

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

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

Pressing Forward The Time IS NOW

Philippians 3:13-14

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

Breakout sessions include:

Living Connected to the Heart of Jesus (Jennifer Kennedy Dean)

The Pursuit of Happiness (Jennifer Kennedy Dean) • PraiseMoves (Angie Rogers)

Leaving a Legacy (David George) • WMU Foundation 101 (David George)

WMU Resources (Judy Zach) • Mentoring Moms (Karen Chambers)

Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (Barbara Young)

Both Feet In (Judy Rice) • Making Disciples Through Stories (R&SF) • Oral Bible Stories (R&SF)

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

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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	\$604.14	\$0.00	\$720.37	\$1,000.37	\$0.00	\$2,324.88
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	\$1,363.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,363.30
Bodenburg Butte Baptist Church	\$703.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$703.70
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	\$50.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$501.40
College Heights Baptist Church	\$9,234.74	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,445.00	\$0.00	\$16,679.74
Comm Bapt Church, Coffman Cove	\$2,242.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,242.50
Comm 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	\$1,532.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,233.34	\$0.00	\$2,765.34
CrossCountry Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Dillingham Bible Fellowship	\$1,441.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,175.00	\$0.00	\$3,616.30
Eagle River Korean Baptist Church	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church	\$1,161.83	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,161.83
Fairview Loop Baptist Church	\$10,088.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,088.14
Faith Baptist Church	\$3,915.97	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,640.00	\$0.00	\$8,555.97
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	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church, Anchorage	\$4,538.69	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,802.00	\$0.00	\$15,340.69
First Baptist Church, Eagle River	\$6,066.31	\$100.00	\$110.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,276.31
First Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$708.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$708.20
First Baptist Church, North Pole	\$5,448.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$650.00	\$0.00	\$6,098.00
First Baptist Church, Delta Junction	\$7,898.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$3,577.00	\$0.00	\$11,675.00
First Baptist Church, Juneau	\$794.52	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$794.52
First Baptist Church, Kenai	\$1,725.94	\$0.00	\$287.66	\$1,231.66	\$0.00	\$3,245.26
First Baptist Church, Ketchikan	\$2,658.55	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,690.00	\$0.00	\$4,348.55
First Baptist Church, Kotzebue	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
First Baptist Church, Palmer	\$1,666.66	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,550.00	\$0.00	\$4,216.66
First Baptist Church, Petersburg	\$959.58	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$959.58
First Baptist Church, Sitka	\$772.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$772.10
First Baptist Church, Soldotna	\$776.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,018.75	\$0.00	\$1,794.75
First Baptist Church, Valdez	\$2,367.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,367.10
First Baptist Church, Wasilla	\$2,977.57	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,977.57
First Baptist Church, Willow	\$412.71	\$615.00	\$0.00	\$6,854.00	\$0.00	\$7,881.71
First Hmong Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Korean Baptist Church	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
First Native Baptist Church	\$158.00	\$720.52	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$878.52
Friendship Baptist Mission	\$577.56	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$1,050.00	\$0.00	\$2,227.56
Frontier Southern Baptist Church	\$299.12	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$299.12
Gilead Ministries	\$308.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$308.00
Glacier Valley Baptist Church	\$3,497.24	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,296.00	\$0.00	\$6,793.24
Grandview Baptist Church	\$3,581.48	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,581.48
Greater Friendship Baptist Church	\$2,167.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,167.60
Hillside Baptist Church	\$2,093.74	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,093.74
Iglesia Bautista Hispana Sunset Hills	\$71.90	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$71.90
Immanuel Baptist Church	\$168.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$706.25	\$0.00	\$874.65
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	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$360.00
Kasaan Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ketchikan Filipino Baptist Mission	\$260.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$660.10
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	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Lighthouse Community Church	\$1,752.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,752.00
Living Water Church	\$68.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$68.40
Malamalama Fou Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Misc. Contributors-Cash	\$0.00	\$8,149.79	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$8,179.79
Montana Creek Baptist Church	\$6,087.81	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,158.00	\$0.00	\$7,245.81
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	\$1,210.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,723.50	\$0.00	\$2,934.20
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-February 2016 Gifts from ABC Churches

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
Mountain View Community Church	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
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	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
New Hope Baptist Church	\$2,589.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,589.00
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	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Pioneer Baptist Church	\$316.91	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$716.91
Rabbit Creek Community Church	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
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	\$180.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$180.00
Roots Family Church, Soldotna	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Sabbath Peace Fellowship	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$120.00
Salcha Baptist Church	\$2,057.11	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,057.11
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	\$693.00	\$126.00	\$84.00	\$84.00	\$0.00	\$987.00
Settler's Bay Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Shannon Park Baptist Church	\$337.42	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$637.42
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	\$1,150.78	\$0.00	\$45.00	\$95.00	\$0.00	\$1,290.78
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$2,206.20	\$0.00	\$137.50	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$2,443.70
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	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
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	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,878.00	\$0.00	\$7,578.00
True North Church Girdwood	\$681.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$681.00
UBC-Chinese Fellowship	\$122.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$122.00
University Baptist Church, Anchorage	\$1,135.71	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$592.00	\$0.00	\$1,727.71
University Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$2,471.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,127.15	\$0.00	\$5,598.15
Upper TV Reg Church Planting Ctr	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Valley View Baptist Church	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,250.00
Wasilla Korean Baptist Church	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Whittier Christian Community Church	\$62.68	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$62.68
TOTALS	\$117,473.58	\$11,561.31	\$2,609.53	\$68,387.02	\$30.00	\$200,061.44

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	\$73,444.02		\$58,974.64	
CP Goal	57,531.16		59,484.00	
Variance	15,912.86	27.66%	(509.36)	-0.86%
Year-to-Date				
Receipts	\$117,473.58		\$107,994.20	
CP Goal	115,062.32		118,968.00	
Variance	2,411.26	2.10%	(10,973.80)	-9.22%

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
True North Church, Anchorage

**Scholarships
are available!**

Information and application for the Fuhr and Parker scholarships are available online at the Alaska Baptist Foundation website, www.alaskabaptistfoundation.com. The deadline for application is April 30, 2016. If you have questions, please contact Adam Long, adam@alaskabaptistfoundation.com, 907.770.0581, 800.883.9627.



DIVE DEEP at VBS!

SUBMERGED

FINDING TRUTH BELOW
THE SURFACE

Psalms 105:23-24

Vacation Bible School Training

Monday, April 25, First Baptist Church, Palmer
5:30 - 9:00 p.m. (light supper included)

Tuesday, April 26, Filipino Bible Church, Anchorage
5:30 - 9:00 p.m. (light supper included)

Saturday, April 30, First Baptist Church, North Pole
9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. (continental breakfast included)

RSVP to betsy@alaskabaptistconvention.com

Take the 2016 SBC Church Compensation Survey.

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- ✱ Access complimentary online customized reports for your church.
- ✱ Be among the first to view survey results.

Complete the online survey by May 31.

All responses are completely confidential. We appreciate your input!

Your help is needed to ensure we can continue to provide this beneficial resource to thousands of Southern Baptist churches like yours.



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T3 Training Teens Today

Training youth to be evangelists, discipplers and leaders with youth workers in the local churches.

Individual tracks include Music & Worship, Tech, Video and Recreation. Training is JUNE 10-17, 2016 (June 10-12, training is at First Baptist Church, Eagle River; June 13-17 training is at LGYRC.)

Students must be recommended by their pastor or youth leader and must have completed 8th grade.

To receive your application packet, please e-mail betsy@alaskabaptistconvention.com. Application package must be completed and into the ABC office by April 15, 2016. Full payment of \$200 is also due at that time.

Due by April 15, 2016:

- Application
- Signature page
- Ten Commandments
- Student Questionnaire
- Medical Release Form (notarized)
- \$200 (full) payment

Registration is not considered complete until all the documents and payment have been received. *Upon receipt of application, student will be mailed a MasterLife book that must be completed prior to the beginning of T3.*

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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 Fred Vandivort, former pastor of King Salmon Community Community Baptist Church (now Riverside Chapel) who passed away on March 18. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at jsvandivort@aol.com

Alaska Baptist Convention

Mike and Rebecca Procter thank everyone for the prayers and condolences expressed at the passing of Mike's mother, Elsie Snodgrass.

University Baptist Church,

Fairbanks

The college/career and youth will have a combined potluck on April 3; on April 23, the college ministry will assemble "survival packs" for UAF students during finals week. A group of ladies will attend the Women on Mission Celebration in Anchorage.

Cold Bay Chapel

Pastor Joshua Kremer was ordained on February 22.



Southern Baptist Convention

Shirley Bearce, member of Pioneer Baptist Church in Wasilla, and Linda Russell, member of First Baptist Church in Palmer, have been appointed to serve on this year's Committee on Committees during the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. The Committee on Committees has the responsibility to appoint the Committee on Nominations, which has far-reaching influence upon Southern Baptist life. They recommend the trustees of our eleven convention entities and our Executive Committee to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Avalanche '16

Avalanche (youth evangelism conference) was a huge success and a lot of fun for the 18 churches, 175 students and 56 adult sponsors who participated. University Baptist Church (Fairbanks), Montana Creek Baptist Church (Talkeetna), First Baptist Church (Petersburg) and Filipino Bible Church (Anchorage) were the big winners of the event! Thank you to Anchorage Baptist Temple for hosting the event, to California Baptist University for sending a team to assist, and to all those folks who volunteered their time and talents to get the whole event set up.



April 1, 1869: The first public school in Alaska under the American flag was opened in a log building at Sitka. The teacher, Miss Addie Messer, was paid \$50 a month.

April 2, 1792: Congress established the first U.S. Mint at Philadelphia.

April 3, 1898: A snowslide at Sheep Camp on the Chilkoot Trail killed 43 men.

April 6, 1896: After a break of 1500 years, the first Olympics of the modern era was held in Athens, Greece.

April 10, 1945: The Nazi concentration camp at Buchenwald was liberated by U.S. troops.

April 11, 1975: Alaska Airlines hired Joann Osterud, its first female pilot.

April 17, 1869: The Army established Fort Kenai at the old Russian town of Fort St. Nicholas, today known as Kenai.

April 22, 1864: By an Act of Congress, "In God We Trust" was included on all newly minted U.S. coins.

April 26, 1994: Multiracial elections were held for the first time in the history of South Africa.

alaskahistoricalsociety.org; www.historyplace.com

“We must be careful to not let fear get the best of us. It never ends well for those who let fear dictate their decisions.”

*IMB worker in North Africa and the Middle East.
Source: IMB*

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, 11:00 a.m.

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

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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Making Christ the
Target of Our Lives
June 25, 1-6 pm
\$25/pp
Deadline:
June 13

Girls Camp
June 27-July 1
\$185
until May 13
(\$195 after 5/13)

**Alaska Native Youth
Camp**
June 6-10
\$185
until May 13
(\$195 after 5/13)

X-Faith Youth Camp
June 13-17
\$185
until May 13
(\$195 after 5/13)

Boys Camp
June 20-24
\$185
until May 13
(\$195 after 5/13)

visit www.lgyrc.org for additional information

**SUMMER
CAMP**



Mike Procter
Executive Director

The terms “thanksgiving”, “thankfulness” and “thanks” are used hundreds of times in the Bible, usually in the context of thanking God for something or someone, or expressing appreciation.

This is my last official Milepost article, so I want to express my thankfulness to the following:

- God. From the moment I became His child in 1970, He has been faithful. There were times when I failed Him but He never failed me. He has been faithful for over 46 years and as I enter this new phase in my life and ministry, I know He will continue to be faithful.
- My family; Rebecca, Seth and Noah. Their support, encouragement and commitment to the Lord allowed me the freedom to serve Alaska Baptists. While normally in the background, their walk beside me made it possible for me to serve the Lord where He called me.
- The staff of the Alaska Baptist Convention and Foundation; Adam Long, Debra Long, Sylvia Rylander, Betsy Shilling and Jimmy Stewart. They have hearts for the Lord and a desire to serve Alaska Baptists. They are a tremendous staff and we are fortunate to have them serving on our behalf.
- Glacier Valley Baptist Church, the congregations and individuals that make up the Chugach Baptist Association, and the congregations of the Alaska Baptist Convention, for their trust in allowing me the opportunity to serve. I have been allowed the freedom to follow God’s leadership by serving as pastor, church planter, associational missionary and state missionary.
- Randy and Robin Covington, for following the Lord’s call back to Alaska, to the position of Executive Director-Treasurer for the Alaska Baptist Convention. I am confident he will do a great job and that you will support and encourage him in his new role.

I have been asked, “What now?” and I really don’t know. I hope to continue serving the Lord and His people in Alaska. Rebecca and I plan to stay in Alaska and look forward to whatever God has in store for us.

I leave you with the reminder to “...give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good...!”



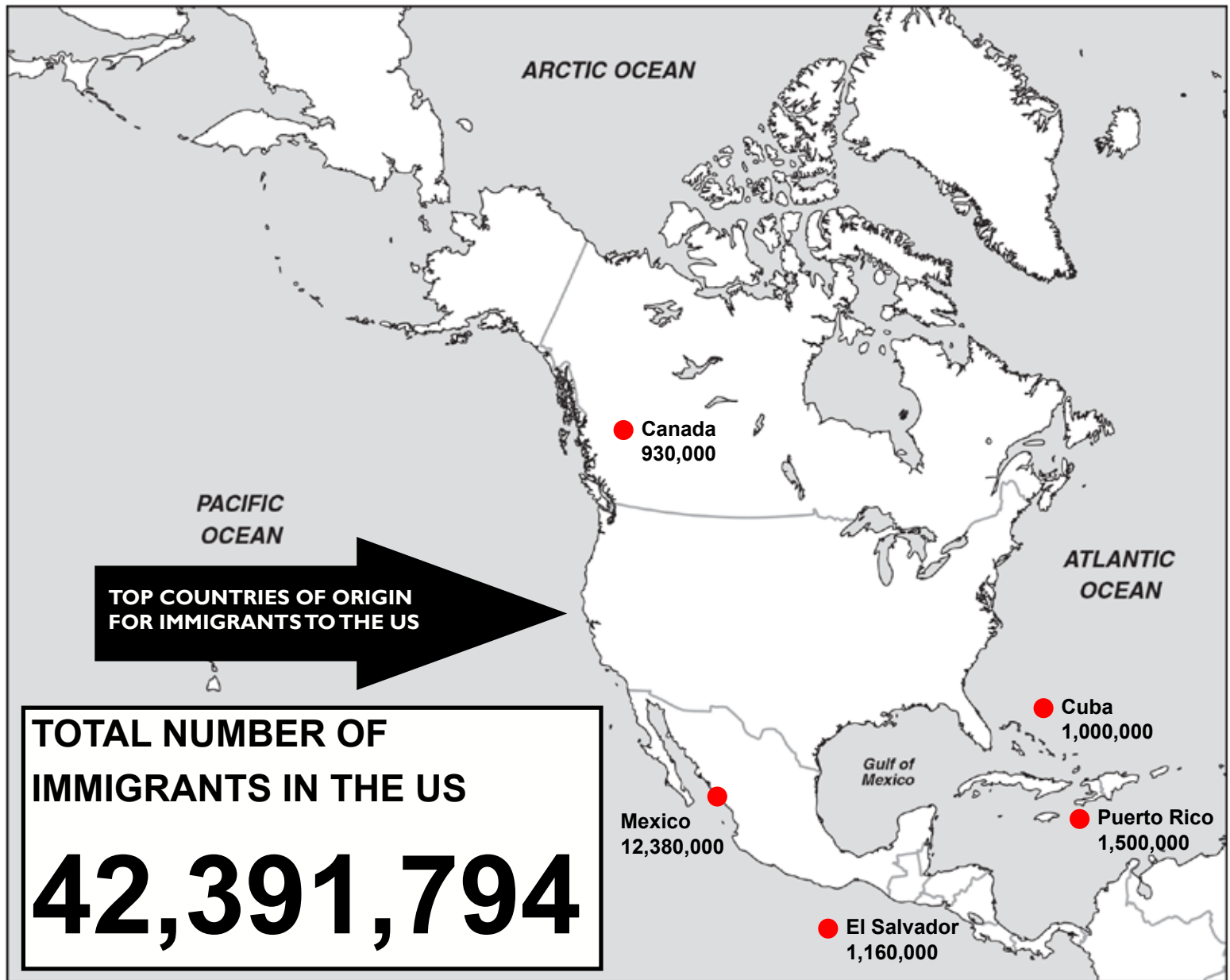
Jimmy Stewart
Director of Evangelism and Church Development

Is it already summer? It sure seems like it! I love the warmer weather, but wish we would have had a colder and snowier winter. There are an increasing number of people looking for ways to connect with others during the summer and now is the time to cement plans. One thing that helps is funding through our Cooperative Program (CP). Did you know there is money available to help with evangelistic and ministry evangelism events? Requests for these funds must be with the guarantee the money will be used for direct evangelism. In the past, churches have used these resources for block parties, a parent/child evangelism event, a ministry fair with the presentation of the gospel, a drama presentation including an evangelistic message and appeal. These monies are available because our churches give to the CP as part of the incredible system Southern Baptists utilize to assist one another in reaching our country for Christ. If you are planning an event, sports outreach, wild game dinner, or something that allows people to hear the gospel and receive Christ, we can assist on a first come, first served basis. A typical request is for \$500-\$1000. Email me at jimmy@alaskabaptistconvention.com to ask for the Evangelism Event Request Form.

If your church has monetary needs not evangelistic in nature, like small construction projects or bigger events requiring more than a \$1000, you may request money from the Church Strengthening Fund. If you request money from this fund, the request must go through the ABC Executive Board and be submitted 30 days prior to a board meeting. The next board meeting is May 9, so your request needs to be received by April 9; the November board meeting is November 7, so requests would need to be received by October 7. Contact me for additional information, jimmy@alaskabaptistconvention.com.

Training Teens Today (T3) is June 10-17, and is an opportunity for students to learn about leadership. Application information is available on our website (www.alaskabaptistconvention.com) under the tab “ABC Events.” We have conducted this training for 12 years and many students have learned how to serve their churches. Deadline to register is April 15. In September, we are hosting a “Lead Like Jesus” conference to encourage church leaders; our annual Bible Study Leadership Training events will be in November. Ten of our churches are currently participating in Cohort PastorMentor training, introduced by Dr. Hal Seed during our 2016 State Evangelism Conference. These churches are working toward improving their church systems. We currently provide training in Anchorage, Wasilla and Soldotna and if you are interested, I can get you plugged into one of the current groups. If you are in the Fairbanks area and are interested, please contact me to explore options.

Immigration... by the numbers



Germany: 1,200,000 • China: 1,440,000 • India: 1,660,000 • Philippines: 1,820,000 • Vietnam: 1,160,000

BY THE NUMBERS: IMMIGRATION

13%

Immigrants account for 13 percent of the US population

1 in 4

Adding their children, 1 in 4 people in America is a 1st or 2nd generation immigrant

1/3

About one-third of US Hispanics and two-thirds of US Asians are foreign-born

47%

Almost half of immigrants are naturalized US citizens

27%

More than one-quarter of US immigrants are unauthorized

26%

1 in 4 immigrants are legal permanent residents and people on temporary visas



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What is your legacy?

by Mike Procter, Executive Treasurer, Alaska Baptist Foundation

On February 21, 2016, my mother Elsie Snodgrass, went to be with the Lord at the age of 84. For the last 25 years of her working career, she was a teaching assistant for special education students in Baker City, Oregon and did not make a lot of money. She earned just above minimum wage, but she loved the children and considered it a calling and ministry, not a job.

In 1993, Elsie moved to Anchorage to be near my family. At that time, she began living on a very modest retirement income. She never lost her love for ministering and serving those with special education needs.

A Donor-Advised Trust was established in her name with proceeds designated to minister to those with special education needs. Upon her death, she indicated a certain amount of her estate would go to her grandchildren and the remainder was to be placed in the Trust.

Neither the grandchildren nor Trust is going to be flush with cash, but that is not the point. She wanted to leave

a legacy, albeit modest, for future generations to have the opportunity to hear the good news of Jesus Christ. From now until Jesus comes again, the trust established in her name will be able to financially assist a congregation or ministry in reaching and serving those with special education needs.

When the time comes for you to pass from this life and enter into the Lord's presence, how will you be remembered? What ministry need would you like to meet? I encourage you to contact Adam Long at the Alaska Baptist Foundation adam@alaskabaptistfoundation.com, (800)883-9627, (907)344-9627.

When I think about my mother's Trust, the verse I recall is Hebrews 11: 4, "...God testifying of his [Abel's] gifts; and by it he [Abel] being dead yet speaks." My mother is no longer with us but her Trust still speaks of her love for the Lord and His work.



You Make a Difference When You Pay the Blessings Forward

How do you wish to be remembered? Most of us have the desire to leave some kind of legacy to our families, our churches and/or to ministries that are special to us. By simply having a thoughtful estate plan in place, everyone has the capacity to make a difference far beyond their lifetime.

Promoting the concept of Christian estate planning in our churches brings positive results in several ways. First, individuals find a sense of satisfaction by remembering the Lord's work through their Last Will and Testament and other planning documents. Second, surviving family members can be better cared for when a plan is in place; it is the loving thing to do. Third, the lives of people in our churches, communities, country and around the world will be impacted by the gospel as Christian ministries receive on-going financial support far beyond our lifetimes.

Contact the Alaska Baptist Foundation for information on Christian estate planning.



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IDENTIFY YOUR LONG-TERM GOALS

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Set a goal and step into action.

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Community Baptist Church in Coffman Cove needs financial assistance to establish proper drainage for the church lot, correcting damage from prior improper and incomplete work. They also want to remove the old (mobile home) parsonage.

2000 Club • Second Quarter 2016

\$7465
has been
received for
1Q 2016*
*as of 2/29/16

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN — APR • MAY • JUN —

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)
26	VBS Training (CBA)
30	VBS Training (TVBA)

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

June 2016

6-10	Alaska Native Youth Camp, LGYRC
10-17	Training Teens Today (T3)
12-13	WMU National Annual Meeting
13-17	Youth Camp, LGYRC
14-15	Southern Baptist Convention
20-24	Boys Camp, LGYRC
22-24	Grades K-2nd, Camp Baldwin
27-Jul 1	Girls Camp, LGYRC
27-Jul 1	Grades 3-4, Camp Baldwin

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