

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

## Bible Study Leadership Training

### Beyond "The Group"

**Saturday, November 7**

**8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

**First Baptist Church, Eagle River**

**Sunday, November 8**

**1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**University Baptist Church, Fairbanks**

***lunch is included with RSVP to***

***betsy@alaskabaptistconvention.com by **November 2*****

**Saturday, November 7**

**8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

*(lunch is included with RSVP)*

8:30 a.m.	Sign in / coffee fellowship	
9:00 a.m.	Plenary Session	David Francis
9:45 a.m.	Base Conferences	
	Pastors	David Francis
	General officers	Wayne Poling
	Adults	Alan Raughton
	Youth	John Paul Basham
	Children	Landry Holmes
	Preschool	Janetta Holmes
12:00 p.m.	LUNCH included, <b>with RSVP</b>	
1:00 p.m.	Break-out sessions	Lifeway leaders
2:00 p.m.	Plenary Session	David Francis
3:00 p.m.	Closing Comments	Jimmy Stewart

**Sunday, November 8**

**1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

*(lunch is included with RSVP)*

1:00 p.m.	LUNCH included, <b>with RSVP</b>	
1:30 p.m.	Plenary Session	David Francis
2:15 p.m.	Base Conferences	
	Pastors	David Francis
	General officers	Wayne Poling
	Adults	Alan Raughton
	Youth	John Paul Basham
	Children	Landry Holmes
	Preschool	Janetta Holmes
4:30 p.m.	Closing Comments	Jimmy Stewart

# Daily Prayer Guide

## November

- 1 Filipino Bible Church Anchorage
- 2 Journey Church Wasilla
- 3 Juneau Korean Church
- 4 Kasaan Mission Thorne Bay
- 5 Ketchikan Filipino Baptist Mission
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- 8 Korean Baptist Mission Fairbanks
- 9 Korean New Central Baptist Church Anchorage
- 10 Kuparuk Preaching Point
- 11 Lighthouse Community Church Nikiski
- 12 Living Hope Church Wasilla
- 13 Living Water Church Anchorage
- 14 Malamalama Fou Church Whittier
- 15 Montana Creek Baptist Church Talkeetna
- 16 Moose Creek Baptist Church North Pole
- 17 Moose Pass Community Church
- 18 Moriah Fellowship Eagle River
- 19 Morning Star Baptist Church Healy
- 20 Mount Pleasant Baptist Church Fairbanks
- 21 Mount Redoubt Baptist Church Kenai
- 22 Mountain View Community Church Anchorage
- 23 Muldoon Road Baptist Church Anchorage
- 24 New Beginnings Baptist Church Seward
- 25 New Birth Christian Church Fairbanks
- 26 New Grace Christian Church Anchorage
- 27 New Hope Baptist Church Anchorage
- 28 New Hope Fellowship Haines
- 29 North Bear Street Baptist Church Wasilla
- 30 North Tongass Baptist Church Ward Cove

## God's Plan for Sharing in Alaska

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
Alaska Iu-Mienh First Baptist 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
Aquillag Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Big Lake Baptist Church	\$5,756.25	\$0.00	\$1,442.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$7,298.25
Bodenburg Butte Baptist Church	\$4,613.38	\$0.00	\$490.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$5,178.38
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	\$40,318.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,834.81	\$0.00	\$48,153.11
Community Baptist, Coffman Cove	\$3,324.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,324.30
Community Baptist Church, Nome	\$708.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$708.00
Cowboy Church of Anchorage	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cross Roads Baptist Church	\$10,580.00	\$0.00	\$1,315.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$12,495.00
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	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church	\$2,587.64	\$0.00	\$170.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,757.64
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, Anchorage	\$1,750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,750.00
First Baptist Church, Anchorage	\$27,275.85	\$0.00	\$6,625.46	\$7,250.00	\$0.00	\$41,151.31
First Baptist Church, Eagle River	\$25,246.88	\$0.00	\$4,450.00	\$4,713.00	\$405.00	\$34,814.88
First Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$4,642.65	\$0.00	\$1,399.00	\$2,055.00	\$0.00	\$8,096.65
First Baptist Church, North Pole	\$20,173.00	\$375.00	\$788.00	\$1,327.75	\$0.00	\$22,663.75
First Baptist Church, Delta Junction	\$43,675.00	\$0.00	\$3,799.00	\$4,014.00	\$0.00	\$51,488.00
First Baptist Church, Juneau	\$6,560.62	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$6,680.62
First Baptist Church, Kenai	\$4,922.27	\$262.46	\$965.65	\$1,890.65	\$0.00	\$8,041.03
First Baptist Church, Ketchikan	\$9,062.14	\$0.00	\$1,175.15	\$4,245.00	\$0.00	\$14,482.29
First Baptist Church, Kotzebue	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
First Baptist Church, Palmer	\$13,333.28	\$0.00	\$1,929.00	\$136.00	\$0.00	\$15,398.28
First Baptist Church, Petersburg	\$4,515.30	\$0.00	\$1,545.00	\$2,786.00	\$0.00	\$8,846.30
First Baptist Church, Sitka	\$6,216.05	\$0.00	\$1,330.00	\$1,290.00	\$0.00	\$8,836.05
First Baptist Church, Soldotna	\$6,978.00	\$0.00	\$835.00	\$1,111.00	\$0.00	\$8,924.00
First Baptist Church, Valdez	\$15,549.11	\$0.00	\$2,329.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$17,878.11
First Baptist Church, Wasilla	\$12,362.94	\$0.00	\$1,977.01	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,339.95
First Baptist Church, Willow	\$4,335.72	\$0.00	\$1,733.00	\$5,045.72	\$0.00	\$11,114.44
First Hmong Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Korean Baptist Church	\$1,350.00	\$0.00	\$333.00	\$539.00	\$0.00	\$2,222.00
First Native Baptist Church	\$1,394.00	\$0.00	\$1,038.84	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,432.84
Friendship Baptist Mission	\$1,861.28	\$0.00	\$855.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,716.28
Frontier Southern Baptist Church	\$4,795.36	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$855.00	\$0.00	\$5,650.36
Gilead Ministries	\$215.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$215.00
Glacier Valley Baptist Church	\$15,297.71	\$0.00	\$4,388.00	\$6,477.00	\$0.00	\$26,162.71
Grandview Baptist Church	\$24,795.22	\$80.00	\$2,001.00	\$950.00	\$75.00	\$27,901.22
Greater Friendship Baptist Church	\$3,993.77	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,993.77
Hillside Baptist Church	\$7,998.79	\$0.00	\$714.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,712.79
Iglesia Bautista Hispana Sunset Hills	\$635.58	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$685.58
Immanuel Baptist Church	\$903.92	\$0.00	\$1,494.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,397.92
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	\$240.00	\$0.00	\$283.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$523.00
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	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
Korean Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Korean New Central Baptist Church	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$490.00	\$560.00	\$0.00	\$1,950.00
Lighthouse Community Church	\$7,775.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,775.00
Living Water Church	\$288.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$288.00
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	\$6,155.00	\$715.00	\$300.00	\$1,115.00	\$0.00	\$8,285.00
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	\$425.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$425.00

# January-September 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	\$1,191.24	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,191.24
New Birth Christian Church	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$750.00
New Grace Christian Church	\$1,750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,750.00
New Hope Baptist Church	\$7,610.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$511.00	\$0.00	\$8,621.00
New Hope Fellowship	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$85.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$835.00
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	\$3,668.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,668.00
Riverside Chapel	\$1,459.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,459.20
Roots Family Church, Kasilof	\$90.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$90.00
Roots Family Church, Soldotna	\$580.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$680.00
Salcha Baptist Church	\$10,052.67	\$0.00	\$115.00	\$5,020.00	\$0.00	\$15,187.67
Samoa Alaska Baptist Church	\$263.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$263.70
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	\$270.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$270.00
Solid Rock Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$350.00
St. John Baptist Church	\$5,733.79	\$260.00	\$343.00	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$6,461.79
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$16,352.88	\$0.00	\$3,215.00	\$100.50	\$0.00	\$19,668.38
Tenakee Community Church	\$342.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$342.75
The Church @ Commodore Park	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$225.00
The Crossing @ Birchwood	\$3,600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,600.00
Thorne Bay Baptist Church	\$301.84	\$10.00	\$60.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$391.84
Togiak Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
True North Church	\$9,859.00	\$0.00	\$4,120.00	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	\$20,979.00
True North Church Girdwood	\$2,046.87	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,046.87
UBC-Chinese Fellowship	\$954.50	\$100.00	\$170.00	\$485.00	\$0.00	\$1,709.50
University Baptist Church, Anchorage	\$3,858.79	\$0.00	\$1,477.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$5,485.79
University Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$8,588.00	\$20.00	\$3,474.00	\$3,111.86	\$0.00	\$15,193.86
Upper Tanana Valley Reg Ch Pting 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	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$900.00
Whittier Christian Community Church	\$981.00	\$445.00	\$0.00	\$325.00	\$100.00	\$1,851.00
<b>Total Giving Jan-Sep 2015</b>	<b>\$506,468.31</b>	<b>\$16,646.85</b>	<b>\$69,815.36</b>	<b>\$92,122.11</b>	<b>\$815.00</b>	<b>\$685,867.63</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>September</b>				
Receipts	\$54,244.95		\$63,355.10	
CP Goal	58,699.41		58,569.66	
Variance	(4,454.46)	-7.59%	4,785.44	8.17%
<b>Year-to-Date</b>				
Receipts	\$506,468.31		\$505,595.54	
CP Goal	528,294.69		527,126.94	
Variance	(21,826.38)	-4.13%	(21,531.40)	-4.08%

## Welcome!

Cody (Katie) Schwegel  
Anchor Baptist Church, Craig

## Please Pray for our Pastorless Churches

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



# thank you

First Baptist Church, Palmer  
for hosting the 70th annual meeting  
of the Alaska Baptist Convention



**Bruce Rowell, pastor**  
**First Baptist Church Palmer**



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



**Mike Procter (l) ABC Executive Director and**  
**Butch Strickland Multi-Ethnic Church Planter Catalyst**



**Mike and Rebecca Procter (l), ABC**  
**Mike Saffle, church planter**



**Mike Procter Executive Director ABC**  
**Linda Cooper, president, national WMU**



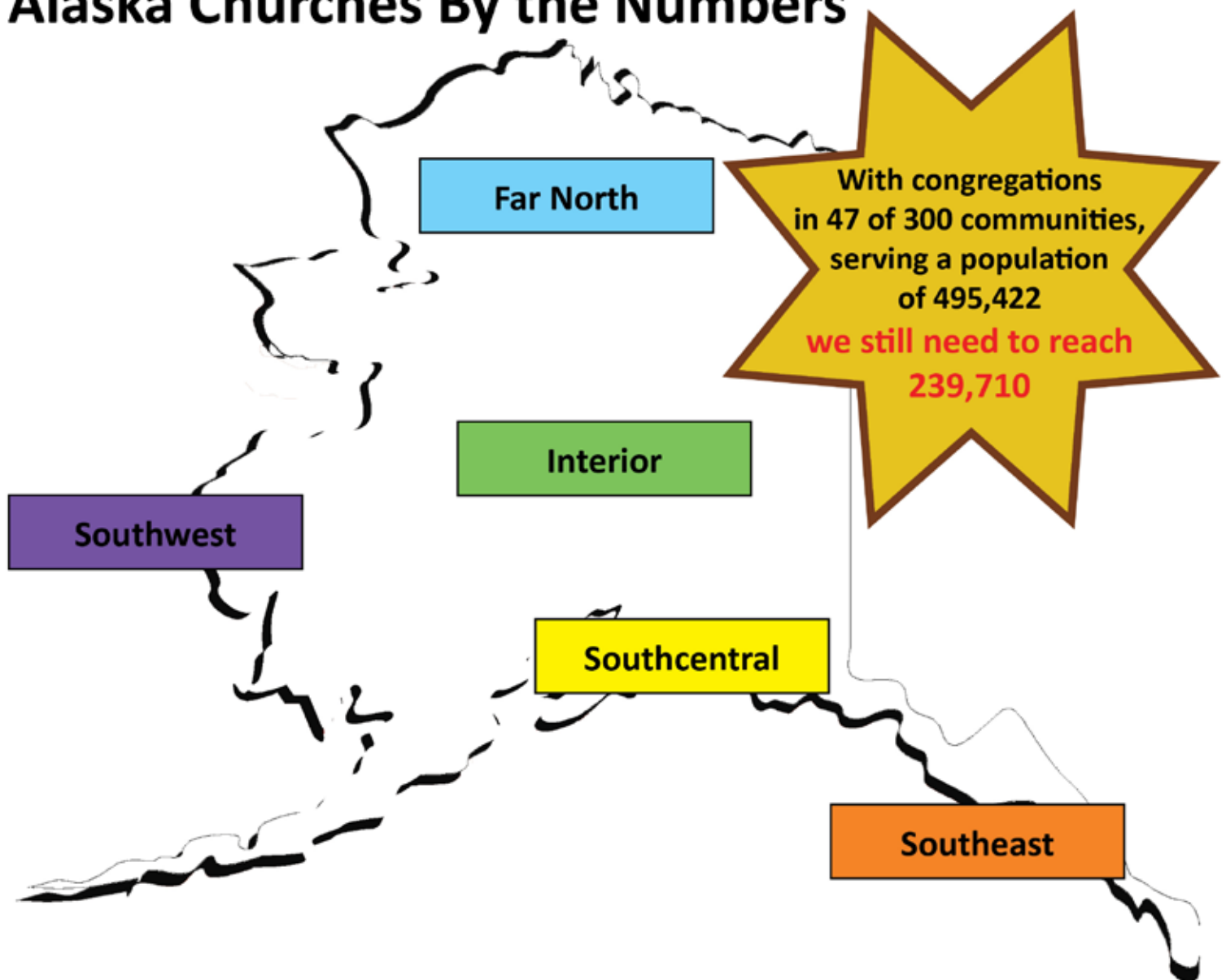
**ABC Executive Board officers (l to r): Judy Rice, Todd Burgess, Eric Ash, Eric Jones**



**WMU Leadership Team (l to r): Tiffany McNeely, Melissa Batts, Judy Zach, Judy Rice, Glenda Shaw, Judy Ann Cabe, Barbara Young, Linda Hearn**

Thanks to all the FBC members who worked so graciously to make sure everything went smoothly during our annual meeting: Ginger Beal; Jeannie, Tyler and Marissa Byers; Sarah and John Brahaney; Grace Chang; Kay Carter; Tim Deal ; Chuck, Catherine and Caty Esary; Laura Farley; Pat, Christine, Carter and Kinan Greco; Freda Hatton; Sandra Havard; Ken Ishmael; Amanda Knighten; Vickie Loggins ; Chris Monroe; Jennifer Machacek; Danielle Pendergrass; Bruce, Polly and Katie Rowell; Heather Riech; Linda Russell; Jessica Seltzer; Lora Sinclair; Shirley and Cindi Stockstill; Jonathan and Lauren Turner; Marty Taylor; Tony Thacker; Jerry Vanover; Aggie Wilson

# Alaska Churches By the Numbers



## Far North

Seven congregations in Ambler • Kotzebue • Kiana • Kobuk Nome • North Slope Borough • Shungnak with a population of 17,810.  
*If everyone in those communities went to church, each congregation would consist of **2,544 members!***

## Interior

18 congregations in Anderson • Delta Junction • Fairbanks Healy • North Pole • Salcha with a population of 37,853.  
*If everyone in those communities went to church, each congregation would consist of **2,103 members!***

**Total Population of Alaska: 735,132**

## Southcentral

72 congregations in Anchorage • Chugiak • Girdwood Kasilof • Kenai • Moose Pass • Nikiski Palmer • Peters Creek • Seward Soldotna • Sutton • Talkeetna • Valdez Wasilla • Whittier • Willow with a population of 372,363.  
*If everyone in those communities went to church, each congregation would consist of **5,172 members!***

## Southwest

Six congregations in Cold Bay • Dillingham • Kodiak King Salmon • Sand Point • Togiak with a population of 11,097.  
*If everyone in those communities went to church, each congregation would consist of **1,850 members!***

## Southeast

15 congregations in Coffman Cove • Craig • Haines • Juneau Kasaan • Ketchikan • Petersburg • Sitka Tenakee • Thorne Bay • Ward Cove with a population of 56,300.  
*If everyone in those communities went to church, each congregation would consist of **3,753 members!***

# **Alaska Baptist Convention (ABC) 70th Annual Meeting**

## **September 29-30, 2015**

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

1. Motion from the Executive Committee who serves as the Program Committee to accepted the 70th Annual Meeting program as printed along with any adjustments that may need to be required passed unanimously.
  2. Motion from the Credentials Committee to seat 109 messengers representing 35 churches, and those who sign in afterwards, for the 70th Annual Meeting of the Alaska Baptist Convention passed unanimously. There were also 58 guests for a total of 167 registered.
  3. Motion from the Constitution and Bylaws Committee to make the following changes that are found on page 21 of the 2015 Book of Reports:
    - Change the ABC Bylaws, Article V, Section 1 to read:  
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.
    - Change the ABC Bylaws, Article V, Section 1 (b) to 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.
    - Change the Constitution of the ABC, Article VII, 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)
- Add the following to Constitution of the ABC, Article VII, Section 1:  
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 approved 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.
  - Change ABC Bylaws, Article 1, 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 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.
  - Change 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.
  - Change 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.

Motion passed unanimously.

4. Motion from the Committee on Boards to elect the following names to serve on their perspective board as shown on page 18 of the 2015 Book of Reports. Alaska Baptist Convention Executive Board members:

- John Lane, member of Christ Community Church, Anchorage to complete Mark Hackworth's 2017 term.
- Eric Hiatt, pastor of Moose Pass Community Church to complete Doug Burrow's 2018 term.
- Sandra Buchanan, member of Salcha Baptist Church, term expiring 2019.
- Mike Blakeney, member of Grandview Baptist Church, term expiring 2019.
- Greg Crawford, member of College Heights Baptist Church, term expiring 2019.
- Donna Fleury, member of First Native Baptist Church, term expiring 2019.

Alaska Baptist Family Services Executive Board members:

- Judy Ann Cabe, member of Moose Creek Baptist Church, completing Tim Hoffman's 2016 term.
- Jae McKee, member of First Baptist Church, Anchorage, term expiring 2018.
- Second term for Cory Pepiton, member of Rabbit Creek Community Church, Anchorage, term expiring 2018.

Alaska Baptist Foundation Board of Trustees members:

- Second term for Scott Edwards, member of First Baptist Church, Ketchikan, term expiring 2018.
- Second term for Bud Senko, member of Hillside Baptist Church, Anchorage, term expiring 2018.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Motion from of the Time, Place, Preacher Committee, as shown on page 20 of the 2015 Book of Reports to select Lawrence Ellison, Pastor of St. John

Baptist Church, Fairbanks to provide the annual sermon for 2016 Annual Meeting with Mark Christensen, Pastor of Salcha Baptist Church being the alternate and the 74th Annual Convention to be held September 23-25, 2019, at College Heights Baptist Church, Soldotna passed unanimously.

6. Motion from the Executive Committee to affirm the Executive Committee's action to accept Department of Transportation and Public Facilities' (DOT & PF) offer to purchase the property and compensate for relocating the septic system for the amount of \$84,982.00 passed unanimously.
7. Motion from the Executive Board of Birchwood Behavioral Health (formerly known as Alaska Baptist Family Services) to approve the two-part proposal agreement with DOT & PF.
- Rent to DOT & PF 10,333 square feet (sf) of BBH property to be used until O'Malley Road construction is complete. Rental cost for use of property is \$12,200
  - Transfer 12,235 sf of frontage along O'Malley Road in an undeveloped tract (Bruin Park Sub-D Block 3, Plat #p-222B) at the corner of O'Malley Road and Reader Road. The State of Alaska will pay BBH the sum total of \$23,545.62 for the temporary construction easement and the transfer of 12,235sf of frontage.

The motion passed unanimously.

8. Elected the following 2015-2016 officers: Todd Burgess, Pastor of FBC, Eagle River, was re-elected as president; Eric Ash, Dean of Wayland Baptist University-Anchorage, was re-elected as First Vice President; Eric Jones, Pastor of New Birth Christian Church, was elected as Second Vice President; and Judy Rice, member of FBC, Anchorage, was re-elected as Recording Secretary.
9. The 2015 Annual Meeting of ABC closed at 4:05 p.m., Wednesday, September 30, 2015.



# 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!

### Condolences

Our condolences to the family of Robert Chadwick, pastor emeritus of The Crossing @ Birchwood who died October 6. After four years as a missionary on Afgonak Island, Pastor and Joan accepted a call to pastor The Crossing (then just a Quonset hut with an outhouse), where they pastored for 37 years. A memorial service was held on October 19. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at [info@crossingtonewlife.org](mailto:info@crossingtonewlife.org)

### Bodenburg Butte Baptist Church,

#### Palmer

BBBC called Dan Cappel to serve as interim pastor.

### First Baptist Church, Soldotna

FBC voted unanimously to call Bill Messer as transitional pastor.

### Tongass Baptist Association

TBA held their annual meeting at which Colleen Webb, daughter of Keith and Cheryl Webb (pastor, Community Baptist Church, Coffman Cove), was commissioned to serve overseas with the International Mission Board.



### University Baptist Church, Fairbanks

UBC will host the Bible Study Leadership Training event on Sunday, November 8. On November 15, the youth will earn money with a Youth Dessert/Slave Labor Auction in order to fund a youth retreat. During the month, members will collect goodies for final survival packs

for college students and will participate in Operation Christmas Child.

### Tanana Valley Baptist Association

TVBA, along with First Baptist Church Delta Junction, hosted the WMU Fall Retreat in September, focusing on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. Featured speaker Cheryl Denton explained PTSD and the impact it had on her life, and how she is using her experiences to help others. Thirty-eight women attended the retreat.



### First Baptist Church,

#### Anchorage

Congratulations to Jason McKee, son of Jae (associate pastor) and Carole, for being named "Cougar of the Year" at Service High School.



### True North Church, Anchorage

For the week of September 13, TNC engaged their Mountain View community with a wide range of outreach activities: a community clean-up, which included trash pick-up and window washing; provided lunch for the teachers at Clark Middle School where the church meets; delivered doughnuts to every business; provided fresh produce to families; and provided an outdoor movie night, complete with free popcorn and soda.



November 1, 1947: A retail sales tax took effect at Sitka; it was the first in Alaska.

November 2, 1920: Anchorage residents voted 328 to 130 to incorporate as a first class city.

November 3, 1942: Construction crews building the Alaska Highway from the north and south met at "break through," 20 miles east of the Alaska boundary.

November 4, 1862: Richard Gatling patented his first rapid-fire machine-gun which used revolving barrels rotating around a central mechanism to load, fire, and extract the cartridges.

November 7, 1938: Construction began on a long awaited small boat harbor at Juneau.

November 8, 1955: The Alaska Constitutional Convention convened on the campus of the University of Alaska at Fairbanks.

November 16, 1973: Congress passed the Trans-Alaska Pipeline Authorization Act, which cleared the way for construction of an oil pipeline from Prudhoe Bay to Valdez.

November 26, 1867: The first bill was introduced in Congress to organize the Territory of Alaska. It died in committee.

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



# It's Time to Increase Our Giving Through the Cooperative Program

Increasing your church's financial giving through the Cooperative Program is like your church giving more money through your Ministry Budget. Just as it moves up your financial base of support in your church, it moves up the overall financial base of our Great Commission ministries of our Southern Baptist Convention.

## The Answer is Through the Cooperative Program

Over ninety years ago, the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention became weary of continual pleas for support from the various ministries of our convention. This is why the Cooperative Program was born. It became the unified strategy for financial support of the ministries of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The easiest way for churches to consistently support the ministries of the Southern Baptist Convention through the Cooperative Program is by inserting a regular line item in their budget. This provides the church consistency in their financial support and gives the ministries of our convention consistency in receiving funds.

This is a much better option than our SBC ministry leaders spending time making multiple appeals to our churches to support the work of our convention. It just makes sense for pastors, associational employees, state executives and their employees, and all Southern Baptist entity Presidents and employees to talk about one thing: The Cooperative Program.

## A Humble Appeal for Increasing Your Church's Financial Support Through the Cooperative Program

If I were an employee of our Southern Baptist Convention or a missionary, I would rather the churches increase their giving through the Cooperative Program than having to continually raise my own financial support from multiple churches. The Cooperative Program is something every church can support financially regardless of the size of their membership. This is our agreed upon, unified, strategic financial plan; therefore, we do not need to minimize nor undermine it in any way. Through the Cooperative Program, each cause shares financial resources proportionately.

While some may want to designate monies or support only

some of the ministries of the convention, this does not provide a healthy way to support the entire work of the Southern Baptist Convention. Blessing just one ministry at the exclusion of others eventually hurts other ministries of the Great Commission. There is not one pastor I know that appreciates a church member who only designates their contributions around the Ministry Budget of the church. This creates an unhealthy culture. Conversely, we believe in the autonomy of the local church and will honor and appreciate what you believe God wants your church to do.

Therefore, the financial priority of each of our churches should be to support the Cooperative Program. I want to appeal to each of our churches to increase your financial support through the Cooperative Program. As well, for the sake of the gospel, please do so sacrificially and do so as soon as possible. Increasing your church's support through the Cooperative Program is the greatest way you can forward the work of reaching the world for Christ. Not one of us can adequately support any one cause, but all of us together can pray, plan, give, cooperate, and support every cause.

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## If You Are Concerned About Missionaries Coming Home

If you are concerned about some of our missionaries having to come home and the decrease of our missionary forces, the greatest thing your church can do to help turn it around is increase your giving through the Cooperative Program. It helps build our base of support financially, which in turn will increase our ability to reach the world.

Pastor and church leaders, please go to your finance committee, deacon body, church board, elders or whoever is key to leading in the decisions of your church financially and appeal to them to increase your church's financial support through the Cooperative Program as soon as possible.

This helps us reach our states, our nation, and our world for Christ. This financial decision is a gospel decision. In order for us to push back on the lostness of our world by advancing the gospel, we must increase our giving through the Cooperative Program. If we are going to reach the nations, we need to increase our financial support through the Cooperative Program. If we are going to reach the nations, as well as help every gospel endeavor we do together within our own respective state and across America, we need to increase our financial support through the Cooperative Program.

I pray your church will join my church and other churches that are stepping up during this time and increasing our financial giving through the Cooperative Program. Thank you for considering this request.

Now is the Time to Lead,

**Ronnie W. Floyd**

Senior Pastor, Cross Church

President, Southern Baptist Convention

Dr. Ronnie Floyd is currently serving as the President of the Southern Baptist Convention. The Southern Baptist Convention is America's largest Protestant denomination with more than 15.7 million members in over 51,094 churches and congregations nationwide. To request an interview with Dr. Ronnie Floyd contact Gayla Oldham at (479) 751-4523 or email [gaylao@crosschurch.com](mailto:gaylao@crosschurch.com).

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**Mike Procter**  
*Executive Director*

Every morning I have a quiet time; a time I set apart to read and meditate on God's word, pray and read an inspirational thought from another. Someone asked me how long I have been doing this and I really do not know. I know I have not done it all of my Christian life, though I wish I had, but I have done it for many, many years. It is a great way to get focused on the Lord and His will for my life.

One of the verses I meditate on every day is Lamentations 3:21-23, "But this I remember, and so I have hope. It is because of the Lord's loving-kindness that we are not destroyed for His loving-kindness never ends. It is new every morning. He is so very faithful." It reminds me "this is the day the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it." (Psalm 118:24) It is by God's grace, mercy or loving-kindness that I am able to serve Him each new day. What a blessing and privilege!

In this verse, there are three simple truths:

**The Remembrance of Hope:** "but this I remember..." We live in a day where we are quick to forget past blessings and seem to only be concerned with what God can do for us right now. Not too long ago, I was talking with a congregation that was contemplating reducing their mission support through the Cooperative Program of the Alaska Baptist Convention (ABC). As we discussed this possibility, I reminded them of the years of financial support the ABC had provided for their pastor when they were just getting started; of the financial support they received through the 2000 Club when they were building their first building; the other ways the ABC had walked alongside them in partnership; and how their mission giving assisted other congregations, missionaries and ministries. I was beginning to feel optimistic when one of the members said, "that is all history. What have you done for us lately?" While we may not say exactly that to God, is this an attitude we hold? "God, you have taken care of me in the past, you met this or that need, you helped me in this situation but what have you done for me lately?"

**The Reason for Hope:** "It is because of..." It is only because of God's grace and mercy that we have any hope. Remember the promise, "Christ in you is your hope of glory." It is not because of talents, intellect, skills or devotion; it is only because of God's loving-kindness. It is not based on works, lest anyone should boast; it is a gift of God.

**The Renewal of Hope:** "It is new every morning..." Every day is a gift from God and we should celebrate in it. On January 1, Rebecca and I will celebrate our 40th anniversary. I remember when we were married, I could not envision being married 40 years, but looking back, 40 years seems like such a short time and the days and years have flown by. With the Lord, every day we should commit ourselves anew to His will for our lives and we should remember the blessings He has poured out on us.

It is my prayer that Alaska Baptists will remember God's past blessings and recall the reason for those blessings. We do not want to live in the past but should renew our relationship with Him every day so He can use us to reach Alaska for Him.



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

As believers, does the holiday season help or hurt us in impacting our world for the gospel? Take a moment to think about all the ramifications of this time of year. People engage in many activities when it comes to Thanksgiving and Christmas, one of which is travel. Churches will feel the impact of travel: attendance may increase or decrease as people host friends and family in-state or travel Outside to visit friends and family. Holidays also impact churches in tithes and offerings. Do the receipts of your church increase or decrease during the holidays? If people are traveling or spending money for gifts, does it influence their giving to the church? Since we emphasize Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for international missions, do people give to that instead of their regular tithe to the church? I heard someone say recently that it takes money to reach people. A representative from one of our mission boards indicated all giving above and beyond the local church ministry is generally around eight percent of a church's total missions giving. That means beyond giving to the Cooperative Program, giving to mission offerings (Lottie, Annie and Valeria Sherard) and other mission endeavors is on average, eight percent. Should a church tithe like an individual tithes? There are different thoughts on this, although I find it to be a good practice. The bottom line is that we should encourage our people to maintain spiritual discipline no matter the season. The holidays give us reason to express good will and love to one another and I am thankful for God's blessings. Encourage your members to maintain healthy spiritual disciplines by giving in obedience and not being tempted to excessive spending.

Our State Evangelism Conference will be February 1-2 at First Baptist Church, Anchorage and will be a time to learn, praise, exalt, evangelize, worship and grow. Please make note of the date change and plan to attend and encourage your members to attend as well – you will be blessed by the guest preachers and musicians. Watch the *Milepost*, ABC website and your e-mail inbox for additional information. I know God will move in a big way during this event. Blessings.



## VETERANS DAY: A Navy wife

By Jeff Iorg

MILL VALLEY, Calif. (BP) -- While speaking for a leadership training event at a church near a military base, I spoke with a woman who described herself as a "Navy wife."

When I commented on how tough that life must be, she replied, "Not at all. It's a great life. My husband is protecting America and stomping out evil around the world. His family is his support team and we are proud to serve."

She then detailed what that meant to her and her children -- bringing tears to my eyes that she has stood strong for more than 20 years, helping her husband do this job by patriotically doing hers and teaching their children to shoulder the load.

Another man, in a similar situation, apologized to his girlfriend for time away to serve his country. She told him, "I don't mind being second to the mission of protecting freedom."

Women -- not just the men they love -- care passionately about defending freedom and protecting the weak. It's a privilege to know people like this who truly believe "the mission matters most."

These women reminded me of the significant sacrifices and support ministry wives provide their husbands. When young women at our seminary hear the story of Ann moving with me to plant a church -- with children ages 6 weeks, 2 years and 5 years -- they often marvel that she did it. But I can also see in their eyes a steely determination. They are ready to do the same and more for their generation to hear the Gospel.

When God calls us to serve others -- whether in the military or ministry -- the most important missions often come with the least recognition and remuneration. A man who responds to these callings and who has a wife who sacrificially stands with him experiences a special gift from God -- the blessing of selfless partnership.

Thank God for women and children who believe "the mission matters most" and free those of us called to leadership to serve wholeheartedly. They are the unsung heroes, serving the mission and sacrificing in a thousand quiet ways.

Navy wife, ministry wife -- lots of similarities and both a special blessing from God!

*Jeff Iorg is president of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary. This article first appeared at his blog (<https://www.ggbts.edu/president/blog.aspx>).*



## Pastor Search

Bodenburg Butte Baptist Church is an established rural church seeking a bi-vocational pastor to help expand its ministry to reach young families and youth in our community. Located at Mile 12.5 Old Glenn Highway, six miles south southeast of Palmer, Alaska, this little church with a big name has a heart of missions and an eye to the future. We invite you to be a part of it. Resumes and a letter of testimony should be sent to BBBC, P.O. Box 814, Palmer, AK 99645 or by e-mail to Barbara at [aboundingjoy@gci.net](mailto:aboundingjoy@gci.net)

## Position Available

Rabbit Creek Community Church is in need of someone with a pastor's heart for a full time position. Connections ministry covers the hospitality ministry and adult discipleship. Administration covers the roles of HR and overseeing the operations of the church. Full Time. Applicant must be available Sundays and Tuesdays. Duties include: facilities management, donation processing, giving and income statements, vendor contacts, small group pastor, greeting team coordinator, some pastoral visitation, budget planning.

For a full job description or to submit your resume contact Daniel McFarland at [daniel@rabbitcreekchurch.org](mailto:daniel@rabbitcreekchurch.org) or 907-345-7830.



# 2000 Club

2015 4th Quarter Recipient: Pioneer Baptist Church  
project: build new baptistry and foyer

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN — NOV • DEC • JAN —

### 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
- 29-Dec 6 Week of Prayer and Mission Study  
for International Missions  
and 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

### January 2016

- 29 TVBA Women's Winter Wake Up

## The Impact of Your Mission Offerings

Mission support through the Cooperative Program and Valeria Sherard State Mission Offering is instrumental in **establishing congregations and ministries** to reach the approximately 100 different languages and 120 cultural populations across our state. Currently Alaska Baptists worship in ten different languages among 13 different ethnicities, cultures or affinities. To date, we have congregations that are predominately Mienh, Alaska Native, Korean, Filipino, Hmong, Hispanic, Samoan, African-American, Slavic, Chinese, (Messianic) Jewish and Anglo. Preliminary discussions are underway to reach out to the deaf. Butch Strickland is our Multi-Ethnic Church Planter Catalyst.