



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



Session • 7:00 - 9:00 pm

refreshments served at end of session

Session • 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Registration • 8:30 a.m. Session • 9:00 am - Noon Lunch served With reservation

Special Guests:

Amy Boone, National WMU Ministry Consultant for Adult Audiences, Lorna Bius, NAMB Missionary and LS, IMB Missionary

Lunch served on Saturday with reservation. Hotel, lunch and childcare reservations due by March 25 No registration or childcare fee this year. Registration is still requested and is required for the luncheon and childcare.

Daily Prayer Guide

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1	Journey Church	Wasilla
2	Juneau Korean Church	
3	Kasaan Mission	Thorne Bay
4	Ketchikan Filipino Baptist Miss	ion
5	Kiana Baptist Mission	
6	Kobuk Baptist Mission	
7	Korean Baptist Mission	Fairbanks
8	Korean New Central Baptist Ch	nurch
	·	Anchorage
9	Kuparuk Preaching Point	
10	Lighthouse Community Church	n Nikiski
11	Living Water Baptist Church	
	,	Anchorage
12	Malamalama Fou Church	J
		Whittier
13	Montana Creek Baptist Church	1
	·	Talkeetna
14	Moose Creek Baptist Church	
	·	North Pole
15	Moose Pass Community Churc	ch
16	Moriah Fellowship	Peters Creek
17	Moriah Military Church Plant	Palmer
18	Morning Star Baptist Church	Healy
19	Mount Pleasant Baptist Churc	h .
	·	Fairbanks
20	Mount Redoubt Baptist Churc	h Kenai
21	Mountain View Community Cl	nurch
		Anchorage
22	Muldoon Road Baptist Church	
		Anchorage
23	New Beginnings Baptist Churc	h
		Seward
24	New Birth Christian Church	Fairbanks
25	New Grace Christian Church	
		Anchorage
26	New Hope Baptist Church	Anchorage
27	New Hope Fellowship	Haines
28	North Bear Street Baptist Chui	rch
		Wasilla
29	North Tongass Baptist Church	
		Ward Cove
30	OnMission Church	Palmer
31	Peters Creek Church Plant	



God's Plan for Sharing in Alaska

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
Alaska Iu-Mienh First Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Anchor Baptist Church	\$87.93	\$455.00	\$0.00	\$590.00	\$0.00	\$1,132.93
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	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,152.00	\$0.00	\$1,152.00
Bodenburg Butte Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$395.00	\$0.00	\$395.00
Calvary Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$815.00	\$0.00	\$1,815.00
Christ Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$552.55	\$0.00	\$552.55
City on a Hill Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
College Heights Baptist Church	\$4,022.08	\$5,664.42	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,686.50
Comm Baptist Church, Coffman Cove	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Community Baptist Church, Nome Cowboy Church of Anchorage	\$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00
Cross Roads Baptist Church	\$0.00 \$1,180.00	\$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$2,880.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$4,060.00
CrossCountry Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Dillingham Bible Fellowship	\$1,196.07	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,196.07
Eagle River Korean Baptist Church	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$288.00	\$0.00	\$491.52	\$0.00	\$779.52
Fairview Loop Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Faith Baptist Church	\$4,370.14	\$1,125.00	\$0.00	\$2,850.00	\$0.00	\$8,345.14
False Pass Christian Fellowship	\$130.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$130.00
Filipino Bible Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church, Anchorage	\$4,732.81	\$5,451.60	\$0.00	\$7,192.25	\$0.00	\$17,376.66
First Baptist Church, Eagle River	\$3,070.06	\$2,925.00	\$0.00	\$4,873.00	\$405.00	\$11,273.06
First Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$0.00	\$1,015.00	\$0.00	\$2,055.00	\$0.00	\$3,070.00
First Baptist Church, North Pole	\$1,658.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$1,327.75	\$0.00	\$3,185.75
First Baptist Church, Delta Junction	\$6,358.00	\$4,315.00	\$0.00	\$1,025.00	\$0.00	\$11,698.00
First Baptist Church, Juneau	\$657.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$777.20
First Baptist Church, Kenai	\$701.05	\$709.77	\$127.46	\$1,992.51	\$0.00	\$3,530.79
First Baptist Church, Ketchikan	\$1,288.96	\$3,157.00	\$0.00	\$1,965.00	\$0.00	\$6,410.96
First Baptist Church, Kotzebue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church, Palmer	\$0.00	\$1,494.50	\$0.00	\$2,128.50	\$0.00	\$3,623.00
First Baptist Church, Petersburg	\$497.49	\$1,635.00	\$0.00	\$470.00	\$0.00	\$2,602.49
First Baptist Church, Sitka	\$659.27	\$1,170.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,829.27
First Baptist Church, Soldotna	\$0.00	\$1,147.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,147.00
First Baptist Church, Valdez	\$0.00	\$1,670.00	\$0.00	\$4,558.41	\$0.00	\$6,228.41
First Baptist Church, Wasilla	\$2,703.61	\$1,042.95	\$0.00	\$6,988.45	\$0.00	\$10,735.01
First Baptist Church, Willow	\$741.79	\$995.00	\$0.00	\$5,045.72	\$0.00	\$6,782.51
First Hmong Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00 \$540.00	\$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00 \$690.00
First Korean Baptist Church First Native Baptist Church	\$150.00 \$0.00	\$340.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00
Friendship Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$580.00	\$0.00	\$1,240.00	\$0.00	\$1,820.00
Frontier Southern Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gilead Ministries	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Glacier Valley Baptist Church	\$1,974.70	\$3,320.00	\$0.00	\$6,477.00	\$0.00	\$11,771.70
Grandview Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$3,772.37	\$0.00	\$5,650.89	\$0.00	\$9,423.26
Greater Friendship Baptist Church	\$417.59	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$417.59
Hillside Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$335.00	\$0.00	\$2,240.00	\$0.00	\$2,575.00
Hydaburg Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Immanuel Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$1,008.25	\$0.00	\$4,229.54	\$0.00	\$5,237.79
In His Steps Community Fellowship	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Journey Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Juneau Korean Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$320.00	\$0.00	\$320.00
Kasaan Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ketchikan Filipino Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Kiana Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Kobuk Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Korean Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Korean New Central Baptist Church	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$560.00	\$0.00	\$660.00
Lighthouse Community Church	\$421.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$421.00
Living Water Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Malamalama Fou Church	\$0.00	\$35.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$285.00
Misc. Contributors-Cash Montana Creek Baptist Church	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$1,136.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$1,136.00
		\$395.00	\$0.00			\$395.00
Moose Creek Baptist Church Moose Pass Community Church	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$767.34 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$1,429.40 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$2,196.74 \$0.00
Moriah Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00
Morning Star Baptist Church	\$1,156.00	\$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$1,115.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$2,271.00
Mount Pleasant Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,271.00
Mount Redoubt Baptist Church	\$1,200.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,200.00
Mountain View Community Church	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
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January 2015 Gifts from ABC Churches

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
Muldoon Road Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Beginnings Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Birth Christian Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Grace Christian Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Hope Baptist Church	\$1,057.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,357.00
New Hope Fellowship	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
North Bear Street Baptist Church	\$264.45	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$264.45
North Tongass Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
OnMission Church	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Pioneer Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$140.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$140.00
Rabbit Creek Community Church	\$750.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$2,150.00
River In The Desert Comm Church	\$360.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$360.00
Riverside Chapel	\$495.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$495.00
Roots Family Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Salcha Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,020.00	\$0.00	\$4,020.00
Samoa Alaska Baptist Church	\$30.88	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30.88
Sand Lake Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sand Point Baptist Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Schrock Road Community Church	\$0.00	\$408.00	\$0.00	\$664.00	\$0.00	\$1,072.00
Settler's Bay Community Church	\$0.00	\$47.00	\$0.00	\$901.14	\$0.00	\$948.14
Shannon Park Baptist Church	\$147.46	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$2,430.76	\$0.00	\$3,178.22
Shungnak Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Slavic Bridge	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Solid Rock Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
St. John Baptist Church	\$652.57	\$310.00	\$0.00	\$275.00	\$0.00	\$1,237.57
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$3,378.00	\$0.00	\$3,613.50	\$0.00	\$6,991.50
Tenakee Community Church	\$342.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$342.75
The Church @ Commodore Park	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$30.00
The Crossing @ Birchwood	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Thorne Bay Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$20.00
Togiak Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
True North Church	\$1,400.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,120.00	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	\$12,020.00
True North Church Girdwood	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
UBC-Chinese Fellowship	\$125.00	\$160.00	\$0.00	\$465.00	\$0.00	\$750.00
University Baptist Church, Anchorage		\$1,455.00	\$0.00	\$1,854.00	\$0.00	\$4,081.20
University Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$1,136.00	\$1,423.00	\$0.00	\$3,506.86	\$0.00	\$6,065.86
Valley View Baptist Church	\$1,437.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,437.50
Wasilla Korean Baptist Church	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Whittier Christian Community Church		\$220.00	\$0.00	\$125.00	\$100.00	\$445.00
Grand Totals: Goals: Over/Under Goal:	\$49,019.56 \$704,393.00 \$655,373.44)	\$60,260.20 \$90,000.00 (\$29,739.80)	\$2,247.46 \$95,000.00 (\$92,752.54)	\$103,764.75 \$150,000.00 (\$46,235.25)	\$505.00	\$215,796.97

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

	2015		2014	
January				
Receipts	\$49,019.56		\$53,435.74	
CP Goal	58,699.41		58,569.66	
Variance	(9,679.85)	-16.49%	(5,133.92)	-8.77%
Year-to-Date				
Receipts	\$49,019.56		\$53,435.74	
CP Goal	58,699.41		58,569.66	
Variance	(9,679.85)	-16.49%	(5,133.92)	-8.77%

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



important scholarship information

Fuhr Scholarship:

For those planning to attend an undergraduate university, college, or an approved and accredited vocational training school the deadline to return all materials to the Foundation office is April 30, 2015. In order to be considered complete, please see the website (www.alaskabaptistfoundation.com/services/Foundation scholarship programs) for all necessary documentation. To receive the full yearly amount, students must provide proof of enrollment for both the fall and spring semesters. An applicant who does not provide this information by the specified due dates will be deemed to have forfeited any claim to scholarship money for the academic year.

Parker Scholarship:

For men interested in becoming pastors, or current pastors wishing to continue their education in seminary (masters or doctoral level programs), review the material on the website (www.alaskabaptistfoundation.com/services/Foundation scholarship programs). Please note the <u>April 30 deadline</u> also applies for the Parker scholarship. Please review the Parker scholarship brochure for specific required materials.



"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord," plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Seremish 29:11

Ministers & Spouses Conference

Thursday-Saturday, April 23-25, 2015
Best Western Lake Lucille Inn, Wasilla
Conference begins Thursday, 3:00 p.m.
Concludes Saturday, 1:30 p.m.



price includes two nights lodging, all meals, snacks and conference materials

Register your attendance by e-mailing

betsy@alaskabaptistconvention.com by April 9

Registration fee must be postmarked by April 9 and mailed to:
Alaska Baptist Convention, 1750 O'Malley Road, Anchorage, AK 99507



Alaska Goal: \$95,000



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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 \$20 per person, payable at the door

This year will feature breakouts, competitions and prizes! Get your team ready!



MILEPOST MOMENTS

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

<u>Upper Tanana Valley Regional</u> <u>Church Planting Center</u>

Alan Dial has announced his retirement effective August 31, 2015. Alan has served as the Alaska Native Church Planter Catalyst for the Alaska Baptist Convention since 2010. You can send Alan and Babs a note of appreciation at alan@alaskabaptist-convention.com.

First Baptist Church, Petersburg

This plaque was presented to Earl Midkiff in honor of his appointment as pastor emeritus at FBC.



<u>University Baptist Church,</u> <u>Fairbanks</u>

A group of youth from UBC will attend Avalanche '15 in Anchorage.

First Baptist Church, Soldotna

Brian Moore resigned as associate pastor of FBC at the end of February.

Grandview Baptist Church,

Anchorage

On March 19, GBC will celebrate the 15th anniversary of pastor Randy Graham.

Laverne Griffin Youth Recreation Camp

- Alaska Native Youth Camp (coed camp for grades 7-12), June 8-12
- X-Faith Youth Camp (coed camp for grades 7-12), June 15-19
- Boys Camp (for grades 1-6), June 22-26
- Girls Camp (for grades 1-6), June 29-July 3

"Early Bird" registration price for all camps (postmarked by May 15) is



2015 State Evangelism Conference featured guests: (pictured l to r) Dr. Ronnie Floyd (president SBC), Rick Shepherd (Florida Baptist Convention), Rick Muchow (worship leader), DA Horton (church planter), Jimmy Stewart (ABC).

The Impact of Your Mission Offerings

Camping ministry in Alaska is one of the most effective ways we can cooperatively work to lead young people to Christ. Laverne Griffin Youth Recreation Camp (LGYRC) has become a place where souls are saved and lives are changed, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Your mission support allows LGYRC to serve the wonderful people of Alaska through camps, retreats, mission opportunities and service projects. Your generosity empowers the camp to provide hands-on training for NAMB summer missionaries from all over the country, scholarships for children and teens who would otherwise be unable to attend camp, as well as a place for volunteers and mission teams to experience what it means to be a servant. LGYRC is a vital ministry, sharing the saving message of Jesus with scores of people, from all over Alaska and beyond. Thank you for making an eternal investment in camp ministry through your continued and faithful support.

Training Teens Today (T3) June 13-19, 2015

Laverne Griffin Youth
Recreation Camp
full application and payment
deadline is <u>April 15</u>

Go to www.alaskabaptistconvention.com click on "events"

- application
- signature page
- Ten Commandments
 - questionnaire
- medical release form
- \$200 payment due send everything to the ABC office!

\$185; after May 15, the price for all camps is \$195. Call the camp for additional information, 907.376.6887.

Youth Leader Summit

This conference, hosted by the Northwest Youth Leader Network, was held at Victory Bible Camp with many denominations participating. Luke Gunkel (Glacier View Baptist Church, Juneau) and Jimmy Stewart (ABC) were in attendance



Sunset Hills Baptist Church, **Anchorage**

The Girls in Action chapter from SHBC visited the office of the Alaska Baptist Convention and heard how their prayer support and mission giving through the cooperative mission budget of the ABC supports missionaries and ministries across Alaska.



"God can do more in a moment than we can do in a lifetime."

Dr. Ronnie Floyd

Monday March 2 6:00 pm FBC, Wasilla

Monday March 9 6:00 pm Faith, Fairbanks

Monday March 9 6:30 pm FBC, Kenai

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"This is the time for us to fall on our faces in prayer... pleading with God for spiritual revival..."

pastor Brent Williams

Policies on annual meeting Messengers: The Convention shall consist of messengers elected by Baptist churches in Alaska contributing to the Convention through the Cooperative Program as reflected in the most recent annual church profile (ACP), cooperating with and sympathetic to its purpose and work and in harmony with the general doctrinal reflections of the Baptist Faith and Message. Each church shall be entitled to two (2) messengers to the Convention, and one additional messenger for each one percent of its undesignated funds given to the Alaska Baptist Convention through the Cooperative Program. No church shall be entitled to more than twelve (12) messengers except for church-type missions, who are entitled to one (1) messenger from that mission to the Convention and such messenger does not count toward the limit of twelve (12) messengers from the sponsoring church. All messengers shall be resident members and in good standing of the cooperating Alaska Baptist Convention church/mission that elects them.

ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING



Mike Procter Executive Director

According to Snapple's *Real Fact #867*, our 32nd President, Franklin Roosevelt, was related to five other U.S. Presidents by blood, and six by marriage. Being skeptical, I researched and found that he was indeed related to: George Washington, John Adams, John Quincy Adams, Ulysses S. Grant, William Henry Harrison, Benjamin Harrison, James Madison, Theodore Roosevelt, William Taft, Zachary Taylor and Martin Van Buren. No matter your political party or persuasion, that is a pretty impressive family tree.

However, I think my family tree is even more impressive. I am not thinking about the Procters (immigrants from England), or the Vanderpools (immigrants from The Netherlands), or the Rydells (immigrants from Sweden), or the Wrights (immigrants from either England, Scotland or Ireland, depending upon who is telling the story). In my family history one or two might even be considered famous – a distant relative married the daughter of Charles Wesley (the brother of John Wesley) and Jesse James is supposedly in the line somewhere. However 99.9999% of my relatives have been blue-collar, salt-of-the-earth people who worked hard, loved their families and tried to leave the world a better place.

The family tree I am thinking about is my spiritual family because, as the Bible reminds me, God is my heavenly Father and I am His child. When did this happen? The moment I realized my need for forgiveness of my sins, confessed my sins and asked Jesus Christ to become my Lord and Savior. I became part of the Procter family 64 years ago and I became part of God's family 44 years ago. Becoming a Procter was a natural process; becoming God's child was a supernatural process. The first birth was by the flesh; the second was by the Spirit of God. In the first birth, I was a sinner; in the second birth, I became a saint. In the first birth, I am destined to perish; in the second, I am destined to have everlasting life and an abundant life while on earth. In the first birth, my body is growing older and weaker; in the second birth, I will be given a new, eternal body. In the first birth, my relatives are limited; in the second, "whosoever will" may become a part of the family.

If you are not part of God's family, I encourage you to acknowledge that you have sinned and are in need for God's forgiveness, and ask Jesus Christ to become your Lord. Just think, as soon as you do that, you are part of God's family and while it might be a frightening idea, I will be one of your brothers.



Jimmy Stewart Director of Evangelism and Church Development

"Love Does" many things. In scripture, there are many passages about love - as disciples, we relate to one another based on Godly love; treat each other based on love; are known for the love we have for each other. Our first commandment is that we love God with all our heart, souls, mind and strength. "Love Does" is the theme for Avalanche '15, our state youth evangelism conference, March 20-21 at Anchorage Baptist Temple in Anchorage. Again this year, California Baptist University praise team will lead us in worship. Avalanche '15 will be a high participation, activity-oriented event. There will be competitions judged by adults and competitions judged by youth; there will be a Ninja course, Bible drill and paper airplane contest. A cumulative point system will determine the winner. First, second and third prizes will be awarded as well as a prize drawing for those not placing first, second or third. Four breakout classes will focus on the theme of "Love Does." This will be an interactive and engaging event designed for individuals in our youth groups to work together and encourage each other. The youth in our state have tremendous talent and this event will be an opportunity to showcase that talent. Make plans now to attend. Cost is \$20 per person, payable at the door with no preregistration required.

Training Teens Today (T3) is June 13-19 at Laverne Griffin Youth Recreation Camp. Applications and payment are due April 15. Once the application is received, students will receive a MasterLife book to be completed before training. The application packet is available online at www.alaskabaptistconvention.com under "events." T3 is a premier training event designed to help youth learn to be disciples and use their gifts in the local church. They will learn practical leadership skills while assisting during the X-Faith youth camp. I hope you plan to recommend your youth to this important training. Call me if you have questions.

Our churches are engaging their communities and I am available to talk to you and your church leaders about ways to impact your communities through service, evangelism and ministry. Give me a call!



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The sound system was connected to a plug that was screwed into a socket that was wired into cables that ran from the house to the almond tree. Got it? In other words, it was an improvised situation. They needed the sound system so they could draw a crowd, and draw a crowd they did. Once the musicians began to play and the singers began to sing, everyone in the small neighborhood, made up of tin shacks, arrived to see what was going on. A crowd of over 250 people enjoyed the music and stayed to hear the sermon. They stood for almost two hours. The preacher did a great job presenting the gospel and then the invitation was given, "with your heads bowed and your eyes closed," he said, using a phrase we have heard so often, "if you want to do what I have been talking about, raise your hand." Every single person raised their hand. Thinking they really did not understand what he meant, he spent a couple of minutes trying to make it harder. Then he asked again and, again, everyone raised their hand. This time he made sure they got the idea. He explained that accepting Christ meant surrendering everything to Him, repenting of their sins, following Jesus and obeying His every command. Surely that would cause many to back away. So he asked one more time, "whoever would like to repent, accept Christ, follow and obey Him, please raise your hand." He was right; this time things were different but not in the way he expected. This time the entire crowd raised not one hand but both, waving them back and forth and jumping up and down. They began to call out, "I want to. I want to give my life to Jesus. I want to follow Him."

This is a true story. Can you imagine that happening in Alaska? You can read similar stories in the Bible – Acts 11:20-21 for instance, "But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Hellenists also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number who believed turned to the Lord." The disciples in Jerusalem sent Barnabas to verify what was going on and when he had verified the report, the Bible says he stayed to exhort the new believers to stay faithful. It also says that when he had seen the hand of God at work, he was glad.

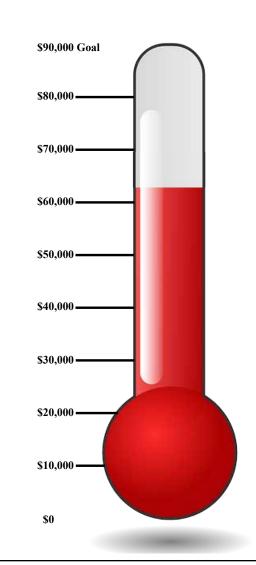
I want to be that kind of glad. Would you join me in praying for God to send revival to our state? Wouldn't it be something to rejoice over seeing people waving their arms, jumping up and down, calling out, "I want to. I want to give my life to Jesus. I want to follow him"?

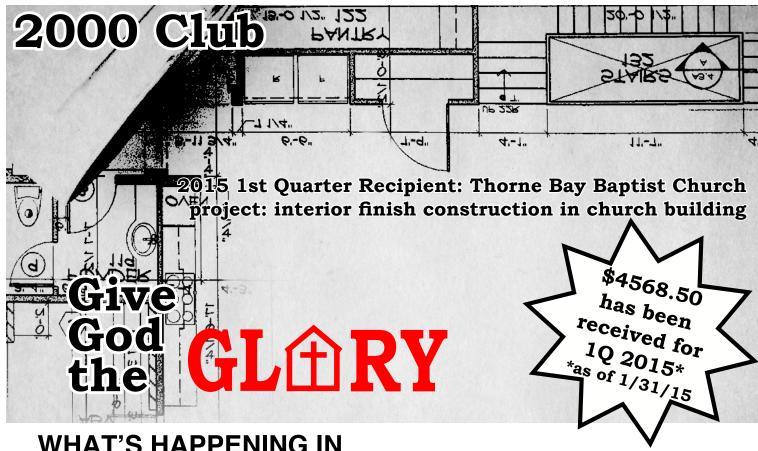
Also, remember to pray Matthew 9:38 a.m. and 9:38 p.m. Pray specifically for God to send laborers to pastors who need someone to come alongside them to help, and for God to send laborers to the 100 villages in our state that do not have an evangelical witness.



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March 201!	5
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
May 2015	SA STATE OF THE SAME OF THE SA
4-5	ABC Executive Board Meeting
8 Alaska	a Native Baptist Fellowship Board Meeting
10 Day o	of Prayer for Alaska Baptist Family Services
21	ABF Trustee meeting
25 AB0	C and ABF offices closed for Memorial Day

