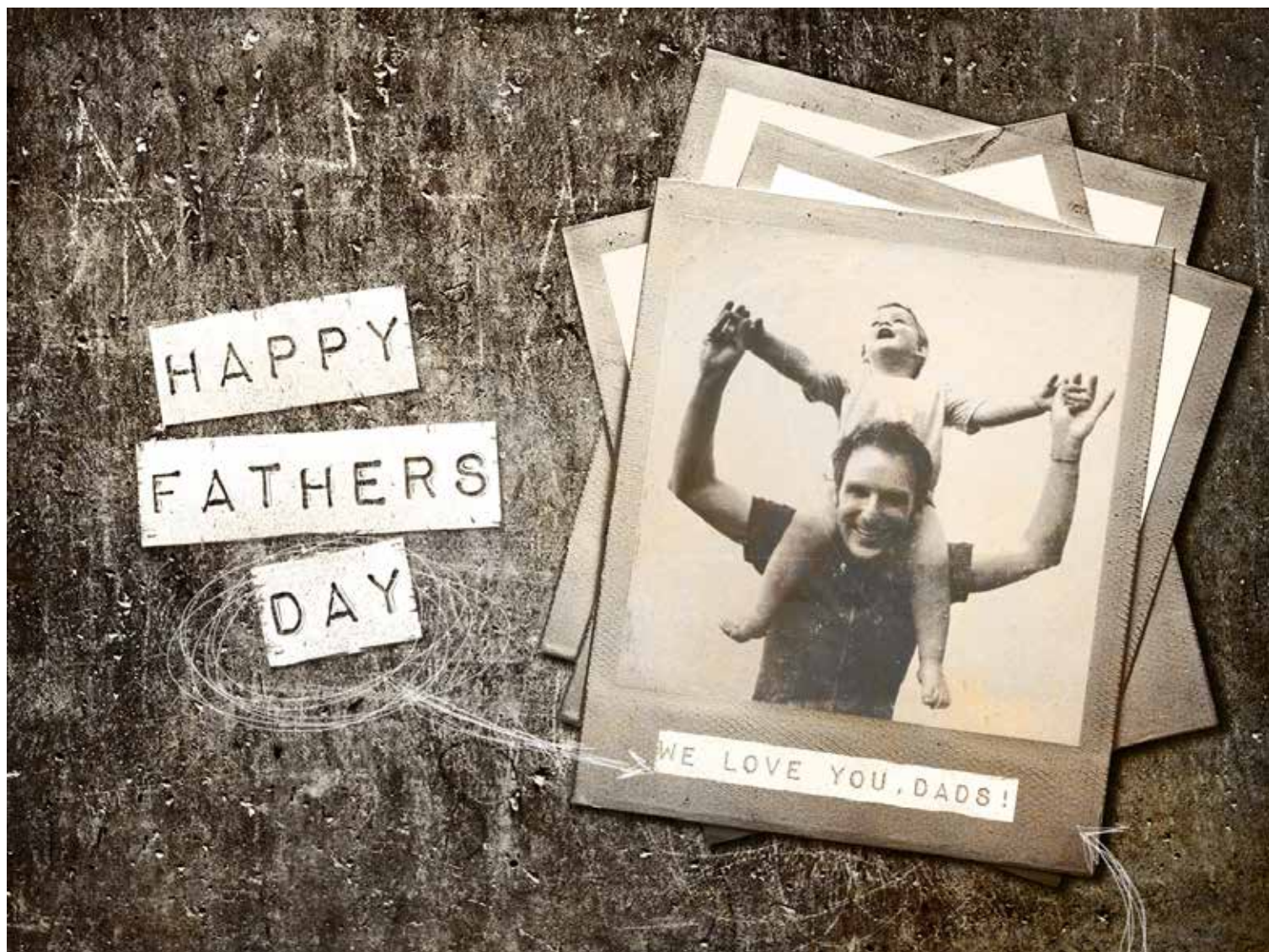


The Alaska Baptist Convention is congregations cooperating together to **SEEK** Christ, **SHARE** Christ, **STRENGTHEN** congregations, **START** congregations and **SEND** Christians.

## 2015 SBC Annual Meeting

Columbus, Ohio • June 16-17, 2015





# Daily Prayer Guide

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## God's Plan for Sharing in Alaska

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
Alaska Iu-Mienh First Baptist Church	\$138.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$138.25
Anchor Baptist Church	\$798.38	\$0.00	\$623.00	\$590.00	\$0.00	\$2,011.38
Anderson Church Plant	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Aquillap Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Big Lake Baptist Church	\$2,634.93	\$0.00	\$1,442.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$4,176.93
Bodenburg Butte Bapt Church	\$1,347.46	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$1,422.46
Calvary Baptist Church	\$1,127.76	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,127.76
Catalyst Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Christ Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$170.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$170.00
Chugach Baptist Assn	\$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	\$501.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$501.20
College Heights Baptist Church	\$16,008.43	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,834.81	\$0.00	\$23,843.24
Comm Bapt Church, Coffman Cove	\$1,420.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,420.00
Community Baptist Church, Nome	\$366.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$366.00
Cowboy Church of Anchorage	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cross Roads Baptist Church	\$5,333.00	\$0.00	\$660.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$6,593.00
CrossCountry Church	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
Dillingham Bible Fellowship	\$3,042.88	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,390.00	\$0.00	\$5,432.88
Eagle River Korean Bapt Church	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church	\$1,213.75	\$0.00	\$170.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,383.75
Fairview Loop Baptist Church	\$9,568.78	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,568.78
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	\$13,451.44	\$0.00	\$2,750.00	\$7,250.00	\$0.00	\$23,451.44
First Baptist Church, Eagle River	\$11,516.80	\$0.00	\$3,875.00	\$4,693.00	\$405.00	\$20,489.80
First Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$2,383.00	\$0.00	\$1,399.00	\$2,055.00	\$0.00	\$5,837.00
First Baptist Church, North Pole	\$8,807.00	\$0.00	\$788.00	\$1,327.75	\$0.00	\$10,922.75
First Baptist Church, Delta Junction	\$17,128.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,264.00	\$0.00	\$20,392.00
First Baptist Church, Juneau	\$2,150.16	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$2,270.16
First Baptist Church, Kenai	\$2,713.27	\$127.46	\$702.83	\$1,627.83	\$0.00	\$5,171.39
First Baptist Church, Ketchikan	\$3,639.81	\$0.00	\$1,175.15	\$4,245.00	\$0.00	\$9,059.96
First Baptist Church, Kotzebue	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
First Baptist Church, Palmer	\$4,999.98	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$136.00	\$0.00	\$5,135.98
First Baptist Church, Petersburg	\$2,244.10	\$0.00	\$1,545.00	\$2,786.00	\$0.00	\$6,575.10
First Baptist Church, Sitka	\$3,145.96	\$0.00	\$1,230.00	\$1,290.00	\$0.00	\$5,665.96
First Baptist Church, Soldotna	\$3,509.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,111.00	\$0.00	\$4,620.00
First Baptist Church, Valdez	\$5,234.56	\$0.00	\$2,074.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,308.56
First Baptist Church, Wasilla	\$5,978.61	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,978.61
First Baptist Church, Willow	\$2,322.97	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,045.72	\$0.00	\$7,368.69
First Hmong Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Korean Baptist Church	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$333.00	\$539.00	\$0.00	\$1,472.00
First Native Baptist Church	\$694.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$694.00
Friendship Baptist Mission	\$761.18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$761.18
Frontier Southern Bapt Church	\$2,650.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$855.00	\$0.00	\$3,505.00
Gilead Ministries	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Glacier Valley Baptist Church	\$7,334.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,477.00	\$0.00	\$13,811.40
Grandview Baptist Church	\$9,737.73	\$0.00	\$1,566.00	\$450.00	\$75.00	\$11,828.73
Greater Friendship Baptist Church	\$1,649.68	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,649.68
Hatcher Pass Baptist Assn	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hillside Baptist Church	\$2,766.97	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,766.97
Hydaburg Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Iglesia Bautista Hispana Sunset Hills	\$256.83	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$306.83
Immanuel Baptist Church	\$302.55	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$302.55
In His Steps Comm Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Journey Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Juneau Korean Church	\$90.00	\$0.00	\$283.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$373.00
Kasaan Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ketchikan Filipino Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$650.00
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	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$490.00	\$560.00	\$0.00	\$1,450.00
Lighthouse Community Church	\$3,139.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,139.00
Living Water Baptist Church	\$108.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$108.00
Malamalama Fou Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Misc. Contributors-Cash	\$0.00	\$8,574.43	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$85.00	\$8,659.43
Montana Creek Baptist Church	\$3,881.92	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$775.00	\$0.00	\$4,656.92
Moose Creek Baptist Church	\$1,758.78	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$1,818.78
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 Military Church Plant	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Morning Star Baptist Church	\$2,850.00	\$715.00	\$300.00	\$1,115.00	\$0.00	\$4,980.00
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	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$175.00

## January-April 2015 Gifts from ABC Churches

Organization	CP	SMD	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	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$750.00
New Hope Baptist Church	\$4,310.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$511.00	\$0.00	\$5,321.00
New Hope Fellowship	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$225.00
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	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pioneer Baptist Church	\$771.30	\$0.00	\$304.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,075.30
Rabbit Creek Community Church	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,250.00
River In The Desert Community Church	\$1,768.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,768.00
Riverside Chapel	\$866.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$866.00
Roots Family Church, Kasilof	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Roots Family Church, Soldotna	\$280.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$380.00
Salcha Baptist Church	\$5,541.90	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,020.00	\$0.00	\$9,561.90
Samoa Alaska Baptist Church	\$214.63	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$214.63
Sand Lake Fellowship	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75.00
Sand Point Baptist Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Schrock Road Community Church	\$2,239.00	\$567.00	\$378.00	\$378.00	\$0.00	\$3,562.00
Settler's Bay Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Shannon Park Baptist Church	\$1,211.03	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	\$2,461.03
Shungnak Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Slavic Bridge	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75.00
Solid Rock Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$350.00
St. John Baptist Church	\$2,953.79	\$30.00	\$323.00	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$3,431.79
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$5,745.58	\$0.00	\$1,915.00	\$100.50	\$0.00	\$7,761.08
Tanana Valley Baptist Assn	\$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	\$0.00	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$125.00
The Crossing @ Birchwood	\$1,600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,600.00
Thorne Bay Baptist Church	\$131.62	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$171.62
Togiak Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Tongass Baptist Assn	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
True North Church	\$2,800.00	\$0.00	\$1,120.00	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,920.00
True North Church Girdwood	\$1,083.87	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,083.87
True North Downtown	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
UBC-Chinese Fellowship	\$396.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$485.00	\$0.00	\$981.00
University Baptist Church, Anch	\$2,321.11	\$0.00	\$1,477.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$3,948.11
University Baptist Church, Fbks	\$4,471.00	\$0.00	\$1,131.00	\$3,111.86	\$0.00	\$8,713.86
Upper Tanana Valley Reg Church Pltg Ctr	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Valley View Baptist Church	\$2,875.00	\$0.00	\$280.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,155.00
Wasilla Korean Baptist Church	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Whittier Christian Comm Church	\$426.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$125.00	\$100.00	\$801.00
<b>Total Giving from Jan.-Apr. 2015</b>	<b>\$226,573.91</b>	<b>\$12,388.89</b>	<b>\$30,698.98</b>	<b>\$79,548.47</b>	<b>\$665.00</b>	<b>\$349,875.25</b>

### Legend:

CP:	Cooperative Program, January - December
SMD:	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	
<b>April</b>				
Receipts	\$74,171.09		\$58,561.93	
CP Goal	58,699.41		58,569.66	
Variance	15,471.68	26.36%	(7.73)	-0.01%
<b>Year-to-Date</b>				
Receipts	\$226,573.71		\$221,311.77	
CP Goal	234,797.64		234,278.64	
Variance	(8,223.93)	-3.50%	(12,966.87)	-5.53%

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  
Friendship Baptist Mission, Fairbanks  
Kiana Baptist Mission  
Lighthouse Community Church, Nikiski  
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



# SUMMER CAMP

SIGN UP TODAY!

## Laverne Griffin Youth Recreation Camp

Alaska Native Youth Camp • June 8-12  
(coed camp for grades 7-12) \$195

X-Faith Youth Camp • June 15-19  
(coed camp for grades 7-12) \$195

Boys Camp • June 22-26  
(grades 1-6) \$195

Girls Camp • June 29-July 3  
(grades 1-6) \$195

Call for additional information  
907.376.6887

## Camp Baldwin

K - 2nd Grade Camp • June 24-26  
\$90

Grades 3-4 Camp • June 29-July 3  
\$110

Grades 5-6 Camp • July 6-10  
\$110

Grades 7-8 Camp • July 13-17  
\$110

Grades 9-12 Camp • July 20-24  
\$120

Call for additional information  
907.474.4989

## **Alaska Baptist Convention Annual Meeting** **First Baptist Church, Palmer • September 28-30, 2015**

### Monday, September 28, 2015

7:00-9:00 p.m. Annual Mission Rally

### Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Pastor's Conference, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

WMU annual meeting, 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Annual meeting, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

*dinner on your own, off campus*

Annual meeting, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, September 30, 2015

Annual meeting, 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

*lunch on your own off campus*

Annual meeting, 2:30-4:00 p.m.

**Hotel  
information  
you are responsible  
for your own  
reservation**

Best Western Lake Lucille Inn, Wasilla  
907.373.1776

Valley Hotel, Palmer  
907.745.3330

*Check with the Mat-Su CVB about area B&Bs.*

## **Electing your 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.

- Each church shall be entitled to two (2) messengers, and one additional messenger for each one percent of its undesignated funds given to the ABC through the Cooperative Program.
- No church shall be entitled to more than twelve (12) messengers.
- Church-type missions are entitled to one (1) messenger.
- All messengers shall be resident members and in good standing of the cooperating Alaska Baptist Convention church/mission that elects them.

**Only messengers may bring motions to the floor during business session.**

May 5, 2015

To: The Saints that are the Alaska Baptist Convention

In the life of individuals there are many milestones or significant events that are usually centered on birthdays or age. For example:

- Obviously the day you are born
- Your 1st birthday
- Your 2nd birthday because you are now considered a preschooler
- Your 5th birthday because you are able to start kindergarten
- Your 10th birthday because you are now double digits
- Your 13th birthday because you are now a teenager
- Your 16th birthday because you are able to get your driver's license
- Your 18th birthday because you are now considered a young adult
- Your 21st birthday because you are now considered a "responsible" adult
- From that point, your significant dates are usually in ten year segments, i.e. 30 years old, 40 years old, 50 years old, 60 years old until you reach 65 years old
- At 65 years of age you are eligible for Medicare
- At 66, at least for those in my generation, you are eligible for full social security

2016 is a significant year for Rebecca and me. It will mark my being in vocational ministry for 45 years. Rebecca and I will celebrate our 40th Wedding Anniversary. It marks 30 years of ministry in Alaska. And I turn 66 years old.

I remember when I was young and submitting my resume for ministry opportunities, only to be told that I needed more experience and that a person who was older was called. It was a frustrating experience and I must admit that I wondered why those "old guys" just did not retire and make room for the younger guys who had "new ideas".

Now I am one those "older guys" and there are those who, while it has not been voiced to me, are probably thinking, why doesn't that "old guy" retire and make room for the next generation?

This letter is to advise Alaska Baptists that I am announcing my retirement as the Executive Director-Treasurer of the Alaska Baptist Convention and as the Executive Director of the Alaska Baptist Foundation, to take effect on May 1, 2016.

Over the 45 years the Lord has allowed me to serve Him in ministry, there have been so many blessings that they are innumerable but one that rises to the top is His blessing me with the privilege of serving Him in Alaska. From the pastorate at Glacier Valley Baptist Church in Juneau and the church planting "circuit riding" in Southeast Alaska, to moving to Anchorage to become the Director of Missions for the Chugach Baptist Association, to becoming a part of our State staff, first as the Director of Missions and Church Planting and, for the past 5 plus years, as your Executive Director-Treasurer.

Over the years, there have been challenges and disagreements however, there have also been victories and blessings as we witnessed God working in our midst.

What God has in mind for me on May 1, 2016, I do not have the slightest idea. Rebecca is worried that I am going to be "under foot", in the way and a disruption to her routine. That will probably be true however, I do anticipate continuing to serve Him and His in Alaska in whatever way He and you allow.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the Lord and you for 30 years. It has been a tremendous blessing and I am forever grateful and blessed.

The Lord bless you exceedingly and abundantly,  
Michael R. Procter  
Executive Director-Treasurer until May 1, 2016

# Alaska Baptist Convention (ABC) Executive Board Actions

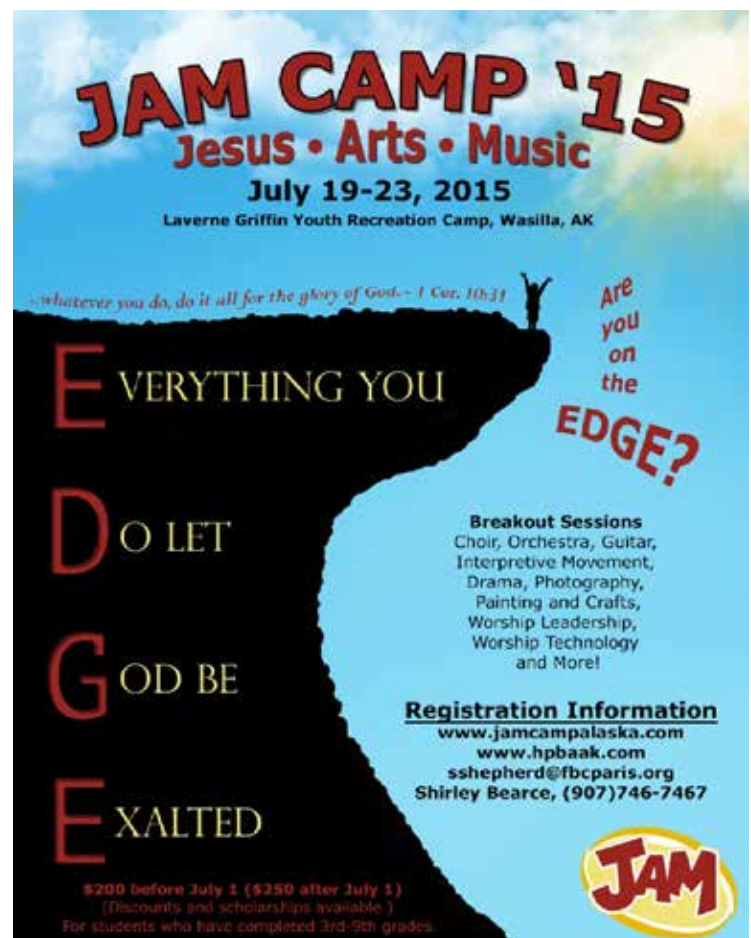
May 4-5, 2015

*submitted by Debra Long, office manager, Alaska Baptist Convention*

1. Accepted the November 10-11, 2014, Executive Board Meeting Minutes.
2. Approved the March 2015 ABC Financial Reports.
3. Approved to create the designation with GuideStone Financial Services of Director Staff and Administration Staff. Under the Director Staff the ABC will cover the director and family insurance premium. Under the Administration Staff the ABC will cover the employee insurance premium. The Executive Director has the authority to implement this plan. This plan will be effective for the remainder of 2015.
4. Approved to amend the 2015 ABC Budget for the remainder of 2015 to account for changes in the North American Mission Board's (NAMB) funding, transitioning of Jimmy Stewart's position, and IRS Notice 2015-17 prohibiting employers reimbursing employees for medical insurance premiums.
5. Approved giving the Executive Director authority to spend over \$2,500 to replace computers and keyboards. The funds would come from Designated Account 8301.
6. Approved to change the last two paragraphs of Policies and Procedures, Part III, XI, C. Church Strengthening Fund to read as follows: Requests for funds are to be made by April 1 deadline for the May Executive Board Meeting or October 1 for the November Executive Board Meeting. Should funds be used for any project other than the ones approved by the Missions Committee and Executive Board, they forfeit being considered in the equation for the next year. The request for funds form must be signed by either a Church Planter Catalyst, Director of Missions, or Moderator of the association, presented to the Mission and Church Development Committee, and approved at the next Executive Board meeting.
7. Approved to change Policies and Procedure Manual Part 2, IX Financial, Section C to read as follows: "C. Opt Out Group Health Plan. Full-time (eligible) Employees who decide to opt out of the Convention's Group Health Insurance Plan may be compensated with pay pursuant to specific negotiation between the Executive Director and the employee. In cases where the employee is the Executive Director or there is no Executive Director in place, negotiation authority is placed with the Executive Board. The additional compensation will be characterized as salary and may be used in any manner the employee chooses. Create section D. Health Savings Account (HSA). Should the Alaska Baptist Convention choose to offer a high deductible medical insurance plan for their employees, the employer will contribute monthly to a Health Savings Account (HSA) equally for each participating employee. The amount of employer's contribution will be determined annually by January 1. Employees have the option to make monthly contributions (via tax-free salary deduction). The combined employer's contribution and the employee's contribution are not to exceed the medical plan's deductible or IRS regulations, whichever is the least. Create section E. Flexible Spending Arrangement (FSA). Employees have the option to participate (via tax-free salary deduction) in a Flexible Spending Arrangement (FSA) account the employer has set up with AFLAC. May 1 is the renewal date for determining how much the employee will contribute.
8. Adopted the 2015-2016 ABC Calendar.
9. Approved to continue support of \$6,000 (\$1,000 per month) for Journey Church for the remainder of 2015.
10. Approved to support a new church plant in Wasilla, Living Hope Church, \$6,000 (\$1,000 per month) starting July 1, 2015. Doug Janneck will be the plant's pastor.
11. Approved to assign North Bear Street Baptist Church as third quarter 2015 2000 Club Call recipient to upgrade the well water system of the church from Class C to Class B, contingent upon obtaining the necessary building permits to complete this project.
12. Approved to assign Pioneer Baptist Church as fourth quarter 2015 2000 Club Call recipient to build a new baptistery for the church. Any remaining 2000 Club funds will be used to build a new entryway/foyer for the church.
13. Approved to grant Moose Pass Community Church \$3,000 from the Valeria Sherard State Mission Offering, of which \$1605 will be used to meet current financial obligations and \$1395 will be used for capital improvements.
14. Approved to grant Moriah Military Church Plant \$4,000 from Account 8575 Church Strengthening Fund to host an event to educate the community



- about the Jewish faith and culture and spread the Gospel.
15. Approved to grant Roots Family Church-Soldotna \$859 from Account 8575 Church Strengthening Fund to purchase chairs and Bibles for their ministry.
  16. Approved to grant Christ Community Church \$3,000 from Account 8575 Church Strengthening Fund to complete a theater-style lighting installation, stage renovation and other auditorium related work to reach out to the arts community and college students.
  17. Approved to grant Grandview Baptist Church \$3,000 from Account 8575 Church Strengthening to purchase necessary equipment for intentional discipleship and evangelism through hiking and backpacking trips.
  18. Approved to dedicate the 2015 Book of Reports to pastors who have served 15 years or longer in their churches: Roy Moore at Mount Redoubt Baptist Church, Nikiski (28 years); Paul Frost at Togiak Baptist Mission, Togiak (22 years); Jimmie Stringer at First Baptist Church, Juneau (22 years); Frank Taylor at Solid Rock Baptist Church, Anchorage (20 years); Glen Cotton at Clearwater Baptist Church, Delta Junction (20 years); Troy Gourley at Cross Roads Baptist Church, North Pole (19 years); Tom Hoffman at Fairview Loop Baptist Church, Wasilla (19 years); Scott Coffman at College Heights Baptist Church, Soldotna (19 years); Doug Edwards at First Baptist Church, Ketchikan (18 years); Bruce Rowell at First Baptist Church, Palmer (18 years); Mark Christensen at Salcha Baptist Church, Salcha (17 years); Rodney Kovtynovich at Schrock Road Community Church, Wasilla (17 years); Charles Worthy at First Baptist Church, Willow (15 years); Tracy Simmons at Christ Community Church, Anchorage (15 years); Randy Graham at Grandview Baptist Church, Anchorage (15 years); Sage Thomas at New Hope Fellowship, Haines (15 years); and Keith Webb at Coffman Cove Baptist Church, Coffman Cove (15 years).
  19. Adopted the 70th Annual Meeting theme to be "Thanks Be Unto God."
  20. Approved to give the "Director of Missions and Church Planting" authority to approve church plants up to the amount budgeted as long as all appropriate documentation is submitted in good order, and ABC & NAMB's standards and procedures are followed. The "Director of Missions and Church Planting" will provide a report of new church starts to the Missions and Church Development Committee and ABC Executive Board at each ABC Executive Board meeting. In the case where the "Director of Missions and Church Planting" is uncertain how to proceed in a specific case he will consult the Executive Director of the ABC and/or appropriate NAMB personnel.
  21. Approved to give Alan Dial the 5-year service award bonus of \$100 in his August's payroll even though he is two months shy of fulfilling five years due to his retiring at the end of August.
  22. Approved to express appreciation for submitting the resolution at the 2014 Annual Meeting; however, as it lacked proper process, the Executive Committee recommended it not be moved forward for action.
  23. Approved to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m., May 5, 2015.



# MILEPOST MOMENTS

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

## **Condolences**

Our deepest sympathy for the Josiah Garn family, in the loss of their three-year-old son Titus, on May 1. Josiah is the youth pastor of Moose Creek Baptist Church in North Pole. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at [siah\\_sonya@yahoo.com](mailto:siah_sonya@yahoo.com)

## **Slavic Bridge, Anchorage**

Oleg Bondar, church planter, graduated with a bachelors degree in Pastoral Ministries from the Irain Biblical Seminary in Kyiv, Ukraine.

## **Friendship Baptist Mission,**

### **Fairbanks**

Chris Grooms has resigned as pastor of FBM. He and Dorothy are relocating to Ketchikan where he has accepted the position of City Fire Marshall.

## **Glacier Valley Baptist Church,**

### **Juneau**

GVBC assembled 28 Kuspuk kits for the ministry of Paul and Glenda Worsham at Aquillaq Baptist Mission in Ambler.

## **First Baptist Church, Juneau**

A mission team of young adults from

FBC went to Oso, Washington to assist with cleanup projects following the devastating mud slides last year. They mowed, weeded, and rakes yards; pruned trees; cleared blackberry vines; and cleaned gas pumps so the store in town could pump gas again.

## **Sunset Hills Baptist Church,**

### **Anchorage**

The Women's Ministry at SHBC made prayer blankets for the residents of the McKinnell House, which is a transitional facility for families.

## **University Baptist Church, Fairbanks**

The college and career and high school youth groups will take a canoe trip on June 14. Even though the BCM college Bible study is suspended during the summer, those students will continue to meet at the church every Thursday night.

## **Chugach Baptist Association**

Members of CBA voted to support David George as full-time Director of Missions.

## **Tongass Baptist Association**

The Executive Board of the TBA met at First Baptist Church, Ketchikan on May

8 to begin the transition when Joe Boney, their current Director of Mission/Church Planter Catalyst relocates to the Fairbanks area to begin serving as regional Church Planter Catalyst.



## **Alaska Baptist Convention**

Todd Burgess, president of the ABC, presented a certificate of appreciation to Alan Dial for his five years of service as the Alaska Native Church Planter Catalyst. Alan will retire on August 31, and he and his family are relocating to Colorado.



## **Baptist Collegiate Ministries, University of Alaska Southeast**

UAS BCM was busy all semester, with a group of girls meeting on Monday mornings for Bible study, and a group of guys meeting on Tuesday mornings. At their Thursday evening meetings, they averaged 32 people in attendance. Glacier



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Valley Baptist Church hosted a Valentine's Day banquet and 20 BCM students provided the entertainment. They also traveled to Haines over spring break to help Pastor Sage (Holly) Thomas at New Hope Fellowship do some cleaning at the church. Their usual lunches, dinners, movie nights and game nights rounded out a full semester of fellowship.

### Congratulations!

Chaplain Barbara Young was among 70 nominated for the First Lady's Volunteer of the Year award. Along with several others, she was invited to lunch, hosted by the Governor. Chaplain Young is in her 21st year as volunteer chaplain at McLaughlin Youth Detention Center and Anchorage Police Department (APD). A member of First Baptist Church, Anchorage, she retired from APD in 1994.

**June 21 is  
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## Women on Mission Celebration

*by Judy Zach  
Alaska WMU president*

The annual Women on Mission Celebration was held April 9-11, 2015, at First Baptist Church, Anchorage. Special guests were Amy Boone, national WMU; Lorna Bias, NAMB missionary; and LS, IMB missionary. With the theme, "Rest In Him," 134 attendees were challenged and inspired with messages from the featured speakers and worship led by Meghan Bowker and Dianna Boucher. Break-out session provided additional instruction.



Women worship together.



Special music provided by ladies from First Native Baptist Church.



Melissa Batts led a breakout session on finding rest and renewal in the midst of "busyness."

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or going without my medicine."*

— Virginia Pangle, pastor's widow

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## The Impact of Your Mission Offerings

Since 1969, the 2000 Club has provided funds for selected Alaska Baptist churches to purchase property, renovate or repair their church facilities. Sponsored by the Alaska Baptist Convention, the 2000 Club provides a channel through which Southern Baptists work together in a cooperative mission strategy. **100 percent of contributions go to the recipient for each quarter.** The name for this fund was born of the idea that if 2000 people would be willing to donate \$10 per quarter, each year four capital improvement projects would be funded \$20,000 each! However, the sad reality is **there are currently only 162 individuals/entities who contribute, half of whom reside out-of-state.** Won't you consider becoming a "member" of the 2000 Club to help our churches with their building projects?



**Mike Procter**  
*Executive Director*

I have a fascination with names; I like to learn their origins, especially if they are odd or unusual. As an example, take the community of Chicken, Alaska. The story is that early gold miners thought “Ptarmigan” would be a good name for their community but could not agree on the spelling of ptarmigan. In frustration, one miner said that a ptarmigan was “nothing but an old chicken anyway” so the name “Chicken” stuck. Do you think that is true?

Many times, people ask me where I am from originally. I tell them I am from the “L.A. area” and they immediately think of Los Angeles, California, which is correct. However, did you know that Los Angeles was originally called “El Pueblo de la Reina de Los Angeles (sobre el Rio de la Porciuncula)” translated “Town of the Queen of Angels (on the River Porciuncula)” That’s not as easy to say as “L.A.”, is it?

On the island of Anglesey In Wales, there is a community named “Llanfairpwllgwyngyll” which means “The Mary Church by the Pool near the White Hazels.” But that is not the longest name in the community because that honor goes to the community’s train station, “Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwrdrobwlantysiliogogoch.” But even that is not the longest name in Great Britain; that distinction belongs to another Welsh train station with the name “Gorsafawddacha’idr aigodanheddogleddollonpenrhynareurdraethceredigion.” The names of both train stations incorporate the full name of the village plus local topographical features, as well as the names of various local landmarks.

In the Bible, there are over 200 different names used to identify Jesus Christ. Some of these names describe a characteristic of His personality or being; some describe His role. Other names describe His eternal existence. But whatever name is used, the Bible reminds us “...there is no other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” (Acts 4:12) His name can be sung by a preschooler in the hymn, “Jesus Loves Me”; His name can be used to conclude a simple prayer of faith...” in the name of Jesus Christ, amen.” His name can be called upon when one is experiencing a challenge, sorrow, trial, temptation or need. His name can be praised when a prayer is answered or a miracle takes place. His name can be whispered softly at the bedside of a dying saint...for there is no other name like the name of Jesus Christ. Bill Gaither is right, “Jesus, Jesus, Jesus there’s just something about that name...” or, even more importantly, as recorded in Isaiah 9:6-7 “...and His name shall be called...” and “...there shall be no end to His peace...” for “the zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.”

This summer, let’s proclaim the name which is above every other name...the name of Jesus Christ!



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

As I write this article, the weather in Anchorage is beyond beautiful. I hope it is the same in your locale. I have been excited to hear from our church leaders about intentional plans for connecting with their communities this summer. Don’t believe the enemy who tells you people are too active to be reached during the summer. Don’t tell that to the churches that are in the parks, in recreational areas, doing Vacation Bible School (VBS) or backyard Bible clubs. They are actively discovering prospects and reaching people for Christ. Have you thought of creative ways to reach your community? I would love to hear your ideas and be able to share them with others. Send me an email ([jimmy@alaskabaptistconvention.com](mailto:jimmy@alaskabaptistconvention.com)) and in the subject line, write “Summer Connections.” I will collect the ideas and send a summary to everyone. Even if you don’t use the ideas this summer, you may want to make plans for next summer.

Vacation Bible School is one of the biggest events our churches use to connect with their communities. About half of our churches will utilize a school to reach out to children and their families, so look for creative ways to get out of your church facility with your VBS. Backyard Bible clubs are conducted by churches throughout Alaska and this may be more effective for reaching the community, and less labor-intensive than traditional VBS. A backyard Bible club only needs two or three adults per 20 children and can be done in several locations week after week. Outdoor parks are a great location to reach out to kids and their families; some of our churches are doing games and activities in parks to build relationships. Still others have used sports camps very effectively; one church is going to mobile home parks and neighborhoods and offering day hikes for children and youth. This is a low cost activity but a great way to build relationships with children.

What resources do you have available in your area? Resources may come in the form of parks, lakes, mountains and community activities allowing us an opportunity to engage the un-engaged. I encourage you to challenge your congregation to be evangelistic this summer – to be out meeting people and starting conversations about Jesus. How many conversations could you have in a summer? How many people could you meet outdoors and at events? Grab a blanket, get some food, drinks and sunscreen, and go hang out in a local park. Challenge your members to be part of the activities and include conversations about Jesus wherever they go. I pray this summer is a great season of sharing Christ throughout our communities.





## Butch Strickland

*Director of Church Planting  
and Missions*

Recently I got a message on my Facebook page from a young Christian lady in Venezuela who is a teacher. She said she had asked a little girl if she was hungry and the little girl responded by saying, “Why should I be hungry? There is nothing to eat.” The way I felt upon hearing that statement convicted me on several levels. First, it renewed a practice that we learned while missionaries. Every time our national brothers prayed the blessing for a meal, they always prayed for those who were hungry. Second, I began to understand that not only is there a hungry world “out there,” there is also a world that is hungry—hungry for something more than food and water. Just as it is true that we live in a country of abundance when it comes to our resources, we live in a country where access to the gospel is also abundant. It has been said that 90 percent of the world’s pastors serve only 10 percent of the world’s people.

Read the lyrics of the following song and let the chorus become your prayer, your surrender to those who are hungry.

### “I Will Go”

To the desperate eyes and reaching hands  
To the suffering and the lean  
To the ones the world has cast aside  
Where you want me I will be

### [Chorus:]

I will go, I will go  
I will go, Lord send me  
To the world, To the lost  
To the poor and hungry  
Take everything I am  
I’m clay within your hands  
I will go, I will go, send me

Let me not be blind with privilege  
Give me eyes to see the pain  
Let the blessing You’ve poured out on me  
Not be spent on me in vain  
Let this life be used for change.

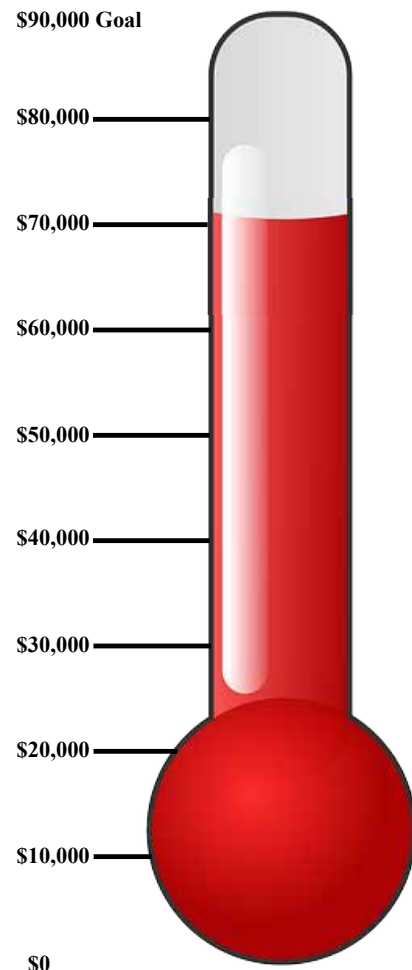
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## Valeria Sherard State Mission Offering

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# 2000 Club

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### 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, Camp Baldwin  
18 TVBA Executive Board Meeting  
19-23 JAM Camp  
20-24 Grades 9-12 camp, Camp Baldwin

### August 2015

5-7 FUSION Youth Conference  
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