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

Merry Christmas



from the staff of the Alaska Baptist Convention and Foundation: (back l-to-r) Mike Procter, Adam Long, Jimmy Stewart; (front l-to-r) Sylvia Rylander, Debra Long, Betsy Shilling

LOTTIE MOON

OFFERING

give generously this christmas season

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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	\$2,898.53	\$0.00	\$623.00	\$590.00	\$0.00	\$4,111.53
Anderson Church Plant	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Aquillaa Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Big Lake Baptist Church	\$6,297.09	\$1,055.00	\$1,442.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$8,894.09
Bodenburg Butte Baptist Church	\$4,996.62	\$0.00	\$490.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$5,561.62
Calvary Baptist Church	\$3,767.33	\$665.00	\$863.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,295.33
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
Chugach Baptist Association	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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	\$43,273.44	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,834.81	\$0.00	\$51,108.25
Comm Bapt Church, Coffman Cove	\$4,280.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,280.30
Community Baptist Church, Nome	\$774.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$774.00
Cowboy Church of Anchorage	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cross Roads Baptist Church	\$12,045.00	\$0.00	\$1,315.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$13,960.00
CrossCountry Church	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$1,700.00
Dillingham Bible Fellowship	\$6,861.73	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,390.00	\$0.00	\$9,251.73
Eagle River Korean Baptist Church	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church	\$3,039.36	\$0.00	\$170.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,209.36
Fairview Loop Baptist Church	\$20,378.54	\$2,520.46	\$3,524.25	\$7,045.82	\$0.00	\$33,469.07
Faith Baptist Church	\$10,934.81	\$1,125.00	\$1,450.00	\$2,850.00	\$0.00	\$16,359.81
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	\$2,625.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,625.00
First Baptist Church, Anchorage	\$29,911.52	\$1,685.00	\$6,625.46	\$7,250.00	\$0.00	\$45,471.98
First Baptist Church, Eagle River	\$27,304.44	\$1,710.00	\$4,450.00	\$4,713.00	\$405.00	\$38,582.44
First Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$5,067.00	\$835.31	\$1,399.00	\$2,055.00	\$0.00	\$9,356.31
First Baptist Church, North Pole	\$22,207.00	\$375.00	\$788.00	\$1,327.75	\$0.00	\$24,697.75
First Baptist Church, Delta Junction	\$48,670.00	\$0.00	\$3,799.00	\$4,139.00	\$0.00	\$56,608.00
First Baptist Church, Juneau	\$6,560.62	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$6,680.62
First Baptist Church, Kenai	\$6,238.85	\$566.22	\$1,165.08	\$1,976.32	\$0.00	\$9,946.47
First Baptist Church, Ketchikan	\$10,443.77	\$1,750.00	\$1,175.15	\$4,245.00	\$0.00	\$17,613.92
First Baptist Church, Kotzebue	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
First Baptist Church, Palmer	\$14,999.94	\$0.00	\$1,929.00	\$136.00	\$0.00	\$17,064.94
First Baptist Church, Petersburg	\$5,556.48	\$0.00	\$1,545.00	\$2,786.00	\$0.00	\$9,887.48
First Baptist Church, Sitka	\$7,239.83	\$1,006.41	\$1,330.00	\$1,290.00	\$0.00	\$10,866.24
First Baptist Church, Soldotna	\$8,655.00	\$947.00	\$835.00	\$1,111.00	\$0.00	\$11,548.00
First Baptist Church, Valdez	\$17,066.46	\$2,120.00	\$2,329.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$21,515.46
First Baptist Church, Wasilla	\$13,829.50	\$0.00	\$1,977.01	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,806.51
First Baptist Church, Willow	\$4,939.44	\$975.16	\$1,733.00	\$5,045.72	\$0.00	\$12,693.32
First Hmong Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Korean Baptist Church	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$333.00	\$539.00	\$0.00	\$2,372.00
First Native Baptist Church	\$1,524.00	\$0.00	\$1,038.84	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,562.84
Friendship Baptist Mission	\$2,064.77	\$0.00	\$855.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,919.77
Frontier Southern Baptist Church	\$5,072.96	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$855.00	\$0.00	\$5,927.96
Gilead Ministries	\$215.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$215.00
Glacier Valley Baptist Church	\$16,569.52	\$0.00	\$4,388.00	\$6,477.00	\$0.00	\$27,434.52
Grandview Baptist Church	\$27,510.87	\$863.00	\$2,001.00	\$1,150.00	\$75.00	\$31,599.87
Greater Friendship Baptist Church	\$4,450.97	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,450.97
Hatcher Pass Baptist Association	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hillside Baptist Church	\$9,078.69	\$540.00	\$714.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,332.69
Iglesia Bautista Hispana Sunset Hills	\$782.20	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$832.20
Immanuel Baptist Church	\$1,003.89	\$1,323.15	\$1,494.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,821.04
In His Steps Community Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Journey Church	\$360.00	\$75.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$535.00
Juneau Korean Church	\$270.00	\$0.00	\$283.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$553.00
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	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$490.00	\$560.00	\$0.00	\$2,050.00
Lighthouse Community Church	\$8,316.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,316.00
Living Water Church	\$324.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$324.00
Malamalama Fou Church	\$200.00	\$300.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$900.00
Misc. Contributors-Cash	\$0.00	\$9,919.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$295.00	\$10,214.25
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
Morning Star Baptist Church	\$6,700.00	\$715.00	\$300.00	\$1,115.00	\$0.00	\$8,830.00
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

January-October 2015 Gifts from ABC Churches

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
Mountain View Community Church	\$475.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$475.00
Muldoon Road Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Beginnings Baptist Church	\$1,477.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,477.75
New Birth Christian Church	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
New Grace Christian Church	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
New Hope Baptist Church	\$8,531.00	\$300.00	\$500.00	\$511.00	\$0.00	\$9,842.00
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	\$1,818.28	\$0.00	\$104.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$2,122.28
Rabbit Creek Community Church	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
River In The Desert Comm Church	\$4,574.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,574.00
Riverside Chapel	\$1,459.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,459.20
Roots Family Church, Kasilof	\$270.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$270.00
Roots Family Church, Soldotna	\$580.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$780.00
Sabbath Peace Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Salcha Baptist Church	\$12,079.59	\$0.00	\$115.00	\$5,020.00	\$0.00	\$17,214.59
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	\$2,147.62	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	\$3,397.62
Shungnak Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Slavic Bridge	\$295.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$295.00
Solid Rock Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$350.00
St. John Baptist Church	\$6,742.43	\$480.00	\$343.00	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$7,690.43
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$20,441.51	\$3,784.97	\$3,215.00	\$100.50	\$0.00	\$27,541.98
Tanana Valley Baptist Association	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00
Thorne Bay Baptist Church	\$402.09	\$10.00	\$60.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$492.09
Togiak Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Tongass Baptist Association	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
True North Church	\$11,259.00	\$0.00	\$4,120.00	\$9,412.00	\$0.00	\$24,791.00
True North Church Girdwood	\$2,356.87	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,356.87
UBC-Chinese Fellowship	\$1,066.50	\$100.00	\$170.00	\$485.00	\$0.00	\$1,821.50
University Baptist Church, Anchorage	\$4,298.12	\$150.00	\$1,477.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$6,075.12
University Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$9,701.00	\$70.00	\$3,474.00	\$3,111.86	\$0.00	\$16,356.86
Upper TV Regional Church Ptg Ctr	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Valley View Baptist Church	\$5,750.00	\$0.00	\$280.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,030.00
Wasilla Korean Baptist Church	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Whittier Christian Community Church	\$1,101.00	\$445.00	\$0.00	\$325.00	\$100.00	\$1,971.00
Total Giving Jan.-Oct. 2015	\$571,975.15	\$38,670.43	\$70,214.79	\$94,944.78	\$875.00	\$776,680.15

Legend:

CP:	Cooperative Program, January - December
SMO:	Valeria Sherard State Mission Offering, August - July
AA:	Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, January - December
LM:	Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, June - May
WH:	World Hunger, January - December

Alaska Baptist Convention Cooperative Program Support


	2015		2014	
October				
Receipts	\$65,506.84		\$98,123.51	
CP Goal	59,484.00		58,569.66	
Variance	6,022.84	10.13%	39,553.85	67.53%
Year-to-Date				
Receipts	\$571,975.15		\$603,719.05	
CP Goal	594,840.00		585,696.60	
Variance	(22,864.85)	-3.84%	18,022.45	3.08%

Welcome!

Willie (Gail) Austin
Thorne Bay Baptist Church
Dan (Raine) Smouse
Lighthouse Community Church, Nikiski
Paul (Corey) Folk
Big Lake Baptist Church
Rodney (Deanna) May
Shannon Park Baptist Church, Fairbanks

Please Pray for our Pastorless Churches


Aquillaq Baptist Mission, Ambler
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
New Hope Baptist Church, Anchorage
Riverside Chapel, King Salmon
Shungnak Baptist Mission



**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

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"...Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation." Mark 16:15 NIV

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Monday-Tuesday, February 1-2 • First Baptist Church Anchorage**



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DECEMBER 1



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Tuesday, February 2, 6:00 p.m.
First Baptist Church, Anchorage
This meeting will be held to vote on
the prospective ABC Executive Director-Treasurer candidate
In order to vote, you must be an elected messenger of your church.
Each church will receive an e-mail invitation to register messengers.
Registration is only open December 15 - January 28 and must be done online.
Call Sylvia with questions, 907.344.9627, 800.883.9627

SPECIAL CALLED BUSINESS MEETING

2016 Alaska Summer Internships

*Seeking college interns for the 2016
summer camping season*

- serve for ten weeks (May 30-August 7, 2016) at a beautiful camp facility
- be an integral part of youth and kid's camps
- work with mission teams and leadership teams from all over the United States
- help with the behind-the-scenes camp work, including kitchen/dish room, grounds work and facilities cleaning
- in-state transportation, room and board provided
- sightseeing opportunities
- be a part of a camp family who loves God and others!
- \$1000 stipend at the completion of ten weeks.

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Laverne Griffin Youth Recreation Camp
P.O. Box 299069, Wasilla, AK 99629
907.376.6887
lgyrc@mtaonline.net
www.lgyrc.org

Women's Winter Wake-Up "All For Jesus"

(Mark 8:34)

Friday, January 29 (7-9 pm)

Saturday, January 30 (10 am-noon)

followed by a potluck salad luncheon

University Baptist Church

Fairbanks

Register at

www.tananavalleybaptistassociation.com

Cost is \$20

featured speaker

Shelly Sulfridge

Bible study leader

Angela Jones

MILEPOST MOMENTS

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

Condolences

Our condolences to the family of Jimmie Stringer, pastor of First Baptist Church, Juneau, who passed away on October 15. Pastor and Pat pastored at FBC for 22 years. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at jrsuvclay@aol.com

Condolences

Our condolences to the family of Al Allen, who passed away on October 18. In 1975, Pastor Allen was ordained by Cross Roads Baptist Church in North Pole and became pastor of Moose Creek Baptist Church, also in North Pole. He also pastored the mission that eventually became First Baptist Church, Wasilla, and served as interim pastor at Hillside Baptist Church in Anchorage. A service was held at First Baptist Church, Anchorage on October 26. Expressions of

sympathy may be sent to Anna and the family at annalou47@gmail.com
Schrock Road Community Church, Wasilla

Pastor Rodney and Anita Kovtynovich and their ministry at SRCC were featured in the summer 2015 issue of "Southwestern News," a new publication of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Greater Friendship Baptist Church, Anchorage

Pastor Michael Bunton celebrated his first anniversary at the church.



First Baptist Church, Soldotna

FBC ordained Vernon L. Willet, Jr. to the ministry. Vernon serves as a chaplain at Spring Creek Correctional Center in Seward. Pictured (l to r): Mike Procter, Vernon Willet, Van Stogsdill.

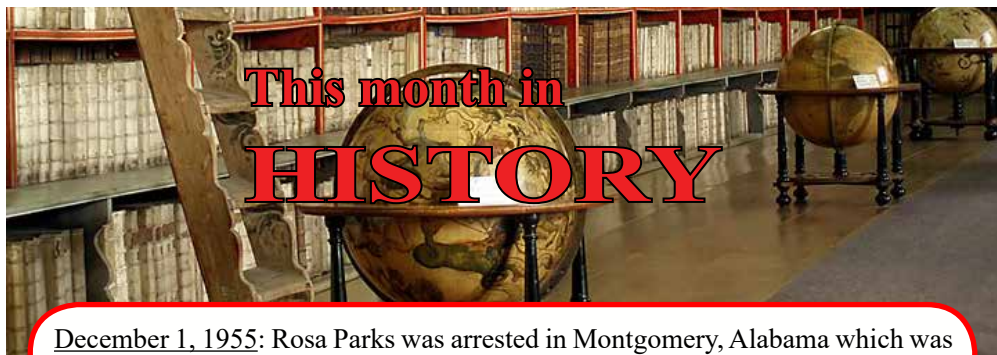


New Beginnings Baptist Church, Seward

In October, NBBC hosted a showing of "Big Hero 6" as an outreach for a neighborhood apartment complex. In addition to the movie and popcorn, several church members made themed snacks and decorated for the event. The event was a success, with several attending the church on subsequent Sundays.

True North Church, Anchorage

TNC celebrated their fifth anniversary in October, with community outreach events each Sunday. During the month, the church celebrated all their ministry partners, and featured testimonies of those members who have been an integral part of building the church during the last five years. TNC asked members to give generously toward housing costs for earthquake victims in Nepal as well as filling the Alaska AIDS Assistance Association food bank so clients would not have



December 1, 1955: Rosa Parks was arrested in Montgomery, Alabama which was the birth of the American civil rights movement.

December 2, 1954: The U.S. Senate condemned Senator Joseph McCarthy for misconduct following his ruthless investigations of thousands of alleged Communists.

December 7, 1960: The Arctic National Wildlife Range was created by the Secretary of the Interior.

December 8, 1741: Vitus Bering, homeward bound after his discovery of Alaska, died on Bering Island.

December 15, 1939: Gone with the Wind had its world premiere in Atlanta.

December 18, 1940: Congress enacted the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act conveying over 40 million acres to Alaska Native-owned corporations and settling aboriginal land claims.

December 24, 1906: Ketchikan received telegraphic service by submarine cable.

December 31, 1917: All saloons and liquor stores in Alaska were to close at midnight under a new law approved by a majority of Alaska voters.

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to choose between food or medicine. Brent Williams is pastor.

Roots Family Church-Kasilof



RFC participated in a “trunk or treat” activity at the Kasilof Community Center.

University Baptist Church, Fairbanks

On December 6, UBC members will attend the University of Alaska holiday concert at which the bell choir is playing. The following week, the children’s ministry will perform a Christmas play and the preschoolers and children will have their “Birthday Party for Jesus.” The youth will have a Christmas party; the church-wide Christmas musical will be December 20; and a candlelight service will be held Christmas eve.

A poster with a background image of a sunset over a field. The text on the poster reads: "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.", and "PRAY EVERYDAY AT 9:38 A.M. AND 9:38 P.M.".

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,
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2015 LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING®

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS • NOV. 29 – DEC. 6



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Alaska Baptist Convention (ABC) Executive Board Actions

Interim Approvals

submitted by Debra Long, office manager, Alaska Baptist Convention

1. 7/29/2015 approved to donate/give away the totem.
2. 8/4/2015 assigned Friendship Baptist Church, Fairbanks as first quarter 2016 recipient of the 2000 Club Call.
3. 8/4/2015 approved to assist Lighthouse Community Church an additional \$11,000 for their transitional pastor. This would be to assist \$2,000 a month for August-December and to cover a \$1,000 shortage in July. This support will end when the transitional pastor leaves the field or by the end of the year, whichever comes first. The funds will come as a State Mission Offering grant from Account 8196.
4. 9/2/2015 approved to enter into a partnership with Emmanuel Baptist Church, Juneau and provide \$24,000 State Mission offering grant (payable at \$2,000 a month) to assist with the stipend of the transitional pastor.
5. 9/8/2015 approved to release the \$1,504.17 of third quarter 2014 2000 Club Call funds to Mountain View Community Church to repair the damage to their fellowship hall building.
6. 9/28/2015 approved the signing of the Alaska Strategic cooperation Agreement 2015 of the North American Mission Board by the Executive Director.

Alaska Baptist Convention (ABC) Executive Board Actions

November 9-10, 2015

submitted by Debra Long, office manager, Alaska Baptist Convention

1. Approved the 2015-2016 Executive Board Committee structure.
2. Approved the May 4-5, 2015, Executive Board Meeting Minutes and the September 29-30, 2015, Annual Meeting Minutes.
3. Approved the October 2015 Financial Reports.
4. Approved the 2016 ABC budget for the amount of \$1,402,260.00.
5. Approved to set policy to have the ABC staff make the President's long distance travel arrangements in order to use air miles and hotel discounts whenever applicable.
6. Approved to change Policies and Procedures Part II, Article II, Section G to the following: 5 years for \$500; 10 years for \$1,000; 15 years for \$1,500; 20 years for \$2,000; and 25 years to be evaluated by the Executive Committee.
7. Approved to update the Policy and Procedure Manual, Part III, Article XX to allow the bookkeeper to be a check signer in order to conduct banking business. The bookkeeper will not be allowed to sign checks.
8. Approved 4 to add to Policies and Procedures Part II, under the heading IX Financial, E. Flexible Spending Account the following: Employees will be able to carry over up to \$500.00 of savings for use in the following year.
9. Approved to change Policies and Procedures, Part II, Article IX. FINANCIAL, Section A 1 from Executive Director and Executive Staff to Director Staff and amend the section to read as follows: Thirty (30) days of employment is required to qualify for the following: 100% Director Staff Employee and Spousal medical, health, and life of the bundled GuideStone Financial Resources insurance products under the qualifying group plan will be paid as an expense separate from payroll and accrue no tax liability to the employee except in those cases which are required by law or IRS regulation. For example, the prorated imputed income of life insurance premium for policy in excess of \$50,000. Term Life insurance is valued at four times salary and housing. Worker's Compensation is provided.

Director Staff may choose, if they desire, to cover family and/or a child under the group plan. In such an event the cost difference of such coverage will be treated as an employee payroll reduction. Such reduction, by virtue of these policies acting as the accountable plan and where permissible under section 125 of the IRS code, may be considered pre-tax.

To change Section A 2 from Full-Time Support Staff to Full-Time Administrative Staff and amend the first two paragraphs to read as follows: Thirty (30) days of employment is required to qualify for the following: insurance premiums would be 100% paid by the ABC for the employee only. If an Administrative or Foundation staff wishes to have their spouse and/or family covered through the employer group insurance plan, he/she would need to sign a salary reduction agreement to pay for the spousal or family premium out of their salary. Such reduction, by virtue of these policies acting as the accountable plan and where permissible under section 125 of the IRS code, may be considered pre-tax. Term Life insurance is valued at four times salary. Worker's Compensation is provided.

Medical insurance and life insurance continues for thirty (30) days provided by the employer upon termination of a Director Staff or Administrative Staff. Director Staff or Administrative Staff has the option to continue group plan insurance coverage after retirement at their own expense by reimbursing the Alaska Baptist Convention the cost of premiums.

10. Everywhere in the PP Manual where Executive Director/Executive Staff and Full-Time Support Staff are

referenced need to be updated to Director Staff and Full-Time Administrative Staff.

11. Approved to award Community Baptist Church, Coffman Cove a \$3,665.00 State Mission Offering Grant from Account 8196 to remodel and repair the church flooring caused by a sewage back-up.
12. Approved to assign Community Baptist Church, Coffman Cove as the second quarter 2016 recipient of the 2000 Club Call to correct problems associated with improper drainage of the lot, replacement of wooden stem wall and backfill under the front and side porches. Also, removed the old parsonage (mobile home).
13. Approved to receive the 2016 housing allowance quote of James Stewart.
14. Approved to elect Tracy Simmons, pastor of Christ Community Church, Anchorage, to serve on the Alaska Baptist Family Services (dba Birchwood Behavioral Health) Board of Directors with term expiring 2018.
15. Approved motion to call a Special Annual Meeting on February 2 at 6:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Anchorage for the sole purpose of electing a new Alaska Baptist Convention/Alaska Baptist Foundation Executive Director-Treasurer.

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Mike Procter
Executive Director

December is the month when Alaska Baptists emphasize the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. It is one way we can support our international missionaries; another is to be directly involved with them.

Would your congregation or ministry like to personalize and put a face to international missions? Would you like to have a direct partnership with an international missionary? Now it is possible!

Over the years, the congregations and ministries that make up the Alaska Baptist Convention have been blessed with sending Alaskans to serve the Lord overseas. Currently, there are 17 Alaskan missionary units serving Him “in the uttermost.” One of my dreams is that each Alaskan missionary will be partnered with an Alaskan congregation. All partnerships should be focused on praying for the Alaskan international missionary. Some partnerships may include teams joining the Alaskan on the missionary field; others may include assisting with a material need they might have. It may also mean your congregation hosts the missionary when they are in the states on furlough. What is important is that while we cannot all do everything, we all can do what we can, where we are, with what we have, for the glory of God.

International missionaries serve in several different nations; some are in places where they can openly minister and witness, while others cannot. They serve in western Europe, eastern Europe, central Asia, east Asia, the Pacific and Africa. They are teachers, church planters, mission support personnel and witnesses; they are young and old, married and single, representing different ethnicities and cultural perspectives. Some have their children on the field with them; others are empty-nesters. Some of our Alaskan missionaries have been on the field for years, and some are just beginning their service.

For security reasons, I cannot name our Alaskan international missionaries, but if you want additional information on partnering with someone, please contact me at mike@alaskabaptistconvention.com; 800.883.9627, 907.344.9627.



Jimmy Stewart
Director of Evangelism and Church Development

The holiday season is here and I look forward to the opportunities to celebrate with family and friends. This is the time to give thanks and reflect on the meaning of Christmas with those we encounter. I encourage you to give the gift of Christmas to those who need to hear the message of a loving God. Ask the Lord to lay on your heart the name of someone who may need encouragement; pray for opportunities to engage in meaningful conversations about Christmas. Plant seeds that will give you occasion in the future to follow-up with those you meet. Invite as many people as you can to Christmas events, services and presentations. Begin discussions and be genuine when inquiring about the traditions of others during this time of year. Don't be silent. Take the opportunity to convey our message of hope; be bold and ask people their opinions; listen intently and use conversation as a bridge to Christ. The last thing we want to do is clash over opinions or bully people to attend church. I know God is in the saving business, and the life of Christ is a testament to that.

I invite you to attend the State Evangelism Conference (SEC), February 1-2, 2016 at First Baptist Church, Anchorage. Hal and Lori Seed, from New Song Community Church in Oceanside, California will share lessons from their journey of planting a church, and celebrating the baptism of 2000 people last year. Lori will also conduct a breakout session targeted to those in administrative positions in the church which will cover best practices of enlisting, equipping and leading workers. Scott Thomas, currently pastoring a small church in a rural community in ???, will share his church planting experiences. Our musical guest will be the group High Road III, from Nashville, a talented group who won Female Gospel Group of the Year in 2015. I know you will be blessed by the event.

Of particular note, this year during the SEC, a special called business meeting will be held to vote on the prospective ABC Executive Director candidate. We will also take time to celebrate the career of, and give thanks for, our friend Mike Procter, who will retire from his position as Executive Director of the Alaska Baptist Convention effective May 1, 2016. Please be in prayer for these events and the exciting future of the ABC. Watch the Alaska Baptist *Milepost*, the ABC website and your email for additional information.

Cooperative Giving in Scripture: Five Observations

By Roger S. Oldham

Scripture speaks on money more than almost any other subject. Among its many teachings are numbers of references to cooperative giving on the part of God's people.

The Premise of Voluntary Giving

From the first recorded tithe in Genesis 14 to the various freewill offerings for the building of the Tabernacle and the building and rebuilding of the Temple, giving to God's work is consistently shown to be a matter of a willing heart.

The Principle of Proportional Giving

The word "tithe" means one-tenth, reflecting an equal percentage of one's income. Elsewhere in Scripture, giving was proportionally based on one's ability to give (Leviticus 27; Numbers 15; Deuteronomy 26; 2 Corinthians 8). The phrases as God has prospered him (1 Corinthians 16:2) and to whom much is given, much shall be required (Luke 12:48) capture this proportional aspect of giving.

The Pattern of Systematic Giving

Throughout the Old Testament, a variety of offerings were presented at set times throughout the year. In New Testament teaching, systematic giving continues to be held out as the ideal.

The Practice of Aggregated Giving

In Old and New Testaments alike, gifts were brought to the Tabernacle, the Temple, the Storehouse, or otherwise collected for specific purposes. Consistently, the gifts of the many contributed to the ministries of the whole.

The Power of Collective Gain

Scripture is replete with imagery of the well-watered plain, the tree by rivers of water, the river that flows from God's throne, the Jordan in flood stage, the waters that flowed from Hebron, and the voice of many waters. The power of collective gain allowed God's people to attempt, and accomplish, the seemingly impossible.

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At Sturgis, Alaskan grocer finds divine appointment



When Mike Cooper learned about the 2015 Sturgis Motorcycle Rally from his pastor Don Higgins at First Baptist Church, Petersburg, Cooper wanted to volunteer for evangelism at the Dakota Baptist Convention's Sturgis Bike Giveaway hospitality tent at the rally's 75th anniversary. He took a 20-hour ferry from from

Mitkof Island with his 2001 Suzuki Intruder Volusia motorcycle before riding 2,040 miles to Sturgis in 56 hours, weathering cold torrential rain for 200 miles at about 6,000 feet in elevation in Alberta, Canada. Cooper arrived with no previous training in evangelism. But he quickly learned how to give a "three-minute testimony," which uses the outline of a person's life before Christ, how they became followers of Christ and their life since salvation. During the rally in August, 607 people made a profession of faith in Christ; during the 87 hours the tent was open, volunteers averaged witnessing to 71 people per hour. A friend asked Cooper, who now has relocated to Omaha, if he would do it again. Cooper's answer was simple and straight from scripture: "Here am I. Send me."

(excerpted from Baptist Press online, by Jim Burton, posted October 21, 2015)

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 —

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

February 2016

1-2 State Evangelism Conference
8-14 Focus on wMu

The Impact of Your Mission Offerings

The mission giving of your church through the Cooperative Program and the State Mission Offering has had an impact by assisting in the revitalization of three congregations. These congregations had either voted to close their doors or had reached a point where they could not continue their ministry without significant outside support and partnership. They each voted to voluntarily surrender their autonomy for a period of time and revert to mission status under the sponsorship of the Alaska Baptist Convention. During these revitalization partnerships, each congregation evaluated their purpose, strategy and vision. Budgets were formulated; constitution and bylaws revised; financial commitments and obligations restructured; but most importantly, the congregation began to "re-dream" what God would have them be in their communities. One of the keys to the revitalization process was to call a transitional, or intentional interim, pastor and your support through the Cooperative Program and State Mission Offering assisted with providing a stipend for these pastors. In 2016, we will enter into another such partnership and are prepared to assist other congregations, if necessary.