

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

Love Does...

(1 John 4:20)

Avalanche '15 • Youth Evangelism Conference

Friday and Saturday, March 20-21

Anchorage Baptist Temple

Friday, 6-10 • Saturday, 8:30-Noon, 1:30-5:30

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Alaska Baptist Convention

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God's Plan for Sharing in Alaska						
Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
Alaska Lu-Mienh First Bapt Church	\$785.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$785.00
Anchor Baptist Church	\$877.25	\$455.00	\$195.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,527.25
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	\$10,071.49	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,052.00	\$0.00	\$12,323.49
Bodenburg Butte Baptist Church	\$7,406.99	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$395.00	\$0.00	\$7,801.99
Calvary Baptist Church	\$4,731.70	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$815.00	\$0.00	\$6,546.70
Christ Community Church	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$552.55	\$0.00	\$652.55
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	\$48,170.35	\$5,664.42	\$4,381.00	\$0.00	\$384.67	\$58,600.44
Comm Bapt Church, Coffman Cove	\$6,306.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,306.50
Community Baptist Church, Nome	\$1,282.34	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,282.34
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	\$18,583.00	\$0.00	\$340.00	\$2,280.00	\$0.00	\$21,203.00
CrossCountry Church	\$1,650.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,650.00
Dillingham Bible Fellowship	\$8,413.42	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,413.42
Eagle River Korean Baptist Church	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church	\$4,262.66	\$288.00	\$605.00	\$491.52	\$0.00	\$5,647.18
Fairview Loop Baptist Church	\$26,361.93	\$0.00	\$3,357.01	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$29,718.94
Faith Baptist Church	\$10,803.03	\$0.00	\$1,395.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,198.03
False Pass Christian Fellowship	\$592.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$592.25
Filipino Bible Church	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00
First Baptist Church, Anchorage	\$68,353.75	\$5,451.60	\$5,916.59	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$80,221.94
First Baptist Church, Eagle River	\$32,506.32	\$2,925.00	\$5,147.00	\$405.00	\$718.57	\$41,701.89
First Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$7,310.63	\$1,015.00	\$1,336.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,661.63
First Baptist Church, North Pole	\$28,234.00	\$200.00	\$1,415.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$29,849.50
First Baptist Church, Delta Jct	\$48,481.00	\$4,315.00	\$12,238.00	\$1,025.00	\$0.00	\$66,059.00
First Baptist Church, Juneau	\$9,990.13	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,990.13
First Baptist Church, Kenai	\$6,410.65	\$582.31	\$1,550.66	\$800.05	\$0.00	\$9,343.67
First Baptist Church, Ketchikan	\$13,955.90	\$3,157.00	\$2,695.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$19,827.90
First Baptist Church, Kotzebue	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
First Baptist Church, Palmer	\$21,666.66	\$1,494.50	\$2,182.00	\$1,992.50	\$0.00	\$27,335.66
First Baptist Church, Petersburg	\$6,463.30	\$1,635.00	\$860.00	\$470.00	\$0.00	\$9,428.30
First Baptist Church, Sitka	\$8,199.52	\$1,170.00	\$855.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,224.52
First Baptist Church, Soldotna	\$10,247.00	\$1,147.00	\$1,037.50	\$0.00	\$70.00	\$12,501.50
First Baptist Church, Valdez	\$23,028.03	\$1,670.00	\$2,256.00	\$4,558.41	\$210.00	\$31,722.44
First Baptist Church, Wasilla	\$14,018.81	\$1,042.95	\$1,406.11	\$6,988.45	\$0.00	\$23,456.32
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	\$1,300.00	\$540.00	\$327.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,167.00
First Native Baptist Church	\$3,503.00	\$0.00	\$554.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,057.00
Friendship Baptist Mission	\$3,339.79	\$580.00	\$1,036.00	\$1,240.00	\$0.00	\$6,195.79
Frontier Southern Bapt Church	\$3,860.90	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,860.90
Gilead Ministries	\$2,187.50	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,237.50
Glacier Valley Baptist Church	\$18,353.09	\$3,320.00	\$3,275.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$24,948.09
Grandview Baptist Church	\$36,646.23	\$3,772.37	\$3,812.00	\$5,650.89	\$0.00	\$49,881.49
Greater Friendship Bapt Church	\$3,540.99	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,540.99
Hillside Baptist Church	\$12,999.83	\$335.00	\$550.00	\$2,240.00	\$50.00	\$16,174.83
Hydaburg Baptist Mission	\$746.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$746.50
Immanuel Baptist Church	\$1,421.57	\$1,008.25	\$2,756.62	\$4,229.54	\$0.00	\$9,415.98
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	\$390.00	\$0.00	\$295.00	\$320.00	\$0.00	\$1,005.00
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	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$595.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,795.00
Lighthouse Community Church	\$9,644.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,644.50
Living Water Baptist Church	\$704.19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$704.19
Malamalama Fou Church	\$110.00	\$35.00	\$80.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$275.00
Misc. Contributors-Cash	\$0.37	\$1,136.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$240.00	\$1,376.37
Montana Creek Baptist Church	\$11,797.59	\$395.00	\$367.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,559.59
Moose Creek Baptist Church	\$8,379.22	\$767.34	\$1,638.26	\$1,429.40	\$0.00	\$12,214.22
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	\$6,623.13	\$0.00	\$970.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,593.13
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
Mountain View Community Church	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00

January-December 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	\$1,626.62	\$0.00	\$175.78	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,802.40
New Birth Christian Church	\$950.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,250.00
New Grace Christian Church	\$2,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,250.00
New Hope Baptist Church	\$11,276.00	\$300.00	\$610.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,186.00
New Hope Fellowship	\$900.00	\$50.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,100.00
North Bear Street Baptist 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	\$2,055.11	\$140.00	\$249.50	\$0.00	\$42.00	\$2,486.61
Rabbit Creek Comm Church	\$3,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$4,900.00
River In The Desert Comm Church	\$6,834.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,834.00
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	\$844.49	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$844.49
Sand Lake Fellowship	\$47.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$47.50
Sand Point Baptist Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Schrock Road Comm Church	\$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	\$1,029.09	\$600.00	\$300.00	\$1,930.76	\$0.00	\$3,859.85
Shungnak Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Slavic Bridge	\$725.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$725.00
Solid Rock Baptist Church	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
St. John Baptist Church	\$11,138.18	\$310.00	\$319.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$11,917.18
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$24,680.38	\$3,378.00	\$3,655.30	\$3,613.50	\$0.00	\$35,327.18
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	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$60.00
The Crossing @ Birchwood	\$4,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,400.00
Thorne Bay Baptist Church	\$630.77	\$10.00	\$314.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$964.77
Togiak Baptist Mission	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
True North Church	\$7,600.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$12,100.00
True North Downtown	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
True North Church Girdwood	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
UBC-Chinese Fellowship	\$849.00	\$60.00	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,084.00
University Baptist Church, Anch	\$12,343.39	\$1,455.00	\$2,478.31	\$1,704.00	\$0.00	\$17,980.70
University Baptist Church, Fbks	\$13,690.00	\$1,423.00	\$4,883.00	\$515.00	\$0.00	\$20,511.00
Valley View Baptist Church	\$4,750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$7,750.00
Wasilla Korean Baptist Church	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
Whittier Christian Comm Church	\$1,020.00	\$220.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,240.00
Totals:	\$736,528.53	\$57,907.74	\$88,869.14	\$51,663.71	\$1,715.24	\$936,684.36
Goals:	\$702,836.00	\$90,000.00	\$95,000.00	\$150,000.00		
Over/Under Budget:	\$33,692.53	(\$32,092.26)	(\$6,130.86)	(\$98,336.29)		

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	
December				
Receipts	\$79,987.43		\$73,208.64	
CP Goal	58,569.33		56,973.25	
Variance	21,418.10	37%	16,235.39	28%
Year-to-Date				
Receipts	\$736,528.53		\$700,212.65	
CP Goal	702,836.00		683,679.00	
Variance	33,692.53	4.79%	16,533.65	2%

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



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



Scholarships are available!

Information and application for the Fuhr and Parker scholarships are available online at the Alaska Baptist Foundation website, 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, 907.770.0581, 800.883.9627.

Keep Your Ministry Safe With Background Checks

Background checks should be an important part of your safety and security program.

LifeWay.com/backgroundchecks
800.464.2799



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



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HEBREWS 4:10-11

Conference hotel: Clarion Suites Downtown • 907.929.6461 • use code: ABC-WOM • Deadline March 26



Here, there and EVERYWHERE!

4 ways to protect your ministry on the go

Traveling internationally presents challenges on and off the road. Your ministry extends well beyond your church's four walls and steeple. Whether it's youth summer camp or a mission trip, on-the-go congregations can put you at risk.

Here are four ways to keep your off-site outings fun – and safe – so you can focus on what's important.

#1: Vehicle safety

Whether you're driving across town or crossing state lines, it is best to have an experienced driver behind the wheel. You want to make sure they know how to handle the vehicle and respond appropriately to the distractions that come with multiple passengers.

TIP: Make sure your commercial auto insurance policy includes coverage for hired and non-owned vehicles used for church business. This will protect your ministry and the volunteers who graciously agree to use their personal vehicles or drive a rental vehicle on a church outing.

#2: Domestic mission trip

Trips within the U.S. and Canada mean you're likely providing your own transportation and using church equipment. But did you know you're also packing a unique risk alongside the boxes you're loading into the church van?

TIP: Once it's in a vehicle for transportation, church property—such as AV equipment or instruments—is often not covered by a typical property insurance policy. Ask your insurance agent about adding Inland Marine insurance to your current package. The protection this additional coverage adds becomes extremely valuable in the event of loss or damage while your property is on the move.

Preparedness

is key.

Create a

solid plan

to avoid

mishaps

wherever

possible –

and have

the right

coverage

should a loss

occur.

#3: International mission trip

Traveling internationally typically requires more preparation than a domestic mission trip, including packing, luggage and communication. Make sure everyone in your party has proper identification and documentation, including passports, required visas and insurance ID cards. And keep the main focus on the safety of the individuals on the trip.

TIP: It is always advisable to carry workers' compensation insurance for your staff members, but did you know you need to add Foreign Voluntary Workers' Compensation to cover work-related injuries while you are out of the country? Talk to your agent about this coverage. And don't forget to discuss additional coverage your employees and volunteers may need on short-term international mission trips, including Emergency Medical, Repatriation, Legal Assistance, Trip Cancellation Expenses, Foreign Auto and General Liability insurance.

#4: Camp and activities

Summer camp, ski trips and other off-site activities help build community among your congregation. Make sure your staff plans ahead so you can help mitigate some of the risks involved in hosting an event off campus.

TIP: Carefully read the contractual agreements a vendor requires you to sign in order to use their facility. If there is language asking your ministry to assume liability, have your attorney or insurance provider review the agreements to make sure it is acceptable to both you and your insurer. Always remember: There are other options, so don't agree to use a facility if you are not comfortable signing the agreement.

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MILEPOST MOMENTS

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

Condolences

Our condolences to Willie Tauanuu (Samoa Alaska Baptist Church, Anchorage) in the death of his father on December 17. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at samoaalaskamission@yahoo.com

Church @ Commodore Park,

Anchorage

CCP hosted Sylvia Rylander and Marcia Stratman for a Christmas concert featuring handbells.



First Baptist Church, North Pole

FBC hosted a retirement banquet on January 4 in honor of long-time

member and church secretary Virginia Beach.

First Baptist Church, Petersburg

FBC held an appreciation potluck for Earl and Shannon Midkiff for their years of faithful service to the church. In November, the church voted to make Earl a pastor emeritus.

First Baptist Church, Kotzebue

Member Josh Roetman, a senior, recently earned the award of "Outstanding Wrestler" after winning his weight class at the Reno Tournament of Champions, in Reno, Nevada. Billed as the toughest tournament in the United States, the meet draws many of the best high school wrestlers from all over the country and is considered an unofficial national championship. Way to go, Josh!

University Baptist Church,

Fairbanks

UBC hosted the Women's Winter Wake-up, January 30-31. Guest

speakers were Angela Jones and IMB missionary L.S. UBC will hold their annual food drive on February 1 to benefit the Fairbanks Food Bank. On Thursdays, a group will conduct a fitness class, a Christian alternative to yoga. The youth group will host the annual Valentine Banquet.

New Beginnings Baptist Church, Seward

NBBC distributed Christmas shoeboxes to several children living in the community.



New Birth Christian Church,

Fairbanks

NBCC will hold their annual conference, February 19-20. For more information or to register to attend, please call 907.460.4375 or e-mail admin@newbirthchristianchurch.us.

Paid Internship

Brentwood Baptist Church in Tennessee is launching "The Ministry Residency," a one-year residential experience that equips the next generation of pastors, ministers and church planters to serve and lead the local church. Applications are accepted through March 1, 2015, for ten available spots. Contact bdo-dridge@brentwoodbaptist.com for additional information.

Scholarships Available

Church planters, including online students working on masters de-

The Impact of Your Mission Offerings

A small camp in Delta Junction, **Camp Baldwin** is a place that brings college-aged missionaries into servant leadership responsibilities; they are brought face-to-face with the reality "dependence upon God is required for God's work to be done in them and through them." While the camp motto is "a little camp with a big God", after years of training servant leaders, Camp Baldwin is having a "big" impact felt through church planters, International Mission Board missionaries, Baptist Collegiate Ministries workers, missions coordinators, camp counselors and teachers. **The real beneficiaries of God's missionary training are the youth and children who return to Camp Baldwin each year because they are loved and served by counselors and staff who endeavor to share the love of Christ in discipleship and evangelism.** When people give to missions, they may not realize how much fruit can be produced. Camp Baldwin continues to be a place that produces a tangible harvest. Through God's grace and provision, we will continue to minister as He provides.

grees, are now eligible for tuition scholarship at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary. Interested persons should contact Dr. Adam Groza, 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 for more information, a complete schedule and to register. Hotel reservations must be made separately; special room rates are available at the Albuquerque Marriott.

3-D CHURCH

DISCOVER, DEVELOP, DEPLOY

What does it look like to be part of intentionally building up this next generation? There are three areas of focus a church should build into its DNA to help develop the next generation of those who will faithfully live out the Great Commission:

DISCOVER

Leaders make it their jobs to draw out the called from all ages and commitment levels of their church community. Seeking out and recognizing the “missionaries among them” -- from short-term to career -- is the key ingredient for a “discover” culture.

DEVELOP

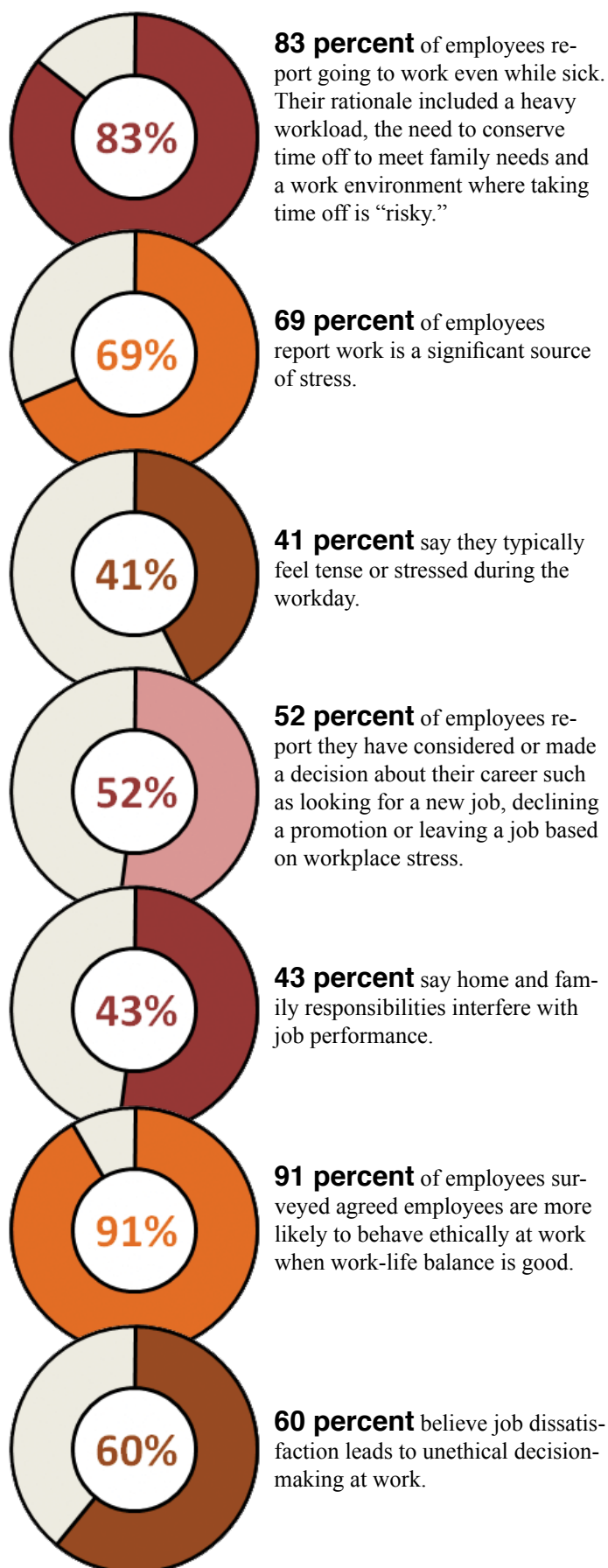
Leaders make intentional gospel ministry a part of their church’s genetic code. At every level of church ministry, a strong and urgent sense of discipleship creates a mentoring culture that transfuses a clear understanding and sense of mission calling into its members.

DEPLOY

Leaders develop a sending culture, seeing their congregation as the commissioning body for future missionaries. Learning, praying, giving and going are the lifeblood and responsibility of the local church or a group of local churches.

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Workplace Stress



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Mike Procter
Executive Director

A common “ailment” from which many people suffer as they grow older is the impression that time speeds up. Those in my generation know what I am talking about. Birthdays seem to occur, not every 365 days but, in a much shorter time span. Recently, I was bemoaning this “truth” to a young adult and he responded good-naturedly with, “it is always faster going downhill than up.” I would like to say I did not know what he meant but, unfortunately, I understood completely. My eyesight and hearing are not what they used to be; it is not as easy to lose weight; and I am not able to run as fast or as far. It seems with each passing birthday, I am unable to leap over tall buildings, outrun a speeding bullet or be stronger than a powerful locomotive. Oh, where does time go?

Recently, I read an article and was pleased to learn I will gain extra time in 2015! On June 30, scientists will add one extra second to the final minute of the day. Imagine that! We get an extra second to our lives! But how long is an extra second? According to atomic time, it is exactly 9,192,631,770 oscillations of a cesium-133 atom. The Bible says a lot about time:

- Romans 13:11 indicates that it is time for Christians to *wake up from our complacency*
 - Ephesians 5:16 says we should be *redeeming the time*
 - Revelation 1:3 reminds us that *time is at hand*
- We need to be wise stewards of this precious gift...the gift of time.

Many years ago, C.T. Studd wrote a multi-verse poem. Most of us have never read the poem but may be familiar with two lines that are repeated at the end of every verse:

**Only one life, ‘twill soon be past,
Only what’s done for Christ will last**

What are you doing for Jesus Christ that will make a difference in time and eternity?



Jimmy Stewart
Director of Evangelism and Church Development

As a young teen, I remember great fun in using firecrackers to blow things up. I experienced joy seeing the smoke and hearing the sound of destruction. Recently I watched a video featuring an interview with the CEO of General Electric and one thing he mentioned was the need for leaders to drastically change— in essence to “blow up” their organizations – every five years or so. That seemed radical especially for an organization that employs 300,000 people worldwide. But I thought about his statement and how it might also apply to our church leadership. God never changes but does that mean our churches should never change? I guess the big question is why does an organization need to change? In the case of General Electric, the CEO indicated management had become entrenched and disconnected from their customers. Are we facing the same thing in our churches? When I served as pastor, I found it easy to focus on the needs of the church membership and have little time for those outside the church, leading to a myopic ministry. When a church body starts focusing on the desires of the members rather than the needs of the community, they may need to “blow up” their organized apathy toward the lost. Have you done an accounting lately to determine the effectiveness of your ministry or organization? Does it lack a burden for the lost as indicated by a lack of connection with your local community? It is imperative we stay connected with our “customer” – the community – not just church members.

I have already blown up something in 2015. Our youth evangelism conference (Avalanche) has operated the same way for a very long time. Youth have changed and their interests have changed as well. This young generation is not interested in being spectators; they want to be involved. This year, Avalanche will give our youth an opportunity to participate on many levels. This year’s event is designed with activities in mind. The students who attend will be challenged to invest their talents and abilities, expressing themselves through music, arts, public speaking and scripture. There will be ample opportunity for students to grow in their faith, with evangelism as a major emphasis. I hope you will enlist your leaders now and get your youth on board to have a new experience highlighting their God-given talent and abilities. Be sure to encourage unchurched youth to attend with your group. The event is March 20-21 and will be held in the gym at Anchorage Baptist Temple. The cost is \$20 per person, payable at the door. I am looking forward to seeing leaders and youth in March at Avalanche ’15!



Butch Strickland

**Director of Church Planting
and Missions**

“But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.” Acts 8:40 ESV

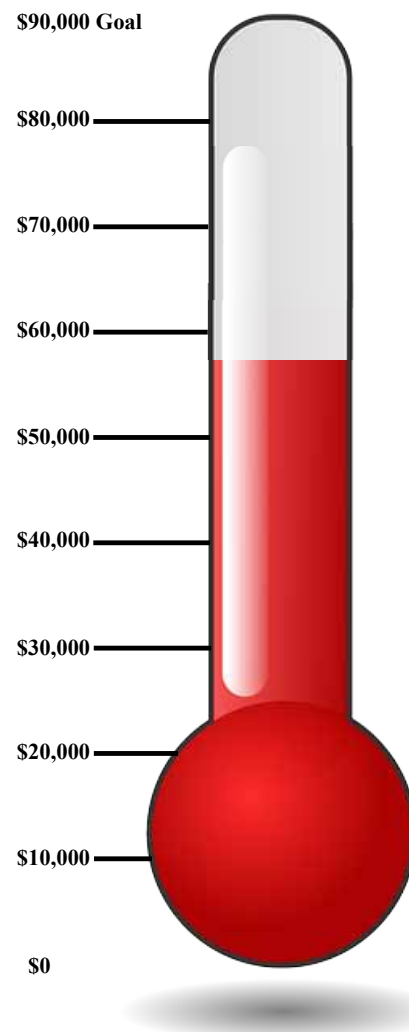
Philip was never idle. As he traveled, he preached in all the cities until he came to Caesarea. He was settled in a house of his own when Paul visited him in Acts 21:8. There are a couple of expressions in this verse that I like; first, Philip found himself at Azotus. It reminds me of an old adage I heard as a young preacher which holds true of Philip – “God is more interested *that* we preach than He is in *where* we preach.” It did not matter where Philip *found himself*, he preached the gospel. Second, Luke is sure to mention that Philip went to *all the towns* until he came to Caesarea. He wasn’t content until everyone had a chance to hear the gospel. Something that Luke does not mention is interesting as well; he says nothing about the success or failure of Philip. I do not look at this as an omission by Luke or that he was unaware of Philip’s success or failure. I see it as an expression of Luke’s confidence that the gospel was always going to be the power of God unto salvation.

We have been praying Matthew 9:38 at 9:38 in the morning and evening. The passage tells us one of Jesus’ priorities in prayer. We are to pray to the Lord of the harvest that He would send laborers to the harvest. I encourage you to continue those prayers but with a little twist. This year, we want to dedicate that prayer time to the 100 villages in Alaska where there is no evangelical witness. Philip preached to *all the towns* until he came to Caesarea. All the towns! We cannot let there be a lapse or an omission when it comes to preaching the gospel. We cannot let one village in Alaska be skipped over. Like Philip, let us preach to all the towns and may the Lord tarry until every last one has been reached.



Valeria Sherard State Mission Offering

\$57,907.74
(as of December 31, 2014)



2000 Club

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

**Give
God
the GLORY**

\$8487.67
has been
received for
4Q 2014*
***as of 12/31/14**

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN — FEB • MAR • APR —

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

April 2015

5 Easter
9-11 Women on Mission Celebration
18 TVBA Executive Board meeting
21 CBA Semi-Annual meeting
22 New Pastor and full-time staff orientation
23-25 Ministers and Spouses Conference
27 HPBA VBS Training
28 CBA VBS Training
30 Kenai/Soldotna VBS Training
May 2 TVBA VBS Training



pray for

The Gay Family
 Clifton and Gail

Gilead Ministries

Anchorage

Prayer Needs

Personal: God will keep us physically, spiritually and mentally healthy while we do His will.

Ministry: God will continue to add daily to our church and ministry; members will be obedient and faithful to their call.

Physical Needs

1. assistance with church renovation
2. a van, cots, sleeping bags, sound system, office equipment, kitchen cabinets, refrigerator, computer

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