

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

■ HAVE A HAPPY ■ INDEPENDENCE DAY

The Fourth of July is a spectacular day: barbeques, fireworks, fun in the sun and music, all in the name of our country's freedom. While you're out celebrating with family and friends, here is some strange Independence Day trivia to share, courtesy of ABC News, History.com and Fourth of July Trivia:

When did the Fourth of July become a legal federal holiday?

1938

What day did most signers of the Declaration of Independence actually sign the document?

August 2, 1776

How many people signed the Declaration of Independence on July Fourth?

Two

Three of the first five presidents died on the Fourth of July:

John Adams, Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe. Adams, the second president, and Jefferson, the third, died on the same day in 1826, the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration.

Which president was born on the Fourth of July?

Calvin Coolidge, the 30th president, in 1872.

What other countries celebrate American Independence?

Denmark, England, Norway, Portugal and Sweden. Denmark Danes and Norwegians celebrate American Independence Day because thousands emigrated to the U.S. in the early 1900s. Other European countries, like England, Portugal and Sweden, hold celebrations near American military bases and/or spots frequented by American tourists to boost travel during early July.

John Adams would think the country is celebrating Independence Day on the wrong date:

Adams wrote that July 2, the date the Second Continental Congress voted in Philadelphia to declare independence from Britain, not July 4, would be the day patriots celebrated their freedom. "The Second Day of July 1776, will be the most memorable Epoch, in the History of America," Adams wrote on July 3. "It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with Shews, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more."

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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
Aquillaq Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Big Lake Baptist Church	\$3,306.61	\$0.00	\$1,442.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$4,848.61
Bodenburg Butte Baptist Church	\$1,347.46	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$1,422.46
Calvary Baptist Church	\$1,127.76	\$0.00	\$863.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,990.76
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
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	\$25,721.06	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,834.81	\$0.00	\$33,555.87
Comm Baptist Church, Coffman Cove	\$1,990.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,990.00
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	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$950.00
Dillingham Bible Fellowship	\$3,436.28	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,390.00	\$0.00	\$5,826.28
Eagle River Korean Baptist 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, Fairbanks	\$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	\$182.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$182.50
Filipino Bible Church, Anchorage	\$875.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$875.00
First Baptist Church, Anchorage	\$16,291.45	\$0.00	\$6,625.46	\$7,250.00	\$0.00	\$30,166.91
First Baptist Church, Eagle River	\$14,365.10	\$0.00	\$4,450.00	\$4,693.00	\$405.00	\$23,913.10
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	\$10,726.00	\$0.00	\$788.00	\$1,327.75	\$0.00	\$12,841.75
First Baptist Church, Delta Junction	\$21,697.00	\$0.00	\$3,347.00	\$3,364.00	\$0.00	\$28,408.00
First Baptist Church, Juneau	\$2,828.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$2,948.50
First Baptist Church, Kenai	\$2,713.27	\$127.46	\$702.83	\$1,627.83	\$0.00	\$5,171.39
First Baptist Church, Ketchikan	\$4,651.77	\$0.00	\$1,175.15	\$4,245.00	\$0.00	\$10,071.92
First Baptist Church, Kotzebue	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
First Baptist Church, Palmer	\$6,666.64	\$0.00	\$1,929.00	\$136.00	\$0.00	\$8,731.64
First Baptist Church, Petersburg	\$2,788.66	\$0.00	\$1,545.00	\$2,786.00	\$0.00	\$7,119.66
First Baptist Church, Sitka	\$3,145.96	\$0.00	\$1,230.00	\$1,290.00	\$0.00	\$5,665.96
First Baptist Church, Soldotna	\$4,116.00	\$0.00	\$835.00	\$1,111.00	\$0.00	\$6,062.00
First Baptist Church, Valdez	\$7,169.24	\$0.00	\$2,329.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,498.24
First Baptist Church, Wasilla	\$7,124.84	\$0.00	\$1,277.01	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,401.85
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	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$333.00	\$539.00	\$0.00	\$1,622.00
First Native Baptist Church	\$896.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$896.00
Friendship Baptist Mission	\$900.46	\$0.00	\$855.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,755.46
Frontier Southern Baptist 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	\$8,834.84	\$0.00	\$4,388.00	\$6,477.00	\$0.00	\$19,699.84
Grandview Baptist Church	\$12,800.24	\$0.00	\$1,746.00	\$550.00	\$75.00	\$15,171.24
Greater Friendship Baptist Church	\$2,222.85	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,222.85
Hillside Baptist Church	\$3,649.80	\$0.00	\$714.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,363.80
Iglesia Bautista Hispana Sunset Hills	\$340.94	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$390.94
Immanuel Baptist Church	\$398.83	\$0.00	\$1,494.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,892.83
In His Steps Community 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	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$283.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$403.00
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	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$490.00	\$560.00	\$0.00	\$1,550.00
Lighthouse Community Church	\$3,785.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,785.00
Living Water Baptist Church	\$144.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$144.00
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	\$115.00	\$8,689.43
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 Fellowship Military Church Plant	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Morning Star Baptist Church	\$3,384.00	\$715.00	\$300.00	\$1,115.00	\$0.00	\$5,514.00
Mount Pleasant Baptist Church	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
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	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$225.00

January-May 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	\$615.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$615.50
New Birth Christian Church	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
New Grace Christian Church	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
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	\$85.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$310.00
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	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
River In The Desert Comm Church	\$1,933.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,933.00
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	\$170.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$170.00
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	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,200.00	\$0.00	\$2,800.00
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	\$110.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$110.00
Solid Rock Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$350.00
St. John Baptist Church	\$3,620.66	\$30.00	\$343.00	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$4,118.66
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$7,836.29	\$0.00	\$3,215.00	\$100.50	\$0.00	\$11,151.79
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	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
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
True North Church	\$5,500.00	\$0.00	\$4,120.00	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	\$16,620.00
True North Church Girdwood	\$1,133.87	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,133.87
True North Downtown	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
UBC-Chinese Fellowship	\$491.00	\$100.00	\$170.00	\$485.00	\$0.00	\$1,246.00
University Baptist Church, Anchorage	\$2,321.11	\$0.00	\$1,477.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$3,948.11
University Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$4,471.00	\$0.00	\$1,131.00	\$3,111.86	\$0.00	\$8,713.86
Upper Tanana Valley Reg Church Ptg 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	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Whittier Christian Community Church	\$541.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$125.00	\$100.00	\$916.00
Total Giving from Jan.-May 2015	\$274,725.34	\$12,388.89	\$56,361.45	\$81,948.47	\$695.00	\$426,119.15

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	
May				
Receipts	\$48,151.43		\$52,137.24	
CP Goal	58,699.41		58,569.66	
Variance	(10,547.98)	-17.97%	(6,432.42)	-10.98%
Year-to-Date				
Receipts	\$274,725.34		\$273,449.01	
CP Goal	293,397.05		292,848.30	
Variance	(18,671.71)	-6.36%	(19,399.29)	-6.62%

Please Pray for
our Pastorless
Churches

Anchor Baptist Church, Craig
Aquilaq Baptist Mission, Ambler
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




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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 their widows in need.



Mission:Dignity
Assisting Retired Ministers and Spouses

MILEPOST MOMENTS

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

Condolences

Our deepest sympathies to the family of Kerry Chadwick, who passed away May 25, 2015 as a result of an accident. Kerry was pastor of First Baptist Church, Sitka from 2004-2014. A memorial service was held at Immanuel Baptist Church, Estancia, New Mexico on June 1. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Deanna, Abigail and Kenny at

deannalc@gmail.com

Sunset Hills Baptist Church,

Anchorage

SHBC has called Keith (Barbara) Bennett as Minister of Music.

Montana Creek Baptist Church,

Talkeetna

MCBC thanks all who gave to the 2000 Club and enabled them to buy their electronic sign. Pastor Harold Conrad writes, "if it wasn't for the 2000 Club, we would still be on the drawing board."



Faith Recovery Fellowship,

Wasilla

This new church plant provides the opportunity for men who are newly released from Goose Creek Correctional Center to reintegrate into society, stay in Christian fellowship, find a church home and become productive members of the community. To date, 97 men have been baptized, several have been released and are now involved in local churches. The Urban Ministry Institute, in conjunc-

tion with Prison Fellowship Ministry, will begin at Goose Creek providing a seminary level education to dedicated Christ followers inside an Alaskan prison. This may be the tool the Lord uses to bring the good news of Jesus to the Alaskan people living in the 100 native villages with no gospel witness. Scott Thompson is pastor.

University Baptist Church,

Fairbanks

A construction mission team from Mississippi will be working on a list of projects around the church, with priority given to removal of a handicap ramp with an unsafe wall. This team also helped the church in 2013.

First Korean Baptist Church,

Anchorage



FKBC sent a mission team to the Dominican Republic where they conducted Vacation Bible

School, prayer walked and witnessed in six villages. Pastor Jea One Lee also facilitated a seminar with 60 local pastors.



Journey Church, Wasilla

As an outreach of their church, Journey operates Saving Grace Thrift Store, a non-profit store designed to use its resources to minister in Jesus'

name. Since the start of this ministry, they have been able to provide clothing, household items and furniture, and utility assistance to several individuals. If you would like to be part of this vital ministry, please contact Pastor Bill Little, 907.414.8643,

pastorwlittle@gmail.com

Chugach Baptist Association

CBA is forming an associational home school group. For information, please contact David George,

doc_pastor@yahoo.com,

907.862.4065.

Upper Tanana Valley Region

A mission team representing four churches from the Outer Banks of North Carolina, recently served at the Upper Tanana Valley Regional Church Planting Center in Tok, Camp Baldwin and First Baptist Church in Delta Junction. They helped "chink" the buildings in Tok and Delta Junction and assisted with VBS at First Baptist Church.



Ministry Need!

Moriah Military Church Plant (Anchorage) is in need of a projector, sound equipment and laptop computer. If you are able to assist this ministry, please contact church planter Mike Saffle,

servantofmessiah1@gmail.com

WELCOME FIRST-TIME GUESTS

Top Nine Ways Churches Drive Away First-time Guests

1. **Unfriendly church members.** Guests perceive some of the church members were faking it.
2. **Unsafe and unclean children's area.** If your church does not give a high priority to children, don't expect young families to attend.
3. **No place to get information.** If your church does not have a clear and obvious place to get information, you probably have lowered the chances of a return visit by half. There should also be someone to greet and assist guests at that information center as well.
4. **Bad church website.** The two indispensable items guests want on a website are address and times of service. It's just that basic.
5. **Poor signage.** Guests need signage and are frustrated when it's not there.
6. **Insider church language.** Do not use acronyms that only church members would know.
7. **Boring or bad service.**
8. **Members telling guests that they were in their seat or pew.** Yes. This still takes place in some churches.
9. **Dirty facilities.** Make sure trash cans are available and emptied, restrooms are clean and pews are stain-free.

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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. - Noon
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.

Each church or pastor will receive an e-mail with a link and instructions for registering messengers for the annual meeting. Your SBC ID number will be required to register. All messengers must be registered at the same time, as this will be a single-use link.

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

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.



Mike Procter
Executive Director

Have you ever heard the expression “that is just a drop in the bucket”? Usually that statement is used to indicate the item, action or event is just a small part of something bigger.

I once read a study where a person wanted to find out how many drops of water it took to fill a gallon bucket and the study concluded it is 70,276 drops of water. At the end of the study, the person held up his bucket and said, “here is my bucket of water” not “here is my bucket of 70,276 drops of water.”

How important are the little things in life? Twenty-five ten thousandths of an inch (.0025) of ink on a page of newsprint can be powerful. There are only 26 letters in the English alphabet but they can be arranged into as many as 800,000 words. There are three primary colors (red, yellow and blue) but out of them come all the colors of the rainbow.

Can something small be powerful? A drop of water in certain acids can create an explosion. A drop of disinfectant in contaminated water can produce potable water. A small imperfection in your shoe equal a blister.

Many times we feel small and insignificant. We compare ourselves to others and bemoan the fact we are not as good looking, smart, rich or talented. As churches, often we look at a bigger church and become frustrated that we do not have the same size congregation, staff, money and facilities. We may even say, “we are just a small church; what can we do?” We can remember God’s Word.

The Psalmist in 119:141 says, “I am small and seem not important but I will not forget your Word.” We can remember that Jesus said if we have faith as a grain of a mustard seed, great things can happen. We can remember it was a small lunch that fed over 5,000 people. We can remember the widow brought a small offering and God chose to memorialize her. We can remember that small things, in the hand of God, can do great things.

This summer as we serve Him, let’s remember the little thing we do can be greatly used by the Lord to produce miraculous outcomes.



The picture reminds me of this truth. At the ABC office, this small plant is growing up through the pavement in the parking lot. The pavement is stronger than the plant but in spite of its small size, it is overcoming and growing! May we do the same! In spite of the obstacles we face, and the hardships we encounter,

when we feel small, remember that our God is all powerful and we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.



Jimmy Stewart
Director of Evangelism and Church Development

Is it wrong to plant without harvesting? What farmer is going to spend the time planting crops with no intention of bringing them in? Doesn’t it seem silly to waste the seed, time, manpower and other resources to plant a field that was never intended to be cultivated and brought to fill the barns? Are we doing the same when we go into fields of lostness and plant seeds but never intend to see if the crop produces? I know many times God sent the disciples out to highways and byways to preach the gospel. From Acts to Revelations, there was an intentional approach to making disciples which included a long-term follow-up process. If we are going to spend time, resources, manpower and seeds, why not try to do it with disciple-making efficiency in mind? I am not saying it is wrong to throw out seed, but if an intentional plan is formalizing, why not make sure it has disciple-making potential? When you plan a block party, do you have the means, people and resources to follow through with those you reach? As I talk with leaders across the state and hear plans of great evangelistic efforts but no real plan to connect with those who respond, I wonder if we don’t sometimes do more harm than good. If you go into the community with an event, after which no one from the community comes to your church, or there is no continued contact, how do your members, who have put their time and efforts into the project, feel about the lack of response? Do they feel they have failed? Do they balk the next time a plan is suggested? It is very important the church has victory in these endeavors. That leads to a question that should be asked from the beginning: what is the goal of this event or what do we hope to achieve as a result of the project? If that goal is not reached, will members feel they have failed? Equally important, church leaders who plan activities don’t want to lose confidence in their ministry partners. The next time or two of doing a project without some type of result, leaders may be less inclined to challenge their congregation to try to reach the community. So, it is important to plan in a way that has potential for results.

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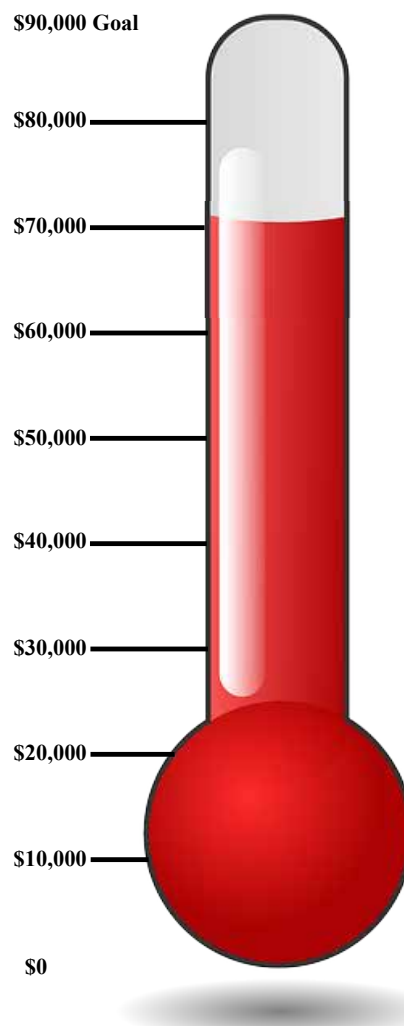
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Executive Director Search Committee Report

Todd Burgess, President, ABC Executive Board

With the announced resignation of Mike Procter, Executive Director, Alaska Baptist Convention effective May 1, 2016, an Executive Director Search Committee has been formed according to ABC policies and procedures. The search committee is comprised of ABC Executive Board committee chairs, plus three additional appointees from the Executive Board current membership. The appointees were selected by me.

Over the next several months, I will keep ABC churches updated on the progress of the search committee. In our first meeting, Mike Procter gave his perspective on current issues related to the direction of the ABC and concerns the new Executive Director may face while assuming leadership. We also discussed the process through which every applicant will go. This is to ensure that every applicant receives fair and equal consideration before the search committee. The search committee encourages input from churches as we prayerfully search for the person God has set aside for this position. Please direct written comments to the ABC office and they will be forwarded to the search committee. Anonymous information will not be forwarded or read by the committee. I also ask that you refrain from contacting the Executive Director Search Committee with the intent of ascertaining privileged information about the process or applicants.

We do covet your prayers and know the Lord will guide us to the one He has selected.



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Is Your Estate Ready?

Scripture reminds us to be good stewards of all God has entrusted to our care. David reminded us of this truth in 1 Chronicles 29:14 when he made the observation, “everything comes from you (God), and we have given you only what comes from your hand.”

Unfortunately, many people believe the practice of estate planning is only for the wealthy. From the Lord’s perspective, everyone is responsible to manage his property. When we abdicate our management responsibilities by taking inadequate steps to develop a properly documented estate plan, unintended problems can arise. The key to proper estate planning are three documents: Last Will and Testament (Will), healthcare directives, and durable Power of Attorney.

1. **The Last Will and Testament.** So what is a Will? It is a legal document drafted on behalf of an individual directing how their estate will be distributed. The Will is especially important if minor children are involved as guardianship issues are addressed. Unfortunately, analysis has shown that half of all Wills are outdated because of changing laws. Additionally, more than a third of Wills are outdated because of changes in personal possessions and family situations. Even more alarming is that statistics indicate seven out of ten people will die without a Will. The Trust is another estate document that can be used in conjunction with the Will. Whereas a Will expresses wishes after death, a Trust can take effect before or after death. If a Trust is established before death, it is known to be “living”; if after death, it is “testamentary.” Trusts provide individuals great flexibility in the distribution of their estate and places assets in a fund, managed for your

benefit or the benefit of your beneficiaries. Trusts can be revocable (changed) or irrevocable (cannot be changed). There are different types of Trusts depending on specific estate planning needs, such as the care of minor children, or providing for a family member with special needs. Generally, the biggest advantage to a trust instrument is the privacy it provides as it is not subject to probate and thus is not part of the public record. Trusts are typically more complicated and expensive so for smaller or less complex estates, they may not be the best option.

2. **Advance Directive to Physicians.** An Advance Directive to Physicians, or Living Will, ensures an individual’s wishes are known in case they become incapacitated and no longer able to make decisions concerning personal care. The document allows individuals to appoint someone to make healthcare decisions on their behalf.
3. **Durable Power of Attorney.** A Durable Power of Attorney is a written document allowing someone else to make decisions for an individual. Powers of Attorney need to encompass both financial and healthcare, and are most often done as two separate documents to allow greater flexibility and convenience. A Durable Power of Attorney can remain in effect upon an individual’s incapacitation and should be designed to take effect only upon the occurrence of such an event. A Durable Power of Attorney is broader in scope than a Living Will and encompasses all healthcare and financial situations.

Every individual of legal age (18-years-old for the state of Alaska) should consider having these three core documents in place.

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Is it ever too early to start planning for retirement?

Mike Procter, Executive Director/Treasurer



In 1971, at the age of 21, I began serving in the ministry. Like most ministers, my first position was a bivocational one and the congregation could not offer much in the way of salary. One thing the congregation did offer was a contribution to my retirement account. I did not have a retirement account because at 21-years-old, I thought retirement was only for old guys and I could never envision myself retiring. In spite of naivety, I opened a retirement account and have faithfully placed money into it every month for 45 years.

If you read my Milepost article on page 6, you will see I wrote about “small things.” Planning for retirement and making even small monthly contributions can make a big difference in the future. For example, if you contribute \$25 a month to a retirement account for 40 years and that account earns just 3 percent interest, you will have placed a total of \$12,000 into the account but with interest, you would realize \$22,62.38...nearly doubling your money! Increase that amount to \$50 a month and you increase to

\$45,240.76...\$100 a month would grow to \$90,481.51!

\$25 a month is a small amount. You could save that by eliminating one dining out experience a month or one specialty coffee a week. There is nothing earth shattering about this idea, but it is a small step whereby you can turn something small into something significant.

If you would like to know more about developing a money management plan, establishing various trusts or estate planning, please contact Adam Long, Foundation Coordination Director at adam@alaska-baptistfoundation.com or 907-770-0581 or 800-883-9627.

When I was 21, I thought retirement would never come. Now I am 65 and I wonder where the years have gone, and marvel at how quickly they have passed.

Monthly Contribution	Duration of Years	Annual Rate of Return	Fund Balance after 40 years
\$25	40	3%	\$22,620.38
\$50	40	3%	\$45,240.76
\$100	40	3%	\$90,481.51

Through partnerships, the Alaska Baptist Foundation has means to offer professional, completely confidential Christian estate planning at no cost. The estate planning process is conducted by phone and concludes with a detailed estate planning proposal. A legal referral service is offered as part of the estate planning package. There will be a fee for using the referral service, however it may save money because their attorneys have agreed to a set fee schedule.

It is recommended to have an estate attorney who will draft legal documents tailored to individual needs. They will also discuss related issues such as whether a Living Trust is an appropriate estate planning instrument.

We encourage Alaska Baptists with a mindset of leaving something for Kingdom Work to contact us with your

name, phone number, and email address so we can put you in touch with Christian estate planning professionals.

This information is general in nature and should not be considered tax or legal advice. Please consult your own tax and legal counsel for specific details about your personal situation before taking any binding action.

Information taken from:
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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN — JUL • AUG • SEP —

July 2015

Jun 29-3	Girls Camp, LGYRC
4	Grades 3-4 camp, Camp Baldwin
6	Independence Day
	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 Anchorage Baptist Temple
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September 2015

6-13	Valeria Sherard State Mission Emphasis
7	ABC and ABF offices closed for Labor Day
24-25	TBA annual meeting, Ketchikan
28	Mission Rally, FBC Palmer
29	wMu Annual Meeting, FBC Palmer
	Pastor's Conference, FBC Palmer
29-30	Alaska Baptist Convention annual meeting FBC Palmer

The Impact of Your Mission Offerings

Training Teens Today (T3) is a training event designed to help students take their commitment to Christ to the next level. T3 prepares youth to serve the local church for the next year. Some churches designate these youth as interns; some recognize these young people as special volunteers. Youth are taught in several areas of service consistently conducted in local youth groups such as Music/Worship, tech, video and recreation. In June 2015, **your mission giving allowed 14 youth and 12 leaders to attend T3 training**, which culminated in their assistance at X-Faith Youth Camp held at Laverne Griffin Youth Recreation Camp. This valuable time of training would not be possible without your faithful giving.