

# MILEPOST ALASKA BAPTIST

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



"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 - 1:30 p.m. Lunch and Q&A with Dr. Floyd

2:30 p.m. Conference concludes for the afternoon

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

**DA Horton**, National Coordinator for Student Urban Missions, North American Mission Board

**Rick Muchow**, Worship Leader, Music Coach and Mentor

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

**RSVP for Tuesday lunch • [betsy@alaskabaptistconvention.com](mailto:betsy@alaskabaptistconvention.com)**

Childcare is not available.

### Women's Winter Wake-Up

"Restore the Joy" (Psalm 51:12)

Friday, January 30 (7-9 pm)

Saturday, January 31 (10 am-2 pm)

(potluck salad lunch on Saturday)

University Baptist Church • Fairbanks

Pre-register for \$20 by January 15

[www.tananavalleybaptistassociation.com](http://www.tananavalleybaptistassociation.com)

Conference hotel: Pikes Waterfront Lodge

\$69/plus tax, double occupancy

deadline: January 15

### Scholarships are available!

Information and application for the Fuhr and Parker scholarships are available online at the Alaska Baptist Foundation website, [www.alaskabaptistfoundation.com](http://www.alaskabaptistfoundation.com) (Services/ Foundation Scholarship Programs). The deadline for application is April 30, 2015. If you have questions, please contact Adam Long, [adam@alaskabaptistfoundation.com](mailto:adam@alaskabaptistfoundation.com), 907.770.0581, 800.883.9627.

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## 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	\$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
Aquillaq Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Big Lake Baptist Church	\$7,964.91	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,164.91
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
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	\$43,567.06	\$5,664.42	\$4,381.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$53,612.48
Comm Bapt Church, Coffman Cove	\$6,306.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,306.50
Comm Baptist Church, Nome	\$1,142.34	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,142.34
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	\$15,510.00	\$0.00	\$340.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,850.00
CrossCountry Church	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Dillingham Bible Fellowship	\$7,690.81	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,690.81
Eagle River Korean Bapt Church	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church	\$3,629.79	\$0.00	\$605.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,234.79
Fairview Loop Baptist Church	\$26,361.93	\$0.00	\$3,357.01	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$29,718.94
Faith Baptist Church	\$8,774.42	\$0.00	\$1,395.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,169.42
False Pass Christian Fellowship	\$592.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$592.25
Filipino Bible Church	\$2,625.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,625.00
First Baptist Church, Anchorage	\$64,820.87	\$2,410.00	\$5,916.59	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$73,147.46
First Baptist Church, Eagle River	\$29,419.30	\$2,325.00	\$5,147.00	\$140.00	\$200.00	\$37,231.30
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	\$24,713.00	\$200.00	\$1,415.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$26,328.50
First Baptist Church, Delta Jct	\$42,688.00	\$4,315.00	\$12,238.00	\$850.00	\$0.00	\$60,091.00
First Baptist Church, Juneau	\$9,168.84	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,168.84
First Baptist Church, Kenai	\$5,610.95	\$436.91	\$1,405.26	\$554.65	\$0.00	\$8,007.77
First Baptist Church, Ketchikan	\$12,866.97	\$3,157.00	\$2,695.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$18,718.97
First Baptist Church, Kotzebue	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
First Baptist Church, Palmer	\$18,333.34	\$0.00	\$2,182.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,515.34
First Baptist Church, Petersburg	\$5,823.29	\$1,635.00	\$860.00	\$470.00	\$0.00	\$8,788.29
First Baptist Church, Sitka	\$7,426.10	\$1,170.00	\$855.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,451.10
First Baptist Church, Soldotna	\$10,247.00	\$1,147.00	\$1,037.50	\$0.00	\$70.00	\$12,501.50
First Baptist Church, Valdez	\$18,509.16	\$1,670.00	\$2,256.00	\$0.00	\$210.00	\$22,645.16
First Baptist Church, Wasilla	\$12,874.32	\$1,042.95	\$1,406.11	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,323.38
First Baptist Church, Willow	\$7,293.10	\$995.00	\$1,534.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,822.10
First Hmong Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$120.00
First Korean Baptist Church	\$1,150.00	\$540.00	\$327.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,017.00
First Native Baptist Church	\$3,503.00	\$0.00	\$554.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,057.00
Friendship Baptist Mission	\$2,776.56	\$580.00	\$1,036.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,392.56
Frontier Baptist 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	\$17,063.66	\$3,320.00	\$3,275.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$23,658.66
Grandview Baptist Church	\$29,941.11	\$3,752.37	\$3,812.00	\$620.00	\$0.00	\$38,125.48
Greater Friendship Baptist Church	\$3,091.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,091.14
Hillside Baptist Church	\$10,869.18	\$335.00	\$550.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$11,804.18
Hydaburg Baptist Mission	\$746.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$746.50
Immanuel Baptist Church	\$1,166.08	\$1,008.25	\$2,649.56	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,823.89
In His Steps Comm Fellowship	\$670.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,170.00
Journey Church	\$310.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$310.00
Juneau Korean Church	\$330.00	\$0.00	\$295.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$625.00
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	\$554.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$554.00
Korean Baptist Mission	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
Korean New Central Bapt Church	\$1,100.00	\$0.00	\$595.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,695.00
Lighthouse Community Church	\$8,039.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,039.00
Living Water Baptist Church	\$576.19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$576.19
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	\$200.00	\$1,236.37
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 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	\$5,985.13	\$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	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$225.00

## January-November 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	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
New Hope Baptist Church	\$10,086.00	\$300.00	\$610.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,996.00
New Hope Fellowship	\$725.00	\$50.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$925.00
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	\$3,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,500.00
River In The Desert Comm Church	\$6,024.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,024.00
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	\$575.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$575.00
Solid Rock Baptist Church	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
St. John Baptist Church	\$9,969.89	\$310.00	\$319.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,598.89
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$20,267.76	\$3,148.00	\$3,655.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$27,071.06
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	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00
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
True North Church	\$6,900.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$11,400.00
True North Church Girdwood	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
True North Downtown	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
UBC-Chinese Fellowship	\$777.00	\$60.00	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,012.00
University Baptist Church, Anch	\$10,414.24	\$1,455.00	\$2,478.31	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,347.55
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	\$1,100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,100.00
Whittier Christian Comm Church	\$870.00	\$220.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,090.00
<b>Grand Totals:</b>	<b>\$656,541.10</b>	<b>\$50,295.24</b>	<b>\$88,566.68</b>	<b>\$7,607.55</b>	<b>\$772.00</b>	<b>\$803,782.57</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>(\$46,294.90)</b>	<b>(\$39,704.76)</b>	<b>(\$6,433.32)</b>	<b>(\$142,392.45)</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>November</b>				
Receipts	\$54,542.18		\$51,137.64	
CP Goal	58,569.33		56,973.25	
Variance	(4,027.15)	-7%	(5,835.61)	-10%
<b>Year-to-Date</b>				
Receipts	\$656,541.10		\$627,004.01	
CP Goal	644,262.63		626,705.75	
Variance	12,278.47	1.91%	298.26	0%

## 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  
First Baptist Church, Soldotna  
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



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# MILEPOST MOMENTS

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

## **Congratulations!**

Nathan and Dominika Buck welcomed their daughter Esther Veronika on November 23 at 12:30 a.m.; 9 lbs 12 ounces. Esther joins two-year-old big brother Daniel Nathan in the Buck family. Nathan is the pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Juneau.

## **Scholarships Available**

Church planters, including online students working on masters degrees, are now eligible for tuition scholarship at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary. Interested persons should contact Dr. Adam Groza, [adamgroza@ggbts.edu](mailto:adamgroza@ggbts.edu) for additional information.

## **WMU Leadership Summit**

National WMU and state WMU leaders in the western United States will host the Western Regional Leadership Summit at Del Norte Baptist Church in Albuquerque,

New Mexico, February 19-21, 2015. This conference is for anyone interested in learning more about leading their church in mission education and involvement. Visit [www.wmu.com/events](http://www.wmu.com/events) for more information, a complete schedule and to register. Hotel reservations must be made separately; special room rates are available at the Albuquerque Marriott.

## **St. John Baptist Church,**

### **Fairbanks**

SJBC celebrated Pastor Lawrence Ellison's sixth anniversary in December with a special fellowship.

## **First Baptist Church, Valdez**

The ladies of FBC had their annual Christmas Tea at the Civic Center.

## **The Church @ Commodore Park,**

### **Anchorage**

On November 30, the Grandview Ladies Trio presented a concert for church mem-



bers. TC@CP is an intentional ministry directed to senior adults. Pictured (l to r): Jennie Lee, Janice Stewart, Carol Beecher, Sylvia Rylander.

## **University Baptist Church,**

### **Fairbanks**

UBC will host the Women's Winter Wake-up, January 30-31. Guest speakers are Angela Jones and IMB missionary L.S.

## **Frontier Baptist Church, Kodiak**

FBC hosted a "Gathering"—a multi-de-

# ALASKA NATIVE SPORTS camp

ALASKA BAPTIST CONVENTION  
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**\$1000 PER PERSON**

**INCLUDES** ROUND TRIP AIRFARE  
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**JULY 25  
TO  
AUGUST 1  
2015**

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE:**  
\$750 DEPOSIT DUE JANUARY 15, 2015  
\$50 PAYMENTS DUE FEBRUARY 1, MARCH 1, APRIL 1, MAY 1 AND JUNE 1

## CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH; NORTH PLATTE, NEBRASKA

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT MIKE PROCTER AT [mike@alaskabaptistconvention.com](mailto:mike@alaskabaptistconvention.com)

nominal meeting of Christians from the villages on Kodiak Island.

**New Beginnings Baptist Church, Seward**

NBBC held a pie feed at one of the local apartment complexes.



**Sunset Hills Baptist Church, Anchorage**

SSBC is looking for a PT Music Minister. Please contact Pastor Don Shannon for information and job description, [don@sunsethills.org](mailto:don@sunsethills.org). Resumes will be accepted until February 15.

## The Impact of Your Mission Offerings

One of the “best kept secrets” of the Alaska Baptist Convention (ABC) is our partnership with the **Alaska Baptist Foundation**. The Alaska Baptist Foundation is the trust agency of the ABC with the **purpose to raise, invest and manage endowment funds and, in so doing, provide income for the support of Alaska and Southern Baptist agencies, institutions, entities and causes**. In 2014, 15 couples were assisted with estate planning. For information on the Alaska Baptist Foundation and assistance with estate planning, contact Adam Long, [adam@alaskabaptist-foundation.com](mailto:adam@alaskabaptist-foundation.com), 907.770.0581 or 800.883.9627.

Women On Mission Celebration  
April 9-11, 2015  
First Baptist Church, Anchorage

ReSt in Him

HEBREWS 4:10-11



**Mike Procter**  
*Executive Director*

As a spiritual discipline for the last few years, I have given up something for the year. Two years ago, I gave up coffee; this past year, I gave up desserts and sweets. I do this as a way to discipline myself. Whenever I am tempted by a dessert, I say a quick prayer of thanksgiving that life is more than what I eat and I do not “live by bread alone.”

This past year, I unintentionally blew it three times: after a restaurant meal, when the waitress gave me an after-dinner mint, I popped it into my mouth; while enjoying the free samples at Costco, I walked by one of the carts and ate the ice cream sandwich sample; and finally, I was feeding a Dairy Queen Blizzard to my grandson Owen, and we were playing the “open up the hangar, here comes the plane” game when I buzzed the plane by his “hangar” and right into mine. After each incident, I immediately realized what I had done and chastised myself for not paying attention.

As I reflect back on my commitment for 2014, I am reminded of the truth that we become children of God and are saved and have our sins forgiven, not because we are able to keep a moral law or through an effort of our own will or by following the Ten Commandments or by trying hard enough. We become children of God because we have received Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. No matter how hard we try, we all fall short...sometimes it is unintentional and sometimes it is with forethought and deliberation, but none of us can earn our salvation or a relationship with the Father through our good works. The only way we can become children of God and receive the gift of forgiveness of sins is by trusting Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. As the Apostle Paul said in Romans 7:24-25, “...who can set me free from my old sinful self? I thank God I can be free through Jesus Christ our Lord”. (New Life Version)

In 2015, I have made a commitment to give up one of my all time favorite foods – chips in any form. As in 2014, I do this, not to gain favor with the Lord, because I am already one of His beloved, but to have control over my body and, when I am weak and ready to yield to temptation, to pray and ask the Lord to give me strength.

As you look forward to 2015, what spiritual discipline do you envision undertaking as you walk with the Lord?

May you be aware of God’s deep and rich blessings He has in store for you in 2015!



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

Have you ever experienced a spiritual awakening either personally or as member of a group? In the past, America has seen moments of deep spiritual resolve and God’s presence has been greatly manifested in the lives of believers. But nationally, we have not seen a transforming movement of God in many years. People talk about the “Jesus movement” which may be closest thing to a pouring out of God’s Spirit evidenced in America in the past 50 years but it did not have a lasting impact. Why has it been so long? Are the heavens closed? Is the fountain dry? Do we have a hunger for God? When was the last time we experienced mourning for our sinfulness? How long has it been since we have been broken over our lack of fervor for God’s presence? Have we forgotten how to be repentant of our sins? Do we long to share the gospel with the lost and are we burdened over the spiritual condition of our neighbors? The tyranny of the urgent will keep us in a fast-paced life, down a road of complacency. I pray the upcoming State Evangelism Conference (SEC) will be the start of a movement of God in our convention, because we need it. Times have changed, people have changed and the culture has changed. It is incumbent on us to seek God’s face and determine the direction we must go to impact lostness in Alaska. I encourage you to invite your church members to be a part of the SEC, January 26-27 at First Baptist Church in Anchorage. One of our speakers is Dr. Ronnie Floyd, president of the Southern Baptist Convention. His platform is spiritual awakening and revival for Southern Baptists. DA Horton, National Coordinator for Student Urban Mission with the North American Mission Board, will share insights into the present generation we need to engage: do you understand how culture has shifted? Are your services and ministries designed to account for the needs of the millennial generation? DA will help us understand some of the shifts we need to make to reach lost millennials. Rick Shepherd, team strategist for the Prayer and Spiritual Awakening Team at the Florida Baptist Convention will talk about our past in order to confront the future. He will recount the great awakenings and what we should look for if we want to see another movement of God. Rick Muchow is a gifted worship leader and has led worship at Saddleback Church since the mid-80s. He will bless you with his lively renditions of songs old and new, that will appeal across the spectrum of our convention. Let’s ask God to bless us as He starts a movement in Alaska.



## **Butch Strickland**

**Director of Church Planting  
and Missions**

It is difficult to leave something behind that has served us well through the years. It is not easy to discover that a new generation is arising that does not look at the world the way we do. The older I get, the more I want to hold on to things that really do not have value to anyone but me. I taught a young adult Sunday school class a few years ago in which one of the young men had a black belt in Tae Kwan Do. I enlisted him to sit next to me in class every Sunday morning and instructed him to swat me any time I said anything like, "You know, when I was a kid..." It was not because I did not value all those wonderful experiences; I just wanted to have a constant "threat" to remind me that God has a future for me. I want to know that God's mercies for yesterday were for yesterday—there are new mercies for today. Jesus confronted two "would be" disciples. One said that burying his father impeded him from looking toward the future of following Jesus. Jesus responded by saying, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another wanted to first say farewell to those at his home and to him Jesus responded, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

Recently, I heard a story about a pastor who challenged his staff to come up with an idea for an evangelism project to do over the Labor Day weekend. They prayed for God to show them what He would have them do. They had a picnic in a park near the church and sixty people accepted Christ and were baptized. The next year came around and the staff came to the pastor, "Don't you think we need to start planning for our church picnic for Labor Day?" to which the pastor replied, "What do you mean?" "Well, we had such great results, we just thought we should do it again." The pastor responded, "But that was what God wanted to do last year. What is it that he wants us to do this year?"

We have a new year in which to anticipate what God wants to do.

*For last year's words belong to last year's  
language*

*And next year's words await another voice.*

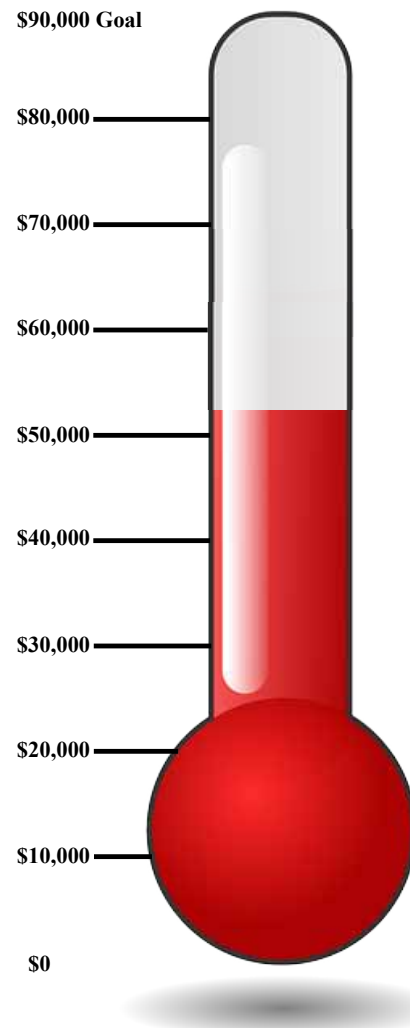
*And to make an end is to make a beginning.*

*T.S. Eliot*



## **Valeria Sherard State Mission Offering**

**\$50,295.24**  
*(as of November 30, 2014)*





# Foundation Builder

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## Where has the time gone?

*Mike Procter, Executive Director/Treasurer*



The sayings, “time flies when you’re having fun” and “the older you get, the faster the time flies” both apply to me. I am getting older and having fun serving the Lord and Alaska Baptists. It seems like just yesterday I was writing my January 2014 “Builder” article and now I am writing my January 2015 article. Where did the time go?

2014 was a good year for the Alaska Baptist Foundation. On January 1, 2014, we had \$5,229,355.23 in various trusts, money management funds and endowments. As of September 30, 2014, we had \$5,857,415.73; an increase of \$628,060.50. Of that amount, \$136,862.49 is in a local credit union, and \$5,720,553.24 is invested with our partner foundation, The Baptist Foundation of Alabama.

In 2014, there was one new ministry trust and one new money management account established. We have approximately 60 different trusts, endowments and money management accounts and several other trusts are currently being established. These were created for a wide range of reasons: to assist local congregations; provide camp scholarships for

children; help bush pastoral couples with travel; assist with Vacation Bible School; help with church planting; assist with church revitalization; help

*“We have approximately 60 different trusts, endowments and money management accounts...”*

with the Valeria Sherard State Mission Offering; help those to attend seminary who have been called to preach; provide travel funds to go to Africa on a mission trip; purchase books for pastors; help with ministry above the Arctic Circle; assist with funding the Alaska Baptist Foundation; provide an appreciation gift for the wives of ministers; and to assist with ministry to shut-ins and those physically challenged. Sixty different trusts – 60 different purposes. Each one is unique and addresses a ministry or mission cause important to the person who established it.

In May, Barry Bledsoe and Nathan McCarthy from The Baptist Foundation of Alabama facilitated awareness con-

ferences across Alaska. Adam Long and I then followed up these conferences with individual meetings and church presentations.

If you have not developed an estate plan or if you need to make revisions to your current one, please contact Adam Long at the Alaska Baptist Foundation ([adam@alaskabaptistfoundation.com](mailto:adam@alaskabaptistfoundation.com), 907.770.0581, 800.883.9627). Through our Alabama partnership, Alaskans are able to take advantage of the estate planning services of Philanthrocorp at no charge. Rebecca and I, and several others, have utilized their services and have been very pleased. They are not selling anything, but will assist you through your estate plan in order to maximize what you are able to leave for your family and the Lord’s work, and minimize what you owe in taxes.

As I look to 2015, I am excited what God has in store for the Alaska Baptist Foundation and how we can partner together with our congregations, ministries and Alaska Baptists to reach our state for Jesus Christ.

**Death is certain. Every adult of sound mind should have a Last Will and Testament (Will) – both husband and wife. No matter how much or how little God has entrusted to you, preparing a Will is part of biblical Christian stewardship. It is especially critical for parents of dependent children.**

**Five reasons why you should make a Will:**

1. to insure that your estate will be distributed according to your desires after your death
2. to avoid misunderstanding among heirs
3. to name a guardian for your children
4. to name an executor of your estate
5. to avoid unnecessary expenses

*January is*  
**Make Your Will Month**

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# Finding money to invest

A recent survey<sup>1</sup> found that a sizable percentage of workers have virtually no money in savings and investments.

Why don't people save (or save more)? More than half cited a basic reason: **cost of living and day-to-day expenses.**

But don't lose heart. Every dollar can count, and *invested* dollars can **compound!**



**What's compounding interest?** Compounding interest shows the power of earning interest on *both* a principal and accrued interest to date.

## 5 ways to find extra funds!



**Round it up.** Look around your life — there's likely money hiding just about everywhere. From your change jar to rebates to cash gifts, small sums abound. Pool it, and once or twice a year, **invest it.** Compounding interest means that small money now could be big money later.



**Invest tax savings.** Rather than sending your money to the government in taxes, invest in yourself instead — with a net zero impact on your budget!

If you're making pre-tax contributions to a 403(b) or 401(k), you're likely reducing your taxable income with your contributions. Consider bumping your contribution by the estimated amount you're potentially saving in taxes. Here's some rough math:

\$500/month contribution =  
reduction of \$6,000 in taxable income<sup>2</sup>  
\$6,000 x 25% (example tax bracket) =  
**\$1,500 extra** to invest annually



**Stop loaning the government money.**

Get a sizable tax return each year? That's money that could be working for *you* throughout the year! Reduce your withholding and invest the difference.



**Prune your bills.** Bills have a way of creeping up without us noticing. Has your cable's "introductory deal" gone to full price? Are you double-paying for streaming services? Have you price-compared your electricity lately? Don't set it and forget it. Pool and **invest** the amount you save.



**Make it a habit.** Automatic savings plans are one of the best tools in your savings tool kit, because they make saving a **habit** — and a powerful one at that. Even \$50/month — what you'll spend in lattes, lunches out and snacks — adds up. That's \$600 more to invest, pain-free! Plus, you're harnessing the power of compounding interest on those additional dollars as you go!

<sup>1</sup>Source: 2014 Retirement Confidence Survey, Employee Benefit Research Institute    <sup>2</sup>Within contribution limits

# 2000 Club

2015 1st Quarter Recipient: Thorne Bay Baptist Church  
project: interior finish construction in church building

Give  
God  
the

GLORY

\$6482.67  
has been  
received for  
4Q 2014\*  
\*as of 11/30/14

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN — JAN • FEB • MAR —

### 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

### March 2015

1-8 Week of Prayer and Mission Study  
and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering  
20-21 Avalanche '15

### Coming up....

Ministers and Spouses Conference  
Thursday - Saturday, April 23 - 25  
Best Western Lake Lucille Inn, Wasilla



prayer for

### The Lankford Family

Tim, Caroline, Boston, Trek

### True North Church - Girdwood

Girdwood

#### Prayer Needs

*Personal:* That we continue to make friends in our community.

*Ministry:* Our weekly services start January 17 and we pray the people of Girdwood will experience the grace of God.

#### Physical Needs

1. 8-foot truss / sound equipment cables
2. nursery toys

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