

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

## What is the 2000 Club?

### LABOR OF *Love*



The purpose of the **2000 Club** is to provide funds for selected Alaska Baptist churches to purchase property, renovate or repair their church facilities. Sponsored by the Alaska Baptist Convention, the 2000 Club provides a channel through which Southern Baptists work together in a cooperative mission strategy. Funds collected are sent directly to the designated mission project recipient at the end of each month. **100 percent of contributions goes to the recipient for the quarter.** Currently there are 145 people (or groups) who contribute to the 2000 Club. If 2,000 people would commit to \$10 per quarter, we could always reach our goal of \$20,000 per quarter!

**Please consider an automatic deduction from your checking account.** Contact your bank for information. Make your check payable to the Alaska Baptist Convention and mark it for the 2000 Club. Please note the quarter for which you are contributing. Mail payment to 1750 O'Malley Road, Anchorage, Alaska 99507. For additional information, contact us at 907.344.9627, 800.883.9627, [abc@alaskabaptistconvention.com](mailto:abc@alaskabaptistconvention.com)

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## God's Plan for Sharing in Alaska

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
Alaska Iu-Mienh First Baptist Church	\$396.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$396.25
Anchor Baptist Church	\$2,898.53	\$75.00	\$623.00	\$590.00	\$0.00	\$4,186.53
Anderson Church Plant	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Aquillaq Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Big Lake Baptist Church	\$7,731.58	\$1,055.00	\$1,442.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$10,328.58
Bodenburg Butte Baptist Church	\$5,950.98	\$0.00	\$490.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$6,515.98
Calvary Baptist Church	\$5,060.60	\$665.00	\$863.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,588.60
Catalyst Church	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Christ Community Church	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$170.00	\$527.00	\$0.00	\$897.00
City on a Hill Church	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
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	\$754.29	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$754.29
College Heights Baptist Church	\$52,009.00	\$3,176.00	\$0.00	\$7,834.81	\$0.00	\$63,019.81
Comm Bapt Church, Coffman Cove	\$5,563.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,563.30
Comm Bapt Church, Nome	\$804.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$804.00
Cowboy Church of Anchorage	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cross Roads Baptist Church	\$15,931.00	\$0.00	\$1,315.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$18,446.00
CrossCountry Church	\$1,950.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$2,350.00
Dillingham Bible Fellowship	\$7,996.29	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,390.00	\$0.00	\$10,386.29
Eagle River Korean Baptist Church	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$700.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church	\$3,244.20	\$0.00	\$170.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,414.20
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	\$2,405.00	\$1,450.00	\$2,850.00	\$0.00	\$17,639.81
Faith Recovery Fellowship	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
False Pass Christian Fellowship	\$240.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$240.25
Filipino Bible Church	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00
First Baptist Church, Anchorage	\$38,442.67	\$2,685.00	\$7,125.46	\$7,525.00	\$0.00	\$55,778.13
First Baptist Church, Eagle River	\$32,773.72	\$2,660.00	\$4,450.00	\$9,158.00	\$1,519.05	\$50,560.77
First Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$6,629.10	\$835.31	\$1,399.00	\$4,055.00	\$0.00	\$12,918.41
First Baptist Church, North Pole	\$27,957.00	\$425.00	\$788.00	\$1,979.96	\$0.00	\$31,149.96
First Baptist Church, Delta Junction	\$61,414.00	\$0.00	\$3,799.00	\$4,982.00	\$0.00	\$70,195.00
First Baptist Church, Juneau	\$9,703.26	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$455.00	\$0.00	\$10,158.26
First Baptist Church, Kenai	\$6,995.57	\$566.22	\$1,291.20	\$2,202.44	\$0.00	\$11,055.43
First Baptist Church, Ketchikan	\$12,934.30	\$2,100.00	\$1,175.15	\$4,245.00	\$0.00	\$20,454.45
First Baptist Church, Kotzebue	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
First Baptist Church, Palmer	\$21,200.00	\$1,777.48	\$1,929.00	\$136.00	\$0.00	\$25,042.48
First Baptist Church, Petersburg	\$8,181.76	\$1,584.00	\$1,545.00	\$4,786.00	\$0.00	\$16,096.76
First Baptist Church, Sitka	\$9,936.57	\$1,006.41	\$1,330.00	\$2,248.00	\$0.00	\$14,520.98
First Baptist Church, Soldotna	\$11,357.00	\$947.00	\$835.00	\$1,111.00	\$0.00	\$14,250.00
First Baptist Church, Valdez	\$25,871.24	\$2,220.00	\$2,329.00	\$0.00	\$795.00	\$31,215.24
First Baptist Church, Wasilla	\$16,791.90	\$1,144.05	\$1,977.01	\$7,815.95	\$0.00	\$27,728.91
First Baptist Church, Willow	\$6,212.91	\$975.16	\$1,733.00	\$5,045.72	\$0.00	\$13,966.79
First Hmong Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Korean Baptist Church	\$1,800.00	\$300.00	\$333.00	\$539.00	\$0.00	\$2,972.00
First Native Baptist Church	\$2,127.00	\$0.00	\$1,038.84	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,165.84
Friendship Baptist Mission,	\$2,478.86	\$872.00	\$855.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,205.86
Frontier Southern Baptist Church	\$5,394.82	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$855.00	\$0.00	\$6,249.82
Gilead Ministries	\$215.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$215.00
Glacier Valley Baptist Church	\$20,348.83	\$2,675.00	\$4,388.00	\$6,477.00	\$0.00	\$33,888.83
Grandview Baptist Church	\$37,807.55	\$3,627.00	\$2,051.00	\$3,979.00	\$275.00	\$47,739.55
Greater Friendship Baptist Church	\$6,528.44	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,528.44
Hillside Baptist Church	\$11,381.80	\$640.00	\$714.00	\$520.00	\$0.00	\$13,255.80
Iglesia Bautista Hispana Sunset Hills	\$892.56	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$992.56
Immanuel Baptist Church	\$1,403.36	\$2,123.15	\$1,494.00	\$4,352.19	\$0.00	\$9,372.70
In His Steps Community Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Journey Church	\$540.00	\$75.00	\$100.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$1,015.00
Juneau Korean Church	\$330.00	\$0.00	\$283.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$613.00
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	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$490.00	\$1,020.00	\$0.00	\$2,710.00
Lighthouse Community Church	\$9,846.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,846.00
Living Water Church	\$511.26	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$511.26
Malamalama Fou Church	\$500.00	\$300.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
Misc. Contributors-Cash	\$0.00	\$11,719.25	\$250.00	\$1,750.00	\$355.00	\$14,074.25
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	\$8,300.27	\$715.00	\$300.00	\$1,115.00	\$0.00	\$10,430.27
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-December 2015 Gifts from ABC Churches

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
Mountain View Community Church	\$575.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$575.00
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	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$850.00
New Grace Christian Church	\$2,750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,750.00
New Hope Baptist Church	\$11,784.00	\$300.00	\$500.00	\$511.00	\$0.00	\$13,095.00
New Hope Fellowship	\$700.00	\$50.00	\$85.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$885.00
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	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Pioneer Baptist Church	\$2,006.74	\$0.00	\$104.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$2,310.74
Rabbit Creek Community Church	\$3,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,500.00
River In The Desert Comm Church	\$5,112.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,112.00
Riverside Chapel	\$1,459.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,459.20
Roots Family Church, Kasilof	\$450.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$550.00
Roots Family Church, Soldotna	\$580.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$880.00
Sabbath Peace Fellowship	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
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	\$42.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$242.00
Sand Point Baptist Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Schrock Road Community Church	\$7,170.00	\$2,041.50	\$1,361.00	\$1,361.00	\$0.00	\$11,933.50
Settler's Bay Community Church	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,200.00	\$0.00	\$2,800.00
Shannon Park Baptist Church	\$2,512.36	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$1,590.00	\$0.00	\$4,352.36
Shungnak Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Slavic Bridge	\$320.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$520.00
Solid Rock Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$350.00
St. John Baptist Church	\$8,009.67	\$480.00	\$343.00	\$285.00	\$0.00	\$9,117.67
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$25,340.81	\$4,044.97	\$3,215.00	\$4,384.00	\$0.00	\$36,984.78
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	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$425.00
The Crossing @ Birchwood	\$4,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,800.00
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
True North Church	\$11,959.00	\$0.00	\$4,120.00	\$9,412.00	\$0.00	\$25,491.00
True North Church Girdwood	\$3,210.94	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,210.94
UBC-Chinese Fellowship	\$1,414.50	\$360.00	\$170.00	\$990.00	\$0.00	\$2,934.50
University Baptist Church, Anchorage	\$5,324.51	\$663.00	\$1,477.00	\$839.00	\$0.00	\$8,303.51
University Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$13,292.00	\$1,560.00	\$3,474.00	\$8,157.86	\$0.00	\$26,483.86
UTV Reg Church Planting Ctr	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$120.00
Valley View Baptist Church	\$5,750.00	\$0.00	\$280.00	\$1,340.00	\$0.00	\$7,370.00
Wasilla Korean Baptist Church	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
Whittier Christian Community Church	\$1,201.00	\$445.00	\$0.00	\$365.00	\$100.00	\$2,111.00
<b>Total Giving Jan.-Dec. 2015</b>	<b>\$708,919.11</b>	<b>\$64,214.96</b>	<b>\$71,728.91</b>	<b>\$141,874.75</b>	<b>\$3,044.05</b>	<b>\$989,781.78</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>December</b>				
Receipts	\$85,264.40		\$79,987.43	
CP Goal	59,484.00		58,569.66	
Variance	25,780.40	43.34%	21,417.77	36.57%
<b>Year-to-Date</b>				
Receipts	\$708,919.11		\$738,248.66	
CP Goal	713,808.00		702,836.00	
Variance	(4,888.89)	-0.68%	35,412.66	5.04%

## Welcome!

Darvin (Linda) Jordan  
First Baptist Church, Sitka

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, Soldotna  
Friendship Baptist Mission, Fairbanks  
New Hope Baptist Church, Anchorage  
Riverside Chapel, King Salmon  
Shungnak Baptist Mission

Childcare team  
needed for  
Women on Mission  
Celebration  
April 7-9

please contact  
Alaska WMU president  
Judy Zach  
jlzach46@gmail.com  
907.322.6412

Women on Mission Celebration  
April 7-9, 2016 • First Baptist Church, Anchorage



# Pressing Forward The Time IS NOW

Featuring guest speakers:

**Jennifer Kennedy Dean**, author and national inspirational speaker; author of numerous books, studies and articles specializing in prayer and spiritual growth

**IMB Missionaries**, RF and SF, South America

**David George**, president, WMU Foundation, Birmingham, AL

**Angela Jones**, Bible study leader, Fairbanks

Thursday, 7:00-9:00 p.m. • Friday, 9:00 a.m.-Noon and 6:00-9:00 p.m. • Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-Noon  
(Friday includes lunch with RSVP by March 28)

Offering received will be evenly divided between Missionary Kids Scholarship Fund and WMU Touch Tomorrow Today Fund

*A \$5 donation is requested for lunch, payable at the door.*

Conference hotel is Clarion Suites Downtown • deadline to reserve is March 22 • call 907.222.5005 • Group: ABC Women on Mission

## Scholarships are available!

Information and application for the Fuhr and Parker scholarships are available online at the Alaska Baptist Foundation website,

[www.alaskabaptistfoundation.com](http://www.alaskabaptistfoundation.com). The deadline for application is April 30, 2016. If you have questions, please contact Adam Long, [adam@alaskabaptistfoundation.com](mailto:adam@alaskabaptistfoundation.com), 907.770.0581, 800.883.9627.

# **Attention Disaster Relief Chaplains and Critical Incident Stress Management-Trained **First Responders!****

## **CISM Advanced Group Crisis Intervention**

Wednesday-Thursday, March 9-10, 2016

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (lunch included)

Alaska Baptist Convention office

1750 O'Malley Road, Anchorage • 907.344.9627

*(CISM: Group Crisis Intervention is a prerequisite for this course)*

**Cost: \$100**

## **CISM Grief Following Trauma**

Friday-Saturday, March 11-12, 2016

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (lunch included)

Alaska Baptist Convention office

1750 O'Malley Road, Anchorage • 907.344.9627

*(No prerequisites required)*

**Cost: \$100**

**Registration and payment need to be sent directly to:**

Dr. Naomi Paget, 7619 FM 1371 RD, Bellville, TX 77418.

All inquiries should be directed to Teresa Cappel, [tteach@gmail.com](mailto:tteach@gmail.com)

**HERE  
I AM SEND  
ME.**

ISAIAH 6:8



North American  
Mission Board

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR  
**North American Missions**

March 6-13, 2016

**Goal: \$70 Million**

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# MILEPOST MOMENTS

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

## **Condolences**

Our condolences to Butch Strickland, Multi-Ethnic Church Planter Catalyst, who lost his mother on January 4. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to

[bstrickland@namb.net](mailto:bstrickland@namb.net)

## **Condolences**

Our condolences to Teresa Cappel, Alaska State Trooper Chaplain, who lost her brother on January 3. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to

[tteach@gmail.com](mailto:tteach@gmail.com)

## **Condolences**

Our condolences to the family of Gordon Lantrip, retired Executive Director of Alaska Baptist Family Services (now Birchwood Behavioral Health) who passed away January 4. Gordon served ABFS

for 14 years. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to

[salantrip@gmail.com](mailto:salantrip@gmail.com)

## **Roots Family Church-Kasilof**

RFC-K met for the first time on January 3. They currently meet in the library at Tustumena Elementary School at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday.



## **New Beginnings Baptist Church, Seward**

NBBC went caroling at Bayside Apartments on December 20, where they delivered gift bags to all the apartments. They included the book "A Case for Christmas" along with baked goods and candy.

## **Laverne Griffin Youth**

## **Recreation Camp, Wasilla**

Please note the 2016 summer camp dates for LGYRC: Alaska Native Youth Camp (grades 7-12), June 6-10; X-Faith Youth Camp (grades 7-12), June 13-17; Boys Camp (grades 1-6), June 20-24; Girls Camp (grades 1-6), June 27-July 1. They will also offer a Centershot Archery Training Workshop for Leaders, June 25, 1:00-6:00 p.m. Contact the camp for additional information, [lgyrc@mtaonline.net](mailto:lgyrc@mtaonline.net)

## **Women on Mission Celebration,**

## **Anchorage**

WOM needs childcare workers for their annual Celebration April 7-9. Please contact Alaska WMU president Judy Zach,

[jlzach46@gmail.com](mailto:jlzach46@gmail.com)

907.322.6412.

## **University Baptist Church,**

## **Fairbanks**

UBC youth will hold their annual Valentine Banquet to raise funds; the College/Career group held their spring retreat at Aurora Lodge, January 26-28.



February 1, 2003: Sixteen minutes before it was scheduled to land, the Space Shuttle Columbia broke apart in flight over west Texas, killing all seven crew members.

February 2, 1931: The flag was raised for the first time over the new Capitol building at Juneau. Governor George Parks raised the flag.

February 3, 1870: The 15th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, guaranteeing the right of citizens to vote, regardless of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

February 14, 1931: The Federal and Territorial Building, now the State Capitol at Juneau, was formally dedicated.

February 21, 1924: The first official air mail flight in Alaska was made by Carl Ben Eielson who flew from Fairbanks to McGrath.

February 26, 1917: Mount McKinley National Park was established. It is now incorporated into the Denali National Park and Preserve.

February 27, 1923: The 1,400-foot Tanana River steel bridge on the Alaska Railroad at Nenana was completed.

February 28, 1967: Climbers completed the first winter ascent of Mount McKinley.

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

**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.**

# Keys to Kingdom Success

**1 Timothy 4:12**

**Avalanche '16  
March 18-19, 2016**

**Anchorage Baptist Temple**

**Cost: \$20/per student, payable in full at the door**

adult sponsors attend for free--please be willing to volunteer at the event.

additional information and schedule available at [www.alaskabaptistconvention.com](http://www.alaskabaptistconvention.com)





**Mike Procter**  
*Executive Director*

Has anyone ever told you “life isn’t fair”? You usually hear it when you are complaining about some perceived injustice or inequality, like when you brother’s piece of cake is 1/1000<sup>th</sup> of an inch thicker than yours! I think we have all been there.

However, I do have concrete, tangible proof that life isn’t fair. Recently, I took my 84-year-old, 120 pound mother to the doctor. Since her last appointment, she had lost three pounds and after asking about her eating habits, the doctor asked, “Elsie, do you like ice cream?” to which my mother answered yes. The doctor then said, “Every night, I want you to eat a big bowl of ice cream.” Sensing a good thing happening, I asked the doctor “What about me? Can I have a big bowl of ice cream every day?” Looking at me with her cold, steely eyes, with not a hint of a smile on her face, in her most “doctorly” tone of voice she replied, “No. You get to eat raw carrots and celery sticks, dark green vegetables, fresh fruit and skinless, baked chicken.” See? Life isn’t fair!

This attitude is not unique to us. In John 21:18-22, Jesus was talking with Peter about what Peter was going to experience in the future. Peter, possibly thinking life wasn’t fair, asked about one of the other disciples, “what about him?” to which Jesus admonished Peter to just be faithful to what Jesus wanted him to do.

In 1 Corinthians 12, Paul taught that everyone had different gifts, skills, talents and calling. Was this a result of someone saying, “life isn’t fair”? Paul reminded us that every part of the body was important and very much needed.

In Philippians 4:11-13, did Paul learn his lesson the hard way? “...for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances...I can do all this through him who gives me strength.” While being beaten, stoned, jailed, shipwrecked and whipped, Paul realized life wasn’t fair, but that the Lord had a unique calling and ministry for each of His children and ultimately, we should strive to hear the Lord say, “... Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!” It’s true. Sometimes life isn’t fair, but our Lord is gracious and merciful and He is the one who gives us the promise, “I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.” We just may need to redefine what “abundant” means to us. Remember, Jesus said, “I give you peace, not as the world provides it but as I provide.” His is a peace that passes all understanding.

**Blessings!**



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

How many people in your congregation actively share their faith? We have approximately 7000 in worship services across our state, providing multiple opportunities to share the gospel. How many of those 7000 are in schools and work environments where they talk to unchurched people? In our “politically correct” society, it may seem hard to share the gospel, but that should not stop us from being a light for Jesus. There are so many ways to make Jesus known through our actions, words, integrity and even clothing. If we want to be intentional in showing others we are Christians, nothing should stop us.

Our churches report about 500 baptisms a year; last year, several churches reported baptizing 20 or more people and that is really exciting. It’s important that we are committed to sharing our faith with others. One way to teach techniques is by modeling personal evangelism through mentoring. I spoke with one pastor who has requested training to assist him in modeling and mentoring in evangelism. As church leaders and church planters, mentoring and discipling church members is an essential step to making disciples.

As church leaders, what are you doing to train and mentor your members in the important spiritual discipline of sharing their faith? How are you helping believers learn what to say, how to say it and how to form evangelistic relationships? Evangelism is a spiritual discipline like praying, Bible study and tithing. It is one of the most important imperatives given to us by Jesus as it was one of the last things Christ told His disciples before He ascended. We have been given funds from the North American Mission Board to assist churches in personal evangelism training. In March, David Burton, former State Evangelism Director of the Florida Baptist Convention, and I will lead personal evangelism training throughout the state. Every participant will receive “Revitalize Your Church Through Gospel Recovery” by Alvin Reid. Watch for information about dates and locations which will be e-mailed to each church, and available on our website, [www.alaskabaptist-convention.com](http://www.alaskabaptist-convention.com)





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### February 2016

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

### March 2016

6-12 Week of Prayer and Mission Study  
for North American Missions  
and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering  
9-10 Chaplain Training  
11-12 Ministry to the Grieving  
18-19 Avalanche '16  
27 Easter

### April 2016

4-6 Arctic Leadership Event  
7-9 Women on Mission Celebration  
21 CBA semi-annual meeting  
20 New Pastor and full-time staff orientation  
21-23 Ministers and Spouses Conference  
25 VBS Training (HPBA)  
26 VBS Training (CBA)  
30 VBS Training (TVBA)

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