

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

THE POWER OF PREVAILING PRAYER

Statewide Prayer Conferences
Friday, October 9, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Moose Creek Baptist Church, North Pole
Grandview Baptist Church, Anchorage

Bible Study Methods and Rules of Interpretation
AND
Church Ministry, Administration and Education

Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.

ALASKA BIBLE TRAINING CENTER FOR PASTORS

Meeting at the offices of the
ALASKA BAPTIST CONVENTION
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Sunday, October 11

Daily Prayer Guide October

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God's Plan for Sharing in Alaska

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
Alaska Iu-Mienh First Bapt Church	\$285.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$285.25
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
Aquillap Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Big Lake Baptist Church	\$5,082.25	\$0.00	\$1,442.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$6,624.25
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	\$36,220.59	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,834.81	\$0.00	\$44,055.40
Comm Bapt Church, Coffman Cove	\$3,324.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,324.30
Community Baptist Church, Nome	\$634.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$634.00
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	\$5,422.74	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,390.00	\$0.00	\$7,812.74
Eagle River Korean Baptist Church	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church	\$2,202.28	\$0.00	\$170.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,372.28
Fairview Loop Baptist Church	\$17,593.34	\$2,520.46	\$3,524.25	\$7,045.82	\$0.00	\$30,683.87
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	\$240.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$240.25
Filipino Bible Church	\$1,750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,750.00
First Baptist Church, Anchorage	\$25,975.66	\$0.00	\$6,625.46	\$7,250.00	\$0.00	\$39,851.12
First Baptist Church, Eagle River	\$22,343.43	\$0.00	\$4,450.00	\$4,713.00	\$405.00	\$31,911.43
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	\$17,470.00	\$75.00	\$788.00	\$1,327.75	\$0.00	\$19,660.75
First Baptist Church, Delta Junction	\$36,452.00	\$0.00	\$3,799.00	\$3,889.00	\$0.00	\$44,140.00
First Baptist Church, Juneau	\$4,965.29	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$5,085.29
First Baptist Church, Kenai	\$4,262.81	\$247.46	\$855.74	\$1,780.74	\$0.00	\$7,146.75
First Baptist Church, Ketchikan	\$7,822.50	\$0.00	\$1,175.15	\$4,245.00	\$0.00	\$13,242.65
First Baptist Church, Kotzebue	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
First Baptist Church, Palmer	\$11,666.62	\$0.00	\$1,929.00	\$136.00	\$0.00	\$13,731.62
First Baptist Church, Petersburg	\$4,515.30	\$0.00	\$1,545.00	\$2,786.00	\$0.00	\$8,846.30
First Baptist Church, Sitka	\$5,470.62	\$0.00	\$1,330.00	\$1,290.00	\$0.00	\$8,090.62
First Baptist Church, Soldotna	\$6,978.00	\$0.00	\$835.00	\$1,111.00	\$0.00	\$8,924.00
First Baptist Church, Valdez	\$12,945.43	\$0.00	\$2,329.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,274.43
First Baptist Church, Wasilla	\$10,440.08	\$0.00	\$1,977.01	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,417.09
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	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$333.00	\$539.00	\$0.00	\$2,072.00
First Native Baptist Church	\$1,206.00	\$0.00	\$1,038.84	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,244.84
Friendship Baptist Mission	\$1,545.28	\$0.00	\$855.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,400.28
Frontier Southern Baptist Church	\$4,683.81	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$855.00	\$0.00	\$5,538.81
Gilead Ministries	\$215.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$215.00
Glacier Valley Baptist Church	\$13,532.36	\$0.00	\$4,388.00	\$6,477.00	\$0.00	\$24,397.36
Grandview Baptist Church	\$21,605.89	\$40.00	\$1,881.00	\$750.00	\$75.00	\$24,351.89
Greater Friendship Baptist Church	\$3,484.27	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,484.27
Hillside Baptist Church	\$6,989.01	\$0.00	\$714.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,703.01
Iglesia Bautista Hispana Sunset Hills	\$525.75	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$575.75
Immanuel Baptist Church	\$755.67	\$0.00	\$1,494.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,249.67
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	\$210.00	\$0.00	\$283.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$493.00
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	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$490.00	\$560.00	\$0.00	\$1,850.00
Lighthouse Community Church	\$6,938.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,938.00
Living Water Church	\$252.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$252.00
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	\$235.00	\$8,809.43
Montana Creek Baptist Church	\$10,751.78	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$775.00	\$0.00	\$11,526.78
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	\$5,373.00	\$715.00	\$300.00	\$1,115.00	\$0.00	\$7,503.00
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	\$375.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$375.00

January-August 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	\$1,019.04	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,019.04
New Birth Christian Church	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$750.00
New Grace Christian Church	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
New Hope Baptist Church	\$6,515.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$511.00	\$0.00	\$7,526.00
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	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
River In The Desert Community Church	\$3,340.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,340.00
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	\$1,868.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	\$3,118.70
Shungnak Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Slavic Bridge	\$245.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$245.00
Solid Rock Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$350.00
St. John Baptist Church	\$5,293.12	\$30.00	\$343.00	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$5,791.12
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$14,269.61	\$0.00	\$3,215.00	\$100.50	\$0.00	\$17,585.11
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	\$3,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,200.00
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	\$9,600.00	\$0.00	\$4,120.00	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	\$20,720.00
True North Church Girdwood	\$2,046.87	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,046.87
UBC-Chinese Fellowship	\$807.50	\$100.00	\$170.00	\$485.00	\$0.00	\$1,562.50
University Baptist Church, Anchorage	\$3,421.21	\$0.00	\$1,477.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$5,048.21
University Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$8,588.00	\$20.00	\$3,474.00	\$3,111.86	\$0.00	\$15,193.86
Upper Tanana Valley Regional Church Planting 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	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
Whittier Christian Community Church	\$866.00	\$325.00	\$0.00	\$225.00	\$100.00	\$1,516.00
Total Giving Jan - Aug 2015	\$452,223.36	\$15,941.85	\$69,440.45	\$90,587.20	\$815.00	\$629,007.86

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	
August				
Receipts	\$51,718.48		\$53,311.76	
CP Goal	58,699.41		58,569.66	
Variance	(6,980.93)	-11.89%	(5,257.90)	-8.98%
Year-to-Date				
Receipts	\$452,223.36		\$442,240.44	
CP Goal	469,595.28		468,557.28	
Variance	(17,371.92)	-3.70%	(26,316.84)	-5.62%


Welcome!

David (Tammy) Youngblood

Kiana Baptist Mission

**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
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Juneau
False Pass Christian Fellowship
First Baptist Church, Anchorage
First Baptist Church, Sitka
First Baptist Church, Soldotna
Friendship Baptist Mission, Fairbanks
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

MILEPOST MOMENTS

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

Annual Church Profiles are due November 16!



New Beginnings Baptist Church, Seward

NBCC hosted a back-to-school barbeque at Bayside Apartments on August 16. Several children and adults attended. In addition to the barbeque, church members also handed out school supplies and Bibles. The bounce-house, on loan from Chugach Baptist Association was a big hit.

Iglesia Bautista Hispana Sunset Hills, Anchorage

IBHSS celebrated their one-year anniversary on August 30. Steve Kim is the

church planter for the congregation.

University Baptist Church, Fairbanks

The college/career group will conduct a student-led service on October 4. The church will also host a Fall Festival as an alternative to Halloween activities.

The Church @ Commodore Park, Anchorage

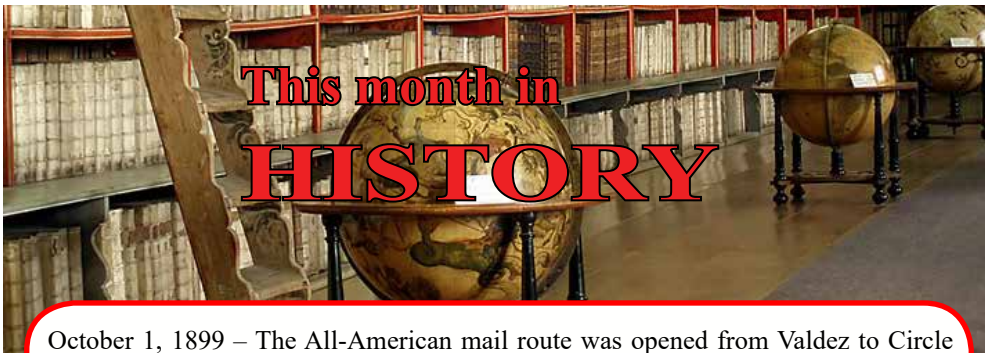
Charles and Lavon Bridges led a service at C@CP at which Lavon played several hymns on her Celtic harp and Charles brought a devotion. Mike Procter is church planter.



Executive Director Vacancy The Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware

The multi-state convention, whose office is in Columbia, Maryland, a suburb of Washington, D.C., serves and resources 550-plus churches in the Mid-Atlantic region who are in a cooperating relationship with the Southern Baptist Convention. Resumes will be accepted through October 15, 2015. The search committee will accept resumes through a portal on the website, bcmd.org/executive-search. Alternatively, resumes may be emailed to the Mid-Atlantic Baptist Network Executive Search Committee at executive-search@bcmd.org or mailed to: Mid-Atlantic Baptist Network c/o Executive Search Committee 10255 Old Columbia Road Columbia, MD 20146

For additional information, contact Rev. Victor Kirk, Chairperson of the Executive Director Search Committee, Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware, executive-search@bcmd.org, (267)716.4790.



October 1, 1899 – The All-American mail route was opened from Valdez to Circle City.

October 3, 1942 – The Whittier Army post was activated with one officer and 15 enlisted men.

October 6, 1869 – The Fort Wrangle post office was established. The name later changed to Wrangell.

October 12, 1930 – Pilot Ralph Wien and two Catholic priests were killed in a plane crash at Kotzebue.

October 15, 1957 – The U.S. Forest Service awarded the Alaska Lumber & Pulp Company at Sitka a contract for five and a quarter billion board feet of timber.

October 21, 1915 - The first transatlantic radio voice message was made by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company from Virginia to Paris.

October 28, 1886 - The Statue of Liberty was dedicated on Bedloe's Island in New York Harbor. The statue was a gift from the people of France commemorating the French-American alliance during the American Revolutionary War.

October 31, 1935 – Ferry service between Juneau and Douglas, which had commenced in the 1880, was discontinued upon completion of a bridge.

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**The nations are
coming to Alaska.**

Your gifts through the Cooperative
Program are reaching them for Christ.

Because you give...the ABC is
helping start Bible studies and
plant churches among the 240,388*
ethnic peoples living in our state.



US Census Bureau, 2013 statistics



COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

pray the *Lord* of the Harvest

HELP WANTED

THE HARVEST IS GREAT

MATTHEW 9:38

When we see the multitudes,
as Jesus did, as a harvest that is plentiful,

When we feel compassion for them,
as Jesus did, as sheep without a shepherd,

We will pray the Lord of the Harvest,
as Jesus instructed us, that He would send forth laborers.

PRAY EVERYDAY AT 9:38 A.M. AND 9:38 P.M.

BIBLE STUDY

Leadership Training Beyond "The Group"

Saturday, November 7, 8:30-3:30, FBC Eagle River
Sunday, November 8, 1:00-5:00, UBC Fairbanks



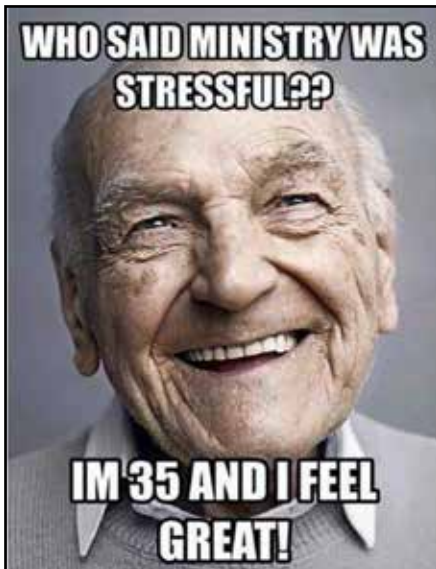
Mike Procter
Executive Director

The month of October is set aside as “Pastor Appreciation Month” and is the time when many congregations choose to recognize and express appreciation to their pastoral staff for their faithfulness to God’s call upon their lives and ministry. During our annual meeting in September, our Book of Reports was dedicated to pastors who have served their congregations 15 years and longer. What a privilege to be able to say to them, “Thank you for your ministry.”

I realize not all congregations are able to express appreciation the same way however, here are some ideas to consider: purchase a gift card to his favorite restaurant and have someone babysit his children while he and his wife enjoy a quiet evening out; arrange an all-expenses paid trip for your pastor and his wife and (if applicable) arrange childcare; give him a few extra vacation days; buy him a new fishing pole, rifle or other outdoor equipment; update his computer; arrange a family day with a pass to H2O Oasis, the zoo, movie tickets, or a day skiing at Hilltop or Alyeska. Be creative in expressing your appreciation.

While you are recognizing your pastor, I encourage you to also recognize his spouse. I cannot count the times when Rebecca had to change plans at the last minute because something came up at the church, someone was taken to the hospital or some other issue required my unexpected presence. Your recognition of his spouse and family is a great expression of appreciation for all your pastor does.

In Alaska, we are blessed with tremendous pastoral staff! Let’s be sure to express our appreciation.



Jimmy Stewart
Director of Evangelism and Church Development

As a pastor or church leader, how many conversations have you heard about the joys of sharing Christ with others? This topic is absent from daily conversations and there is deafening silence from pulpits on the subject. I can only remember a handful of times when I have heard a sermon or Bible Study lesson about presenting the gospel. One sad reason could be no one is sharing Christ and we don’t generally talk about something that is not being done. Another possible reason is reluctance to appear boastful. Is it really considered boasting if you take the opportunity to share Christ? Someone might say God is in the business of drawing people unto Himself and we don’t have anything to do with it. With that mindset, if God chooses to use us in gospel discourse, there will be divine intervention and we shouldn’t boast about it. If God chooses to use me for any endeavor for His kingdom, should I keep it to myself? Shouldn’t we tell others about the great things God is doing? Shouldn’t we rejoice like the angels for someone who receives Christ and no longer faces eternal damnation? When people are baptized, why don’t we celebrate the journey to faith and include their story in order to help sinners see the light? At a recent training session I attended, the evangelism professor told us that 30 percent of those he teaches feel that personal evangelism is intrusive and uncomfortable. These are seminary students who feel personal evangelism is wrong! In this day and age, there is a general feeling that it is wrong to push our views on others; I have been told by younger people they don’t feel comfortable imposing their beliefs on others. I believe the biggest reason people don’t share the gospel is lack of proper training. I want to help you train your members to share their faith in a personal and non-threatening manner. As I travel, I take opportunities to share my beliefs with as many people as possible and I have never insulted anyone. During the next two years, my major emphasis is to train as many people as possible in personal evangelism. I have already been asked to conduct statewide training events and if you are interested in hosting an event in March 2016, let me know; if you want personal evangelism training for your church, let me know. On October 24, Dr. Gary Comer will introduce “Soul Whisperer,” 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at Solid Rock Bible Camp in Soldotna. If you are interested in attending this event, please contact James Boyd, church planter for Roots Family Church-Soldotna, jamescharlesboyd@me.com or me, jimmy@alaskabaptistconvention.com.

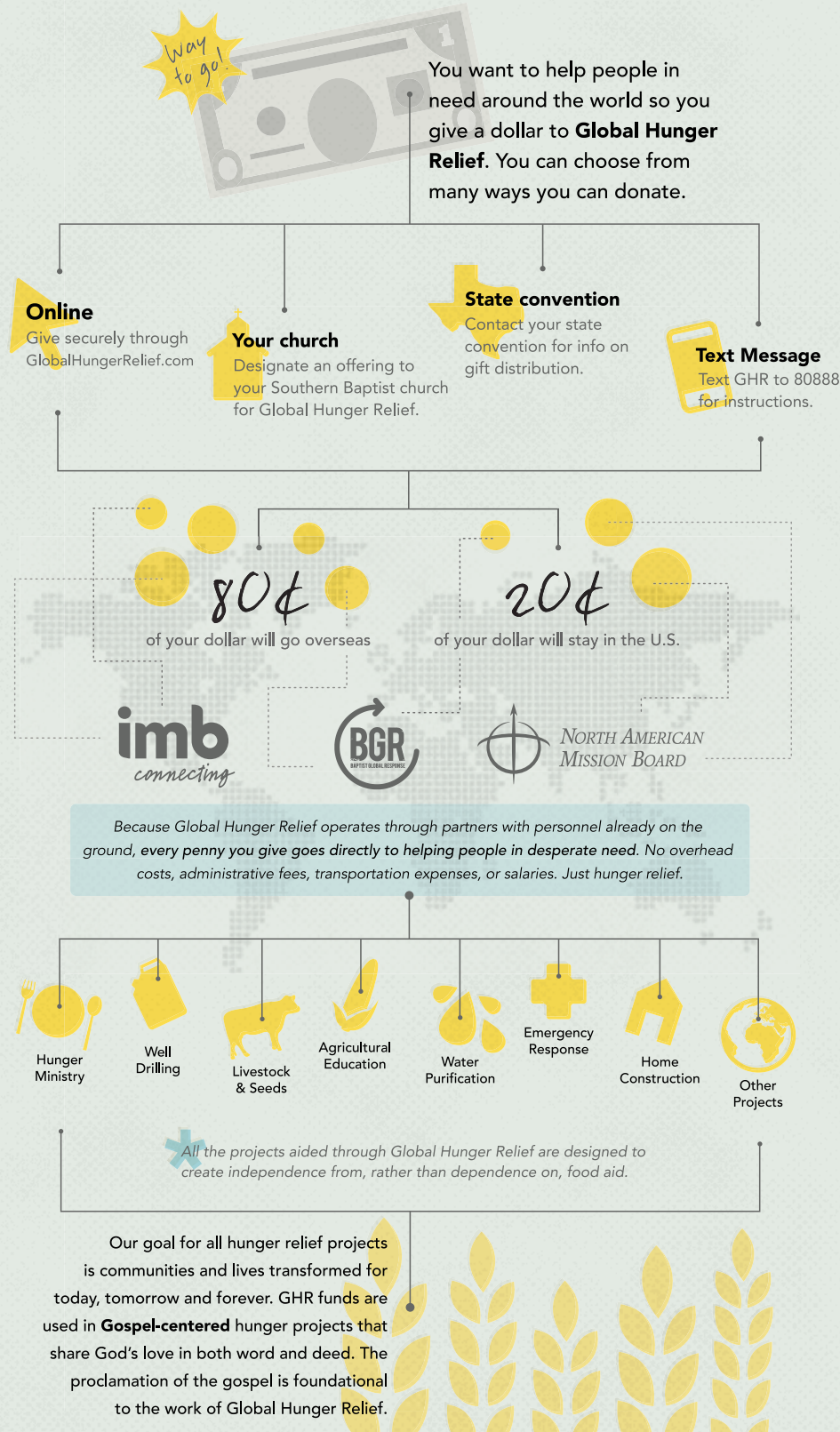
Bible Study Leadership Training (BSLT) is for age-graded Bible study leaders. Saturday, November 7, BSLT is at First Baptist Church Eagle River, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.; Sunday, November 8, the location is University Baptist Church Fairbanks, from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 pm. Both include lunch with an RSVP to betsy@alaskabaptistconvention.com by Monday, November 2.

Keep sharing Jesus and let me know how I can help you fulfill the Great Commission.

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Why is the ACP Important?

I would like to offer a brief explanation as to why the Annual Church Profile (ACP) is essential to the assessment of church health and vital for assessing all major aspects of Southern Baptist life and ministry. Most churches keep records so they can evaluate programs and areas that might need attention. The ACP does the same thing, only at the denominational level. Some research indicates the Southern Baptist Convention has experienced a decline in recent years. Perhaps that decline is actually reflected in the number of churches preparing and presenting the essential information in the ACP. To choose not to participate leaves holes in the research process.

In the Alaska Baptist Convention, an average of 75 percent of our churches file their ACP. *Because our reporting numbers are so low, in June 2015, we lost our representation on the International Mission Board; in June 2018 our representation on the North American Mission Board and the executive committee of the Southern Baptist Convention is in jeopardy.*

My appeal to you as the church leader is to make sure your church prepares and sends their ACP. The deadline to report is November 16, 2015. If you have questions about the process, or are unsure how to proceed, please contact Debra Long in our office and she will guide you through the process. She can be reached at 907.344.9627, 800.883.9627, debra@alaskabaptistconvention.com.

Blessings,
Mike Procter
Executive Director
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Deep in Debt? 6 steps to climbing out of the hole

It started out small. You simply needed to make it until your next paycheck, so you put a little more on your credit card than usual. You told yourself it would be okay. But then an unexpected emergency arose, and you needed to rely on your credit card again the next month. Before you knew it, you were deep in debt.

You are not alone: 60% of GuideStone participants have debt (obligations other than a home mortgage), with the amount averaging \$30,000 per household. But there is a way out, and these six steps and helpful advice from GuideStone participants who have climbed out of debt themselves can help you get there.

1. Stop digging.

If you want to get out of debt, the first step is to stop digging a deeper hole. It will take you less time to get out of debt today than it will if you wait even one more month.

This is also a great time to evaluate your situation and find out how you got here. Did you get into debt because of a splurge? Because of an emergency, including job loss or unexpected medical bills? Or are you simply spending more than you earn? Determining how you got into debt can help you fix the problem and keep it from happening again.

2. Measure the distance to ground level.

This exercise might be painful, but it's the most eye-opening step. Until you have a complete picture of your debt situation, it's difficult to grasp what it will take to get out.

Make a list of what you owe for all unplanned debt, including:

- Bank and student loans
- All credit cards (department store, retail and gas)

- Overdue or back payment on rent, mortgage, utilities and cell phones
- Car loan payments
- Medical bills
- Loans from friends and family

Calculate the total amount you owe, interest rate and minimum monthly payment for each debt.

3. Plan your escape route.

While experts recommend two different strategies for getting out of debt, they agree on a few basic principles: try to make the minimum payment on all debts each month and then put any extra in your budget toward one specific debt. Review the strategies below and then implement the one that makes the most sense for your situation:

Small to large

- Start paying as much over the minimum payment as your budget allows on your smallest balance first so you can begin removing items from your list. Experts say this approach makes the most psychological sense, as you will begin to see change happen quickly, which will hopefully keep you motivated.

Large to small

- Start paying as much over the minimum payment as your budget allows on your highest interest rate debt first. Experts say this approach makes more financial sense, as you'll be cutting down the amount of time you're paying high interest rates, but it may take longer to see progress.

4. Gather the right tools.

Because debt is such a widespread problem, numerous resources are available to assist your climb out of debt. Many churches offer financial stewardship classes to teach biblical money management. If that is available to you, sign up and learn with others in similar situations. If your church does not offer any courses, consider utilizing online resources available from Crown Financial Ministries or Dave Ramsey.

A number of apps are also available to help you manage your money on the go.

5. Capitalize on momentum.

As you pay off a debt, add that payment amount toward another debt and pay it off faster by exceeding the minimum required payment.

6. Bury the shovel.

Getting out of debt is a big accomplishment, and when you achieve that milestone you may feel invincible because of your budget increase. But be cautious; like weeds in a garden, debt can easily creep back in if you're not paying close attention.

Consider putting the money you've been spending to pay off debt into an emergency fund or investment account. Then, when the unexpected happens or you want to make a splurge purchase, you have given yourself the freedom to do so.

"The peace of mind you receive and the stress that is taken away as you become debt free will make you wonder why you took so long to make the effort to get out of debt."

Roy H., Monroe, North Carolina

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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
- 5 ABF Board meeting
- 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
- 29-Dec 6 Week of Prayer and Mission Study
for International Missions and
the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

December 2015

- Nov 29-6 Week of Prayer and Mission Study
for International Missions and
the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
- 23-Jan 3 ABC and ABF offices closed
for Christmas and New Year's

The Impact of Your Mission Offerings

Birchwood Behavior Health (BBH) (formerly Alaska Baptist Family Services) has operated as an outreach ministry of the Alaska Baptist Convention since its inception in 1948. It began by reaching out to the orphaned children of the state, not only to provide for their physical needs but to give them the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ. The youth in care are referred by the state of Alaska or through private placements. Youth are referred to BBH in an effort to keep their care within the state and thus, closer to home and family.

God has given a vision to the board of directors, the management and the staff of BBH that involves a broadening of goals and greater opportunities for reaching youth and their families. The fulfillment of God's purpose for BBH requires the faithful support of His people. Your faithful giving to the Cooperative Program of the Alaska Baptist Convention helps make this ministry possible.