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

BIBLICAL LEADERSHIP

GOD'S ORDER FOR HIS CHURCH

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MONDAY, 7:00 - 8:45 p.m.
First Baptist Church, Palmer
7:00 - base conferences
8:00 - general session
with Rick Howerton
8:45 - dismiss

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TUESDAY, 7:00 - 8:45 p.m.
University Baptist Church, Anchorage
7:00 - base conferences
8:00 - general session
with Rick Howerton
8:45 - dismiss

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THURSDAY, 7:00 - 8:45 p.m.
First Baptist Church, North Pole
7:00 - base conferences
8:00 - general session
with Rick Howerton
8:45 - dismiss

Rick Howerton has one passion...to see "a biblical small group within walking distance of every person on the planet making disciples that make disciples." He is presently the Small Group and Discipleship Specialist at LifeWay Church Resources. Rick has authored or co-authored multiple books, studies, and leader training resources. Rick's varied ministry experiences as a collegiate pastor, small group pastor, teaching pastor, full-time trainer and church consultant, as well as having been a successful church planter give him a perspective of church life that is all-encompassing and multi-dimensional. Rick is a highly sought after speaker and trainer speaking at, or leading training in, about forty settings annually.

2014 Bible Study Leadership Training

no meals or childcare

ONE SACRED EFFORT

FIND YOUR PLACE
IN GOD'S STORY

MATTHEW 28:19-20

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ALASKA BAPTISTS WORSHIP IN THESE LANGUAGES ON ANY GIVEN SUNDAY

English
Hmong
Korean

Mandarin
Mien
Russian

Samoan
Spanish
Tagalog

The Alaska Baptist Convention's



Historically, Wayland Baptist University (WBU) in Alaska has benefitted from Alaska Baptists. It was the Alaska Baptist Convention (ABC), working with the Baptist General Convention of Texas, that invited Wayland to establish a presence in Alaska--and it was in Anchorage Baptist churches that Wayland first operated. Because WBU has a general education core containing religion classes, it must reach out to the Baptist pastor community for professors—and they are indeed some of our very best. It is in the WBU classroom that the university either sinks or swims, and our professors are incredibly gifted in reaching out to students with the important message: “Wayland Really Cares.” This is because God really cares, and it is the gospel that so many of our WBU students need to hear and believe.

Although Wayland receives no Cooperative Program (CP) dollars directly from the ABC, there are many indirect ways in which the CP positively affects Wayland. Alaska Baptist Foundation scholarships are available to WBU students; specific churches have supported a WBU function/need; WBU students have taken trips in coordination with local Baptist churches; and WBU students come from local Baptist churches.

The purpose of WBU in Alaska is to spread the gospel. It does this thanks to God's help and as a member of the Alaska Baptist team.

God's Plan for Sharing in Alaska

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
Alaska Lu-Mienh First Baptist 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
Aquillaq Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Big Lake Baptist Church	\$6,568.79	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,768.79
Bodenburg Butte Baptist Church	\$5,674.07	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$395.00	\$0.00	\$6,069.07
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
City on a Hill Church	\$601.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$601.00
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	\$35,083.73	\$0.00	\$4,381.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$39,464.73
Comm Baptist Church, Coffman Cove	\$4,521.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,521.50
Community 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	\$12,570.00	\$0.00	\$340.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,910.00
CrossCountry Church	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$750.00
Dillingham Bible Fellowship	\$6,181.72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,181.72
Eagle River Korean Baptist Church	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church	\$2,989.24	\$0.00	\$605.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,594.24
Fairview Loop Baptist Church	\$22,917.83	\$0.00	\$3,357.01	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$26,274.84
Faith Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$8,774.42	\$0.00	\$1,395.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,169.42
False Pass Christian Fellowship	\$472.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$472.25
Filipino Bible Church, Anchorage	\$2,625.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,625.00
First Baptist Church, Anchorage	\$34,933.12	\$500.00	\$5,916.59	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$41,349.71
First Baptist Church, Eagle River	\$23,025.61	\$0.00	\$5,147.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$28,172.61
First Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$4,733.13	\$0.00	\$1,336.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,069.13
First Baptist Church, North Pole	\$19,223.00	\$200.00	\$1,415.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,838.50
First Baptist Church, Delta Junction	\$34,045.00	\$100.00	\$12,113.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$46,858.00
First Baptist Church, Juneau	\$6,979.04	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,979.04
First Baptist Church, Kenai	\$4,087.78	\$54.97	\$1,128.32	\$277.71	\$0.00	\$5,548.78
First Baptist Church, Ketchikan	\$10,366.19	\$0.00	\$2,695.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,061.19
First Baptist Church, Kotzebue	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
First Baptist Church, Palmer	\$15,000.02	\$0.00	\$2,182.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$17,182.02
First Baptist Church, Petersburg	\$4,697.69	\$0.00	\$860.00	\$470.00	\$0.00	\$6,027.69
First Baptist Church, Sitka	\$6,229.27	\$0.00	\$855.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,084.27
First Baptist Church, Soldotna	\$8,450.00	\$0.00	\$1,037.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,487.50
First Baptist Church, Valdez	\$15,046.86	\$620.00	\$2,256.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$17,922.86
First Baptist Church, Wasilla	\$10,640.18	\$0.00	\$1,406.11	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,046.29
First Baptist Church, Willow	\$3,636.74	\$0.00	\$1,534.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,170.74
First Hmong Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$120.00
First Korean Baptist Church	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$327.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,227.00
First Native Baptist Church	\$3,188.00	\$0.00	\$554.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,742.00
Friendship Baptist Mission	\$1,874.48	\$0.00	\$1,036.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,910.48
Frontier Southern Baptist 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	\$13,459.62	\$0.00	\$3,275.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$16,734.62
Grandview Baptist Church	\$23,160.40	\$206.00	\$3,812.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$27,578.40
Greater Friendship Baptist Church	\$2,415.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,415.14
Hillside Baptist Church	\$8,718.40	\$0.00	\$550.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,268.40
Hydaburg Baptist Mission	\$746.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$746.50
Immanuel Baptist Church	\$945.17	\$0.00	\$2,649.56	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,594.73
In His Steps Community Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Journey Church	\$190.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$190.00
Juneau Korean Church	\$270.00	\$0.00	\$295.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$565.00
Kasaan Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ketchikan Filipino Baptist 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 Baptist Church	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$595.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,495.00
Lighthouse Community Church	\$6,650.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,650.00
Living Water Baptist Church	\$420.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$420.00
Malamalama Fou Church	\$110.00	\$35.00	\$80.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$275.00
Misc. Contributors-Cash	\$0.37	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$160.00	\$160.37
Montana Creek Baptist Church	\$8,293.61	\$0.00	\$367.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,660.61
Moose Creek Baptist Church	\$5,441.91	\$0.00	\$1,638.26	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,080.17
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	\$5,382.13	\$0.00	\$970.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,352.13
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
Mountain View Community Church	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$175.00

January-September 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	\$1,294.78	\$0.00	\$175.78	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,470.56
New Birth Christian Church	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
New Grace Christian Church	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
New Hope Baptist Church	\$8,849.00	\$0.00	\$610.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,459.00
New Hope Fellowship	\$725.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$875.00
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	\$713.22	\$0.00	\$249.50	\$0.00	\$42.00	\$1,004.72
Rabbit Creek Community Church	\$3,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00
River In The Desert CommChurch	\$4,659.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,659.00
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	\$616.54	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$616.54
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 Community Church	\$2,224.00	\$0.00	\$392.00	\$392.00	\$0.00	\$3,008.00
Settler's Bay Community Church	\$7,293.12	\$47.00	\$67.00	\$901.14	\$0.00	\$8,308.26
Shannon Park Baptist Church	\$663.30	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$1,930.76	\$0.00	\$2,894.06
Shungnak Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Slavic Bridge	\$475.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$475.00
Solid Rock Baptist Church	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
St. John Baptist Church	\$8,249.52	\$135.00	\$319.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,703.52
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$16,865.07	\$0.00	\$3,655.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,520.37
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	\$3,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,200.00
Thorne Bay Baptist Church	\$567.95	\$0.00	\$314.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$881.95
Togiak Baptist Mission	\$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	\$574.00	\$0.00	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$749.00
University Baptist Church, Anch	\$8,388.15	\$0.00	\$2,478.31	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,866.46
University Baptist Church, Fbks	\$10,045.00	\$0.00	\$4,883.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,928.00
Valley View Baptist Church	\$3,562.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,562.50
Wasilla Korean Baptist Church	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$900.00
Whittier Christian Community Church	\$650.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$700.00
Grand Totals:	\$503,875.41	\$3,047.97	\$84,629.74	\$5,438.61	\$202.00	\$597,193.73
Goals:	\$702,836.00	\$90,000.00	\$95,000.00	\$150,000.00		
Over/Under Goal:	\$(198,960.59)	\$(86,952.03)	\$(10,370.26)	\$(144,561.39)		

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	
September				
Receipts	\$63,355.10		\$66,803.35	
CP Goal	58,569.33		56,973.25	
Variance	4,785.77	8%	9,830.10	17%
Year-to-Date				
Receipts	\$503,875.41		\$508,426.24	
CP Goal	527,123.97		512,759.25	
Variance	(23,248.56)	-4.41%	(4,333.01)	-1%

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
Thorne Bay Baptist Church



**“Every Christian is
a sent one.
There is
no such thing as
an unsent Christian.”**

*Alan Hirsch
author and missiologist*

Thank you College Heights Baptist Church for hosting the ABC annual meeting!



Butch Strickland
Director of Church Planting/Missions



Jack Sherman
2013-14 First VP



Harold Conrad, pastor
Montana Creek Bapt Church
2014-15 Second VP



Jimmy Stewart
Director of Evangelism/Church Development



Bryan Myers, pastor
Faith Baptist Church, Fbks
annual sermon



Eric Ash, Dean
Wayland Baptist Univ
2014-15 First VP



2014-2015 WMU Leadership Team; (l to r) Barbara Young, Glenda Shaw, Tiffany McNeely, Judy Rice, Judy Zach and Ruby Stogsdill (outgoing president)



Judy Zach
2014-15 Alaska WMU president



**Don Shannon, 2013-14 ABC president
Mike Procter, Executive Director, ABC**



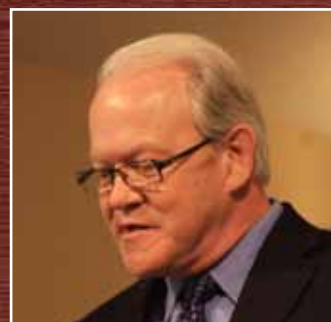
**2014-15 ABC Leadership Team (l to r): Todd Burgess,
president; Harold Conrad, 2nd VP; Judy Rice, recording
secretary (not pictured, Eric Ash, 1st VP).
Don Shannon (r) led in prayer.**



**Becky Sherman, Rick Curtis from
NAMB, Mike Procter, ABC**



**Ruby Stogsdill
2013-14 Alaska WMU president**



**Frank Page
CEO, Executive Cttee, SBC**



**Augie Boto
General Counsel, SBC**



**Mike Harris
Guidestone Financial Resources**



**Jan Watkins, Lifeway Representa-
tive with presentation to outgoing
ABC president Don Shannon**



**Praise Band from California Baptist University
led by John Montgomery (r)**



**Priestley Lee, pastor
First Hmong Bapt Church**

MILEPOST MOMENTS

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

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mike Blakeney, youth/outreach minister at Grandview Baptist Church, Anchorage, on his marriage to Tiffany Tolsma on September 20.

Alaska Native Revival

First Native Baptist Church, University Baptist Church Anchorage and the Alaska



Native Baptist Fellowship sponsored a revival September 10-14. UBC hosted the event. Bruce Plummer, Montana Indian Ministries, along with John Blackmon

and Lito Magbanua preached and conducted classes based on the theme, "Get Out of the Boat and Start Walking on the Water." Pictured (l to r): Charles Lane, pastor First Native Baptist Church, Lito Magbanua, Bruce Plummer, Jack Blackmon and Mae Moses, president, Alaska Native Baptist Fellowship.

University Baptist Church, Fairbanks

UBC will participate in World Crafts and Operation Christmas Child in November. Members will also attend the Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer and Bible Study Leadership Training. The Chinese Fellowship will celebrated Thanksgiving on November 28.

Lighthouse Community Church, Nikiski

On October 15, LCC welcomed Bill (Sharon) Messer as their transitional pastor.



New SBC pastor care line helps pastors in crisis

By Tobin Perry

Excerpted from "News From NAMB", October 7, 2014, www.namb.net

Southern Baptist pastors struggling through personal or professional crisis now have a confidential place to turn, thanks to a new partnership between the North American Mission Board (NAMB) and Focus on the Family.

The care line launched October 1 dedicated exclusively to Southern Baptist pastors, chaplains and missionaries by calling 844.PASTOR1. Calls are answered by Focus on the Family's Family Help Center and remain completely confidential. No information about the calls – including the name of the pastor or the church or the nature of the call – will be provided to NAMB.

NAMB partnered with Focus on the Family in part because the ministry has more than two decades of experience hosting a pastors-in-crisis care line. Focus began the pastor care line ministry in 1992 under the leadership of H.B. London.


"Focus on the Family recognizes the sacrifices and hard work of Southern Baptist pastors," said Jim Daly, president of Focus on the Family. "Many of them give up their own time to be there for their flock—giving up holidays to visit with sick people at the hospital,

counseling couples through the tough times in their marriages and helping their congregants pray through milestone decisions. This commitment not only takes time, but it also takes its toll on pastors – physically, emotionally and spiritually. Because they have always been there for others, it's our privilege to be there for them. Our licensed counselors are eager to provide an ear and biblically-based counsel that will help and give hope."

The phone line is available weekdays between 8 a.m. and 10 p.m. Eastern Time. The agent answering the call will listen to and pray for the pastor. If there is a further need, the agent will refer the call to a counseling team. A chaplain or a counselor will return the pastor's call within 24 to 48 hours for an initial consultation. Because of the NAMB-sponsored prayer line, SBC pastors will be a priority in this process. Crisis calls—if a pastor mentions imminent danger of harm to himself or others—will immediately get routed to the counseling team. Often, pastors spend much of their energy serving and supporting others through personal crises, but they often have little left to care for themselves.

For additional NAMB resources to help pastors, visit www.sendnetwork.com/pastor-for-pastors.

Report your ACP statistics to maximize the number of messengers you can send to the annual meeting!



Your Annual Church Profile is due November 15!

The Annual Church Profile (ACP) is a survey of all Southern Baptist congregations across the United States and Canada. The statistics, compiled by LifeWay Christian Resources, include the number of church members and baptisms, as well as figures on Sunday School attendance and missions involvement. The ACP assists congregations, as well as

association and convention staffs in evaluating current ministries and developing new ones. Please be watching for your ACP survey and complete it by November 15, 2014. If you have questions, please call Debra Long in the Alaska Baptist Convention office (907-344-9627 or 800-883-9627).



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

Alaska State Evangelism Conference • January 26-27, 2015 **First Baptist Church, Anchorage**

Schedule

Monday, Jan. 26 • 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 27:

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (lunch provided at FBC)

12:00 - 2:00 p.m. Lunch and Q&A with Dr. Floyd

6:30-8:45 p.m.

(supper on your own)

Conference Hotel

Clarion Suites Downtown • 907.929.6461

(use code ABC-SEC. Deadline Jan. 9)

Featured speakers:

Dr. Ronnie Floyd, Senior Pastor, Cross Church (Springdale, Arkansas) and President, Southern Baptist Convention

D.A. Horton, National Coordinator for Student Urban Mission, North American Mission Board

Rick Muchow, Worship Leader, Music Coach and Mentor

Rick Shepherd, Team Strategist, Prayer and Spiritual Awakening Team, Florida Baptist Convention

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Mike Procter
Executive Director

On November 2 at 2:00 a.m., we will “fall back” as Daylight Savings Time (DST) ends. By setting our clocks back one hour, we should get an extra hour of daylight however as you know, in Alaska, it is a moot point. DST has no relevance to us in the North.

Relevance – an issue our congregations and ministries often face. How do we stay relevant in our culture? Are we old-fashioned and out-of-touch with reality as many proclaim? Are we still using 19th or 20th century methods to reach a 21st century culture? Are we so tied to our traditions, customs and practices that we are unable to be flexible in the changing cultural landscapes? I am not talking about changing our message – the message of Jesus Christ is timeless and He is the same yesterday, today and forever. What I am talking about is how we “do church.”

Several years ago, a congregation was planted in a resort community. The main hotel in the community, in an effort to provide a service to their guests, opened a conference room for the service and even provided coffee and tea for those attending. The only stipulation was the conference room had to be vacated by 10:30 a.m., as the room had to be set up for another function. The planter began a 9:00 a.m. worship service and attendance varied between 25-50, depending upon the number of hotel guests. Locals attending the service numbered between 15-25. There was a good working relationship between the hotel and the congregation. Then a family joined the congregation and began to complain that 9:00 a.m. was not a “real time” for church – 11:00 a.m. was “church time.” After battling the issue for months, the service time was changed to 11:00 a.m. and upon doing so, the hotel withdrew the use of the room and the congregation moved into the pastor’s home. Attendance began to dwindle and eventually, the congregation was down to only the pastor and his family. The family that was adamant upon an 11:00 a.m. start time even quit attending.

What happened? People were arguing over how to “do” church rather than “being” the church. The time of the service became more important than the “why” of the service. Yet, every week such battles take place in churches across our State.

What do we need to do? We need to identify ways we can minister to our community even if those ways are non-traditional. We have to learn to be flexible in order to reach segments of the population that are not being reached. We do not need to compromise the message; just be willing to change the methods and people will be reached with the message of Jesus Christ.

What do we need to do to relate to people now? What do our congregations need to do to minister to those around us? Let’s remember, there is no better time than right now to share the message of Jesus Christ. Don’t be driven by customs, traditions or practices but be compelled with the love of Jesus Christ for those around us.



Jimmy Stewart
Director of Evangelism and Church Development

These are critical days for believers. There has been one assault after another on the body of Christ as pastors are being asked to turn over sermons, church members are arguing on Facebook about fundamental moral issues like same-sex marriage, and Alaska will vote whether or not to legalize marijuana. Do you see the problem with all of this? When people look to government to settle moral issues, Christians lose. If we could trust our government to uphold objective moral laws, there would not be a problem; but we can’t when laws are being passed legalizing murder of an unborn child, or supporting immoral lifestyles contrary to our holy objective lawgiver. Currently, there is a mayor in a large Bible belt metropolitan area demanding all sermons speaking on certain subjects be turned over to the local government – this is purely intimidation from an elected leader who just doesn’t like the fact her constituents disagree with her. It was our own president, Lyndon Johnson, who cooked up a law to keep pastors from endorsing specific candidates from the pulpit. Our nation needs prayer and spiritual revival. We need an awakening; anything short and our nation will go through many more difficult days. But, there is joy that comes in the morning and we should be excited about the return of our Savior! We will have trials before His return, but we need to remain strong and find our hope in our Lord. The State Evangelism Conference, January 26-27, will focus on spiritual revival and awakening and I hope you plan to attend. We will host Ronnie Floyd, newly-elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and Rick Shepherd, Prayer and Spiritual Awakening Team Strategist of the Florida Baptist Convention, both of whom will speak to the topic of revival. The Pastors and Wives Conference in April will have a tremendous prayer emphasis; and in October 2015, we will host state convention prayer coordinators from around the nation for their annual meeting. Many of these prayer leaders will be willing to conduct prayer and spiritual awakening conferences around the state. Claude King, one of the authors of “Experiencing God” and other books, will be our leader at the event in Anchorage. Let’s kick off the year in prayer, with an emphasis on taking the message of hope to the lost in our communities.



Butch Strickland
*Director of Church Planting
 and Missions*

Usually when we go to church, we expect the pastor to lead in a study of Scripture that inspires, challenges and convicts us. We like to leave church, having heard a word from God that will equip us to better follow and serve Jesus. We expect the pastor to read a particular Bible passage, and to hear him explain, illustrate and apply it to real life situations.

In the Gospels, we have the privilege of reading some of the sermons of Jesus, one of which is the greatest source of eternal truth in all history – the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7). When Jesus finished, “The people were astonished at his doctrine: For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.” Matthew (7:28-29) There is one occasion when Jesus preached a sermon based on something he had already taught – that sermon coming as a request from the disciples. Matthew 13:36b says, “His disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field.” There is a lot more to the sermon, but the first phrases give us an idea of the emphasis Jesus gave to the fact that the gospel was meant for the entire world. “He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom.” (Matthew 13:37-38)

My prayer is that, just as we listen to our pastors wanting to be inspired, challenged, and convicted, we listen to Jesus’ sermon with the same expectation. Jesus has sown us, the good seed, in the field that is our world.

“People who don’t believe in missions have not read the New Testament. Right from the beginning Jesus said the field is the world. The early church took Him at His word and went East, West, North and South.” (J. Howard Edington)

Daily Prayer Guide **November**

1	Juneau Korean Church	Juneau
2	Kasaan Mission	Thorne Bay
3	Kenai Church Plant	Kenai
4	Ketchikan Filipino Baptist Mission	Ketchikan
5	Kiana Baptist Mission	Kiana
6	Kobuk Baptist Mission	Kobuk
7	Korean Baptist Mission	Fairbanks
8	Korean New Central Baptist Church	Anchorage
9	Kuparuk Preaching Point	Kuparuk
10	Lighthouse Community Church	Nikiski
11	Living Water Baptist Church	Anchorage
12	Malamalama Fou Church	Whittier
13	Montana Creek Baptist Church	Talkeetna
14	Moose Creek Baptist Church	North Pole
15	Moose Pass Community Church	Moose Pass
16	Moriah Fellowship	Peters Creek
17	Moriah Military Church Plant	Palmer
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 Fellowship	Haines
28	North Bear Street Baptist Church	Wasilla
29	North Tongass Baptist Church	Ward Cove
30	OnMission Church	Palmer

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...

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN — NOV • DEC —

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 and Mission Study
for International Missions and
Lottie Moon Christmas offering

December 2014

- Nov 30-7 Week of Prayer and Mission Study
for International Missions and
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
- 23-Jan 4 ABC and ABF Offices closed for
Christmas and New Year's

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