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GOD'S ORDER FOR HIS CHURCH

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# The Alaska Baptist Convention's



*“Dear friend, you are showing faithfulness by whatever you do for the brothers, especially when they are strangers. They have testified to your love in front of the church. You will do well to send them on their journey in a manner worthy of God, since they set out for the sake of the Name, accepting nothing from pagans. Therefore, we ought to support such men so that we can be coworkers with the truth.”*

3 John 5-8

In the minds of most people, the Arctic of Alaska stirs up images of vast, frozen, snow-covered tundra, sprinkled with Inupiaq villages difficult to reach, with little going on other than fishing and hunting. In this postcard image, those who live in these remote Inupiaq villages, well off the road system, are often overlooked. The cost of living and supporting a ministry in the Arctic is extremely high. But God has supplied the necessary funds to pay for the high cost of utilities (stove oil, electric and water) through the gifts of many individuals, and monies from the Cooperative Program (CP), so that churches in Kiana, Ambler, Shungnak, and Kobuk – villages located along the Kobuk River in the Northwest Arctic – can remain open, ministering to those who live there. Thank you for your continued support of these ministries through CP.

## God's Plan for Sharing in Alaska

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
Alaska Lu-Mienh First Bapt Church	\$489.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$489.00
Anchor Baptist Church	\$667.87	\$0.00	\$195.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$862.87
Anderson Church Plant	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Aquilaq Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Big Lake Baptist Church	\$5,554.77	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,754.77
Bodenburg Butte Bapt Church	\$4,196.65	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$395.00	\$0.00	\$4,591.65
Calvary Baptist Church	\$1,889.85	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22.00	\$0.00	\$1,911.85
Christ Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Chugach Baptist Association	\$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	\$845.40	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$945.40
College Heights Baptist Church	\$30,016.41	\$0.00	\$4,381.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$34,397.41
Comm Bapt Church, Coffman Cove	\$3,393.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,393.50
Comm Baptist Church, Nome	\$764.34	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$764.34
Community Christian Fellowship	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$37.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$537.00
Cowboy Church of Anchorage	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cross Roads Baptist Church	\$11,060.00	\$0.00	\$340.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,400.00
CrossCountry Church	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$750.00
Dillingham Bible Fellowship	\$5,713.21	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,713.21
Eagle River Korean Bapt Church	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church	\$2,625.34	\$0.00	\$605.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,230.34
Fairview Loop Baptist Church	\$20,757.44	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,757.44
Faith Baptist Church	\$6,745.81	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,745.81
False Pass Christian Fellowship	\$472.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$472.25
Filipino Bible Church, Anchorage	\$1,750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,750.00
First Baptist Church, Anchorage	\$32,867.54	\$0.00	\$5,916.59	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$38,784.13
First Baptist Church, Eagle River	\$20,705.71	\$0.00	\$5,147.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25,852.71
First Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$4,062.73	\$0.00	\$1,336.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,398.73
First Baptist Church, North Pole	\$17,422.00	\$200.00	\$1,415.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$19,037.50
First Baptist Church, Delta Jct	\$29,551.00	\$0.00	\$12,013.00	\$375.00	\$0.00	\$41,939.00
First Baptist Church, Juneau	\$5,878.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,878.10
First Baptist Church, Kenai	\$4,087.78	\$54.97	\$1,128.32	\$277.71	\$0.00	\$5,548.78
First Baptist Church, Ketchikan	\$9,317.08	\$0.00	\$2,695.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,012.08
First Baptist Church, Kotzebue	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
First Baptist Church, Palmer	\$13,333.36	\$0.00	\$2,182.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,515.36
First Baptist Church, Petersburg	\$3,889.47	\$0.00	\$860.00	\$470.00	\$0.00	\$5,219.47
First Baptist Church, Sitka	\$5,694.27	\$0.00	\$855.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,549.27
First Baptist Church, Soldotna	\$6,684.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,684.00
First Baptist Church, Valdez	\$12,759.41	\$0.00	\$2,256.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,015.41
First Baptist Church, Wasilla	\$9,253.74	\$0.00	\$1,406.11	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,659.85
First Baptist Church, Willow	\$2,537.75	\$0.00	\$1,534.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,071.75
First Hmong Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$120.00
First Korean Baptist Church	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$327.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,127.00
First Native Baptist Church	\$2,903.00	\$0.00	\$554.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,457.00
Friendship Baptist Mission	\$1,874.48	\$0.00	\$1,036.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,910.48
Frontier Southern Bapt Church	\$1,012.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,012.40
Gilead Ministries	\$1,230.50	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,280.50
Glacier Valley Baptist Church	\$12,831.22	\$0.00	\$3,275.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$16,106.22
Grandview Baptist Church	\$19,484.95	\$20.00	\$3,812.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$23,616.95
Greater Friendship Baptist Church	\$2,166.77	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,166.77
Hatcher Pass Baptist Assn	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hillside Baptist Church	\$7,607.63	\$0.00	\$550.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,157.63
Hydaburg Baptist Mission	\$200.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.50
Immanuel Baptist Church	\$826.19	\$0.00	\$2,649.56	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,475.75
Journey Church	\$190.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$190.00
Juneau Korean Church	\$240.00	\$0.00	\$295.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$535.00
Kasaan Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ketchikan Filipino Bapt Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Kiana Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Kobuk Baptist Mission	\$315.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$315.00
Korean Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Korean New Central Bapt Church	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$595.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,395.00
Lighthouse Community Church	\$5,621.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,621.00
Living Water Baptist Church	\$360.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$360.00
Malamalama Fou Church	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$155.00
Misc. Contributors-Cash	\$0.37	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$140.00	\$140.37
Montana Creek Baptist Church	\$4,907.92	\$0.00	\$367.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,274.92
Moose Creek Baptist Church	\$4,591.97	\$0.00	\$1,638.26	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,230.23
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	\$4,641.13	\$0.00	\$970.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,611.13
Mount Pleasant Baptist Church	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Mount Redoubt Baptist Church	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,200.00
Mtn View Community Church	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00



## January-August 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	\$1,089.16	\$0.00	\$175.78	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,264.94
New Birth Christian Church	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
New Grace Christian Church	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,250.00
New Hope Baptist Church	\$7,569.00	\$0.00	\$610.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,179.00
New Hope Fellowship	\$550.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$700.00
North Bear Street Baptist Church	\$523.79	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$523.79
North Tongass Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
OnMission Church	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Pioneer Baptist Church	\$566.28	\$0.00	\$249.50	\$0.00	\$42.00	\$857.78
Rabbit Creek Comm Church	\$1,750.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,750.00
River In The Desert Comm Church	\$4,074.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,074.00
Riverside Chapel	\$450.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
Salcha Baptist Church	\$4,209.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,209.50
Samoa Alaska Baptist Church	\$547.49	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$547.49
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	\$0.00	\$392.00	\$392.00	\$0.00	\$3,008.00
Settler's Bay Comm Church	\$7,293.12	\$47.00	\$67.00	\$901.14	\$0.00	\$8,308.26
Shannon Park Baptist Church	\$557.83	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$1,930.76	\$0.00	\$2,788.59
Shungnak Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Slavic Bridge	\$450.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$450.00
Solid Rock Baptist Church	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
St. John Baptist Church	\$7,481.78	\$0.00	\$319.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,800.78
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$14,350.37	\$0.00	\$3,655.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$18,005.67
Tanana Valley Baptist Assn	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Tenakee Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
The Church @ Commodore Park	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20.00
The Crossing @ Birchwood	\$2,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,800.00
Thorne Bay Baptist Church	\$318.61	\$0.00	\$35.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$353.61
Togiak Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Tongass Baptist Assn	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
True North Church	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00
True North Downtown	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
UBC-Chinese Fellowship	\$362.00	\$0.00	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$537.00
University Baptist Church, Anch	\$7,307.37	\$0.00	\$2,478.31	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,785.68
University Baptist Church, Fbks	\$8,258.00	\$0.00	\$4,783.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,041.00
Valley View Baptist Church	\$3,562.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,562.50
Wasilla Korean Baptist Church	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
Whittier Christian Comm Church	\$650.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$700.00
<b>Grand Totals:</b>	<b>\$440,520.31</b>	<b>\$1,471.97</b>	<b>\$78,361.23</b>	<b>\$5,063.61</b>	<b>\$182.00</b>	<b>\$525,599.12</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>\$(262,315.69)</b>	<b>\$(88,528.03)</b>	<b>\$(16,638.77)</b>	<b>\$w(144,936.39)</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>August</b>				
Receipts	\$53,311.76		\$54,806.18	
CP Goal	58,569.33		56,973.25	
Variance	(5,257.57)	-9%	(2,167.07)	-4%
<b>Year-to-Date</b>				
Receipts	\$440,520.31		\$441,622.89	
CP Goal	468,554.64		455,786.00	
Variance	(28,034.33)	-5.98%	(14,163.11)	-3%

## Welcome!

Steve (Aerim) Kim  
Iglesia Bautista Hispana Sunset Hills  
Tim (Robin) Allred  
Catalyst Church  
James (Stephanie) Boyd  
Kenai Church Plant

## Please Pray for our Pastorless Churches

Anchor Baptist Church, Craig  
Big Lake Baptist Church, Wasilla  
Chinese Fellowship, Fairbanks  
Community Baptist Church, Nome  
First Baptist Church, Anchorage  
First Baptist Church, Sitka  
Greater Friendship Baptist Church  
Anchorage  
Kiana Baptist Mission  
Lighthouse Community Church, Nikiski  
New Beginnings Baptist Church, Seward  
New Hope Baptist Church, Anchorage  
North Tongass Baptist Church,  
Ward Cove  
Riverside Chapel, King Salmon  
Shungnak Baptist Mission



## Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer

### Monday, November 3

The Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance (BWA) is composed of 7 Continental Unions representing 239 national Baptist women's organizations from 137 countries.

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# MILEPOST MOMENTS

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

## Alaska Baptist Convention

This hand-carved canoe was given to the ABC by Pastor Elder Elise and Luci Tafao of American Samoa in appreciation of the church plants and mission work among Samoans in Alaska.



## First Baptist Church, Sitka

FBC called Jerry (Sherry) Cooper as interim pastor. The Coopers served in King Salmon for many years.

## Clearwater Baptist Church,

## Delta Junction

Congratulations to Pastor Glen (Kathy) Cotten who recently celebrated his 20th anniversary at the church!

## University Baptist Church, Fairbanks

Twice a month, UBC sponsors a support group for mothers and mothers-to-be, which includes a Bible study and light lunch. Child-care is provided. Their annual Fall Festival on October 31 will be organized by the youth.

## The nations are coming to Alaska.

Your gifts through the Alaska Baptist Convention's Cooperative Program are reaching them for Christ.

Because you give...the ABC is helping start Bible studies and plant churches among the 240,388\* ethnic peoples living in our state.



\*US Census Bureau, 2013 statistics



COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

# BREAKING NEWS

## ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER 2000 CLUB

Lay up treasure in heaven  
by building together today

**World Hunger Sunday is October 12!**

# HUNGER HAPPENS EVERYWHERE



**DONATE + DO** ---- **YOU CAN**  
MAKE A DIFFERENCE



**"O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you;  
my soul thirsts for you." (Psalm 63:1 NIV 1984)**

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**Mike Procter**  
*Executive Director*

According to Snapple's "Real Fact #687", the average cat can jump five times as high as its tail is long. Depending upon the technique, the highest vertical jump in the world for a person is either 61 or 62 inches.

Superman was able to leap (jump) tall buildings in a single bound. Have you ever known anyone to jump to conclusions? Have you heard of jumping jacks and jumping beans?

The word "jump" can mean different things depending upon the context of the statement.

A definition to which we as Christians should adhere is "obey quickly and energetically", especially when it comes to doing what the Lord instructs. However, I have noticed many times we are slow to respond to the Lord. Sometimes we are slow because we feel inadequate...Moses had that problem. Other times, it is because we do not like what God has asked us to do...ever heard of Jonah? It may be we are afraid...remember Peter around the fire? It might be we are tired and worn out...Elijah comes to mind. We may think we do not have enough resources...remember when the disciples were asked to feed the 5,000? Or maybe we just think we know best...when Jesus instructed Lazarus' tomb be opened, the people said, "Wait a minute, he has been dead for three days."

There are a myriad of reasons when we may be slow to "jump to" but none of them are acceptable. When God calls, the only acceptable course of action is "Yes!" and then follow in obedience. In Luke 6:46 Jesus said, "Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord' and don't do the things I say?"

What is Jesus asking you to do? How are you responding? Are you coming up with excuses or are you "jumping to" – obeying quickly and energetically? My prayer is that Alaska Baptists will be known as people who are obedient to God's call upon their lives!

Remember, **the Alaska Baptist Convention is congregations cooperating together to Seek Christ, Share Christ, Strengthen congregations, Start congregations and Send Christians.** Let's do so in obedience to Jesus Christ. The Lord bless you!



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

Groups Matter reports 31,703 pledges to start new groups. I started my new group with five people and I pray others will start a new group as well.

Rick Howerton, small group leader for Lifeway Christian Resources, will be here in November for the Bible Study Leadership Training (BSLT) in Wasilla, Anchorage and Fairbanks. He has contributed so much to the ministry of churches by helping leaders focus on small group effectiveness. Rick has an article posted on [www.GroupsMatter.com](http://www.GroupsMatter.com) called "10 Essentials for Producing Mature Disciples":

1. Church leaders must create an environment where making disciples who make disciples is the DNA of the small group ministry.
2. Every small group leader needs to have been discipled so that they instinctively and strategically do what they have, themselves, experienced.
3. Every small group leader must be aware of the stages of spiritual maturity, the markers in each stage, and what is necessary to take someone to the next level of maturity.
4. Every small group leader must model the life of a mature disciple.
5. Every small group leader must consistently affirm the growth they are seeing in each group member so that group members remain motivated to continue their journey.
6. Every small group leader should, when possible, invite a small group member in process to join them when they are ministering to others.
7. Small group members need to agree that the goal for their lives is to be, not just a church member, but a mature, reproducing disciple of Jesus Christ.
8. Small group members must commit to do their part in the process so that they become mature followers of Christ and someday make disciples themselves.
9. Small group meetings should include opportunities for persons other than the group leader to take on a role or carry out a responsibility in sync with the group members' stage of spiritual growth.
10. Every small group leader must be taught how to empower group members as they set them free to make disciples themselves.

As you look through this list, imagine a checkbox before each item. If your leadership went through this list and checked off the applicable ones, how many would be checked? How much would be required to accomplish small group goals? Plan to attend the BSLT in your area in November to learn more about small groups.

Please keep encouraging your fellow saints to reach the lost and mature the believers.



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

Some of the tenderest moments of Scripture are found in the actions and words of Jesus. There are moments like the one mentioned in Luke 22:15-16, "And he said unto them, 'With *desire I have desired* to eat this Passover with you before I suffer: For I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God'." (*emphases are mine*) When Jesus raised Jairus' daughter, He used the most affectionate Aramaic terms to speak to her, "Talitha cumi. Little girl, arise." Only the girl's parents and three disciples and were there to hear Him. There were also other times when those moments were meant only for those who seemed to be closer relationally to Jesus. Peter, James, and John were privileged to be with Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration. Those three and Andrew were privy to special teaching about the second coming of Jesus in Mark 13. When Jesus had to face the most difficult moments of His earthly life, He asked Peter, James, and John to watch with Him, "He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me." Matthew 26:37-38.

I wonder what it would be like to be part of that inner circle. Would it make a difference in my responses to the demands of Christ? Would I view those demands more like privileges? Personally, I think it would make all the difference in the world. I think that the closer I live to Jesus, the more I find purpose and joy in His commands for me. Henry Martyn, missionary to India and Persia, said it this way, "The spirit of Christ is the spirit of missions. The nearer we get to Him, the more intensely missionary we become."



## Daily Prayer Guide October

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







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## Teaching Kids How to Handle Money

*with a Biblical Perspective*

Although we spend the better part of 18 years trying to instill our values and our knowledge in children, we often overlook a vital part of the education – how to handle money biblically. Here are some pointers for introducing children to the basic stewardship tenets of money:

**Giving.** Certainly the most important lesson in biblical stewardship to teach children is the truth that God is the owner of all things – all of our time, talents and treasures (including money). Teaching children that the first tenth of all we earn should be given to the Lord should be fundamental. Beyond this point, since God has shared His abundance with us, we as Christians have the obligation to share with others. That can involve meeting physical needs but more importantly, involves spiritual wellness through advancing the work of His kingdom. These characteristics should be an integral part of every Christian parent's legacy. In order to effectively teach children, we need to model this character ourselves – through giving money, our time or donating part of what we have, putting action and sincerity to this important lesson.

**Investing.** School-age children can understand the concept of saving. At that age, you can begin to explain the idea of earning interest on what they save. Opening a bank account

will help them learn to regularly deposit what they save. Discuss with children the broader concept of diversity in investing such as stocks versus bonds, using newspaper or magazine articles to introduce the subject.

**Valuing.** Children need to understand the relationship between work and money. Assigned responsibilities and dollar amounts should change as they get older. There is a great life lesson in knowing that with hard work, you can purchase something you want – and that you may have to wait for that purchase until enough savings have accumulated.

**Educating.** Start with the basics of what money looks like and the names of the coins. Later you can move to the cost of items and differentiating between “needs” and “wants.” Help them develop their own personal budget and as they mature, teach them about credit cards and the danger of reckless borrowing.

In order to pass biblical stewardship principles on to our children, we must be willing to practice them ourselves.

Information from:

<http://www.guidestoneretirement.org/AboutUs/Articles/Kidsand-Money>

# G.I.V.E.



# Are your eyes bigger than your stomach?

Mike Procter, Executive Director/Treasurer



You have probably heard the saying, “his eyes are bigger than his stomach” which is a reference to someone who puts more food on his plate than he can eat. According to “Real Fact #686” at Snapple.com, a pelican’s eyes are not necessarily bigger than his stomach, but the beak is. A pelican can hold more food in its beak than belly.

The Christmas shopping season is here and we have to watch commercials and read advertisements encouraging our eyes to want more than our bank account can afford. These ads say it is okay if you do not have the money to pay for everything all at once because you can use a credit card or in-store layaway for purchases. The stores seem to be saying, “Don’t worry if you can’t afford it; just buy whatever you like and worry about your bank account later.”

It is amazing how many people I talk to who say they will go into debt buying things at Christmas. Often it takes them months to pay the item off and while doing so, they spend hundreds of dollars in interest and services charges. Their “eyes are bigger than their stomachs” and eventually they have to face their financial consequences. Often, after a couple of months the item has lost its appeal, or has become

outdated and is relegated to the back of the drawer, garage or closet.

This Christmas shopping season I challenge you to purchase only that for which you can actually pay cash. It may mean that you are unable to buy the “new and improved”, “bigger and better” or “must have” item but wouldn’t it be nice to know you will not go into debt because of a Christmas gift you could not really afford in the first place?

As Christians, we have a responsibility to be wise stewards of God’s resources. Paying interest and service charges does not equate to wise stewardship. If you find yourself in debt, the Alaska Baptist Foundation can assist you in developing a spending plan to eventually help you retire the debt. It may take several years and it might be difficult but it can be done. For more information or details, please contact Adam Long, Foundation Coordination Director at [adam@alaskabaptistfoundation.com](mailto:adam@alaskabaptistfoundation.com), 907.770.0581 or 800.883.9627.

It is my prayer that you will be able to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas and not let your eyes get bigger than your wallet.



  
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Assisting Retired Ministers and Spouses

*“I just can’t make ends meet.  
With your help I am able to  
stay in my home.”*

*Frances Medlock*

**Approximately 60% of  
Mission:Dignity recipients are  
pastors’ widows.**

# BUILDING A LIFE OF SERVICE

2000 Club

\$5926.67  
has been  
received for  
3Q 2014\*  
\*as of 8/31/14

2014 3rd Quarter Recipient  
Mountain View Community Church, Anchorage

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

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN — OCT • NOV —

### October 2014

Sep 30-Oct 1

Annual Meeting of the  
Alaska Baptist Convention

12

World Hunger Sunday

18

TVBA annual meeting

18

HPBA annual meeting/Missions Celebration

21

CBA semi-annual meeting

### November 2014

2

Daylight Savings Time ends

3

Baptist Women World Day of Prayer

3

HPBA Bible Study Leadership Training

4

CBA Bible Study Leadership Training

6-9

Alaska Native Baptist Fellowship annual meeting

6

TVBA Bible Study Leadership Training

6

Alaska Baptist Foundation Board Meeting

10-11

Alaska Baptist Convention Board Meeting

15

Annual Church Profiles due

26

ABC and ABF offices close at 1:00 p.m.

27

ABC and ABF Offices closed for Thanksgiving

30

Week of Prayer for International Missions  
and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering



prayer for

**The Austin Family**

Willie, Gail

### Hydaburg Baptist Mission

Hydaburg

#### Prayer Needs

*Personal:* Pray that God keeps us in tune to what He wants.

*Ministry:* Pray God will continue to soften the hearts of the people living in Hydaburg.

#### Physical Needs

1. Portable sound system.
2. Small TV/DVD player for children's church.

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