

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

## Valeria Sherard State Mission Offering

Statewide goal: \$90,000  
September 6-13, 2015



Thanks

be unto God for his  
unspeakable gift.  
2 Corinthians 9:15 (KJV)

# 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
Aquillaq Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Big Lake Baptist Church	\$3,893.71	\$0.00	\$1,442.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$5,435.71
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	\$29,801.15	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,834.81	\$0.00	\$37,635.96
Comm Baptist Church, Coffman Cove	\$2,353.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,353.30
Community Baptist Church, Nome	\$514.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$514.00
Cowboy Church of Anchorage	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cross Roads Baptist Church	\$6,780.00	\$0.00	\$1,315.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$8,695.00
CrossCountry Church	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$1,100.00
Dillingham Bible Fellowship	\$3,436.28	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,390.00	\$0.00	\$5,826.28
Eagle River Korean Bapt Church	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church	\$1,494.45	\$0.00	\$170.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,664.45
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	\$182.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$182.50
Filipino Bible Church, Anchorage	\$1,750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,750.00
First Baptist Church, Anchorage	\$19,343.80	\$0.00	\$6,625.46	\$7,250.00	\$0.00	\$33,219.26
First Baptist Church, Eagle River	\$17,640.09	\$0.00	\$4,450.00	\$4,693.00	\$405.00	\$27,188.09
First Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$3,015.00	\$0.00	\$1,399.00	\$2,055.00	\$0.00	\$6,469.00
First Baptist Church, North Pole	\$12,408.00	\$0.00	\$788.00	\$1,327.75	\$0.00	\$14,523.75
First Baptist Church, Delta Junction	\$27,936.00	\$0.00	\$3,799.00	\$3,489.00	\$0.00	\$35,224.00
First Baptist Church, Juneau	\$2,828.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$2,948.50
First Baptist Church, Kenai	\$3,376.21	\$247.46	\$813.32	\$1,738.32	\$0.00	\$6,175.31
First Baptist Church, Ketchikan	\$5,851.91	\$0.00	\$1,175.15	\$4,245.00	\$0.00	\$11,272.06
First Baptist Church, Kotzebue	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
First Baptist Church, Palmer	\$8,333.30	\$0.00	\$1,929.00	\$136.00	\$0.00	\$10,398.30
First Baptist Church, Petersburg	\$3,262.98	\$0.00	\$1,545.00	\$2,786.00	\$0.00	\$7,593.98
First Baptist Church, Sitka	\$4,343.50	\$0.00	\$1,330.00	\$1,290.00	\$0.00	\$6,963.50
First Baptist Church, Soldotna	\$4,116.00	\$0.00	\$835.00	\$1,111.00	\$0.00	\$6,062.00
First Baptist Church, Valdez	\$9,246.91	\$0.00	\$2,329.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,575.91
First Baptist Church, Wasilla	\$8,593.24	\$0.00	\$1,977.01	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,570.25
First Baptist Church, Willow	\$2,788.82	\$0.00	\$1,733.00	\$5,045.72	\$0.00	\$9,567.54
First Hmong Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Korean Baptist Church	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$333.00	\$539.00	\$0.00	\$1,772.00
First Native Baptist Church	\$1,055.00	\$0.00	\$1,038.84	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,093.84
Friendship Baptist Mission	\$1,157.71	\$0.00	\$855.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,012.71
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	\$10,316.60	\$0.00	\$4,388.00	\$6,477.00	\$0.00	\$21,181.60
Grandview Baptist Church	\$16,181.21	\$0.00	\$1,776.00	\$650.00	\$75.00	\$18,682.21
Greater Friendship Bapt Church	\$2,690.86	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,690.86
Hillside Baptist Church	\$4,582.11	\$0.00	\$714.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,296.11
Iglesia Bautista Hispana Sunset Hills	\$416.23	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$466.23
Immanuel Baptist Church	\$502.55	\$0.00	\$1,494.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,996.55
In His Steps Community Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Journey Church	\$180.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$280.00
Juneau Korean Church	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$283.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$433.00
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 Bapt Church	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$490.00	\$560.00	\$0.00	\$1,650.00
Lighthouse Community Church	\$5,857.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,857.00
Living Water Baptist Church	\$180.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$180.00
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	\$145.00	\$8,719.43
Montana Creek Baptist Church	\$6,847.22	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$775.00	\$0.00	\$7,622.22
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	\$4,147.00	\$715.00	\$300.00	\$1,115.00	\$0.00	\$6,277.00
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	\$275.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$275.00

## January-June 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	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$650.00
New Grace Christian Church	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,250.00
New Hope Baptist Church	\$5,685.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$511.00	\$0.00	\$6,696.00
New Hope Fellowship	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$85.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$485.00
North Bear Street Baptist Church	\$486.76	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$486.76
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	\$1,750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,750.00
River In The Desert Comm Church	\$2,433.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,433.00
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	\$580.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$680.00
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	\$4,279.00	\$1,159.50	\$773.00	\$773.00	\$0.00	\$6,984.50
Settler's Bay Community Church	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,200.00	\$0.00	\$2,800.00
Shannon Park Baptist Church	\$1,600.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	\$2,850.50
Shungnak Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Slavic Bridge	\$145.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$145.00
Solid Rock Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$350.00
St. John Baptist Church	\$4,242.40	\$30.00	\$343.00	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$4,740.40
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$9,873.96	\$0.00	\$3,215.00	\$100.50	\$0.00	\$13,189.46
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	\$2,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,400.00
Thorne Bay Baptist Church	\$194.63	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$254.63
Togiak Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
True North Church	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	\$4,120.00	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	\$18,620.00
True North Church Girdwood	\$1,133.87	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,133.87
UBC-Chinese Fellowship	\$593.50	\$100.00	\$170.00	\$485.00	\$0.00	\$1,348.50
University Baptist Church, Anchorage	\$2,321.11	\$0.00	\$1,477.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$3,948.11
University Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$6,769.00	\$0.00	\$3,450.00	\$3,111.86	\$0.00	\$13,330.86
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	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
Whittier Christian Community Church	\$716.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$225.00	\$100.00	\$1,291.00
<b>Total Giving from Jan.-Jun. 2015</b>	<b>\$333,389.70</b>	<b>\$13,211.39</b>	<b>\$64,004.78</b>	<b>\$82,778.96</b>	<b>\$725.00</b>	<b>\$494,109.83</b>

### 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	
<b>June</b>				
Receipts	\$58,664.36		\$48,690.45	
CP Goal	58,699.41		58,569.66	
Variance	(35.05)	-0.06%	(9,879.21)	-16.87%
<b>Year-to-Date</b>				
Receipts	\$333,389.70		\$322,139.46	
CP Goal	352,196.46		351,417.96	
Variance	(18,806.76)	-5.34%	(29,278.50)	-8.83%

Welcome!

Bill (Dawn) Blankenship  
North Tongass Baptist Church

Please Pray for  
our Pastorless  
Churches

Anchor Baptist Church, Craig  
Aquillaq 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  
Riverside Chapel, King Salmon  
Shungnak Baptist Mission  
Thorne Bay Baptist Church



**100%**  
of your gift

*Helps Someone  
in Need*

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



# 8 ways to keep college students in church

By Amanda Wood Williams

**When it comes to church attendance among college students, statistics are concerning: many young adults don't attend church, even if they attended as children. According to a 2007 study by Life-Way Research, 70 percent of young adults stopped attending church for at least a year between ages 18 to 22 – during the time when most Americans attend college.**

So what can churches do to curb the number of dropouts? Based on a survey of church-going college students by Dr. Donald W. Caudill and Benjamin J. Payne at Gardner-Webb University, here are eight ways to keep young adults coming back to church.

1. **Be strategic about welcoming young adults to church.** College students are looking for a safe place to relax, away from the stress and busyness of campus life. Offer a stress-free, welcoming home-away-from-home for young adults.
2. **Reach out to students who live near your church.** More than 94 percent of those surveyed say they would prefer to attend a church located near their places of residence.
3. **Recognize what students are looking for in a local church.** Young adults are looking for excitement at church – but that excitement comes from a

surprising source. Most students (89 percent) say the sermon – and their perception of it as exciting – would motivate them to attend church. By contrast, only 53 percent indicate they prefer rock music, professional lighting, and engaging media in church.

4. **Allow students to help.** Millennials have gained a reputation for being one of the most altruistic generations in decades. What better vehicle for helping others can be found than the local church? Most students surveyed (86 percent) say volunteer opportunities at church appeal to them, and more than 60 percent say they look for opportunities to participate in mission trips.
5. **Teach the Bible.** Almost 84 percent of students report they attend church to learn more about the Bible. Students are hungry for the Word of God as they grapple with new ideas and challenges to their faith; it's imperative to provide them with biblical teaching as they navigate these uncharted waters.
6. **Spend time getting to know young adults.** College students often attend class hours away from their hometowns, and any new environment can be a scary place. Familiarity – a sense of belonging – is something they seek. Personal relationships are foundational when building that sense of belonging, and the most important relationship is, perhaps, the relationship between

young adults and their pastors. Almost 8-in-10 students surveyed say knowing their pastor personally is important.

7. **Encourage diversity.** Almost 76 percent of students surveyed indicate they like churches where they can meet people from many cultures. Consider partnering with other churches for special events that encourage cultural awareness.
8. **Offer free food.** Poor college students may seem cliché; nevertheless, free food is a huge draw for young adults. More than 68 percent of students surveyed say that all things being equal, they would attend a church that offered free food on a regular basis.

When it comes to attracting young adults, consider all the factors that could keep students away from church – from the mundane busyness of college life to deeper spiritual issues of doubt that often correspond to reaching adulthood in today's culture. Try the above solutions and keep track of young adult attendance to see if your congregation is making progress attracting – and retraining – young adult interest.

Most important, shower the college-age students in your congregation with love, understanding, and prayer, knowing you are planting seeds that will produce spiritual fruit in their lives for years to come.

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# Executive Director Search Committee seeks qualified candidates to apply

**T**he Executive Director is elected by the Alaska Baptist Convention with the responsibility of managing of its programs, properties, and personnel according to the policies of the Convention. The director shall serve as the treasurer of the funds of the Convention, appropriating expenditures in accordance with the budget and the policies of the Convention.

## **Responsibilities:**

- *Administer and oversee the operations of the Alaska Baptist Convention as approved by the appropriate committee of the Executive Board and the Alaska Baptist Convention.*
- *Supervise the staff of the Alaska Baptist Convention*
- *Coordinate the programs of Alaska Baptist Convention.*
- *Promote Alaska Baptist Convention relationships.*

## **Position Qualifications:**

1. Experience as a Pastor or Missionary.
2. Graduate Degree of an accredited University or Seminary.
3. Express a clear testimony of personal faith in Jesus Christ and a call into full-time Christian ministry.
4. Have and be able to express a clear vision for Alaska Baptist work.

5. Possess a proven background of leadership and supervision of professional staff within the last three years in a local church or at a denominational level.
6. Understanding of and ability to inspire team building.
7. Deep commitment to and understanding of the Cooperative Program.
8. Experience in new work areas.
9. Denominational awareness and experience.
10. A skilled administrator, manager, leader and speaker.
11. Appreciation of the uniqueness of Alaska.
12. Demonstrate servant leadership and a commitment to church health, evangelism and church planting.
13. Family supportive of the ministry to which he is being called.

**Resumes will be received until September 21, 2015. All resumes and correspondence must be emailed to Todd Burgess, chairman, Executive Director Search Committee, [pastor@fbcer.org](mailto:pastor@fbcer.org). This is the only official way resumes will be received for processing.** Along with your resume, please submit a cover letter with a one-page statement of faith, including your ministry philosophy and at least three personal/professional references. *Please see full applicant package on the website, [www.alaskabaptistconvention.com](http://www.alaskabaptistconvention.com).*



# MILEPOST MOMENTS

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

**Don't forget to file your Vacation Bible School statistics on the Southern Baptist Directory Service (SBDS). You will need your user ID and password. If you need assistance, please contact Debra Long in the ABC office, [debra@alaskabaptistconvention.com](mailto:debra@alaskabaptistconvention.com), 907.344.9627, 800.883.9627.**

## North Tongass Baptist Church, Ward Cove

NTBC called Bill (Dawn) Blankenship as pastor. From Temple, Texas, Blankenships have three adult children. Bill is settling in southeast and Dawn will follow later in the year.

## St. John Baptist Church, Fairbanks

SJBC will host a Women's Day Service on Sunday, August 30 at 3:00 p.m. The theme is "Godly Women Sowing Seeds" (Hosea 12:10) and will feature guest speaker Karen Miles, City of Grace Fellowship Church. Everyone is welcome! Lawrence Ellison is pastor.

## First Baptist Church, Soldotna

FBC held their "Feed the Fishermen" event on July 4 at Centennial Park Campground. They served lunch to 180 people and the door was opened to share Christ. The church also hosted mission teams for Salmon Frenzy.



## Union University Jackson, Tennessee

Seven Alaskans were featured in the summer 2015 issue of "Unionite", the

Union University magazine. Miracle Burton, Jesse Dahms, Ivan Isaacs, Morgan Morfe, Christian Winter, BethAnne Davis and Kelsie Leaf all decided to attend Union and spoke of the many differences between Alaska and Tennessee they have already experienced.

## Southern Baptist Convention

The Alaska Baptist Convention had an exhibit during the SBC in Columbus, Ohio, June 15-17. Twenty-one Alaskan attended the convention.



## Faith Recovery Fellowship, Wasilla

The Urban Ministry Institute (TUMI) provides seminary level 4-year Bible education to incarcerated men in Goose Creek Correctional Center, the largest prison in Alaska. FRF, along with Prison Fellowship Ministry, provides TUMI in Alaska with the intention of educating primarily Native men to reach the over 100 villages in Alaska without a gospel witness. Please pray for the students enrolled in this program. Scott Thompson is pastor.

## This month in HISTORY

August 2, 1924: Fire destroyed the power plant at the Kennecott mine.

August 3, 1908: the first automobile in Fairbanks, a Pope-Toledo, arrived for David Laiti.

August 9, 1974: President Richard M. Nixon resigned the presidency as a result of the Watergate scandal.

August 10, 1728: Vitus Bering discovered St. Lawrence Island.

August 20, 1953: The Northern Commercial Company displayed the first televisions to arrive in Fairbanks at the Tanana Valley fairgrounds. Prices ranged from \$259 to \$419.

August 24, 1912: President William Howard Taft signed the Organic Act which created the Territory of Alaska. The signing took place on the birthday of Delegate James Wickersham, author of the bill.

August 28, 1963: The March on Washington occurred as over 250,000 persons attended a Civil Rights rally in Washington, D.C., at which Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. made his now-famous "I Have a Dream" speech.

August 31, 1953: Ted Stevens was appointed as the U.S. District Attorney in Fairbanks, his first government job in Alaska.

[www.alaskahistoricalsociety.org](http://www.alaskahistoricalsociety.org); [www.historyplace.com](http://www.historyplace.com)

# 10 Tips

## for Ministering to the Pastor's Wife

1. **Support her ministry passion.** Do not assume your minister's wife WANTS to be a leader or member of your leadership team. Find out what her passion is for ministry and support her in it.
2. **Ask how you can pray for her and her family.** For a large staff, each month pray for a different minister and spouse. Find out specific requests and send a note of encouragement during that month.
3. **Remember special dates.** Send birthday and anniversary cards to your ministers and their family members.
4. **Let her be known as an individual.** Ask your minister's wife if she would be willing to share her story with your women at an event or small group. Let her know you want to get to know her personally, and you want the women in your church to know her, too.
5. **During staff appreciation times, do something special for the wives.** Provide them with a "pamper time" that could include manicures, pedicures, massages or facials.
6. **Do not complain to her about her husband!** If you have an issue to discuss, go directly to the minister you need to talk to.
7. **Give her a night off.** If she has young children, offer to take the kids so that she and her husband can have a night alone. Or, offer to keep them overnight so they can go out of town for a night or two.
8. **Let her serve.** If she loves to teach, ask if she would lead your next Bible study for a short period of time. If she's not a teacher, ask her to be part of the study as a member.
9. **Buy her a great book.** Give her a copy of *In Our Shoes: Real Life Issue for Ministers' Wives*. This is a ministers' wives Bible study written by real life ministers' wives Jennifer Landrith and Rachel Lovingood. If you have more than one staff wife, give each one a copy so they can do the study together.
10. **Cut her some slack.** Remember, she is just like you...a busy woman who has a heart for God and is seeking how to grown and serve Him. She struggles with some of the same issues you do, but hers may be much more visible!

Chris Adams, Lifeway Christian Resources, reprinted from *Facts & Trends*, Summer 2012

# Background checks pay off



More than 1 in 5 background checks processed by LifeWay's partnership with backgroundchecks.com reveal a serious offense. These numbers are part of the reason a growing number of churches use background checks as a way to better protect those involved in the ministry.

Since 2008, approximately 7,700 churches and religious organizations have conducted more than 142,000 background checks using backgroundchecks.com. Of those checks, almost half (47 percent) contained some type of criminal offense. The majority were for minor incidents, such as speeding tickets or seatbelt violations. But more than 21 percent of the checks discovered misdemeanors or more serious crimes, including more than 9,000 felonies.

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**According to the Pew Research Center's "2013 Teens, Social Media and Privacy study," teens are sharing a lot of very private and personal information on social media, including:**

- **92 percent** share their real name
- **82 percent** post their birth date
- **71 percent** tell the city they live in
- **71 percent** post the school they attend
- **84 percent** post their personal interests, such as movies, music or books they like
- **62 percent** share a relationship status
- **53 percent** make their email addresses public
- **20 percent** share their cell phone numbers online
- **24 percent** post videos of themselves

Source: <http://www.pewinternet.org/2013/05/21/teens-social-media-and-privacy>





**Mike Procter**  
*Executive Director*

At the International Learning Center of the International Mission Board (IMB) is a “wall of remembrance” for those who left the United States to serve the Lord on an international field



and while serving abroad, went to be with the Lord. To date, there are 410 names on the wall with the first being in 1847 and the most recent, 2014. I know of one new name that will be added in 2015. Janette

Shackles was a physician in Kotzebue who sensed God’s call upon her life, followed that call and went to serve Him in West Africa where she was killed in 2003. Janette was well loved and respected in Kotzebue and the surrounding villages and through the Alaska Baptist Foundation, two memorial funds



were established in her name; one to assist Alaskans with mission work in West Africa and the other to assist youth from the Northwest Arctic to attend summer camp.

Over the years, Alaska Baptists have been blessed to have several from Alaska go to the “uttermost

parts of the earth” through our IMB. Currently, there are 16 Alaskans (excluding children) serving with the IMB in Europe, Asia and the Pacific. All of them would love an Alaskan congregation to partner with them. This partnership should always involve praying and sending messages of encouragement and support; it could also involve sending care packages on their birthdays or other significant days. I still remember when Rebecca and I were serving in Germany, craving jalapeno chili peppers when a package containing a #5 can of them was delivered to our door step...what a time of celebration! A partnership could also involve sending a work team. The possibilities are unlimited.

If your congregation or ministry is interested in partnering with one of our Alaskans serving internationally, please let me know and I will be glad to provide names and contact information for you. Please let me know in what region of the world you would like to partner, and if you want to partner with a family, empty nest couple, unaccompanied male or unaccompanied female.

Your congregation’s mission giving through the Alaska Baptist Convention’s Cooperative Program assists each of these Alaskans in preparation for going abroad, for staying on the field and coming home on a stateside assignment. This is another impact of your mission giving.

The Lord bless you!



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

Do we organize outreach events but become dissatisfied when we don’t see any lasting results? Ask yourself these questions before each evangelistic outreach project: are there plans for trained volunteers to follow up and conduct Bible studies? Have you established new Bible study classes with teachers and leaders available for new converts to attend? Do you have a group of volunteers to make home visits, write cards, make phone calls and assist new believers to grow in Christ? If we come away from an outreach event and say to ourselves, “well done, good and faithful servant” but have not engaged with discipleship, will those people come to our churches on their own? A year has passed since the Luis Palau events in Anchorage and Fairbanks. Where are the 1600 people who made decisions for Christ? In our evangelistic events, we need to follow up with those we reach. Are we bold enough to ask those who are interested in Christ to become disciples? If someone says, “I want to believe,” is that enough? If someone says “I just want my ticket to Heaven,” we need to point out the Lordship of Christ. Do you believe that someone who doesn’t intend to do anything after a salvation prayer is truly genuine in their prayer? In Acts chapter 2, Peter said they had to save themselves from the corrupt generation and be baptized. What did they do? They devoted themselves to Peter’s teaching. Shouldn’t the norm be that people get saved then devote themselves to learning and growing? When you present the gospel, do you call for a person to believe and follow? In your invitation, do you include the understanding and expectation that following Christ means changes will happen, allowing growth and to know Christ better? Maybe if we did, when we offered to go to their home or invited them to meet with us or attend a follow-up class for new believers, they would respond. Brothers and sisters in Christ, let’s examine how we call the lost to Christ. Let’s assume they will be interested and follow their instinct to be in a relationship with God. Let’s assume they will want to learn more about Christ. Our objective should be to disciple and not just increase attendance numbers. Are we so focused on the church building that we default to thinking lost people need to come to our building to “do” church? These are tough questions but Jesus said “go,” so we need to.

What are you planning for follow up this fall? Are you connecting your events and strategy to engage your community of believers? Are you getting ready for new teachers, classes or groups to start? Maybe you could plan a “Back-to-Church Sunday” with information on the Fall events and opportunities. If you want to discuss your plans, call me. I would love to share insights into what others are doing successfully around our state.



# 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.

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.*

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

**In July, each church or pastor received an e-mail with a link and instructions for registering messengers for the annual meeting. Your SBC ID number is required to register. All messengers must be registered at the same time, as this is a single-use link. Contact Sylvia with questions, 907.344.9627.**

**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.

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



## **Valeria Sherard State Mission Offering**

**\$71,119.13**

*(as of June 30, 2015)*



# 2000 Club

**2015 3rd Quarter Recipient: North Bear Street Baptist Church**  
**project: upgrade well water system**

**Give  
God  
the GLORY**

**\$6630**  
**has been**  
**received for**  
**2Q 2015\***  
**\*as of 6/30/15**

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN — JUL • AUG • SEP —

### August 2015

5-7 FUSION Youth Conference  
Anchorage Baptist Temple  
27-Sep 7 Alaska State Fair

### September 2015

Aug 27-7 Alaska State Fair  
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

### October 2015

9-10 Statewide Prayer Conferences  
17 TVBA annual meeting  
20 CBA semi-annual meeting  
24 HPBA annual meeting/Mission Celebration

## The Impact of Your Mission Offerings

Your mission giving through the Cooperative Program of the Alaska Baptist Convention provides training and equipping opportunities throughout the year: January, State Evangelism Conference; March, Alaska Leadership Event and Avalanche; April, Vacation Bible School training, Ministers and Spouses Conference and New Full-time Staff Orientation; June, scholarships and grants for summer camps; September, Annual Mission Rally, Women on Mission annual meeting, Pastors conference and the annual meeting of the Alaska Baptist Convention; November, Bible Study Leadership Training. Additionally, there are the meetings of the Executive Board, one-on-one consultations with congregations and pastors, resourcing special needs and providing travel for our Bush pastoral couples. Your congregation's mission gifts are a vital part of impacting Alaska. Thank you!