

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

Happy Easter from the staff of the Alaska Baptist Convention and Foundation

JESUS IS
ALIVE



CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST

Training Teens Today June 13-19, 2015

Laverne Griffin Youth Recreation Camp
full application and payment deadline is April 15

Go to www.alaskabaptistconvention.com; click on “events”
application • signature page • Ten Commandments
questionnaire • medical release form • \$200 payment
send everything to the ABC office by April 15!
1750 O’Malley Road, Anchorage, AK 99507

Daily Prayer Guide

April

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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	\$1,670.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,152.00	\$0.00	\$2,822.14
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
Chugach Baptist Association	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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	\$7,051.69	\$5,664.42	\$0.00	\$6,594.81	\$0.00	\$19,310.92
Comm Baptist Church, Coffman Cove	\$503.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$503.00
Community Baptist Church, Nome	\$108.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$108.00
Cowboy Church of Anchorage	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cross Roads Baptist Church	\$2,101.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,880.00	\$0.00	\$4,981.00
CrossCountry Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Dillingham Bible Fellowship	\$1,650.23	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,390.00	\$0.00	\$4,040.23
Eagle River Korean Baptist Church	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church	\$285.09	\$288.00	\$0.00	\$491.52	\$0.00	\$1,064.61
Fairview Loop Baptist Church	\$5,716.26	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,716.26
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	\$8,006.37	\$5,451.60	\$100.00	\$7,747.98	\$0.00	\$21,305.95
First Baptist Church, Eagle River	\$5,366.32	\$2,925.00	\$0.00	\$5,098.00	\$405.00	\$13,794.32
First Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$436.50	\$1,015.00	\$0.00	\$2,055.00	\$0.00	\$3,506.50
First Baptist Church, North Pole	\$3,428.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$1,327.75	\$0.00	\$4,955.75
First Baptist Church, Delta Junction	\$9,855.00	\$4,315.00	\$0.00	\$1,275.00	\$0.00	\$15,445.00
First Baptist Church, Juneau	\$1,379.23	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$1,499.23
First Baptist Church, Kenai	\$1,641.25	\$709.77	\$284.16	\$2,249.21	\$0.00	\$4,884.39
First Baptist Church, Ketchikan	\$2,197.68	\$3,157.00	\$0.00	\$2,665.00	\$0.00	\$8,019.68
First Baptist Church, Kotzebue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church, Palmer	\$1,666.66	\$1,494.50	\$0.00	\$2,128.50	\$0.00	\$5,289.66
First Baptist Church, Petersburg	\$1,079.97	\$1,635.00	\$0.00	\$3,256.00	\$0.00	\$5,970.97
First Baptist Church, Sitka	\$1,064.13	\$1,170.00	\$0.00	\$1,290.00	\$0.00	\$3,524.13
First Baptist Church, Soldotna	\$0.00	\$1,147.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,147.00
First Baptist Church, Valdez	\$3,142.81	\$1,670.00	\$0.00	\$4,558.41	\$0.00	\$9,371.22
First Baptist Church, Wasilla	\$3,524.03	\$1,042.95	\$0.00	\$6,988.45	\$0.00	\$11,555.43
First Baptist Church, Willow	\$1,407.08	\$995.00	\$0.00	\$5,045.72	\$0.00	\$7,447.80
First Hmong Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Korean Baptist Church	\$300.00	\$540.00	\$0.00	\$539.00	\$0.00	\$1,379.00
First Native Baptist Church	\$208.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$208.00
Friendship Baptist Mission	\$208.85	\$580.00	\$0.00	\$1,240.00	\$0.00	\$2,028.85
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	\$4,343.96	\$3,320.00	\$0.00	\$6,477.00	\$0.00	\$14,140.96
Grandview Baptist Church	\$2,772.24	\$3,772.37	\$20.00	\$5,800.89	\$25.00	\$12,390.50
Greater Friendship Baptist Church	\$734.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$734.14
Hatcher Pass Baptist Association	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hillside Baptist Church	\$782.66	\$335.00	\$0.00	\$2,240.00	\$0.00	\$3,357.66
Hydaburg Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Immanuel Baptist Church	\$81.12	\$1,008.25	\$0.00	\$4,229.54	\$0.00	\$5,318.91
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	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$320.00	\$0.00	\$350.00
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	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$560.00	\$0.00	\$760.00
Lighthouse Community Church	\$954.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$954.00
Living Water Baptist Church	\$36.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$36.00
Malamalama Fou Church	\$0.00	\$35.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$285.00
Misc. Contributors-Cash	\$0.00	\$9,710.43	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$9,735.43
Montana Creek Baptist Church	\$3,881.92	\$395.00	\$0.00	\$775.00	\$0.00	\$5,051.92
Moose Creek Baptist Church	\$471.57	\$767.34	\$0.00	\$1,489.40	\$0.00	\$2,728.31
Moose Pass Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Moriah Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Morning Star Baptist Church	\$1,617.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,115.00	\$0.00	\$2,732.00
Mount Pleasant Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75.00

January-February 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	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
New Grace Christian Church	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
New Hope Baptist Church	\$1,966.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$511.00	\$0.00	\$2,777.00
New Hope Fellowship	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
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	\$170.47	\$140.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$310.47
Rabbit Creek Community Church	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$2,400.00
River In The Desert Comm Church	\$702.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$702.00
Riverside Chapel	\$495.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$495.00
Roots Family Church, Soldotna	\$90.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$90.00
Salcha Baptist Church	\$3,861.97	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,020.00	\$0.00	\$7,881.97
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	\$2,239.00	\$975.00	\$378.00	\$1,042.00	\$0.00	\$4,634.00
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	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
Solid Rock Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$350.00
St. John Baptist Church	\$1,356.60	\$340.00	\$0.00	\$275.00	\$0.00	\$1,971.60
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$1,868.07	\$3,378.00	\$0.00	\$3,714.00	\$0.00	\$8,960.07
Tanana Valley Baptist Association	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
Thorne Bay Baptist Church	\$131.62	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$191.62
Togiak Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Tongass Baptist Association	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
True North Church	\$2,100.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,120.00	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	\$12,720.00
True North Church Girdwood	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
True North Downtown	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
UBC-Chinese Fellowship	\$224.00	\$160.00	\$0.00	\$485.00	\$0.00	\$869.00
University Baptist Church, Anch	\$1,115.46	\$1,455.00	\$0.00	\$1,854.00	\$0.00	\$4,424.46
University Baptist Church, Fbks	\$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	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Whittier Christian Community Church	\$175.00	\$320.00	\$0.00	\$125.00	\$100.00	\$720.00
Grand Totals:	\$107,994.20	\$69,531.63	\$2,922.16	\$121,766.49	\$555.00	\$302,769.48
Goals:	\$704,393.00	\$90,000.00	\$95,000.00	\$150,000.00		
Over/Under Goal:	(\$596,398.80)	(\$20,468.37)	(\$92,077.84)	(\$28,233.51)		

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	
February				
Receipts	\$58,974.64		\$58,361.54	
CP Goal	58,699.41		58,569.66	
Variance	275.23	0.47%	(208.12)	-0.36%
Year-to-Date				
Receipts	\$107,994.20		\$111,797.28	
CP Goal	117,398.82		117,139.32	
Variance	(9,404.62)	-8.01%	(5,342.04)	-4.56%

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

Plan to Prosper

"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."

Jeremiah 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.

**Cost: \$100
Deadline
Apr 1**

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

Register your attendance by e-mailing

betsy@alaskabaptistconvention.com by **April 1**

Registration fee must be postmarked by **April 1** and mailed to:

Alaska Baptist Convention, 1750 O'Malley Road, Anchorage, AK 99507

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 April 30 deadline also applies for the Parker scholarship. Please review the Parker scholarship brochure for specific required materials.





ALASKA BAPTIST family services

In December 2013, Alaska Baptist Family Services (ABFS) answered the call and opened a Girl's Program. Every transition comes with its share of challenges, but we have been truly amazed at the amount of grace and provision given to us during this season of change. As our harvest has expanded, the Lord in His faithfulness has sent incredible workers to help bring hope and healing to the children and families we serve.

In addition to our external growth, we have also been working hard to improve the overall quality of our services. One of the primary ways we accomplish this is by implementing a "Trauma Informed Care" therapy model which seeks to address the root of our client's problems, rather than simply treating the symptoms. We believe the majority of the mental health and behavioral problems our clients face are trauma-based. This perspective and framework, along with our mission of "Serving Children in the Spirit of Christ", is producing sweet fruit and we couldn't be more excited!

We believe the Lord has set ABFS apart as a special place of healing and we know there are many Alaskans in need of such hope. As ABFS continues to grow both internally and externally, we recognize we must do a better job of promoting ourselves to the community. Therefore, over a year ago our Board of Directors tasked us with updating our "look" and we are thrilled to give you a sneak peek.

Before we unveil the logo and new website to the public, we are considering one last element: changing our name from Alaska Baptist Family Services to *Birchwood Behavioral Health* ("For there is hope for a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that its shoots will not cease." Job 14:7). While we have spent countless hours in discussion and prayer regarding this issue, no final decision has been made. ABFS (formerly Turnagain Children's Home), is a place where many of you have invested greatly over the years and we sincerely value your input on this matter. If you have any questions, concerns, ideas or feedback on our name change, we would love to hear it. Please contact Lorie Morris via email (ceo@akbaptist.com) or by telephone at 907-306-2206.

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

Camp Baldwin

- **K-2nd Grade Camp**, June 24-26
- **Grades 3-4 Camp**, June 29-July 3
- **Grades 5-6 Camp**, July 6-10
- **Grades 7-8 Camp**, July 13-17
- **Grades 9-12 Camp**, July 20-24

Call 907.474.4989 for additional information.



Vacation Bible School Training

Monday, April 27 • 5:30-8:30 p.m.
First Baptist Church, Wasilla

Tuesday, April 28 • 5:30-8:30 p.m.
Muldoon Road Baptist, Anchorage

Saturday, May 2 • 9:00-11:45 a.m.
St. John Baptist Church, Fairbanks

No meal or childcare.

PLEASE JOIN US

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.



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 Frank Quintana, retired Alaska missionary, who went to be with the Lord March 12, in El Paso, Texas. Frank and Lucinda served as Hispanic Catalytic Missionaries in Alaska, as well as church planters for the Primera Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida.

Southern Baptist Convention

Todd Burgess (pastor, First Baptist Church, Eagle River) and Brent Williams (pastor, True North Church, Anchorage) have been appointed to serve on the 2015 Committee on Committees for the SBC.

New Birth Christian Church, Fairbanks

NBCC hosted an “Unconditional

Love 2015 Conference” February 19-21 in Fairbanks.

Thorne Bay Baptist Church

TBBC wishes to thank all those who gave money to the first quarter 2000 Club: “We received and deposited the money you sent us from the 2000 Club funds to finish our downstairs/baptistry. Thank you so very much.” The purpose of the 2000 Club is to provide a resource of capital funds for mission projects. Sponsored by the Alaska Baptist Convention, the 2000 Club provides a channel through which Southern Baptists work together in a cooperative mission strategy. One-hundred percent of funds collected are sent directly to the designated mission project recipient at the end of each month. For additional information, please contact Butch Strickland, Director of Church Planting/Missions, butch@alaska-baptistconvention.com

Faith Recovery Fellowship,

Wasilla

This new church plant has been started to assist individuals being released from Alaska’s correctional institutions become successful disciples of Jesus Christ and productive members of the communities in which they live. Sponsored by First Baptist Church, Wasilla, FRF is pastored by Scott Thompson, volunteer chaplain at Goose Creek Correctional Center.

University Baptist Church,

Fairbanks

The Baptist Collegiate Ministries group will conduct a Good Friday service and a special music program will highlight the Easter service. The college-age students will lead the service on April 26, followed by a food fellowship.

CASKEY CHURCH PLANTING SCHOLARSHIP

FOR SOUTHERN BAPTIST
MASTERS LEVEL STUDENTS @

GOLDEN GATE SEMINARY

- IF YOU ARE -
CURRENTLY
SERVING IN A
CHURCH PLANT
— OR ARE —
COMMITTED
TO SERVING IN A
CHURCH PLANT
AFTER GRADUATING

THEN YOU ARE QUALIFIED!

[SERIOUSLY, YOU JUST HAVE TO BE ONE OR THE OTHER.]

UP TO 100% TUITION SCHOLARSHIP

FOR FULL TIME OR PART-TIME STUDENTS
ON-CAMPUS OR ONLINE CLASSES

1. APPLY & BE ACCEPTED AT GGBTS.EDU
2. APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID AT GGBTS.EDU/FINANCIALAID

Boost Up Follow-Up

For Easter and Beyond

Regional Prayer Meetings

In February and March, regional prayer meetings were held in Anchorage, Wasilla, Juneau, Fairbanks and Kenai. This is the meeting at First Baptist Church, Kenai. Pictured (l to r), David George, Jim Boyd, Brian Moore and Al Weeks.



How many ABC staff members does it take to change a lightbulb?



A snapshot of your ABC staff performing “other duties as assigned.” Pictured, Mike Procter, Executive Director (l) and Jimmy Stewart, Director of Evangelism and Church Development (r).

When a first-time guest completes a guest registration card at your church, what happens next? The most common answer to that question: *absolutely nothing*. No, it’s not an intentional oversight, but without an ongoing, immediate follow-up plan, your church may miss the opportunity to reach guests for Christ and include them in your church family.

Need fresh ideas? Tweak some of these to fit your unique church:

- **First-Time-Guest Online Survey.** People love to give an opinion! Create a brief survey on your church website. Carefully study survey responses.
- **Same Day Contact.** A specially trained volunteer can make a brief phone call to each guest on the Sunday afternoon they visit your church.
- **Email + Snail Mail.** Assign volunteers to send a swift, personal email or handwritten card to each first-time guest.
- **Small Group Personal Invitation.** Provide contact info to an appropriate small group or Sunday School class for each family member. A member of that small group may offer to meet the guest at a specific door to escort them to class.
- **A Personal Touch.** Examples: An Indiana church delivers three coupons for a free drink in their coffee area, encouraging the guest to return for three consecutive Sundays. In a different church, their volunteers deliver a church coffee mug to the guest’s

door before they get home from church. A baking volunteer at First Baptist Church, Garland, Texas prepares fresh homemade cookies for each first-time guest, then a delivery volunteer simply knocks on their door and gives them delicious cookies and a goodie-bag of church info.

- **Pastor’s letter.** Many pastors prepare a warm letter or email to welcome first-time guests; some even jot a handwritten note. Pastor Traylor at Olive Baptist, Pensacola, often texts or phones first-time guests on Saturdays, inviting them to come back on Sunday.

Notice that church members—not just ministry staff—accomplish the majority of follow-up. Newcomers want to hear what you love about your church. They desire relationships, and relationships provide evangelistic opportunity.

When God brings a first-time guest to your church this Sunday and they complete a guest registration card, what will happen next?

“The harvest is abundant...
pray to the Lord of the harvest
to send out workers into His harvest.”
Luke 10:2

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The Impact of Your Mission Offerings

A ministry of First Baptist Church in Ketchikan, Orton Ranch is one of the camps Alaska Baptists support through mission giving. Situated along the Naha River, this unique camp setting takes campers from Ketchikan on a ten-mile boat ride followed by a two-mile hike along the shore of Roosevelt Lagoon. One of the features the campers enjoy is bathing in the Naha River, since there are no shower facilities at the camp. **Since 1960, your mission support has impacted the lives of hundreds of children, youth and adults.**



Mike Procter
Executive Director

The mission statement for the Alaska Baptist Convention is “The Alaska Baptist Convention is congregations cooperating together to **Seek** Christ, **Share** Christ, **Strengthen** congregations, **Start** congregations and **Send** Christians.”

How are we doing in these five areas?

Seeking Christ:

- In addition to our ongoing emphasis to pray every day at 9:38 a.m. and 9:38 p.m. for the Lord to send laborers to Alaska, there is the opportunity for your congregation to encourage your people to bring H.O.P.E. (Houses of Prayer Everywhere) to their neighborhoods. First Baptist Church in Petersburg has just opened their first H.O.P.E.
- Following this year’s State Evangelism Conference, True North Church facilitated several statewide prayer meetings.

Sharing Christ:

- We have multiple resources to assist your congregation with evangelism training. Several of our congregations have become strategic and intentional in their evangelistic outreach by partnering with local schools and taking block parties/backyard Bible clubs to local parks.
- Are you aware we have approximately \$35,000 available to assist congregations with evangelistic projects?

Strengthening Congregations:

- Over the past three years we have been involved with three church revitalizations. In each instance, we provided assistance with developing a strategy, financial assistance, leadership development and assistance in locating and securing a pastor or transitional pastor.
- We have leadership development training for Sunday school teachers, small group leaders, Vacation Bible School leaders, mission education leaders, youth leaders and chaplains.
- Are you aware we have over \$117,000 available to assist congregations with church strengthening/development projects?

Starting Congregations:

- We have 22 church plants statewide that receive \$19,981 a month (\$239,772 annually) in financial assistance.

Sending Christians:

- There are currently 16 Alaska Baptists serving with the International Mission Board and two others are in the appointment process.
- Our congregations have sent mission teams in-state, across North America and around the world.
- Are you aware there is a trust to assist with mission trips to West Africa?

Simple Conclusion:

This is just a sampling of what is happening in Alaska and while we alone may not be able to do everything, with your financial mission support through the Alaska Baptist Convention Cooperative Mission Giving and partnering and cooperating together, we are able to do more than we could alone.



Jimmy Stewart
Director of Evangelism and Church Development

Last year, over 4200 leaders and children participated in a Vacation Bible School (VBS). Our VBS training clinics are designed to prepare leaders and get them excited about their outreach through VBS. Lifeway speaks about their materials and the history of VBS:

“Vacation Bible School is the premiere outreach event of the year for many churches. Few other events offer the potential to reach out to children and adults in your community the way VBS can. It offers a powerful and unique opportunity for sharing Jesus Christ and positively impacting the kingdom of God.

Lifeway is committed to offering high-quality, affordable VBS resources that share the Good News of Jesus accurately with all ages. Our philosophy is that VBS must, at the very least, meet these criteria:

- All resources must be Bible-based and biblically accurate.
- The learning and activity features must be appropriate for the age group they are designed to reach.
- VBS should be fun, yet grounded in reality.

Our resources come from and are true to the Word of God. We don’t represent Bible characters as cartoons or inanimate objects. We want children to understand the reality of the Bible through an entertaining, theme-oriented learning approach. Our beliefs and commitments are outlined in greater detail in the Purpose Statement and Principles we have adopted.

VBS was the idea of Mrs. Walter Aylett Hawes, a doctor’s wife. Her goal was to get children off the streets of New York. In 1898 and 1899 Mrs. Hawes rented a beer hall in New York’s East Side to conduct her Everyday Bible School. In 1900 Mrs. Hawes’ pastor, Howard Lee Jones, insisted that the Bible school move to the church building, Epiphany Baptist Church. After two weeks it became clear that children from the East Side would not attend at the church, so Mrs. Hawes moved the school back to a site near the beer hall.

In the early 20th century, VBS became a growing trend. While Mrs. Hawes was indeed a Baptist, VBS was a non-denominational event in those early years. In 1922 the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention assigned the work of VBS to the Sunday School Administration Department. In 1924 a Vacation Bible School Department was formed and Homer Grice, a pastor from Georgia, became its first director. At that point VBS was usually a four-week event!” (source: LifeWay.com)

Did you know you can do VBS with just two or three adults? Attend the VBS training clinic in your area and we will show you how. See page 5 of this Milepost for locations and dates.



Butch Strickland

**Director of Church Planting
and Missions**

“But the angel said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.’” Matthew 28:5-7

When I am not doing anything particularly important, little interruptions are not a big deal. Don’t get me wrong – they are still interruptions. When I am doing something of some importance, little interruptions become a bigger deal, but are still manageable. When I am doing something critical, little interruptions become extremely bothersome. Let’s look at the progression from a different slant. This time, I am not doing anything particularly important but the interruption is huge. I can quit what I’m doing to handle it. But what if I’m doing something critically important when the big interruption comes? At that point, decisions have to be made; lifestyle changes may have to take place.

Something critical was going on. The authorities considered what they were doing as something that, if not confronted, would change their entire culture. So they dedicated themselves to the elimination of the “problem.” Jesus had to be dealt with. They had to dedicate themselves to something they considered vital. Jesus’ death wasn’t the end of the situation; they were still involved in the process when they told Pilate what Jesus said about his resurrection. Then they told him, “Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, ‘He has risen from the dead,’ and the last fraud will be worse than the first.” Matt. 27:62-66. So, they did by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

Then the greatest interruption of history took place. “He is not here, for He has risen!”

“We must be ready to allow ourselves to be interrupted by God.” (Dietrich Bonhoeffer)

Remember to pray and give to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Remember to pray every day at 9:38 a.m. and 9:38 p.m. for God to send laborers to harvest alongside our pastors who need help, and to the harvest of the 100 villages in Alaska that have no evangelical witness.



Valeria Sherard State Mission Offering

\$69,531.63
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...and the survey says....

Mike Procter, Executive Director/Treasurer

According to a recent article in *U.S. News & World Report*, "...people living in North America, Europe and high-income Asia-Pacific countries hold 90 percent of the world's wealth. If your household assets exceed \$61,000 (home equity, cars, retirement, investments) then you are among the richest 10 percent in the world. You're in the top one percent of global wealth if your assets top \$500,000. Half of the earth's adult population, 1.8 billion, has less than one percent of the world's wealth..." According to a recent *Mint.com* survey, "...people who earn \$20,000 are twice as charitable as those who earn \$100,000. Although the higher wage earners donate more money, when calculated according to percentage, the poorer people give twice as much..."

One of the most revealing signs of discipleship is how we use our money and material possessions. In Matthew 6:21, Jesus said "...where your treasure is, there your heart will be..." In other words, our hearts determine our focus. Jesus understood we often lose focus on what's important; we focus on the earthly, temporal wealth while ignoring eternal riches. When it comes to financially supporting God's work, we have all heard the story of the poor widow who dropped two coins into the offering plate (Mark 12:41-44). Jesus commend-

ed her because while others were giving out of their surplus, she gave out of her poverty. No matter how much you have or have not given in the past, commit to start today and make it a priority to give back to God in a way that honors Him.

One way to do this is by developing an estate plan that upon your death, assists Christian causes. There are many estate options available and I encourage you to contact Adam Long, Foundation Coordination Director for the Alaska

Baptist Foundation, at adam@alaska-baptistfoundation.com, 907.770.0581 or 800.883.9627. Let him share how you can provide for your family and Christian causes you are interested in through your estate. The old adage is true, "We can't take it with us, but we can send it ahead" or as Jesus said in Matthew 6:19-20, "...don't store up treasures here on earth...store your treasures in heaven..."

The Alaska Baptist Foundation is a resource to assist you to be a wise and faithful steward of the money and material possessions with which God has blessed you. I pray you will look for specific ways to impact His kingdom.

The Lord bless you!



The Cooperative Program (CP) allows Southern Baptists to fund ministries through their local church and association, their state Baptist convention ministries, and the missions and ministries of the SBC. Your CP gifts are designated as follows:



International Mission Board



North American Mission Board



Six Theological Seminaries and the Historical Library and Archives



2.99%
SBC Operating Budget



1.65%
Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission

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Earthly Treasure with Heavenly Focus

As Christians, we know that God is the owner of all we have, including His gift of life, through Jesus Christ. The challenge is dealing with our sinful nature which includes temptations that play to our physical senses, our circumstances and environment which frame the way we view and interact with others. The spiritual forces of Satan and his demons also constantly seek to hinder Christians from doing the Lord's work. A God-honoring lifestyle is testament to the lordship and holy nature of our Heavenly Father and by obeying God we demonstrate our love for Him, which is the way we glorify Him.

How can we expect to live up to God's standard?

The answer is we cannot meet the standard, but God, through his grace and mercy, gave Himself in the person of Jesus Christ, as the perfect sacrifice, and provided the Holy Spirit so we have a bridge of communication to interpret and apply the statutes of unconditional love toward Him and all humankind. When we discuss and apply biblical principles we must always do so in prayer and in the power of the Holy Spirit, otherwise we have a tendency to manipulate the true meaning of the Scriptures to give credence to human practices, rather than God's holy standard. The key to living a Christian life is to truly understand and apply the principles of stewardship. Stewardship, in its broadest biblical application, goes far beyond financial matters. Biblical stewardship represents a state of mind where we act of our own volition to place God in His proper role as Lord. As stewards, we simply carry out the instructions of the owner. Every aspect of our lives and any benefits such as time, talent, and treasure are at the Lord's command. This is hard for us to accept because we cannot see God in the

physical world which is the only reality we understand. To live as God's stewards, we must have faith.

If we recognize earthly things are temporary, and God wants our focus to be on Him, it is important how we use our resources and distribute them to ensure they continue to honor God.

Through the ministry of the Alaska Baptist Foundation, there are many avenues to use earthly treasure with heavenly focus, such as establishing a Donor Advised Ministry Trust Fund. Planned giving can be a tax efficient way of meeting the responsibility we have to family, and provide for the continued work of God's Kingdom.

Through partnerships, the Alaska Baptist Foundation offers personalized estate planning with the help of an independent specialist. Planning sessions are conducted by phone and no coercion or cost is associated with the planning process. At the end of the process, a personalized estate plan is generated which provides detailed guidance to legal professionals who draw up the estate planning documents. The planning process also provides a referral service to legal professionals who have agreed to draft the necessary legal documents, often at reduced cost.

As Christians, we often know what God wants from us; we just have a hard time doing it for Him. At the Alaska Baptist Foundation, we encourage you to prayerfully consider the estate of the earthly treasures you manage, and how it might be maximized with eternal focus.

Please contact Adam Long at the Alaska Baptist Foundation, 1750 O'Malley Road, Anchorage Alaska, 99507; 907-770-0581, adam@alaskabaptistfoundation.com

3 basic documents in an estate plan

**Your Last Will
and Testament**

**Powers of Attorney
(Financial and Medical)**

**Trusts
(Testamentary and Revocable)**

2000 Club

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

**Give
God
the GLORY**

**\$15,233.50
has been
received for
1Q 2015*
*as of 2/28/15**

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN — APR • MAY • JUN —

April 2015

- 5 Easter
- 9-11 Women on Mission Celebration
- 18 TVBA Executive Board meeting
- 21 CBA Semi-Annual meeting
- 23-25 Ministers and Spouses Conference
- 27 HPBA VBS Training, FBC Wasilla
- 28 CBA VBS Training, Muldoon Road, Anchorage

May 2015

- 2 TVBA VBS Training, St. John Baptist Church
- 4-5 ABC Executive Board meeting
- 8 Alaska Native Baptist Fellowship Board meeting
- 10 Day of Prayer for Alaska Baptist Family Services
- 21 Alaska Baptist Foundation Trustee meeting
- 25 ABC and ABF offices closed for Memorial Day

June 2015

- 8-12 Alaska Native Youth Camp, LGYRC
- 13-19 Training Teens Today (T3)
- 15-19 X-Faith Youth Camp, LGYRC
- 22-26 Boys Camp, LGYRC
- 24-26 K-2nd grade camp, Camp Baldwin
- 29-Jul 3 Girls Camp, LGYRC
- Grades 3-4 camp, Camp Baldwin



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The Kim Family

Steve, Aerim, Paul

Iglesia Bautista Hispana Sunset Hills

Anchorage

Prayer Needs

Personal: Spiritual awakening in my life.

Ministry: Musicians; contact information for Spanish unbelievers.

Physical Needs

1. Video recording equipment.
2. Additional vehicle.

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