

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

First Baptist Church, Palmer

Seventy years

*Thanks
be unto
God*
for his unspeakable gift.
2 Corinthians 9:15

Alaska Baptist Convention
SEVENTIETH ANNUAL MEETING
Mission Rally
66th Annual Meeting of the Alaska Woman's Missionary Union
Pastor's Conference

September 28-30, 2015

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God's Plan for Sharing in Alaska

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
Alaska Iu-Mienh First Bapt Church	\$138.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$138.25
Anchor Baptist Church	\$1,948.53	\$0.00	\$623.00	\$590.00	\$0.00	\$3,161.53
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	\$4,494.90	\$0.00	\$1,442.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$6,036.90
Bodenburg Butte Baptist Church	\$3,974.26	\$0.00	\$490.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$4,539.26
Calvary Baptist Church	\$2,480.65	\$0.00	\$863.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,343.65
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	\$622.64	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$622.64
College Heights Baptist Church	\$32,927.78	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,834.81	\$0.00	\$40,762.59
Comm Baptist Church, Coffman Cove	\$2,353.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,353.30
Comm Baptist Church, Nome	\$576.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$576.00
Cowboy Church of Anchorage	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cross Roads Baptist Church	\$8,899.00	\$0.00	\$1,315.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$10,814.00
CrossCountry Church	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$1,100.00
Dillingham Bible Fellowship	\$4,941.07	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,390.00	\$0.00	\$7,331.07
Eagle River Korean Baptist Church	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church	\$1,948.11	\$0.00	\$170.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,118.11
Fairview Loop Baptist Church	\$13,763.60	\$2,520.46	\$3,524.25	\$7,045.82	\$0.00	\$26,854.13
Faith Baptist Church	\$8,734.23	\$1,125.00	\$1,450.00	\$2,850.00	\$0.00	\$14,159.23
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	\$1,750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,750.00
First Baptist Church, Anchorage	\$21,557.12	\$0.00	\$6,625.46	\$7,250.00	\$0.00	\$35,432.58
First Baptist Church, Eagle River	\$19,805.98	\$0.00	\$4,450.00	\$4,693.00	\$405.00	\$29,353.98
First Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$4,105.35	\$0.00	\$1,399.00	\$2,055.00	\$0.00	\$7,559.35
First Baptist Church, North Pole	\$15,619.00	\$75.00	\$788.00	\$1,327.75	\$0.00	\$17,809.75
First Baptist Church, Delta Junction	\$32,533.00	\$0.00	\$3,799.00	\$3,764.00	\$0.00	\$40,096.00
First Baptist Church, Juneau	\$4,965.29	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$5,085.29
First Baptist Church, Kenai	\$3,630.73	\$247.46	\$855.74	\$1,780.74	\$0.00	\$6,514.67
First Baptist Church, Ketchikan	\$6,813.21	\$0.00	\$1,175.15	\$4,245.00	\$0.00	\$12,233.36
First Baptist Church, Kotzebue	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
First Baptist Church, Palmer	\$9,999.96	\$0.00	\$1,929.00	\$136.00	\$0.00	\$12,064.96
First Baptist Church, Petersburg	\$3,955.94	\$0.00	\$1,545.00	\$2,786.00	\$0.00	\$8,286.94
First Baptist Church, Sitka	\$4,878.97	\$0.00	\$1,330.00	\$1,290.00	\$0.00	\$7,498.97
First Baptist Church, Soldotna	\$5,306.00	\$0.00	\$835.00	\$1,111.00	\$0.00	\$7,252.00
First Baptist Church, Valdez	\$12,945.43	\$0.00	\$2,329.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,274.43
First Baptist Church, Wasilla	\$9,435.11	\$0.00	\$1,977.01	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,412.12
First Baptist Church, Willow	\$3,784.32	\$0.00	\$1,733.00	\$5,045.72	\$0.00	\$10,563.04
First Hmong Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Korean Baptist Church	\$1,050.00	\$0.00	\$333.00	\$539.00	\$0.00	\$1,922.00
First Native Baptist Church	\$1,206.00	\$0.00	\$1,038.84	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,244.84
Friendship Baptist Mission	\$1,157.71	\$0.00	\$855.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,012.71
Frontier Southern Baptist Church	\$2,650.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$855.00	\$0.00	\$3,505.00
Gilead Ministries	\$215.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$215.00
Glacier Valley Baptist Church	\$12,829.98	\$0.00	\$4,388.00	\$6,477.00	\$0.00	\$23,694.98
Grandview Baptist Church	\$18,740.07	\$40.00	\$1,776.00	\$750.00	\$75.00	\$21,381.07
Greater Friendship Baptist Church	\$3,098.08	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,098.08
Hillside Baptist Church	\$5,788.67	\$0.00	\$714.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,502.67
Iglesia Bautista Hispana Sunset Hills	\$464.95	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$514.95
Immanuel Baptist Church	\$599.87	\$0.00	\$1,494.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,093.87
In His Steps Comm 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	\$180.00	\$0.00	\$283.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$463.00
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	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$490.00	\$560.00	\$0.00	\$1,750.00
Lighthouse Community Church	\$6,460.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,460.00
Living Water Church	\$216.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$216.00
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	\$205.00	\$8,779.43
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	\$4,762.00	\$715.00	\$300.00	\$1,115.00	\$0.00	\$6,892.00
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-July 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	\$892.83	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$892.83
New Birth Christian Church	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$750.00
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	\$700.57	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$700.57
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	\$1,474.81	\$0.00	\$104.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$1,778.81
Rabbit Creek Community Church	\$2,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,250.00
River In The Desert Comm Church	\$2,579.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,579.00
Riverside Chapel	\$1,459.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,459.20
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	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
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	\$195.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$195.00
Solid Rock Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$350.00
St. John Baptist Church	\$4,813.11	\$30.00	\$343.00	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$5,311.11
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$12,483.31	\$0.00	\$3,215.00	\$100.50	\$0.00	\$15,798.81
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	\$2,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,800.00
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	\$8,200.00	\$0.00	\$4,120.00	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	\$19,320.00
True North Church Girdwood	\$1,844.87	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,844.87
UBC-Chinese Fellowship	\$705.50	\$100.00	\$170.00	\$485.00	\$0.00	\$1,460.50
University Baptist Church, Anchorage	\$3,421.21	\$0.00	\$1,477.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$5,048.21
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	\$4,312.50	\$0.00	\$280.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,592.50
Wasilla Korean Baptist Church	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$700.00
Whittier Christian Community Church	\$716.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$225.00	\$100.00	\$1,291.00
Total Giving from Jan.-Jul. 2015	\$400,504.88	\$15,846.85	\$69,311.45	\$90,442.20	\$785.00	\$576,890.38

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	
July				
Receipts	\$67,115.18		\$66,789.22	
CP Goal	58,699.41		58,569.66	
Variance	8,415.77	14.34%	8,219.56	14.03%
Year-to-Date				
Receipts	\$400,504.88		\$388,928.68	
CP Goal	410,685.87		409,987.62	
Variance	(10,180.99)	-2.48%	(21,058.94)	-5.14%

Please Pray for
our Pastorless
Churches

Anchor Baptist Church, Craig
Aquilaq Baptist Mission, Ambler
Big Lake Baptist Church, Wasilla
Bodenburg Butte Baptist Church, Palmer
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
Shannon Park Baptist Church, Fairbanks
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

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

Annual Mission Rally, Monday, September 26

7:00	Welcome and Prayer	Butch Strickland
7:05	Worship in Song	Chuck Esary
7:15	Devotional	Ben Skaug
7:25	Worship in Song	Chuck Esary
7:35	Testimony	S.W.
7:45	Offering for State Missions and Video	
		Butch Strickland
7:55	Message	Mike Hand
8:10	Worship	Chuck Esary
8:15	Message	Kevin Ezell
8:35	Benediction	Butch Strickland

WMU Annual Meeting, Tuesday, September 27

8:30	Registration	
9:00	Welcome and Greetings	Barbara Young
	WMU Greetings	Judy Zach
	Worship in Song	Toby Ingram
	NAMB Greetings from the President	Kevin Ezell
	Prayer Calendar	Karen Ellison
	Special Music	Toby Ingram
	Serving	Linda Cooper
	<u>Business Session</u>	
	Call to Order	Judy Zach
	Registration Report	Glenda Shaw
	President's Challenge	Judy Zach
	<u>New Business</u>	
	Nominating Committee Report	Rebecca Myers
	Election of Leadership Team	Judy Zach
	Installation of Leadership Team	Linda Cooper
	Miscellaneous Business	Judy Zach
	Conclusion of Business Session	
	Worship in Song	Toby Ingram
	IMB Missionary	S.W.
	Project Help: PTSD	Teresa Cappel
	Closing Song	Toby Ingram
	Closing Prayer	Judy Zach
12:00	Adjourn to lunch (provided)	

Pastor's Conference, Tuesday, September 27

9:00	Welcome	
9:05	Music	Stephen and Daniel Shrimplin
9:15	Message	Dave Ley
9:35	Music	Stephen and Daniel Shrimplin
9:40	Message	Mike Harris
10:00	Music	Stephen and Daniel Shrimplin
10:05	Season of prayer	Harold Conrad
10:30	Break	

10:45	Music	Stephen and Daniel Shrimplin
11:00	Business	
11:10	Message	Kevin Ezell
12:00	Adjourn to lunch (provided)	

ABC Annual Meeting, Tuesday, September 29, 2015

2:00	Registration	
2:50	Call to Order	Todd Burgess
2:55	Worship through Music	Stephen Shrimplin
3:05	Welcome from host church	Bruce Rowell
3:10	Prayer	Mike Balos
3:15	Adoption of Program	Todd Burgess
3:20	Seating of Messengers	Shirley Bearce
3:25	Worship through Music	Stephen Shrimplin
3:30	Introduction of New Personnel to State	
		Mike Procter
3:40	Constitution and Bylaws Report	Harold Conrad
3:45	Committee on Committees Report	
3:55	Worship through Music	Stephen Shrimplin
4:00	Committee on Boards Report	Tracy Simmons
4:05	Time, Place, and Preacher Committee Report	
4:10	Worship through Music	Stephen Shrimplin
4:15	Alaska Baptist Family Services (dba: Birchwood Behavioral Health) Report	
		Lorie Morris
4:25	Prayer for BBH	George Stewart
4:30	Worship through Music	Stephen Shrimplin
4:35	President's Message	Todd Burgess
5:00	Announcements	Mike Procter
	Benediction	Billy Barnhill

DINNER ON YOUR OWN

7:00	Call to Order	Eric Ash
7:05	Worship through Music	Chuck Esary
7:10	Prayer	Scott Thompson
7:15	Nomination for President and Recording Secretary	Mike Procter
7:25	International Mission Board Report	
		S.W. and Mike Hand
7:35	Prayer for IMB	Bill Milewski
7:40	Valeria Sherard State Mission Offering Presentation	Butch Strickland
7:50	Offertory/Worship through Music	Chuck Esary
7:55	Miscellaneous Business	Eric Ash
8:00	North American Mission Board Report	
		Kevin Ezell
8:15	Prayer for NAMB	Becky Sherman
8:20	Worship through Music	Chuck Esary

8:25	Executive Director's Report	Mike Procter	11:35	SBC Executive Committee Report	Ashley Clayton
8:50	Announcements	Eric Ash	11:50	Prayer for SBC Executive Committee	Charles Worthy
	Benediction		11:55	Worship through Music	Dan Shilling
<u>Wednesday, September 30, 2015</u>					
9:15	Call to Order	Harold Conrad	12:05	State Church Planting and Missions Report	Butch Strickland
9:20	Worship through Music	Dan Shilling	12:20	Prayer for Church Planting and Missions	
9:25	Prayer	Larry Macknicki	12:25	Announcements	Mike Procter
9:30	Election of President and Recording Secretary	Mike Procter		Benediction	Bill Little
9:40	Evangelism and Church Development Report	Jimmy Stewart	<i>LUNCH ON YOUR OWN</i>		
9:55	Prayer for Evangelism		2:30	Call to Order	Todd Burgess
10:00	Nominations for Vice Presidents	Mike Procter	2:35	Worship through Music	Keith Bennett
10:10	LifeWay Christian Resources Report	Jan Watkins	2:45	Prayer	Dave Jones
10:20	Prayer for LifeWay	Peter MacMaster	2:50	Election of Vice Presidents	Mike Procter
10:25	Presentation of Executive Board Actions	Todd Burgess	2:55	Woman's Missionary Union Report	Judy Zach
10:30	Worship through Music	Dan Shilling	3:05	Prayer for WMU	Don Shannon
10:35	Alaska Baptist Foundation Report	Adam Long	3:15	Recognitions; Vice President Results;	
10:45	Prayer for ABF			Installation of Officers	Mike Procter
10:50	Last Miscellaneous Business	Harold Conrad	3:20	Worship through Music	Keith Bennett
10:55	Alaska Partnership Report	Mike Procter	3:30	Annual Sermon	Tom Hoffman
11:05	Wayland Baptist University	Eric Ash			(alt. Harold Conrad)
11:15	Prayer for Wayland Baptist University	Linda Hoffman	4:00	Adjournment, Announcements	Mike Procter
11:20	GuideStone Financial Services	Mike Harris		Benediction	David Bradley
11:30	Prayer for GuideStone	Bruce Rowell			

	Alaska Baptist Convention 69th Annual Meeting			
	September 29 - 30, 2015			Name
	Messenger			Payment Status Free Order
	First Baptist Church 1150 Helen Drive, Palmer, AK 99645			
	Order Info			

**Messengers:
Bring your ticket
to avoid long
registration
lines!**

In accordance with the Bylaws of the Alaska Baptist Convention, Article V: Convention Committees, Section 1: Standing Committees, (a) Constitution and Bylaws Committee: “The principle duty of the committee is to review the Constitution and Bylaws of the Alaska Baptist Convention and the Bylaws of its agencies, and to recommend changes it deems necessary. The committee should present its recommendation to the Executive Director, and the Executive Board, ninety (90) days prior to the annual session, and publish the recommendations in the state Baptist paper or mail to the churches thirty (30) days prior to the annual session.”

Recommendation #1

Bylaws of the Alaska Baptist Convention
Article V, Section 1.

Original

STANDING COMMITTEES

The Committee on Committees shall nominate the Standing Committees, including their chairperson, for election by the Convention in session. The committees will elect their own secretary. The committees will schedule its meetings as needed but should utilize the times around activities of the Convention, such as the Evangelism Conference. All committees should review its work and consult with the Convention President and Executive Director.

Change the ABC Bylaws, Article V, Section 1.

The Committee on Committees shall nominate the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, including its chairperson, for election by the Convention in session. The committee will elect its own secretary. The committee will schedule its meetings as needed but should utilize the times around activities of the Convention, such as the Evangelism Conference. The committee should review its work and consult with the Convention President and Executive Committee. The Resolutions Committee shall be composed of the ABC officers and the Executive Director.

Recommendation #2

Bylaws of the Alaska Baptist Convention
Article V, Section 1 (b)

Original

Resolutions Committee. The committee shall review all properly submitted resolutions and shall present resolutions to the Convention for its consideration. All proposed resolutions to the Convention are to be submitted in writing. The committee may reword resolutions for clarity, combine like issues into one resolution or reject resolutions, which have been previously addressed or are inappropriate.

Section 1 (b) amend the following sentence:

All proposed resolutions to the Convention are to be submitted in writing to the convention office 45 days prior to the annual meeting.

Recommendation #3

Constitution of the Alaska Baptist Convention
Article VII, Section 2

Original

The standing committees shall have five (5) members elected to serve a three (3) year rotation term. The members, which shall be nominated by the Committee on Committees, shall be elected one-third each year by the Convention. The standing committees are: (1) Constitution/Bylaws and (2) Resolutions.

Change the ABC Constitution, Article VII Convention Committees Section 2 to the following:

The standing committees are the Constitution and Bylaws Committee and the Resolutions Committee. The Constitution and Bylaws Committee shall have five members elected to serve a three (3) year rotation term. The members shall be nominated by the Committee on Committees and elected one-third each year by the Convention. The Resolutions Committee shall consist of the ABC officers and the ABC executive director. Job descriptions for these committees are located in ABC Bylaws, Article V. Section 1. (a) and (b).

Recommendation #4

Constitution of the Alaska Baptist Convention
Article VII, Section 1.

Original

The Convention shall organize its work into standing, annual and special committees. All committee members shall be members of cooperating Convention churches.

Add to Section 1, Article VII Convention Committees of the ABC Constitution the following:

To establish or dissolve a Standing or Annual Committee, a request must be submitted in writing detailing the purpose of adding or dissolving the committee to the ABC Executive Committee 30 days prior to the ABC Executive Board meeting. The Board will vote on the recommendation. If the Board approves the recommendation, then the request to establish or dissolve the committee will be presented to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee 60 days prior to the next annual meeting for a two-third (2/3) vote in the affirmative.

Recommendation #5

Bylaws of the Alaska Baptist Convention

Article I, Section 1.

Original

Each qualifying church, as stated in Article III of the Constitution, shall present to the Credentials Committee of the Convention a list of its elected messengers, according to the Constitution, Article III. A qualifying church will be considered in compliance with this section if the list of elected messengers is received or post-marked no less than thirty (30) days prior to the annual or special Convention. Special sessions may be convened in accordance with Article II, Section 4.

Change ABC Bylaws, Article I, Section 1 to read:

Each qualifying church, as stated in Article III of the Constitution, shall present to the Credentials Committee of the Convention a list of its elected messengers, according to the Constitution, Article III, received or postmarked no less than thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting if possible. If for some reason the church cannot comply with this request, messengers will be permitted to register the day of the meeting, provided they have written authority by the church's pastor or clerk to act as "messenger" on behalf of the church. Special sessions may be convened in accordance with Article II, Section 4.

Recommendation #6

Constitution of the Alaska Baptist Convention

Article VI, Section 3

Original

The employees of the Convention, its Boards or Agencies shall not be eligible for election to the offices of President, First Vice President, Second Vice President or Recording Secretary.

Articles of Incorporation of the Alaska Baptist Convention

Article VIII, Section 3

Original

The employees of the Alaska Baptist Convention, its Boards or Agencies shall not be eligible for election to the offices of President, First Vice President, Second Vice President or Recording Secretary.

Change ABC Constitution, Article VI, Section 3; ABC Articles of Incorporation, Article VIII, Section 3; to read as follows:

The employees or immediate family of an employee (spouse, child, or sibling) of the Convention or its Agencies shall not be eligible for election to the offices of President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, or Recording Secretary.

Recommendation #7

Bylaws of the Alaska Baptist Convention

Article III, Section 3

Original

Employees of the Convention, its boards and agencies, are not eligible to serve as elected officers of the Convention, with the exception of the Executive Director-Treasurer, who serves an indefinite term.

And ABC Bylaws, Article III, Section 3 to read as follows:

Employees or immediate family of an employee (spouse, child, or sibling) of the Convention or its Agencies are not eligible to serve as elected officers of the Convention, with the exception of the Executive Director-Treasurer, who serves an indefinite term.

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, 907.344.9627, 800.883.9627.

New Beginnings Baptist Church, Seward

NBBC held an ice cream party for the



children at Bayside Apartments. The party was attended by several children and a few adults as well.

University Baptist Church, Fairbanks

A few of the ladies of UBC will attend the TVBA Women's Fall Retreat at Camp Baldwin in Delta Junction. The church will begin their fall schedule of activities on August 16.

Sand Lake Fellowship, Anchorage
SLF had a very successful VBS with



45 children in attendance! A mission team from Minnesota assisted in the effort, which is the largest children's outreach they have had. A van was donated to the church to help in their community ministry.

Shannon Park Baptist Church, Fairbanks

After over 30 years of ministry in Alaska, Paul (Sharon) Wells has retired and moved to the Lower 48. During their time in Alaska, the Wells served at Bodenburg Butte Baptist Church, Sutton Baptist Church, Friendship Baptist Church, as associational Director of Missions for Tanana Valley Baptist Association, and most recently as pastor of SPBC.

Bodenburg Butte Baptist Church

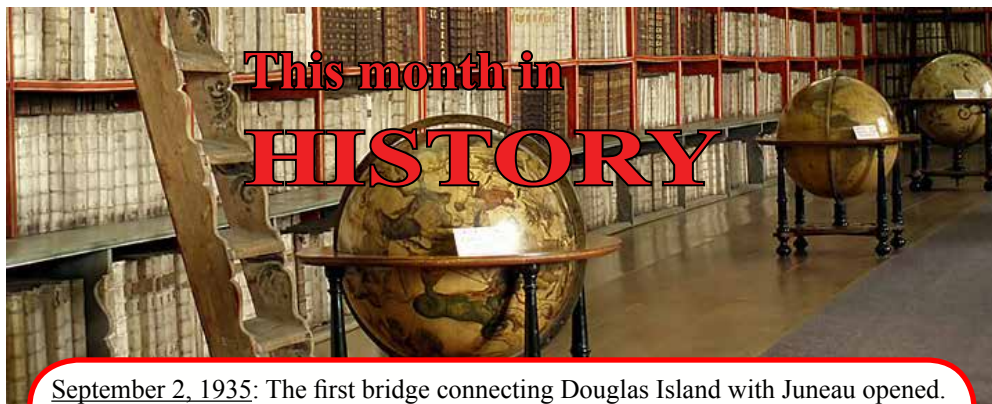
After over 35 years of ministry in Alaska, Glen (Nancy) Little has retired. During their time in Alaska, the Littles served at First Baptist Church in Palmer, as associational Director of Missions for Hatcher Pass Baptist Association, First Baptist Church Valdez, and most recently as pastor of BBBC.

First Baptist Church, Eagle River

Teresa Cappel, member of FBC and a chaplain with the Alaska State Troopers, was awarded a Commendation of Appreciation from the Department of Public Safety/Alaska State Troopers (AST). Teresa was recognized for her ministry among the AST family.

New Birth Christian Church, Fairbanks

Members of NBCC, along with volunteers from Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, handed out free drawstring packs filled with school supplies at Woodriver Elementary School. They



September 2, 1935: The first bridge connecting Douglas Island with Juneau opened.

September 4, 1794: The Phoenix, the first ship built in Alaska, sailed from Resurrection Bay.

September 5, 1881: Alaska held its first election. A total of 294 voters cast ballots and elected M.D. Ball of Sitka as an unofficial delegate to Congress.

September 8, 1883: The Northern Pacific Railroad across the U.S. was completed.

September 10, 1918: The "golden spike" was driven along the rail line connecting Seward and Anchorage.

September 13, 1814: The Battle of Fort Henry in Baltimore Harbor inspired Francis Scott Key to write the verses that would become our National Anthem.

September 19, 1903: The Fairbanks News (now the Fairbanks Daily News Miner) was established.

September 22, 1862: President Abraham Lincoln issued a preliminary Emancipation Proclamation freeing the slaves.

September 26, 1960: The first-ever televised presidential debate occurred between candidates John F. Kennedy and Richard M. Nixon.

September 27, 1957: The Richfield Oil Company completed its well No. 1 near the Swanson River on the Kenai Peninsula.

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also served hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and refreshments and offered free haircuts. They had a “bouncy” house and inflatable obstacle course for the children of the community. In preparation for the event, leaders of NBCC prayer-walked the community, witnessed door-to-door and personally invited people to attend the festivities.

First Baptist Church, Valdez

FBC celebrated 25 years of summer services aboard the M/V LuLu Belle! FBC sponsored a free showing of the movie “Do You Believe?” at the Valdez Civic Center. They also collected hygiene items for 30 welcome baskets for college students at Prince William Sound Community College.

Muldoon Road Baptist Church, Anchorage

MRBC ordained Joshua Travis to the gospel ministry on August 16. Jimmy Stewart led in the Ordination Commitment and pastor Fred Stroud led in the challenge.

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Mike Procter
Executive Director

This is an interesting picture -- the gate is the entrance to the facility, but there is a "do not enter" sign on it. What a dilemma!



I know none of our congregations would physically put up such a sign but in other ways do we say "do not enter"? How we welcome and greet guests says a lot about whether or not we really want them to come back.

We all say our church is friendly but are we friendly to guests? In August, I visited a church while in the Lower 48. I parked my car and since there were

no signs directing me to an entrance, I started following the crowd. No one said "good morning", "welcome" or "can I help you?". Entering the building, I had no idea where an appropriate Sunday school class was and after about five minutes, a kind person noticed me and offered to show me to a class. Those in the class were polite, asked my name and where I was from, but after a couple of moments they drifted back to those with whom they were familiar. After Sunday School, I went into the auditorium, found a seat and waited for the service to begin. No one said "hello", not even the person wearing a badge that said "Greeter." He did ask if I needed a bulletin. This church was in a small, rural southern community, and church members could tell I was only passing through, and I got the feeling it was more important to them to reconnect with those they had not seen since the previous Sunday than it was to reach out to a guest. I left remembering the "do not enter" sign.

Over the years, I have read many articles on best practices to welcome or greet guests. Almost all of them mention that a person decides within the first 5-15 minutes if they plan to return to the church. Most of this is based on their welcome or the friendliness of the congregation. Here is a summary of the various "dos and don'ts" from those articles:

- **DO** have knowledgeable greeters and clear signage.
- **DON'T** make me stand out. I was in a church once where they asked all the guests to stand and say where they were from. One couple did not stand and the person sitting next to them said, "Pastor, we missed someone" and the pastor proceeded to call attention to them by insisting they stand. Did you know that the "minute of madness" practice when you shake hands is not considered a plus to guests? They understand it is programmed and not a "real" welcome. Most church growth experts say this practice should end.
- **DO** encourage your members to be friendly and recognize guests. Offer to walk with the guest to the auditorium, classroom, child care area; show them where a rest room is located; invite them to sit with you during worship; and introduce them to others.
- **DON'T** allow the outside of the church property or building to get run down, shabby or messy.
- **DO** keep the inside of the building clean and neat, especially the restrooms and child care areas.



Jimmy Stewart
Director of Evangelism and Church Development

Autumn means different things to different people – hunting; digging out all the winter clothing and tires; back-to-school activities; sports events; See You At The Pole; and fall church activities. Summer in Alaska can be so crazy that it is almost a comfort to get back into a routine! As the dark days of fall and winter come, and even with all our busyness, we need to remember that the light of Christ and His Word need to be central in our lives. One new routine to emphasize is reading the Bible every day. How many of you have read the entire Bible? Don't laugh! You might be surprised to learn how few people have actually read the entire Bible. How long does that take, anyway? If you "google" that question, the answer is 54 hours, and here is a good example of what that looks like:

There are 1189 chapters in the Bible. In 120 days (four months), you would need to read ten chapters a day. Ten chapters might seem like a lot in one day, but how many of us spend that much time watching television? In the last few years, I have made a fresh commitment to read the Word and it really has made a difference in my life. With all the challenges of this world, I need God directing my life on a daily basis. I love my phone app that allows me to read before I even set my feet on the floor in the morning! But nothing beats reading Psalms and Proverbs with a good cup of coffee warming my hands.

Can you spare 15-30 minutes a day? If you can read the entire Bible in four months by reading ten chapters a day, you can take eight months by reading five chapters a day. Start in September and in eight months, you will be done reading the "most-read" book in the world! You might also want to encourage others in your church to do the same thing by sending reminder texts, or by using Facebook or Twitter. Give it a try and see what happens – it could make for a life-changing year in your church.

Procter, continued

- **DON'T** expect a guest to know the order of service. Every church does things differently and there should be some sort of worship guide provided.
- **DO** remember the guest's name so that following the service, you can introduce them to others in the congregation.

This list is by no means exhaustive and I encourage you to search the internet for additional articles. After all, we want to be friendly and welcome guests to our church, but we need to be mindful about doing it appropriately.

By the way, remember the church I mentioned earlier? This statement was in the worship guide: "the friendliest church in all of _____ County".

Seven Steps Churches Are Taking to Replace the Stand-and-Greet Time

by Thom Rainer, president and CEO of LifeWay Christian Resources

I would have never expected the response to a topic that seemed so innocuous. On this blog many people were very vocal that they really didn't like the stand-and-greet time during the worship services.

To be fair, there were some defenders of this practice. I was able to segment the hundreds of responses into three groups.

- **Guests:** Overwhelmingly, guests do not like stand-and-greet. Very few indicated they did.
- **Church members who are strong extroverts.** This group tended to be the vocal supporters of stand-and-greet. They really like speaking to both strangers and acquaintances.
- **The rest of the church members.** The majority of the church members did not like the practice. It is the time of the worship service they dread.

So almost all of the guests do not like the stand-and-greet time, and the majority of the church members agree with them. As a consequence, many churches have dispensed with this practice.

But church leaders are finding other ways to keep their congregations friendly during the worship services. In this follow-up post, I share some of the new practices I have discovered.

1. **Conclude the services on time.** The most natural time of fellowship takes place at the conclusion of each service. But, if the service goes long, many attendees are in a hurry to get their children from the preschool area, or to make previously scheduled appointments.
2. **Use the most outgoing members in critical places.** One church has a highly extroverted senior adult lady as the receptionist to the preschool areas. Her sole, but critical role, is to greet parents and children, and to provide them a clear guide of where to go and what to do.
3. **Ask your most extroverted members to sit by guests and converse with them.** Most of those who defended the stand-and-greet time where these extroverted members. Use them in other ways. And if the persons they find happen not to be guests, it's not the end of the world. It's okay for members to talk to one another.
4. **Ask your most extroverted members to mingle intentionally before and after the service.** There is certainly a pattern developing here. The extroverted members want to act extroverted. Give them permission to do so. A few churches are even offering training for these extroverts.
5. **Have clear signage that lets guest know where to go.** One church had the following signage at key entry points: "Guests: Follow the signs to our coffee gathering or to take your children to our safe and secure area."
6. **Encourage people to speak to each other at the end of the service.** If the service ends on time, encourage people to chat on the way out. Those who desire this interaction will do so. The rest will have permission not to do so.

7. **Have people wear shirts or badges that clearly indicate they are available to help others.** I recently attended an event where people who could provide help wore brightly-colored shirts and well-marked badges. A church of which I'm aware does the same. The badge says in clear and bold letters: "I Would Love to Help You."

Ultimately, friendliness is more of an attitude and atmosphere than a planned action. Leaders should provide such examples and continuously remind members to be hospitable and friendly at all times.

The meet-and-greet time is going away in many churches. These are some of the practices that are taking its place.

This article was originally published at ThomRainer.com. Thom S. Rainer serves as president and CEO of LifeWay Christian Resources. Among his greatest joys are his family: his wife Nellie Jo; three sons, Sam, Art and Jess; and nine grandchildren. Dr. Rainer publishes a daily blog and podcast at ThomRainer.com and can be found on Twitter @ThomRainer and at facebook.com/Thom.S.Rainer.

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September 2015

August 27-7	Alaska State Fair
6-13	Valeria Sherard State Mission Offering Emphasis
7	ABC and ABF Offices closed for Labor Day
24-25	TBA Annual Meeting, Ketchikan
28	Annual Mission Rally, FBC Palmer
29	wMu Annual Meeting, FBC Palmer
29	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/Missions Celebration

November 2015

2	Baptist Women World Day of Prayer
7	CBA/HPBA Bible Study Leadership Training
8	TVBA Bible Study Leadership Training
9-10	ABC Executive Board meeting
16	Annual Church Profiles due
25	ABC and ABF offices close at 1:00 p.m. for Thanksgiving Holiday
26	ABC and ABF offices closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

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The emphasis for our Valeria Sherard State Mission Offering (VSSMO) is in September of each year. The goal for this offering for 2015 is \$90,000 which is distributed statewide in the following ways:

- \$45,000 to statewide missions
- \$9,000 to Birchwood Behavioral Health (formerly Alaska Baptist Family Services)
- \$4,500 to Disaster Relief
- \$18,000 to our three camps (Laverne Griffin, Baldwin, Orton)
- \$9,000 to our associations
- \$4,500 to state mission offering and 2000 Club promotion

Our theme is "Thanks Be Unto God" based on 2 Corinthians 9:15. We are so thankful to God that He still calls missionaries; sustains and equips them; directs and rewards them; and uses them to extend His kingdom in Alaska. Your faithful giving to the VSSMO every year allows our missionaries to do the work to which they were called.