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

Merry Christmas

from the staff of the Alaska Baptist Convention and Foundation



Pictured l to r (front row) Mike Procter, Sylvia Rylander, Butch Strickland.
(back row) Betsy Shilling, Jimmy Stewart, Debra Long, Adam Long



Alan Dial



Eugene Ward

The true *Spirit* of Christmas

Luke 1:46-55



The Alaska Baptist Convention's



In the spring of 2012, my wife and I were asked to investigate the potential use of the empty church building in Tok. Tok is the “decision spot” on the Alaska Highway; go left to Anchorage or straight to Fairbanks. About 1200 people live in Tok in the summer; about 600 in winter. Tok is famous for its one, year-round restaurant – Fast Eddies. Tok is a place to refuel, spend the night and then drive on. Strategically, Tok is important since it is centered in the Athabaskan Nations of Alaska. Babs and I visited, surveyed and drove on. I turned in a recommendation that instead of reestablishing a congregation, we instead establish a training and church planting center. Mike Procter called my bluff and in the autumn of 2013 we moved to Tok to establish the Upper Tanana Valley Regional Church Planting Center (UTVRCPC). The Executive Board of the Alaska Baptist Convention (ABC) fronted us \$24,000 to repurpose the building and we were blessed with support from two additional Alaska congregations. But it's the \$24,000 I want to talk about. Unlike the Federal Government that talks often about federal, state or DOD money, we realize that all the monies used by the ABC or UTVRCPC come from you; your sacrifice, devotion, passion for lostness, heart for missions and sense of community as you give to the Cooperative Program and State Mission Offering. Someone said, “There ain't no such thing as a free lunch” and that is certainly true. The list of recurring costs in relation to construction, equipping, heating, lighting, security, liability, etc. are staggering when viewed apropos an annual budget, yet somehow infinitesimal when compared to the value of a soul. Our goal, with your support, is to create a place God will use to raise up leadership, prepare them for the ministry and return them to their villages to start theologically and contextually correct churches sustainable in bush Alaska. Engage, Enable, Equip! In your giving I doubt if you can see your fingerprint on the soul of someone coming to Christ, or if you consciously equate giving with God saving...but you have provided a warm, safe and secure place for those seeking Christ to come and learn, and then go and proclaim. Your fingerprint will be indelible on every soul that comes to the Savior and you will have grown the community and Kingdom. Thank you for your love of the Nations. (Alan and Babs Dial)

God's Plan for Sharing in Alaska

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
Alaska Iu-Mienh First Bapt Church	\$489.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$489.00
Anchor Baptist Church	\$785.51	\$455.00	\$195.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,435.51
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	\$7,327.97	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,527.97
Bodenburg Butte Bapt Church	\$5,674.07	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$395.00	\$0.00	\$6,069.07
Calvary Baptist Church	\$3,445.85	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22.00	\$0.00	\$3,467.85
Christ Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Chugach Baptist Assn	\$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	\$38,512.28	\$5,664.42	\$4,381.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$48,557.70
Comm Bapt Church, Coffman Cove	\$5,414.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,414.50
Comm Bapt Church, Nome	\$1,028.34	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,028.34
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	\$13,963.00	\$0.00	\$340.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,303.00
CrossCountry Church	\$1,350.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,350.00
Dillingham Bible Fellowship	\$6,847.52	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,847.52
Eagle River Korean Bapt Church	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church	\$3,382.05	\$0.00	\$605.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,987.05
Fairview Loop Baptist Church	\$24,323.98	\$0.00	\$3,357.01	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$27,680.99
Faith Baptist Church	\$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	\$61,968.24	\$2,410.00	\$5,916.59	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$70,294.83
First Baptist Church, Eagle River	\$25,269.20	\$2,325.00	\$5,147.00	\$140.00	\$200.00	\$33,081.20
First Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$6,048.93	\$1,015.00	\$1,336.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,399.93
First Baptist Church, North Pole	\$22,228.00	\$200.00	\$1,415.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$23,843.50
First Baptist Church, Delta Jct	\$38,348.00	\$995.00	\$12,113.00	\$725.00	\$0.00	\$52,181.00
First Baptist Church, Juneau	\$8,082.94	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,082.94
First Baptist Church, Kenai	\$5,179.86	\$253.53	\$1,326.88	\$476.27	\$0.00	\$7,236.54
First Baptist Church, Ketchikan	\$11,551.58	\$0.00	\$2,695.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,246.58
First Baptist Church, Kotzebue	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
First Baptist Church, Palmer	\$16,666.68	\$0.00	\$2,182.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$18,848.68
First Baptist Church, Petersburg	\$5,106.70	\$0.00	\$860.00	\$470.00	\$0.00	\$6,436.70
First Baptist Church, Sitka	\$6,547.48	\$1,170.00	\$855.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,572.48
First Baptist Church, Soldotna	\$8,450.00	\$0.00	\$1,037.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,487.50
First Baptist Church, Valdez	\$18,509.16	\$1,670.00	\$2,256.00	\$0.00	\$210.00	\$22,645.16
First Baptist Church, Wasilla	\$11,742.34	\$0.00	\$1,406.11	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,148.45
First Baptist Church, Willow	\$6,787.55	\$995.00	\$1,534.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,316.55
First Hmong Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$120.00
First Korean Baptist Church	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$327.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,327.00
First Native Baptist Church	\$3,188.00	\$0.00	\$554.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,742.00
Friendship Baptist Mission	\$2,435.09	\$0.00	\$1,036.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,471.09
Frontier Southern Bapt Church	\$3,860.90	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,860.90
Gilead Ministries	\$1,230.50	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,280.50
Glacier Valley Baptist Church	\$15,364.30	\$0.00	\$3,275.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$18,639.30
Grandview Baptist Church	\$25,964.38	\$3,752.37	\$3,812.00	\$520.00	\$0.00	\$34,048.75
Greater Friendship Bapt Church	\$2,778.08	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,778.08
Hatcher Pass Baptist Assn	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hillside Baptist Church	\$9,661.70	\$335.00	\$550.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,546.70
Hydaburg Baptist Mission	\$746.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$746.50
Immanuel Baptist Church	\$1,065.88	\$0.00	\$2,649.56	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,715.44
In His Steps Comm Fellowship	\$670.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,170.00
Journey Church	\$190.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$190.00
Juneau Korean Church	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$295.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$595.00
Kasaan Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ketchikan Filipino Bapt Mission	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Kiana Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Kobuk Baptist Mission	\$427.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$427.00
Korean Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Korean New Central Bapt Church	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$595.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,595.00
Lighthouse Community Church	\$7,691.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,691.00
Living Water Baptist Church	\$488.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$488.00
Malamalama Fou Church	\$110.00	\$35.00	\$80.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$275.00
Misc. Contributors-Cash	\$0.37	\$1,036.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$180.00	\$1,216.37
Montana Creek Baptist Church	\$11,797.59	\$395.00	\$367.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,559.59
Moose Creek Baptist Church	\$6,995.52	\$767.34	\$1,638.26	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,401.12
Moose Pass Comm Church	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Moriah Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Morning Star Baptist Church	\$5,985.13	\$0.00	\$970.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,955.13
Mount Pleasant Baptist Church	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Mount Redoubt Baptist Church	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,200.00
Mtn View Community Church	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00

January-October 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	\$1,494.32	\$0.00	\$175.78	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,670.10
New Birth Christian Church	\$850.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,150.00
New Grace Christian Church	\$1,750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,750.00
New Hope Baptist Church	\$10,086.00	\$300.00	\$610.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,996.00
New Hope Fellowship	\$725.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$875.00
North Bear Street Bapt Church	\$845.73	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$845.73
North Tongass Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
OnMission Church	\$1,600.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,700.00
Pioneer Baptist Church	\$1,476.95	\$0.00	\$249.50	\$0.00	\$42.00	\$1,768.45
Rabbit Creek Comm Church	\$3,250.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,250.00
River In The Desert Comm Church	\$5,394.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,394.00
Riverside Chapel	\$450.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
Salcha Baptist Church	\$6,121.44	\$0.00	\$2,263.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,384.44
Samoa Alaska Baptist Church	\$678.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$678.30
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	\$3,832.00	\$408.00	\$664.00	\$664.00	\$0.00	\$5,568.00
Settler's Bay Community Church	\$7,293.12	\$47.00	\$67.00	\$901.14	\$0.00	\$8,308.26
Shannon Park Baptist Church	\$826.44	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$1,930.76	\$0.00	\$3,357.20
Shungnak Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Slavic Bridge	\$525.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$525.00
Solid Rock Baptist Church	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
St. John Baptist Church	\$9,344.78	\$310.00	\$319.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,973.78
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$18,637.63	\$1,900.00	\$3,655.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$24,192.93
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	\$30.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40.00
The Crossing @ Birchwood	\$3,600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,600.00
Thorne Bay Baptist Church	\$630.77	\$10.00	\$314.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$964.77
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	\$3,200.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,200.00
True North Downtown	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
UBC-Chinese Fellowship	\$659.00	\$0.00	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$834.00
University Baptist Church, Anch	\$9,167.00	\$830.00	\$2,478.31	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,475.31
University Baptist Church, Fbks	\$11,134.00	\$1,220.00	\$4,883.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$17,237.00
Valley View Baptist Church	\$4,750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,750.00
Wasilla Korean Baptist Church	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Whittier Christian Comm Church	\$870.00	\$135.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,005.00
Grand Totals:	\$601,998.92	\$30,793.66	\$87,363.30	\$6,304.17	\$632.00	\$727,092.05
Goals:	\$702,836.00	\$90,000.00	\$95,000.00	\$150,000.00		
Over/Under Goal:	\$(100,837.08)	\$(59,206.34)	\$(7,636.70)	\$(143,695.83)		

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	
October				
Receipts	\$98,123.51		\$67,440.13	
CP Goal	58,569.33		56,973.25	
Variance	39,554.18	68%	10,466.88	18%
Year-to-Date				
Receipts	\$601,998.92		\$575,866.37	
CP Goal	585,693.30		569,732.50	
Variance	16,305.62	2.78%	6,133.87	1%

Welcome!

Michael (Nathalie) Bunton

Greater Friendship Baptist Church,
Anchorage

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
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



Years ago, an endowment was established that funds the operating expenses of Mission:Dignity. This covers staff salaries, printing, postage and other expenses.

EVERY DOLLAR OF CURRENT MISSION:DIGNITY ANNUAL GIFTS IS USED FOR MONTHLY DISTRIBUTIONS TO RETIRED PASTORS AND WIDOWS IN NEED.



Mission:Dignity
Assisting Retired Ministers and Spouses

Summary of Executive Board Actions

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1. Approved the 2014-2015 Executive Board committee structure.
2. Approved the May 12-13, 2014, ABC Executive Board Meeting minutes and the September 30-October 1, 2014, Annual Meeting minutes.
3. Approved the October 31, 2014 Financial Report
4. Approved adding Mark Goodman as a check signer for the ABC bank accounts, making the list of check signers to be: Michael R. Procter; James M. Stewart; Durward H. Strickland; Don Shannon, Jr.; Garry E. Loeffler; and Mark Goodman.
5. Approved the modified 2015 ABC Budget. The original 2015 Budget needed modifying due to an 18% increase in health care premiums.
6. Approved creating a policy for the Policies and Procedures Manual that gives the definition of a fixed asset to be anything with a useful life of at least one year, and a purchase price of at least \$2,000.
7. Approved changing the ABC Policies and Procedures Manual Part I, Article IV Standing Committee Task Assignments, Section B. Resolutions Committee to read: Membership: ABC officers and the ABC executive director. Delete 2. and 3. Renumber 4 to be 2 and 5 to be 3. This change is contingent on the approval of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee's recommendation at the 2015 Annual Meeting to change who serves on the Resolution Committee.
8. Approved allotting \$10,000 per year of the 2015 budget from Account 5342 Church Planting Fund starting January 1, 2015, to the Whitehorse mission.
9. Approved allotting \$12,000 per year of the 2015 budget from Account 5342 Church Planting Fund starting January 1, 2015, to UTVRCPC.
10. Approved allotting \$11,080 per year of the 2015 budget from Account 5342 Church Planting Fund starting January 1, 2015, to start a church in Peters Creek.
11. Approved allotting \$17,600 per year of the 2015 budget from Account 5342 Church Planting Fund starting January 1, 2015, to start Faith Recovery Fellowship.
12. Approved allotting \$33,000 per year of the 2015 budget from Account 5342 Church Planting Fund starting January 1, 2015, to start a church in Soldotna and multiple house churches throughout the Kenai Peninsula.
13. Approved allotting \$26,500 per year of the 2015 budget from Account 5342 Church Planting Fund starting January 1, 2015, to continue Living Water Baptist Church and start another house church in the Bragaw/Debarr Road area.
14. Approved allotting \$30,000 per year of the 2015 budget from Account 5342 Church Planting Fund starting January 1, 2015, to plant a church in the Muldoon Road area.
15. Approved allotting \$7,100 per year of the 2015 budget from Account 5342 Church Planting Fund starting January 1, 2015, to continue Hydaburg Baptist Mission.
16. Approved allotting \$24,000 per year of the 2015 budget from Account 5342 Church Planting Fund starting January 1, 2015, for In His Steps Community Fellowship pastor's salary on the condition the NAMB church planting application, assessment, and approval process has been completed by January 1, 2015, funds for pastor's salary for In His Steps Community Fellowship will be paid in full. If the approval process is completed later than January 1, 2015, salary funds will be prorated based on the date of approval.
17. Approved allotting \$48,000 per year of the 2015 budget from Account 5342 Church Planting Fund starting January 1, 2015, for the pastor's salary of Iglesia Bautista Hispania Sunset Hills on the condition the NAMB church planting application, assessment, and approval process has been completed by January 1, 2015, funds for pastor's salary for Iglesia Bautista Hispania Sunset Hills will be paid in full. If the approval process is completed later than January 1, 2015, salary funds will be prorated based on the date of approval.
18. Approved moving the unspent balances of 2013 2000 Club Calls from Account 8140 2000 Club to Account 8309 2000 Club-Nonrequested.
19. Approved funding Malamalama Fou Baptist Church, Moriah Military Church Plant, Journey Church, True North Girdwood, Sand Lake Fellowship, OnMission Church, Slavic Bridge, City On A Hill Church, and Moriah Fellowship the same amount as 2014. Funding will come from 2015 budget from Account 5342 Church Planting Funds starting January 1, 2015.
20. Approved amending Mission and Church Development Committee's board action 3 voted on by the Executive Committee on 7/1/2014 to the following: that the Alaska Baptist Convention accept the responsibility of sponsoring Lighthouse Community Church. \$13,000 of unused 2014 planting

funds plus an additional \$11,000 NAMB request for church planting will go towards assisting in the expenses of the revitalization process that will include a transitional pastor's salary package and all authorized reimbursement of business expenses related to the revitalization process not to exceed \$24,000 total through the period August 2014-July 2015. Additional monies from ABC and/or NAMB and additional time may be added upon the agreement of both parties. For the purpose of this board action, ABC authority is deemed to be represented by the mutual consent of the state director of church planting and missions and the ABC executive director. The congregation will provide housing, utilities, and the use of a vehicle.

21. Approved to set the 2014-2015 special offerings goals to the following: Valeria Sherard State Mission Offering to be \$90,000; Annie Armstrong Easter Offering to be \$95,000; and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to be \$150,000.
22. Approved assigning Thorne Bay Baptist Church as first quarter 2015 recipient of the 2000 Club Call to complete construction in several areas of the Thorne Bay Baptist Church building.
23. Approved continuing support for Shungnak Baptist Mission \$1,200 per year of the 2015 budget from Account 5350 Operations starting January 1, 2015. This is the final year of a ten-year phase-down commitment.
24. Approved changing the ABC Bylaws, Article V Section 1. The Committee on Committees shall nominate the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, including its chairperson, for election by the Convention in session. The committee will elect its own secretary. The committee will schedule its meetings as needed but should utilize the times around activities of the Convention, such as the Evangelism Conference. The committee should review its work and consult with the Convention President and Executive Committee. The Resolutions Committee shall be composed of the ABC officers and the Executive Director. Section 1 (b) amend the following sentence: All proposed resolutions to the Convention are to be submitted in writing to the convention office 45 days prior to the annual meeting. Change the ABC Constitution, Article VII Convention Committees Section 2 to the following: Section 2. The standing committees are the Constitution and Bylaws Committee and the Resolutions Committee. The Constitution and Bylaws Committee shall have five members elected to serve a three (3) year rotation term. The members shall be nominated by the Committee on Committees and elected one-third each year by the Convention. The Resolutions Committee shall consist of the ABC officers and the ABC executive director. Job descriptions for these committees are located in ABC Bylaws, Article V. Section 1. (a) and (b).
25. Approved adding to Section 1, Article VII Convention Committees of the ABC Constitution the following: To establish or dissolve a Standing or Annual Committee, a request must be submitted in writing detailing the purpose of adding or dissolving the committee to the ABC Executive Committee 30 days prior to the ABC Executive Board meeting. The Board will vote on the recommendation. If the Board approves the recommendation, then the request to establish or dissolve the committee will be presented to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee 60 days prior to the next annual meeting for a two-third (2/3) vote in the affirmative.
26. Approved changing ABC Bylaws, Article I, Section 1 to read: Each qualifying church, as stated in Article III of the Constitution, shall present to the Credentials Committee of the Convention a list of its elected messengers, according to the Constitution, Article III, received or postmarked no less than thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting if possible. If for some reason the church cannot comply with this request, messengers will be permitted to register the day of the meeting, provided they have written authorization by the church's pastor or clerk to act as "messenger" on behalf of the church. Special sessions may be convened in accordance with Article II, Section 4.
27. Approved changing ABC Constitution, Article VI, Section 3; ABC Articles of Incorporation, Article VIII, Section 3; to read as follows: The employees or immediate family of an employee (spouse, child, or sibling) of the Convention or its Agencies shall not be eligible for election to the offices of President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, or Recording Secretary. And ABC Bylaws, Article III, Section 3 to read as follows: Employees or immediate family of an employee (spouse, child, or sibling) of the Convention or its Agencies are not eligible to serve as elected officers of the Convention, with the exception of the Executive Director-Treasurer, who serves an indefinite term.
28. Approved the 2015 housing allowance quotes of Michael Procter, James Stewart, Durward Strickland, and Alan Dial.
29. Approved to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 a.m., November 11, 2014.

MILEPOST MOMENTS

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

Condolences

Our condolences to the family of Dawson Lindblom, who passed away October 18. Dawson pastored First Baptist Church in Willow, Cottonwood Shores Baptist Church; was associate pastor at Big Lake Baptist Church and served as associational missionary for Hatcher Pass Baptist Association. Most recently, Dawson was a church planter for Christian Community Fellowship in Wasilla. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Yvonne at mscalaska@mta-online.net.

Condolences

Our condolences to Barbara Bennett

(First Baptist Church, Anchorage) in the loss of her father on October 20. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at kbennett@alaska.com.

Condolences

Our condolences to Jimmie Stringer (First Baptist Church, Juneau) in the loss of his parents on November 16. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at jrsuvclay@aol.com.

Condolences

Our condolences to Jennifer Cox (University Baptist Church, Fairbanks) in the loss of her mother.

Baptist Collegiate Ministries, UAF

BCM hosts student-led Bible studies every Saturday night on campus. For information, please contact pastor Gary Cox (University Baptist Church) at pastor@universitybaptistchurch.net.

New Birth Christian Church, Fairbanks

NBCC celebrated their fifth anniversary in September. Sixty people attended a special service, representing six churches. On October 25, NBCC had its first double baptism when Pastor Eric Jones, and Evan-

Women On Mission Celebration
April 9-11, 2015
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gelists Angela Jones and Christiana Robinson baptized Mr. and Mrs. Baham. God is continuing to do signs and wonders in NBCC and members are thankful God has chosen them to be part of His family.

University Baptist Church,

Fairbanks

UBC will give “goody” bags to college students in time for their semester finals.

Tanana Valley Baptist Association

Cross Roads Baptist Church hosted the annual meeting of TVBA. Bryan Myer, pastor, Faith Baptist Church was re-elected moderator; Lawrence Ellison, pastor, St. John Baptist Church was elected vice-moderator; Howard Zach, lay-leader, Chinese Fellowship was elected treasurer; and Sandy Buchanan, member, Salcha Baptist Church was re-elected



New members to the Alaska Baptist Convention Executive Board, pictured l to r (front) Judy Rice, Sandy Buchanan; (back) Eric Ash, Harold Moser, Don Higgins, Mike Balos, Doug Burrows, Todd Burgess, Roy Moore.

recording secretary. Glen Cotton, pastor, Clearwater Baptist Church brought the annual message.

Women's Winter Wake-Up

WWW will be held January 30-31 at University Baptist Church, Fairbanks. The theme is “Restore the Joy” based on Psalm 51:12. Registration fee is \$20 per person; Pikes Waterfront Lodge is the conference hotel (\$69 plus tax, double occupan-

cy). Call UBC for additional information, 907.479.2440.

Available Position

Fairview Loop Baptist Church in Wasilla seeks a volunteer music director/leader. The successful candidate will begin January 1.

For more information, contact Deb Avritt (907.355.6295), Sam Boucher (907.232.1053) or Dawn Coyne (907.373.5551)



“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)

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(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

Recently, national news has been full of stories related to the Ebola virus. Some of the stories deal with the tragedy of lives lost; some share how people have recovered from the disease; others feature medical personnel on the frontlines, trying to help those with the disease. All of the stories mention the suffering and pain caused by Ebola; in less than one year, 4,000 people have died from it and in a worst-case scenario, 980,000 could die by the end of 2015.

In one of their broadcasts, CNN reported that the Ebola virus is not the first deadly epidemic in history:

- 541-741 A.D.: 50 million people died in the Middle East, Asia and the Mediterranean basin because of the Plague of Justinian.
- 1334 A.D.: nearly 25 million people throughout Europe died with the Great Plague.
- 1519-1619 A.D.: over 20 million people in [what is now] Mexico died because of disease brought to their country by explorers from other places.
- 1860 A.D.: the Modern Plague killed over 12 million people in China, India and Hong Kong.
- 1918-1919 A.D.: the Great Flu pandemic is estimated to have killed between 30-50 million people worldwide.
- Since 1984, more than 25 million people have died with the AIDS virus.

These examples do not take into account the “minor” epidemics that only killed thousands or hundreds of thousands: H1N1 flu, SARS, measles, typhoid fever, smallpox and others.

It is tragic when someone dies from one of these diseases, especially when many are curable and avoidable. However, there is one disease left off the list and has a 100% mortality rate – sin. Sin is rampant and worldwide; it crosses social, cultural and ethnic backgrounds. Everyone has contracted it and the consequence is death. There is no earthly cure for sin, but there is a heavenly one – Jesus Christ.

In 1 Corinthians 15:55-57, Paul asks who can deliver us from the sin and death? He answers with “Thanks to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Christmas is the time we focus on Jesus Christ who came to earth and became the One who bore the penalty of our sin so we might be healed, cured and forgiven of the consequences of sin. In Romans, we are reminded that “all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.” We also know that the “wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ, our Lord.”

We are saddened and heartbroken when reading the tragic consequences of Ebola or some other deadly disease. We should be even more saddened and heartbroken over the millions of people who are dying because of sin. Let’s commit to bring them the good news – the gospel that Jesus Christ is the answer.



Jimmy Stewart
Director of Evangelism and Church Development

Rick Howerton, Small Group and Discipleship Specialist with LifeWay assisted with our Bible Study Leadership Training (BSLT) this year. Rick talked about small groups and leading people through life transformational discipleship. He said we are not really making disciples unless those disciples are making disciples who make disciples! Under that definition, I’m not sure many of us could call ourselves “disciple makers.” Jesus’ greatest gift of love to our world not only integrated the eternal life saving characteristic of the God-child but the life altering attribute of making disciples. Jesus came to seek and save the lost for the purpose of being Great Commission-minded. For a person to entertain Christianity in a relationship with God, apart from care for lost people, is missing a crucial element of the gospel. The heart and center of the Christmas narrative is that Jesus came to give; so we receive to believe, achieve, and confer to others. As Paul exclaimed, what we have received, pass on to faithful men and women so they may pass on to other faithful receivers. Otherwise the greatest gift stops with its last recipients. This Christmas, lay a foundation of life transformation by starting a new group of believers who want to pass on what they have learned and what they hope to achieve through this new life in Christ. Currently, the total number of pledges for new groups at Groups Matter surpasses 45k. The gift that keeps on giving is a new life in Christ. This Christmas, start a new group, start by becoming the indwelling Holy Spirit presence of Christ in the life of those who don’t know Him. Only then will they be able to say “God with us.” They will see Him in you. Your light will shine before others. Let His character permeate your daily living so others will be drawn to Christ. The State Evangelism Conference is January 26-27 and will carry this same emphasis. My prayer is that we will be challenged in a tremendous way by those leaders who share with us. Please make your plans to attend. Have a wonderful holiday season.



Butch Strickland
*Director of Church Planting
 and Missions*

For more than two years we have been praying according to the mandate of Jesus. In Matthew 9:38, He specifically instructed us to pray that the Lord of the harvest would send laborers to the harvest. We have been praying at **9:38 a.m. and 9:38 p.m. every day** and God is answering our prayers. He has called church planters from our own churches and He has sent others from other states. But now I am asking you to add another dimension to this prayer. There are some churches in our convention that need laborers as well. There are pastors who need someone to come alongside them and help bring in the harvest. Whether we are talking about church plants or established churches, laborers are needed.

This is not a new thing. During this time of year, we emphasize international missions through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. On November 1, 1873 Lottie Moon wrote a letter from Tungchow, China, only a part of which I would like to quote, "What we need in China is more workers. The harvest is very great, the laborers, oh! so few."

Andrew Murray adds thoughts on this mandate to pray for laborers, "Strange, is it not, that He should ask His disciples to pray for this? And could He not pray Himself? And would not one prayer of His avail more than a thousand of theirs? And God, the Lord of the harvest, did He not see the need? And would not He, in His own good time, send forth labourers without their prayer? Such questions lead us up to the deepest mysteries of prayer, and its power in the Kingdom of God. The answer to such questions will convince us that prayer is indeed a power, on which the ingathering of the harvest and the coming of the Kingdom do in very truth depend."

I encourage you to pray. Pray that God would send laborers, but pray also He would lead you in your giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for international missions.

"How many there are ... who imagine that because Jesus paid it all, they need pay nothing, forgetting that the prime object of their salvation was that they should follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ in bringing back a lost world to God. Why should we not ... instead of the paltry offerings we make, do something that will prove that we are really in earnest in claiming to be followers of him who, though he was rich, for our sake became poor?"

Lottie Moon, Sept. 15, 1887, Tungchow

Daily Prayer Guide **December**

1	Pioneer Baptist Church	Wasilla
2	Rabbit Creek Community Church	Anchorage
3	River in the Desert Community Church	Anchorage
4	Riverside Chapel	King Salmon
5	Salcha Baptist Church	Salcha
6	Samoa Alaska Baptist Church	Anchorage
7	Sand Lake Fellowship	Anchorage
8	Sand Point Chapel	Sand Point
9	Schrock Road Community Church	Wasilla
10	Settler's Bay Community Church	Wasilla
11	Shannon Park Baptist Church	Fairbanks
12	Shungnak Baptist Mission	Shungnak
13	Slavic Bridge	Anchorage
14	Solid Rock Baptist Church	Anchorage
15	St. John Baptist Church	Fairbanks
16	Sunset Hills Baptist Church	Anchorage
17	Tanana Valley Baptist Association	Fairbanks
18	Tenakee Community Church	Juneau
19	The Church at Commodore Park	Anchorage
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	True North Girdwood	Girdwood
26	University Baptist Church	Anchorage
27	University Baptist Church	Fairbanks
28	Upper Tanana Valley Reg Church Planting Center	Tok
29	Valley View Baptist Church	Eagle River
30	Wasilla Korean Baptist Church	Wasilla
31	Whittier Christian Community Church	Whittier

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

**EVERY DAY
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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

January 2015

17 TVBA Executive Board Meeting
26-27 State Evangelism Conference
30-31 TVBA Women's Winter Wake-Up

February 2015

6 Alaska Native Baptist Fellowship
Board Meeting
9-15 Focus on wMu



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Prayer Needs

Personal: Continued strength and courage for my family, since we are a long way from home!

Ministry: A worship leader, and open hearts and doors in the community.

Physical Needs

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2. office furnishings

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