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



READYCHURCHES  READYHARVEST

Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few." - MATT. 9:37



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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	\$2,052.08	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,152.00	\$0.00	\$3,204.08
Bodenburg Butte Baptist Church	\$1,347.46	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$470.00	\$0.00	\$1,817.46
Calvary Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$815.00	\$0.00	\$1,815.00
Catalyst Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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	\$11,200.95	\$5,664.42	\$0.00	\$7,834.81	\$0.00	\$24,700.18
Comm Baptist Church, Coffman Cove	\$503.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$503.00
Community Baptist Church, Nome	\$180.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$180.00
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	\$450.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$450.00
Dillingham Bible Fellowship	\$2,322.23	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,390.00	\$0.00	\$4,712.23
Eagle River Korean Baptist Church	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church	\$549.70	\$288.00	\$0.00	\$491.52	\$0.00	\$1,329.22
Fairview Loop Baptist Church	\$7,420.59	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,420.59
Faith Baptist Church	\$4,370.14	\$1,125.00	\$0.00	\$2,850.00	\$0.00	\$8,345.14
Faith Recovery Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
False Pass Christian Fellowship	\$130.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$130.00
Filipino Bible Church, Anchorage	\$875.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$875.00
First Baptist Church, Anchorage	\$10,230.82	\$5,451.60	\$100.00	\$7,747.98	\$0.00	\$23,530.40
First Baptist Church, Eagle River	\$8,339.30	\$2,925.00	\$2,835.00	\$5,098.00	\$405.00	\$19,602.30
First Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$916.00	\$1,015.00	\$0.00	\$2,055.00	\$0.00	\$3,986.00
First Baptist Church, North Pole	\$6,586.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$1,327.75	\$0.00	\$8,113.75
First Baptist Church, Delta Junction	\$11,223.00	\$4,315.00	\$0.00	\$4,164.00	\$0.00	\$19,702.00
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	\$3,013.41	\$3,157.00	\$0.00	\$2,665.00	\$0.00	\$8,835.41
First Baptist Church, Kotzebue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church, Palmer	\$3,333.32	\$1,494.50	\$0.00	\$2,128.50	\$0.00	\$6,956.32
First Baptist Church, Petersburg	\$1,647.46	\$1,635.00	\$0.00	\$3,256.00	\$0.00	\$6,538.46
First Baptist Church, Sitka	\$1,578.50	\$1,170.00	\$0.00	\$1,290.00	\$0.00	\$4,038.50
First Baptist Church, Soldotna	\$2,738.00	\$1,147.00	\$0.00	\$1,111.00	\$0.00	\$4,996.00
First Baptist Church, Valdez	\$3,142.81	\$1,670.00	\$0.00	\$4,558.41	\$0.00	\$9,371.22
First Baptist Church, Wasilla	\$4,407.25	\$1,042.95	\$0.00	\$6,988.45	\$0.00	\$12,438.65
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	\$450.00	\$540.00	\$0.00	\$539.00	\$0.00	\$1,529.00
First Native Baptist Church	\$433.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$433.00
Friendship Baptist Mission	\$355.18	\$580.00	\$0.00	\$1,240.00	\$0.00	\$2,175.18
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	\$5,323.12	\$3,320.00	\$0.00	\$6,477.00	\$0.00	\$15,120.12
Grandview Baptist Church	\$5,359.23	\$3,772.37	\$20.00	\$6,000.89	\$75.00	\$15,227.49
Greater Friendship Baptist Church	\$1,141.17	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,141.17
Hatcher Pass Baptist Association	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hillside Baptist Church	\$1,663.94	\$335.00	\$0.00	\$2,240.00	\$0.00	\$4,238.94
Hydaburg Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Iglesia Bautista Hispana Sunset Hills	\$147.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$147.00
Immanuel Baptist Church	\$177.69	\$1,008.25	\$0.00	\$4,229.54	\$0.00	\$5,415.48
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	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$320.00	\$0.00	\$380.00
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	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$560.00	\$0.00	\$860.00
Lighthouse Community Church	\$2,179.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,179.00
Living Water Baptist Church	\$72.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$72.00
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	\$85.00	\$9,795.43
Montana Creek Baptist Church	\$3,881.92	\$395.00	\$0.00	\$775.00	\$0.00	\$5,051.92
Moose Creek Baptist Church	\$607.41	\$767.34	\$0.00	\$1,489.40	\$0.00	\$2,864.15
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
Moriah Fellowship Military Church Plant	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Morning Star Baptist Church	\$2,195.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,115.00	\$0.00	\$3,310.00
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	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$125.00



January-March 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	\$479.22	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$479.22
New Birth Christian Church	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
New Grace Christian Church	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
New Hope Baptist Church	\$3,014.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$511.00	\$0.00	\$3,825.00
New Hope Fellowship	\$175.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$275.00
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	\$1,250.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$2,650.00
River In The Desert Comm Church	\$1,107.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,107.00
Riverside Chapel	\$495.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$495.00
Roots Family Church, Kasilof	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Roots Family Church, Soldotna	\$280.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$280.00
Salcha Baptist Church	\$3,861.97	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,020.00	\$0.00	\$7,881.97
Samoa Alaska Baptist Church	\$132.87	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$132.87
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	\$469.25	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$2,630.76	\$0.00	\$3,700.01
Shungnak Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Slavic Bridge	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Solid Rock Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$350.00
St. John Baptist Church	\$2,227.12	\$340.00	\$238.00	\$275.00	\$0.00	\$3,080.12
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$3,611.97	\$3,378.00	\$0.00	\$3,714.00	\$0.00	\$10,703.97
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	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
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	\$671.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$671.00
True North Downtown	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
UBC-Chinese Fellowship	\$311.00	\$160.00	\$0.00	\$485.00	\$0.00	\$956.00
University Baptist Church, Anchorage	\$1,115.46	\$1,455.00	\$0.00	\$1,854.00	\$0.00	\$4,424.46
University Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$3,096.00	\$1,423.00	\$0.00	\$3,626.86	\$0.00	\$8,145.86
Upper Tanana Valley RegChurch Ptg Ctr	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Valley View Baptist Church	\$1,437.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,437.50
Wasilla Korean Baptist Church	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Whittier Christian Community Church	\$276.00	\$370.00	\$0.00	\$125.00	\$100.00	\$871.00
Grand Totals:	\$152,402.82	\$69,581.63	\$5,995.16	\$127,601.49	\$665.00	\$356,246.10
Goals:	\$704,393.00	\$90,000.00	\$95,000.00	\$150,000.00		
Over/Under Goal:	\$(551,990.18)	\$(20,418.37)	\$(89,004.84)	\$(22,398.51)		

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	
March				
Receipts	\$44,408.62		\$50,952.50	
CP Goal	58,699.41		58,569.66	
Variance	(14,290.79)	-24.35%	(7,617.16)	-13.01%
Year-to-Date				
Receipts	\$152,402.82		\$162,749.78	
CP Goal	176,098.23		175,789.98	
Variance	(23,695.41)	-13.46%	(13,040.20)	-7.42%

Welcome!

Sean and Kristin Fry

New Beginnings Baptist Church,
Seward

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 Hope Baptist Church, Anchorage
No. 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.



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 Lovie Johnson, who passed away on April 13. Lovie and her husband Willie were the pastoral couple of Wilderness Chapel in Cooper Landing. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Rose Scaggs, jrs@alaska.net

Community Baptist Church,

Nome

CBC called Derrell Monday as interim mission pastor. Derrell recently retired as the Director of Missions for B-Fork Baptist Association in Vernon, Texas.

University Baptist Church,

Fairbanks

UBC will hold their business meeting on May 6, which includes a potluck. UAF graduation and Mother's Day will be celebrated on May 10. The office will be closed May 25.

Sand Point Chapel

Scott Morgan, pastor of SBC, has been encouraging his congregation to start Houses of Prayer Everywhere (H.O.P.E.) in their homes. The idea

is to let your immediate neighbors know you believe in the power of prayer and are praying for them. For more information on H.O.P.E., visit www.alaskabaptistconvention.com, and click on resources.

The Church @ Commodore Park,

Keith and Barbara Bennett presented a mini concert during the Easter Celebration service.



Avalanche '15

The youth evangelism conference was well attended by 204 students and 77 adult chaperones and volunteers. Twenty-three churches were



represented. A team from California Baptist University provided the music, and assisted with set-up for the event. Pictured (l to r): Jonathan Hernandez, CJ Lacuesta, Jonny Pickett, Brett Vowell.

New Beginnings Baptist Church,

Seward

Although it was pouring rain, a number of children and adults participated in an Easter egg hunt and Resurrection egg presentation held at the Bayside Apartments.



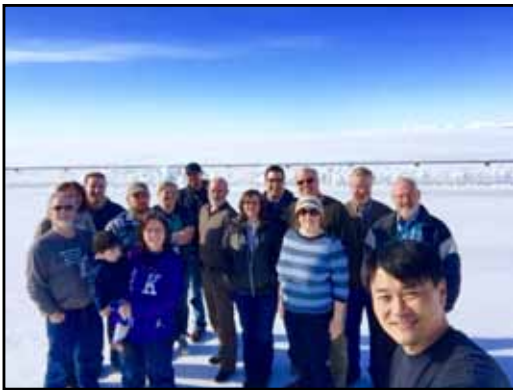
Aquillag Baptist Church, Ambler

A mission team from Johnson Ferry Baptist Church in Marietta, Georgia was in Ambler April 1-5. The mission team was coordinated by Scott Kirby. Pastor Paul and Glenda Worsham are pictured on the far left.



First Baptist Church, Kotzebue

FBC hosted the Arctic Leadership Event, April 9-12. Se J Won and Mike and Shelia Stewart from the Central Coast Baptist Association in California served as Bible study



and breakout leaders. Your mission support through the Alaska Baptist Convention's Cooperative Program helped make this training possible.

Alaska Baptist Family Services

ABFS is excited to announce expansion of their services to include outpatient therapy and support services for children and their families. For information, call 907.349.2222.

Southern Baptist Convention

Gary Bearce, Church Planting Catalyst/Director of Missions for Hatcher Pass Baptist Association, has been selected to serve on the 2015 Tellers

Committee during the SBC annual meeting in Columbus, Ohio, June 16-17.

Moose Creek Baptist Church, North Pole

During the Easter season, MCBC hosted a community-wide Seder meal and an "Encounter the Cross" event.



Is the crib in the
nursery *really* safe?

Check it out at

<https://www.churchmutual.com/index.cfm?pid=2253&pageTitle=Risk-Reporter&riskReporterID=46&page=feature>

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

According to an April 7, 2015 press release from KTUU, on July 17, 2015, Joel **Burger** and Ashley **King** will be married in Jacksonville, Illinois. The headline of the press release read, “**Burger King to spring for Burger-King wedding.**”

What a great marketing tool for Burger King and news of the event has already gone viral; what a great way to keep wedding costs down as Burger King is picking up the cost for the entire wedding! It is a “win-win” for both Burger King and the Burger-Kings and I am sure it will be a “whopper” of an experience!

Summer is the time many of our congregations offer opportunities for children, youth and adults to participate in different events including Vacation Bible School, summer camps, backyard Bible clubs, block parties, mission trips, and servant/service ministries. Between fishing, camping, summer chores and everything else we do in our short summer season, I hope you are planning to participate in as many of these opportunities as you can. You will be a testimony of the value of ministry and growth opportunities your church offers as you grow in your knowledge of God’s Word and exercise your faith by serving Him and others. Please invite others to join you and it will be a “win-win-win” for the church, your family and those you invite to participate.

I pray you have a great summer and if you enjoy fishing, that you catch the whopper this summer. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve Him and His in Alaska!



Jimmy Stewart
Director of Evangelism and Church Development

Summer is a magical time in Alaska and the best time to get outdoors and make new connections with those in our communities. Have you noticed how hard it is to get to know your neighbors? To meet others, we must make an intentional effort. I have yet to engage in a conversation with the couple who live next door to me! Our homes have become fortresses for solitude and isolation. If you have found effective ways to connect with neighbors resulting in on-going relationships, let me hear about them. Many of our churches will engage their communities through children’s activities, special projects and neighborhood parties. What are you planning that will help your congregation connect with your community? Let me know your summer plans. I would like to share success stories of ways churches are making new contacts in their neighborhoods. If you want to be included in a special e-mail list that will promote activities for the summer, e-mail me at jimmy@alaskabaptistconvention.com and put “summer connection” in the subject line. I want to disseminate ideas our churches are implementing to reach their communities for Christ.

Training Teens Today (T3) is June 13-19 at Laverne Griffin Youth Recreation Camp in Wasilla. T3 students will join X-Faith Youth Camp for a great week of learning and activities. Camp Baldwin has summer activities for teens as well. Check out the camp websites for information.

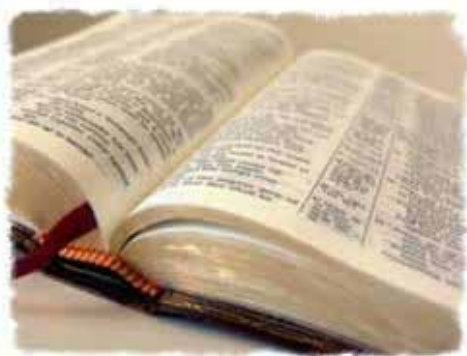
How are your Bible studies and small groups doing? There has been a surge in ministry through small groups – and they are doing more than studying the Bible. They are becoming extensions of the church ministry and are providing care to the community. Call me to learn ways to assist leaders with their training and development in order to expand their impact.

Bible Reading

One in five churchgoers read the Bible daily. More than half (59 percent) read it at least once a week. 19% read the Bible daily; 26% read a few times a week; 14% read once a week; 22% once a month.

Source: Lifeway Research

Facts & Trends magazine, March/April 2015





Butch Strickland

**Director of Church Planting
and Missions**

“I am made all things to all *men*, that I might by all means save some.” 1Co 9:22b

Paul expressed his commitment to win some by saying that to a Jew he became as a Jew, that to one without the law, he would become as without the law, and to the weak he would become weak. *The gain of even “some” was worth the expenditure of “all means.”*

I was recently reminded of the fact that a significant price has to be paid in order to win some. I sat with some people who were living among those of another culture. I heard their stories of subsistence living, trying to learn a new language, strange foods. *The gain of even “some” was worth the expenditure of “all means.”* They shared the challenge of living in such an isolated and harsh environment. Some were hundreds, and others thousands, of miles away from their families. The people they worked with became their fathers, mothers, brothers and sisters. *The gain of even “some” was worth the expenditure of “all means.”* I heard how difficult it was to win some for the kingdom of God. The pressure of culture and tradition kept many from following Jesus, but they labored on with joy and gratitude for every blessing. *The gain of even “some” was worth the expenditure of “all means.”*

These people were experts in working cross-culturally. They had read books by the dozens and recommended authors with keen insights. These people could be serving in much larger contexts and may have become quoted authors themselves. However, they were content to impact their communities with the gospel knowing that if they did not do it, it may be that nobody would. *The gain of even “some” was worth the expenditure of “all means.”*

We still have 100 villages in Alaska that have no one to tell them of Jesus. We have a huge task before us. Let us go alongside Jesus to accomplish what we cannot in our own strength. But let us also say with the apostle Paul, “I am made all things to all *men*, that I might by all means save some.” *The gain of even “some” is worth the expenditure of “all means.”*

“God is pursuing with omnipotent passion a worldwide purpose of gathering joyful worshipers for Himself from every tribe and tongue and people and nation. He has an inexhaustible enthusiasm for the supremacy of His name among the nations. Therefore, let us bring our affections into line with His, and, for the sake of His name, let us renounce the quest for worldly comforts and join His global purpose.” — John Piper



Valeria Sherard State Mission Offering

\$69,581.63

(as of March 31, 2015)



2000 Club

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

**Give
God
the GLORY**

**\$16,770.50
has been
received for
1Q 2015*
*as of 3/31/15**

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

May 2015

- 2 TVBA VBS Training, St. John Baptist Church
- 4-5 ABC Executive 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

July 2015

- Jun 29-3 Girls Camp, LGYRC
- Grades 3-4 camp, Camp Baldwin
- 4 Independence Day
- 6 ABC and ABF offices closed for Independence Day
- 6-10 Grades 5-6 camp, Camp Baldwin
- 13-17 Grades 7-8, Camp Baldwin
- 18 TVBA Executive Board meeting
- 19-23 JAM Camp
- 20-25 Grades 9-12 camp, Camp Baldwin



pray-for

The Barnhill Family

Billy, Laura, Aeris, Ian, Elijah, Joshua, Brianna

Moriah Fellowship

Eagle River

Prayer Needs

Personal: The health of our 16-year-old daughter. She has had brain surgery for a benign tumor and continues to battle neurological problems.

Ministry: A storefront in town to have our own ministry space and a presence in the community.

Physical Needs

1. Macbook computer
2. electronic drum set

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