheists began attending some sort of church service after having children. Last year, there was a **70% increase** in church attendance among atheists with children.

Source: Christianity Today, March 2013





<u>Mission Rally</u> • Monday, Sep 29, 7 p.m. • College Heights Baptist Church <u>Pastor's Conference</u> • Tuesday, Sep 30, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. • FBC Soldotna <u>WMU annual meeting</u> • Tuesday, Sep 30, 8 a.m. - Noon 69th <u>Annual Meeting</u> of the Alaska Baptist Convention Tue-Wed, Sep 30 - Oct 1, 2014 • College Heights Baptist Church, Soldotna *Music provided by the Praise Band of California Baptist University*

Messenger Registration for the 69th annual meeting is online only: <u>Registration opened June 1</u> 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.

Meals are not provided. **FULL** schedule will be printed in the
September issue of the Alaska Baptist Milepost.

Best Western King Salmon Motel • 35546A Kenai Spur Hwy • Soldotna 907.262.5857 • includes full, hot restaurant brkfst bestwesternalaska.com/soldotna-hotels

Aspen Hotel Soldotna • 326 Binkley Circle • Soldotna 907.260.7736 • includes continental breakfast aspenhotelsak.com/soldotna

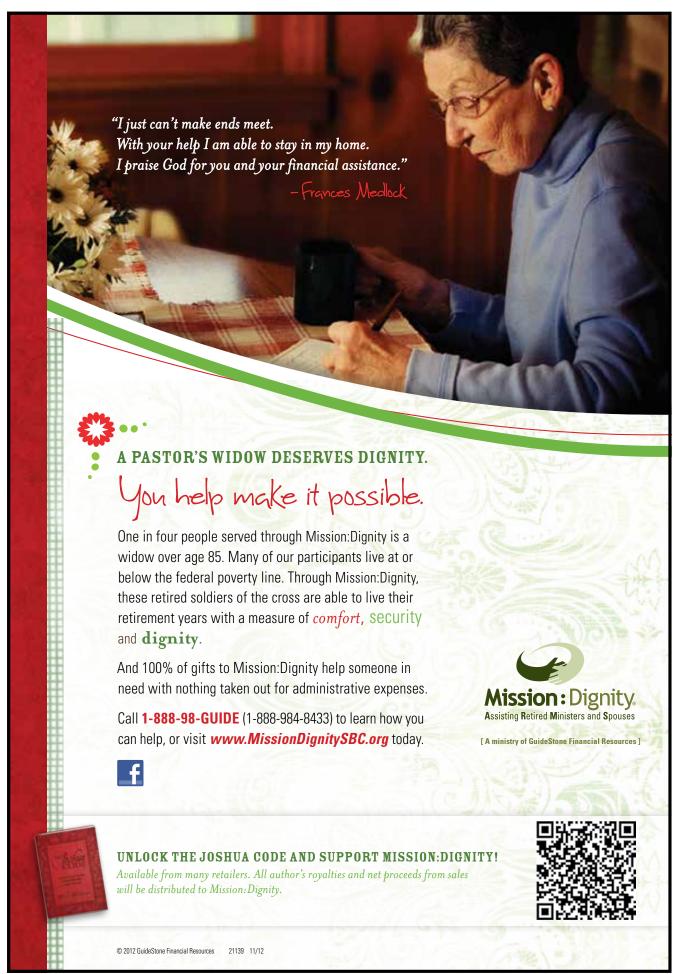
Aspen Extended Stay Suites • 10431 Kenai Spur Hwy • Kenai 907.283.2272 • includes continental breakfast aspenhotelsak.com/kenai

Quality Inn • 10352 Kenai Spur Hwy • Kenai 907.283.6060 • includes buffet breakfast qualityinn.com/hotel-kenai-alaska-AK032

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.

>>>>>>>>>>>

>>>>> ACTS 13:47



MILEPOST MOMENTS

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

Montana Creek Baptist Church, Talkeetna

MCBC celebrated their mortgage



note-burning with a special service and potluck on June 21. Randy Graham, pastor of Grandview Baptist Church (GBC) brought the message and Dan Shilling (Minister of Music at GBC) led the music portion of the worship service. Grandview Baptist Church was the original sponsoring church for MCBC. Pictured is Pastor Harold Conrad burning the mortgage.

Luis Palau Love Alaska Festival

Through the festivals in Anchorage and Fairbanks, as well as outreaches by Luis Palau Association partner evangelists throughout Alaska, more than 26,900 people were reached in person with the good news! Love

Alaska social media posts reached nearly one million people and 1,622 individuals made public commitments to Jesus Christ as a result of the festival! Recognize your impact, continue to share the good news with your friends and family and stay connected with the Love Alaska team.

Law Enforcement Chaplain

Teresa Cappel, member of First Baptist Church Eagle River, has transferred as a chaplain from the Anchorage Police Department to the Alaska State Troopers.



<u>University Baptist Church,</u> Fairbanks

The college/career group will have a Friday Fellowship barbeque on August 10. UBC set up a matching fund to collect money to do updates on the foyer and front of the building. They set four-hour workdays every Saturday until September to accomplish the work which includes new doors, sidewalk, widened stairs, resurfacing of the parking lot and upgrading a dangerous handicap ramp.

Riverside Chapel, King Salmon

Thanks to the generosity of two separate mission teams, RC has a new kitchen and upgraded back exit stairs.

First Baptist Church, North Pole

FBC hosted 45 World Changer youth and adults and 14 adults from Texas, to work in the community. The groups painted several homes, built a house, served at the Rescue Mission, and ministered at several community events. FBC volunteers prepared and cooked all the meals, provided places to sleep, kept the bathrooms and showers cleaned, and diligently

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.

Cross

RSVP names & ages to cgteach@ak.net

http://crossfireministry.com

Submitted by Christine Greco, cgteach@ak.net

prayed for the safety and success of the teams. The free clothing closet opened in July and donations can be accepted at the church. In October, the church will restart their Family Food Box Ministry, when a family in need can be sponsored for \$50 a month. Call the church office (907.488.2240) for information about both of these ministries.

Christ Community Church, Anchorage

CCC welcomed Tyler (Carrie) Canup

to the ministry staff, leading worship as well as working in student ministries. Canups have been to Alaska several



times on mission trips and decided to make Alaska home. Welcome to Tyler, Carrie and their children.

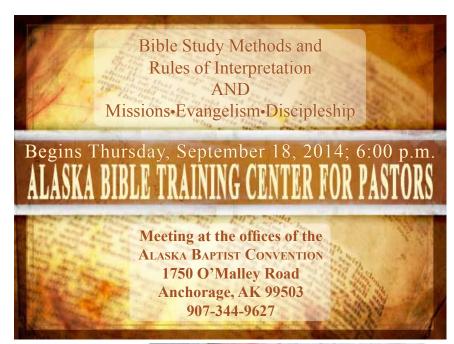
First Baptist Church, Soldotna

FBC sponsored a cookout at Centennial Park on July 5 and fed over 150 people. One guest said, "I've camped and fished in this park for over 30 years and have never seen anyone do anything like this. It's great to see and I appreciate it very much!" Doug Burrows is pastor.



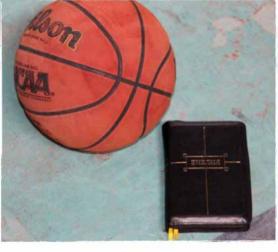
Fairview Loop Baptist Church, Wasilla

A mission team from FLBC went to Old Harbor and Kodiak and held VBS, participated in community service projects and painted a local animal shelter. FLBC participated in the Wasilla Mayor's July 4 picnic and gave away 2000 snow cones!









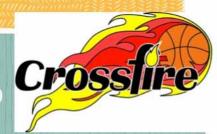
www.crossfireministry.com

CROSSFIRE SINGLES EVENT

RSVP to cgteach@ak.net

WELCOME Singles (High School Grads and up) 7pm - 10pm

You don't want to miss out on great food,



fun times, inspiring speakers and awesome fellowship.
INVITE A FRIEND AND COME JOIN US ON
FRIDAY, AUGUST 15TH AT THE BOROUGH GYM
IN PALMER. (350 E. DAHLIA AVE)

Submitted by Christine Greco, cgteach@ak.net



Mike Procter Executive Director

According to "Real Fact" #794 at snapple.com, Mount Whitney, the highest mountain in the contiguous United States, and Zabriskien Point, the lowest point in the United States, are less than eighty miles apart. Both geographical features are in California and even though I lived in California for 28 years, I did not know this fact. I had heard of Mount Whitney but never Zabriskien Point, although apparently I drove by it many times. When I first read this "Real Fact", I wondered how it was possible I had never known this fact. I lived in California for Cal

When I first read this "Real Fact", I wondered how it was possible I had never known this fact. I lived in California and I am sure the information must have been in a geography book I studied in school. Yet, I never grasped the fact. I was unaware of it either because I was never told or because I did not listen when I was told.

As I think about this. I reflect on the thousands of people in Alaska who do not know Jesus Christ. It may be because they have chosen not to listen to the message of redemption through the precious blood of Jesus Christ, or it may be that no one has told them. Regardless, they are lost and heading for an eternity without Jesus Christ. Many might be close to becoming followers of Jesus Christ but, for some reason, they are not. It may be some are like the rich young ruler in Luke 18:18-27 who, when confronted with the fact that his riches were unable to save him, was very sorrowful but unwilling to trust Christ. It may be some are like those Jesus mentioned in John 5:39-40, who think their knowledge of religion will be enough but, in the end fall short. It may be some are like the Pharisee in Luke 18:9-14 who depended on his morality and good works to make him right with God.

In Alaska, it is our privilege to share with our neighbors, friends, family and co-workers the good news that salvation is possible through Jesus Christ. We can be like the Samaritan woman at the well who came to trust Jesus Christ as her Lord and went back into the city and told everyone about Him. Many of her neighbors, friends, family and acquaintances became followers because they had personally heard and received Jesus Christ.

I have heard it said that 97 percent of those living in Alaska do not have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. It is our mission and privilege to share the message of salvation with them.



Jimmy Stewart
Director of Evangelism and
Church Development

GROUPS MATTER.

Twenty four thousand seven hundred sixty-one. That number represents the groups worldwide that have pledged to start this fall. The greater number is the 240,000 people who will be impacted. If each of the 24,761 groups start and engage 8-15 people, the second number will be accomplished. And this is only the beginning. This movement has the goal of starting 100,000 groups which will impact many people.

Group leaders are the first to be changed as they begin a journey in their own life; allowing Christ to use them to lead a group will have weekly rewards. They will be challenged and stretched in their faith, and their faith will grow. Most of these leaders will not be professional clergy, but lay people with a desire to be used of God by teaching the wonderful Word of God to others. Are you currently developing leaders in your church who will step up to this challenge? Call them out, challenge them and then walk with them through the process.

A second group impacted in the church will be potential leaders and people looking for new groups to join. Have people joined your church but have not yet plugged into a group? How about those who have been members for some time? Are they "plugged in"? Look at your membership roles and figure out who needs to be asked to join a group. When a new group begins, be intentional so that, in the future, other groups will be formed from the current group. Every church member who joins a group is a potential leader!

The final affected group of people should be those who do not attend church. One of Arthur Flake's formulas for success in building an organization of classes and groups was to "go after the people." We are in the evangelism business by an imperative from Christ. One of the biggest reasons to start a group is because you have discovered some lost or un-churched people who could be a part of a group. During your Vacation Bible School, park ministries, summer events and other activities, did you discover people who might want to be in a group? Ask them to join.

Go to <u>www.groupsmatter.com</u> and register a pledge to start a group. There are exclusive videos for teaching and training available to those who pledge. Be a part of the movement – I am.

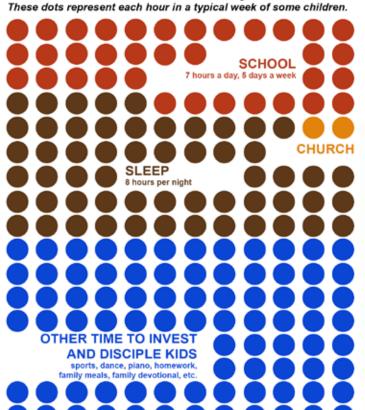


Turn your dreams into reality and secure a better future for your family while providing for Kingdom causes



Alaska Baptist Foundation 1750 O'Malley Road Anchorage, AK 99507 www.alaskabaptistfoundation.com

168 hours in EVERY WEEK of your kid's life.



Source: LifeWay VBS blog. Facts & Trends, Summer 2013 issue

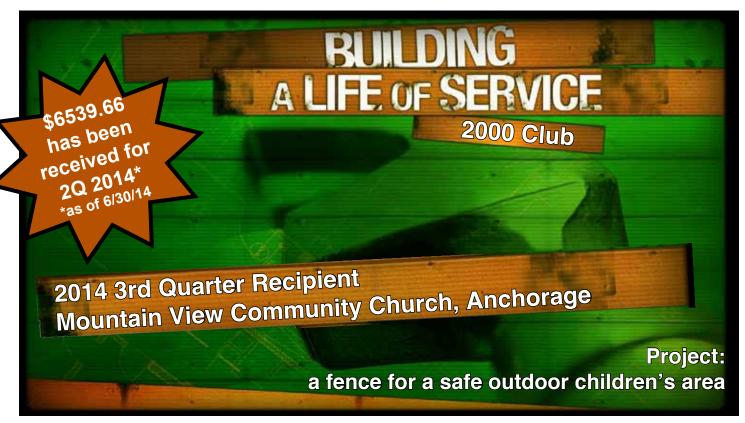
Daily Prayer Guide August

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



31 Alaska Iu-Mienh First Baptist Church

Anchorage



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

August 2014

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

September 2014

Aug 31-7 Valeria Sherard State Mission Offering emphasis

1 ABC and ABF Offices closed for Labor Day
25-26 Tongass Baptist Association annual meeting
29 Mission Rally
30 wMu Annual Meeting
Pastor's Conference
30-Oct 1 Annual Meeting of
the Alaska Baptist Convention

October 2014

Sep 30-1 Annual Meeting of the Alaska Baptist Convention 9-11 PrayerLink-Alaska 11 Tanana Valley Baptist Association annual meeting 17-18 Winter Youth Celebration 18 Hatcher Pass Baptist Association annual meeting and Missions Celebration Chugach Baptist Association semi-annual meeting 21 26-Nov 3 Statewide OnMission Celebration Rallies



OnMission Church

Prayer Needs

Personal: Daily I want to lead my family toward the Lord and have a positive impact on those with whom I come in contact.

Ministry: That our staff will be faithful in all things (1 Chronicles 4:10).

Physical Needs

1. A donated keyboard for our praise team.

onmissionchurch.com onmissionchurch@gmail.com