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God's Plan for Sharing in Alaska

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
Alaska Iu-Mienh First Baptist Church	\$161.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$161.00
Anchor Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$269.00	\$0.00	\$269.00
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	\$669.97	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$669.97
Bodenburg Butte Baptist Church	\$409.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$409.10
Calvary Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,005.00	\$0.00	\$1,005.00
Catalyst Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Christ Community Church	\$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	\$251.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$451.40
College Heights Baptist Church	\$3,953.01	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,953.01
Community Baptist Church, Coffman Cove	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Community Baptist Church, Nome	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cowboy Church of Anchorage	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cross Roads Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CrossCountry Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Dillingham Bible Fellowship	\$1,041.23	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,041.23
Eagle River Korean Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church	\$275.64	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$275.64
Fairview Loop Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Faith Baptist Church	\$3,005.86	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,640.00	\$0.00	\$7,645.86
Faith Recovery Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
False Pass Christian Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Filipino Bible Church, Anchorage	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church, Anchorage	\$3,464.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,702.00	\$0.00	\$14,166.80
First Baptist Church, Eagle River	\$3,663.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,663.70
First Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church, North Pole	\$2,865.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,865.00
First Baptist Church, Delta Junction	\$3,741.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,296.00	\$0.00	\$7,037.00
First Baptist Church, Juneau	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church, Kenai	\$1,161.96	\$0.00	\$193.66	\$1,137.66	\$0.00	\$2,493.28
First Baptist Church, Ketchikan	\$1,442.19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,442.19
First Baptist Church, Kotzebue	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
First Baptist Church, Palmer	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,550.00	\$0.00	\$2,550.00
First Baptist Church, Petersburg	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church, Sitka	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church, Soldotna	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church, Valdez	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church, Wasilla	\$1,978.72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,978.72
First Baptist Church, Willow	\$0.00	\$615.00	\$0.00	\$6,854.00	\$0.00	\$7,469.00
First Hmong Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Korean Baptist Church	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
First Native Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$720.52	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$720.52
Friendship Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Frontier Southern Baptist Church	\$145.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$145.00
Gilead Ministries	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Glacier Valley Baptist Church	\$2,301.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,296.00	\$0.00	\$5,597.80
Grandview Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Greater Friendship Baptist Church	\$918.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$918.60
Hillside Baptist Church	\$938.33	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,938.33
Iglesia Bautista Hispana Sunset Hills	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Immanuel Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
In His Steps Community Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Journey Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Juneau Korean Church	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$330.00
Kasaan Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ketchikan Filipino Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Kiana Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Kobuk Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Korean Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Korean New Central Baptist Church	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Lighthouse Community Church	\$928.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$928.00
Living Water Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Malamalama Fou Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Misc. Contributors-Cash	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Montana Creek Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Moose Creek Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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	\$478.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,424.25	\$0.00	\$1,902.25
Mount Pleasant Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mount Redoubt Baptist Church	\$1,200.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,200.00

January 2016 Gifts from ABC Churches

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
Mountain View Community Church	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Muldoon Road Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Beginnings Baptist Church	\$616.77	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$616.77
New Birth Christian Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Grace Christian Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Hope Baptist Church	\$1,134.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,134.00
New Hope Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
North Bear Street Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
North Tongass Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
OnMission Church	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Pioneer Baptist Church	\$136.37	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$536.37
Rabbit Creek Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
River In The Desert Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Riverside Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Roots Family Church, Kasilof	\$90.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$90.00
Roots Family Church, Soldotna	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sabbath Peace Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Salcha Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sand Lake Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sand Point Baptist Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Schrock Road Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Settler's Bay Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Shannon Park Baptist Church	\$145.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$445.60
Shungnak Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Slavic Bridge	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15.00
Solid Rock Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
St. John Baptist Church	\$555.28	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$95.00	\$0.00	\$650.28
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Tenakee Community Church	\$317.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$317.00
The Church @ Commodore Park	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
The Crossing @ Birchwood	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Thorne Bay Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Togiak Baptist Mission	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
True North Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,878.00	\$0.00	\$6,878.00
True North Church Girdwood	\$555.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$555.00
UBC-Chinese Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
University Baptist Church, Anchorage	\$478.23	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$592.00	\$0.00	\$1,070.23
University Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$1,242.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,077.15	\$0.00	\$4,319.15
UTVRPC	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
Valley View Baptist Church	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,250.00
Wasilla Korean Baptist Church	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Whittier Christian Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Giving January 2016	\$44,029.56	\$2,385.52	\$1,248.66	\$50,516.06	\$0.00	\$98,179.80

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

	2016		2015	
January				
Receipts	\$44,029.56		\$49,019.56	
CP Goal	52,869.42		59,484.00	
Variance	(8,839.86)	-16.72%	(10,464.44)	-17.59%
Year-to-Date				
Receipts	\$44,029.56		\$49,019.56	
CP Goal	52,869.42		59,484.00	
Variance	(8,839.86)	-16.72%	(10,464.44)	-17.59%

Welcome!

David Wheeler

Bodenburg Butte Baptist Church

Please Pray for
our Pastorless Churches

Aquillaq Baptist Mission, Ambler
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

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Women on Mission Celebration
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Philippians 3:13-14

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David George, president, WMU Foundation, Birmingham, AL

Angela Jones, Bible study leader, Fairbanks

Breakout sessions include:

- Living Connected to the Heart of Jesus (Jennifer Kennedy Dean)**
- **The Pursuit of Happiness (Jennifer Kennedy Dean)** • **God's Story in Northern Conchucos (SF)** • **Praise Moves (Angie Rogers)** • **Leaving a Legacy (David George)**
- **Mentoring Moms (Karen Chambers)** • **Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (Barbara Young)**
- **Both Feet In (Judy Rice)** • **Making Disciples Through Stories** • **Oral Bible Stories**

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 suggested 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

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ISAIAH 6:8



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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 the family of Betty Duncan, wife of former ABC Executive Director Bill Duncan, who passed away on January 28. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at:

Lcamarata@cci-alliance.com

Faith Recovery Fellowship,

Wasilla

Scott Thompson, church planter, reports there has been a wonderful movement of God inside Goose Creek Correctional Center, the focal area of ministry for FRF. Many have committed their lives to Christ; one man in particular, who has been searching for a relationship with God, has recently signed up to attend The Urban Ministry Institute

on the prison campus. Continue to pray for this church plant as it continues to minister to men at GCCC.

First Baptist Church, Valdez

FBC hosted their annual Ladies Christmas Tea on December 2, at which 278 women attended. The event was held at the Valdez Civic Center with special speaker Judge Pamela Scott Washington. There was also special music, door prizes and refreshments. This tea is held on the first Wednesday of December, so mark your calendars now to attend in 2016.

St. John Baptist Church,

Fairbanks

SJBC celebrated their 63rd anniversary on February 28 with a special service at 3:00 p.m. The theme was

“63 Years...He Has Done Marvelous Things” based on Psalm 86:10, 118:23 with special guest speaker Rev. Jerome Griffin.

University Baptist Church, Fairbanks

UBC members removed old carpet and pews in preparation for the new carpet to be installed. Youth will attend Avalanche in Anchorage this month; there will be an Easter musical on Easter morning.

First Baptist Church, Anchorage

Congratulations to Carole McKee for being selected as Junior Achievement Educator of the Year.



Sunset Hills Baptist Church, Anchorage

The GAs and RAs of SHBC, showing off their badges!



March 1, 1932: The 20-month-old son of aviation pioneer Charles Lindbergh was kidnapped in New Jersey.

March 3, 1913: The first Alaska Territorial Legislature convened in the Elks Lodge building in Juneau.

March 6, 1973: Voters went to the polls to choose between Emil Notti and Don Young to replace U.S. Representative Nick Begich, who had been killed in a plane accident.

March 13, 1968: Atlantic Richfield and Humble Oil announced their Prudhoe Bay discovery well.

March 14, 1929: International Airways inaugurated air passenger service between Seattle and Alaska.

March 18, 1918: The Wilson & Sylvester sawmill at Wrangell, the largest mill in Alaska, burned.

March 24, 1989: The Exxon Valdez ran aground on Bligh Reef, ultimately spilling 260,000 barrels of North Slope oil.

March 30, 1916: Delegate James Wickersham introduced in Congress the first bill providing for statehood for Alaska.

alaskahistoricalsociety.org; www.historyplace.com

4 tips for your first small group meeting

So you've agreed to facilitate a small group? The people are committed, the dates are set, and the study focus of the group has been chosen. Even the snacks are delegated. But then, fear strikes your heart. *These people don't really know one another, do they? It's going to be awkward, isn't it? We'll all be uncomfortable, won't we?* Take a deep breath and consider a few tips to build a firm foundation for your group's first meeting.

CASUAL

As people arrive, allow some agenda-free chitchat time, standing around the snacks or coffee in the kitchen. It's interesting how people will linger and talk in a kitchen, but then often clam up as they sit down in the living room.

The more your group members casually talk among themselves, the better your first group time will be once you "officially" begin. If people aren't talking much, or it begins to feel awkward, move on to the seating area and get started. But don't rush the relaxed banter of this first meeting, because some amazing relationships may be already beginning.

COMMUNICATION

As much as some personalities may not prefer this approach, go around and let people give an introduction and tell something about themselves. As the group leader, take the time to ask any follow-up questions you think might help everyone else.

For example, Nancy states her name and says, "I work at the X Corporation." Before you move on, say, "That's great, Nancy. I'm familiar with that company. What do you do there?" Or, if a couple



says they have two children named Baker and Bonnie and they stop there, then say, "Great. Tell us about your son and daughter. How old are they? What are they like?"

Remember, if you want to know something more, it's likely the other group members do too. While being careful not to be too nosy or personal, delving past the surface in the first meeting can communicate the group is going to care about one another's lives.

CARE

At that first meeting, everyone's a little uncomfortable. People aren't yet sure this is for them. Try to calm their fears.

After introductions, say something like, "Okay, I don't know about you, but I've been nervous about this. Coming to a new group can be unnerving. I'd like to ask two things of anyone who would like to share. First, what has been your biggest concern prior to coming, and then, what do you hope to gain from this group?"

This honest, transparent opening can defuse anxiety and show everyone the goal is to be open and honest. While this strategy isn't foolproof, most groups will begin to share and open up to such an invitation. As the group leader, you should

always set the pace, so it's a good plan for you to start by sharing your own concerns and what you hope to see happen.

COMFORT

Keep this first meeting light and upbeat as much as possible. You want to work toward a balance of going deep and getting serious when needed, but also being able to laugh and have fun. Don't get too heavy, too fast.

The first meeting is for introductions and establishing a comfort level. If you see some smiles, relaxed postures, and engaging looks, you're hitting the target for group comfort.

Before your group arrives for the first time, pray over your home and the rooms you'll be in.

For your first gathering, practice these four C's, and you could be forming relationships that will help people grow stronger in their love for God and made friends for a lifetime.

by Robert Noland, a freelance writer in Franklin, Tennessee. Reprinted with permission from Facts & Trends magazine, volume 62, number 1, Winter 2016.



Mike Procter
Executive Director

As I write this I am in Puerto Rico where it is 90°F with 95% humidity. I am suffering in the heat and Rebecca thinks it is lovely.

Although a U.S. territory, Spanish is the heart (first) language of most Puerto Ricans. Much of the television and radio programming is in Spanish and there are many Spanish-language newspapers. Signs in the stores and on roads are in Spanish. My problem is I neither read nor speak Spanish so at times, I have been confused, bewildered and lost. I went the wrong way down a one-way street and had other exciting adventures.

As we traveled around Puerto Rico, unsure where to go and unable to understand the signs, I thought of those around us who are not Christians. They are confused, bewildered and lost. Many want to know Christ, but do not understand what they need to do. They hear many different things and may think “if I just keep going the way I am, I will eventually get there.” They need someone who knows the language to explain the way. That someone is those of us who know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

There are many Bible verses exhorting Christians to share the good news of Jesus Christ in clear, concise language. We know the devil has blinded the eyes of those who are lost, lest the light of Jesus Christ be shown to them. We know there is a broad way and a narrow way; we know that Jesus Christ is The Way. We know the language and we need to tell the message.

Fortunately for me, the majority of Puerto Ricans speak English and when I was going the wrong way, they were able to get me back on the correct path. When a lost person comes into contact with us, do we direct them the right way, or do we allow them to continue traveling in their confusion?



Jimmy Stewart
*Director of Evangelism and
Church Development*

I have an incredibly evangelistic wife who looks for every opportunity to share Jesus with others, or to invite them to church. She also loves the 20-something age-group of people at work and is constantly telling them about Jesus, and inviting them to our home for a time of fellowship, food and games. I recently had a conversation with a particularly bright young woman who admits to selfishness and living a lifestyle many of us might find inappropriate. She is an incredibly compassionate and engaging person and can hold her own in any conversation. When I talk to her, I am reminded that I used to think about life much the same way as she, but salvation occurred and my world view changed dramatically. Do you think compassion can be misplaced? I would love for abortions to end because people realized that sex outside a monogamous marriage was inappropriate, but as my new friend says, “that ain’t gonna happen.” At the core, I believe she and I both want the same thing, but have different views on how to achieve it, because of her world view and values fashioned by that world view. Are you engaging people with compassion, even when you disagree with them? Are you intentionally having conversations with people who are different than you? We have to venture outside our “holy habitat” to engage people outside our circle of friends. I love the opportunity to talk with people because I know the Christian view offers the most compassionate and logical approach to solving problems in our society. Don’t let those with a God-less view intimate you; God is not a crutch – He is the foundation. Don’t let others paint Christian history as some sort of antiquated belief system with fables from an unreliable book. My God will get the last laugh when the conviction of the Holy Spirit brings a doubter to grace, and an understanding that a loving God is bigger than our small world views. March 29 – April 4, I will be facilitating Personal Evangelism Training throughout the state. David Burton, former Evangelism Director of the Florida Baptist Convention will be in Alaska to help me with this training. Will you come and bring others? Check our website, www.alaskabaptistconvention.com for dates, locations and times.

2016 Ministers and Spouses Conference

Protecting Your Ministry Thursday - Saturday, April 21 - 23 First Baptist Church, Anchorage

Conference hotel: Clarion Suites Downtown

Conference begins with supper on Thursday, 6:00 p.m.;
concludes Saturday, 10:30 a.m.

Cost: \$100 per couple
which includes
two nights lodging,
all meals, snacks and
conference materials

Featured speakers:

Micah Fries is the Vice President of LifeWay Research in Nashville and is a frequent speaker in churches and conferences. He holds a Master of Divinity and the Bachelor of Arts in Theology. Micah is currently a student in the Ph.D. program at Southeastern Seminary, where he is studying North American Missiology.

Steve Lewis is the president of Church Excellence, Inc., a company that works with churches in just about every type of turmoil and lawsuit possible. Steve holds a Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration and Master of Business Administration from University of Oklahoma, and Juris Doctorate from University of Oklahoma College of Law.

Register your attendance by e-mailing betsy@alaskabaptistconvention.com by April 1
Registration fee must be postmarked by April 1 and mailed to:
Alaska Baptist Convention, 1750 O'Malley Road, Anchorage, AK 99507

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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
19 CBA semi-annual meeting
20 New Pastor and full-time staff orientation
21-23 Ministers and Spouses Conference
25 VBS Training HPBA (FBC Palmer)
26 VBS Training CBA (Filipino Bible)
30 VBS Training TVBA (FBC North Pole)

May 2016

8 Day of Prayer for Birchwood Behavioral Health
9-10 ABC Executive Board meeting
12 ABF trustee meeting
30 ABC and ABF offices closed for Memorial Day

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