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am I IN YOUR
CHURCH?

JUNE
26
2016

MISSION:DIGNITY SUNDAY IS JUNE 26


Mission: Dignity.
Assisting Retired Ministers and Spouses

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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 |
| Aquillaq Baptist Mission | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Big Lake Baptist Church | \$2,634.69 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,634.69 |
| Bodenburg Butte Baptist Church | \$1,149.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,149.00 |
| Calvary Baptist Church | \$1,245.32 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,005.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,250.32 |
| Catalyst Church | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Christ Community Church | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$100.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$100.00 |
| 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 | \$354.90 | \$0.00 | \$50.00 | \$200.00 | \$0.00 | \$604.90 |
| College Heights Baptist Church | \$16,774.38 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$7,445.00 | \$0.00 | \$24,219.38 |
| Comm Baptist Church, Coffman Cove | \$2,242.50 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,242.50 |
| Community Baptist Church, Nome | \$126.66 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$126.66 |
| Cowboy Church of Anchorage | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Cross Roads Baptist Church | \$3,916.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,525.62 | \$1,233.34 | \$0.00 | \$6,674.96 |
| CrossCountry Church | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Dillingham Bible Fellowship | \$2,582.03 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,175.00 | \$0.00 | \$4,757.03 |
| Eagle River Korean Baptist Church | \$200.00 | \$0.00 | \$200.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$400.00 |
| Emmanuel Baptist Church | \$1,531.99 | \$0.00 | \$550.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,081.99 |
| Fairview Loop Baptist Church | \$12,092.52 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$12,092.52 |
| Faith Baptist Church | \$5,060.33 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$4,640.00 | \$0.00 | \$9,700.33 |
| 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 | \$875.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$875.00 |
| First Baptist Church, Anchorage | \$9,188.77 | \$0.00 | \$2,117.15 | \$10,802.00 | \$0.00 | \$22,107.92 |
| First Baptist Church, Eagle River | \$10,718.58 | \$100.00 | \$2,472.71 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$13,291.29 |
| First Baptist Church, Fairbanks | \$1,750.35 | \$0.00 | \$1,461.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$3,211.35 |
| First Baptist Church, North Pole | \$10,627.00 | \$0.00 | \$805.00 | \$650.00 | \$0.00 | \$12,082.00 |
| First Baptist Church, Delta Junction | \$19,155.00 | \$3,984.00 | \$2,216.00 | \$10,068.00 | \$0.00 | \$35,423.00 |
| First Baptist Church, Juneau | \$1,686.64 | \$0.00 | \$20.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,706.64 |
| First Baptist Church, Kenai | \$3,355.71 | \$0.00 | \$851.29 | \$1,503.29 | \$0.00 | \$5,710.29 |
| First Baptist Church, Ketchikan | \$4,790.90 | \$0.00 | \$1,405.00 | \$1,690.00 | \$0.00 | \$7,885.90 |
| First Baptist Church, Kotzebue | \$1,500.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,500.00 |
| First Baptist Church, Palmer | \$5,299.99 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,550.00 | \$0.00 | \$7,849.99 |
| First Baptist Church, Petersburg | \$2,311.61 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,311.61 |
| First Baptist Church, Sitka | \$1,827.92 | \$0.00 | \$1,520.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$3,347.92 |
| First Baptist Church, Soldotna | \$776.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,018.75 | \$0.00 | \$1,794.75 |
| First Baptist Church, Valdez | \$8,155.88 | \$0.00 | \$3,177.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$11,332.88 |
| First Baptist Church, Wasilla | \$5,523.52 | \$0.00 | \$2,974.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$8,497.52 |
| First Baptist Church, Willow | \$1,736.81 | \$615.00 | \$0.00 | \$6,854.00 | \$0.00 | \$9,205.81 |
| First Hmong Baptist Church | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| First Korean Baptist Church | \$600.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$330.00 | \$0.00 | \$930.00 |
| First Native Baptist Church | \$574.00 | \$720.52 | \$0.00 | \$1,065.96 | \$0.00 | \$2,360.48 |
| Friendship Baptist Mission | \$1,000.56 | \$600.00 | \$1,530.00 | \$1,050.00 | \$0.00 | \$4,180.56 |
| Frontier Southern Baptist Church | \$577.12 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$577.12 |
| Gilead Ministries | \$308.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$308.00 |
| Glacier Valley Baptist Church | \$6,506.03 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$3,296.00 | \$0.00 | \$9,802.03 |
| Grandview Baptist Church | \$9,402.68 | \$20.00 | \$2,200.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$11,622.68 |
| Greater Friendship Baptist Church | \$4,411.82 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$4,411.82 |
| Hillside Baptist Church | \$3,854.14 | \$0.00 | \$1,170.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$6,024.14 |
| Iglesia Bautista Hispana Sunset Hills | \$213.80 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$213.80 |
| Immanuel Baptist Church | \$395.76 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$856.25 | \$0.00 | \$1,252.01 |
| 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 | \$120.00 | \$0.00 | \$242.00 | \$300.00 | \$0.00 | \$662.00 |
| Kasaan Fellowship | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Ketchikan Filipino Baptist Mission | \$260.10 | \$0.00 | \$810.00 | \$400.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,470.10 |
| 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 | \$400.00 | \$0.00 | \$340.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$740.00 |
| Lighthouse Community Church | \$3,449.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$3,449.00 |
| Living Water Church | \$298.50 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$298.50 |
| Malamalama Fou Church | \$150.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$150.00 |
| Misc. Contributors-Cash | \$0.00 | \$8,149.79 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$90.00 | \$8,239.79 |
| Montana Creek Baptist Church | \$9,113.99 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,158.00 | \$0.00 | \$10,271.99 |
| Moose Creek Baptist Church | \$1,298.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,298.00 |
| 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 | \$1,868.81 | \$0.00 | \$200.00 | \$1,723.50 | \$0.00 | \$3,792.31 |
| Mount Pleasant Baptist Church | \$1,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,000.00 |
| Mount Redoubt Baptist Church | \$1,200.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$4,200.00 |
| Mountain View Community Church | \$200.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$200.00 |
| 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 |

January-April 2016 Gifts from ABC Churches

| Organization | CP | SMO | AA | LM | WH | Total |
|--------------------------------------|------------|----------|------------|------------|--------|-------------|
| New Birth Christian Church | \$350.00 | \$0.00 | \$300.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$650.00 |
| New Grace Christian Church | \$750.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$750.00 |
| New Hope Baptist Church | \$4,234.00 | \$0.00 | \$500.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$4,734.00 |
| New Hope Fellowship | \$175.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$50.00 | \$0.00 | \$225.00 |
| North Bear Street Baptist Church | \$134.12 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$134.12 |
| North Tongass Baptist Church | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Northern Lights Missions | \$20.00 | \$0.00 | \$25.00 | \$30.00 | \$0.00 | \$75.00 |
| OnMission Church | \$550.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$550.00 |
| Pioneer Baptist Church | \$685.35 | \$0.00 | \$10.00 | \$400.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,095.35 |
| Rabbit Creek Community Church | \$750.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$750.00 |
| 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 | \$360.00 | \$0.00 | \$100.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$460.00 |
| Roots Family Church, Soldotna | \$300.00 | \$0.00 | \$100.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$400.00 |
| Sabbath Peace Fellowship | \$480.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$480.00 |
| Salcha Baptist Church | \$2,057.11 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$3,720.00 | \$0.00 | \$5,777.11 |
| 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 | \$1,720.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,720.00 |
| Shannon Park Baptist Church | \$419.48 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$300.00 | \$0.00 | \$719.48 |
| 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 | \$2,220.01 | \$0.00 | \$335.00 | \$95.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,650.01 |
| Sunset Hills Baptist Church | \$6,861.00 | \$0.00 | \$3,857.34 | \$100.00 | \$0.00 | \$10,818.34 |
| Tanana Valley Baptist Association | \$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 | \$50.00 | \$0.00 | \$50.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$100.00 |
| The Crossing @ Birchwood | \$1,600.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,600.00 |
| Thorne Bay Baptist Church | \$149.90 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$190.00 | \$0.00 | \$339.90 |
| Togiak Baptist Mission | \$50.00 | \$50.00 | \$50.00 | \$50.00 | \$0.00 | \$200.00 |
| Tongass Baptist Association | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| True North Church | \$2,100.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$6,878.00 | \$0.00 | \$8,978.00 |
| True North Church Girdwood | \$1,374.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,374.00 |
| UBC-Chinese Fellowship | \$315.00 | \$0.00 | \$150.00 | \$20.00 | \$0.00 | \$485.00 |
| University Baptist Church, Anchorage | \$1,850.26 | \$0.00 | \$330.00 | \$592.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,772.26 |
| University Baptist Church, Fairbanks | \$4,346.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,415.00 | \$3,127.15 | \$0.00 | \$8,888.15 |
| Valley View Baptist Church | \$2,500.00 | \$0.00 | \$390.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,890.00 |
| Wasilla Korean Baptist Church | \$400.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$400.00 |
| Whittier Christian Community Church | \$194.40 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$194.40 |

TOTALS **\$224,074.85** **\$15,365.31** **\$37,353.48** **\$82,370.61** **\$90.00** **\$359,254.25**

2000 Club Receipts as of Apr 30, 2016 **1st QTR** **2nd QTR** **3rd QTR** **4th QTR** **\$21,487.00**

GRAND TOTAL as of Apr 30, 2016 **\$380,741.25**

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

April

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|----------|-------------|--------|-------------|--------|
| Receipts | \$53,766.60 | | \$74,171.09 | |
| CP Goal | 57,531.16 | | 59,484.00 | |
| Variance | (3,764.56) | -6.54% | 14,687.09 | 24.69% |

Year-to-Date

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|----------|--------------|--------|--------------|--------|
| Receipts | \$224,074.85 | | \$226,573.91 | |
| CP Goal | 230,124.64 | | 237,936.00 | |
| Variance | (6,049.79) | -2.63% | (11,362.09) | -4.78% |

Welcome!

Willie (Vaialae) Tauanuu

University Baptist Church, Anchorage

**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



Surrender

July 17-21, 2016

registration information

hpbaak.org

jamcampalaska.com

\$200

before July 1

\$250

after July 1

**Laverne Griffin Youth
Recreation Camp**

MILEPOST MOMENTS

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

Alaska Baptist Convention

Twenty-six couples attended the annual Ministers and Spouses Conference, held this year at First Baptist Church in Anchorage, April 21-23. The theme was “Protecting Your Min-

istry” and featured speakers were Steven Lewis, an attorney and president of Church Excellence, Inc., and Micah Fries, Vice President of LifeWay Research. Pictured (l to r): Randy Covington, Steven Lewis, Micah Fries, Jimmy Stewart.



University Baptist Church, Fairbanks

UBC will have a Family Talent Showcase on June 5, followed by a finger food fellowship. The college/career group will begin their summer Bible study in June, and on June 19 will have lunch and a canoe trip with the youth group. Several children will attend Camp Baldwin for summer camp; Women on Mission will continue their monthly lunches throughout the summer.

Annual Meeting of the Alaska Baptist Convention Monday-Wednesday September 26-28, 2016 University Baptist Church Fairbanks

Conference hotel:

Pike's Waterfront Lodge

\$75/night (plus tax)

based on double occupancy.

Follow the link on our website

www.alaskabaptistconvention.com

**click on the “Annual Meeting” tab
and follow instructions.**

Electing your church messengers:

The Convention shall consist of messengers elected by Baptist churches in Alaska contributing to the Convention through the Cooperative Program (CP) as reflected in the most recent annual church profile:

- each church shall be entitled to two (2) messengers, and one additional messenger for each one percent of its undesignated funds given to the ABC through the CP.
- no church shall be entitled to more than twelve (12) messengers.
- Church-type missions are entitled to one (1) messenger.
- All messengers shall be resident members and in good standing of the cooperating Alaska Baptist Convention church/mission that elects them.

This month in HISTORY

June 3, 1942: Japanese planes from two carriers bombed Fort Mears at Dutch Harbor and fighter planes strafed the fort, the Navy station, and Unalaska village. Twenty-five soldiers and sailors were killed. The Japanese made a second attack the following day. In all, 44 were killed and 71 were wounded in the two attacks.

June 8, 1874: Apache leader Cochise died on the Chiricahua Reservation in southeastern Arizona.

June 13, 1971: The New York Times began publishing the Pentagon Papers, a collection of top secret documents exposing U.S. strategy in the Vietnam War.

June 14, 1944: Fire destroyed much of the town of Hoonah, and with it many important Tlingit cultural objects.

June 17, 1953: The military port of Whittier was virtually destroyed by a \$20-million fire said to have been the most costly fire in Alaska.

June 20, 1940: A Pan American Airways plane took off from Fairbanks. It carried mail that would be delivered at Seattle the next day, thus initiating the fastest airmail service between Interior Alaska and the Lower 48 states.

alaskahistoricalsociety.org; www.historyplace.com

Bylaws of the Alaska Baptist Convention Article V (Convention Committees) Section 1 (Standing Committees) (b) (Resolutions Committee): "The committee shall review all properly submitted resolutions and shall present resolutions to the Convention for its consideration. All proposed resolutions to the Convention are to be submitted in writing to the Convention office 45 days prior to the annual meeting."

Today
August
12

Deadline for submissions is August 12, 2016

Lighthouse Community Church, Nikiski

Worship Director Needed!

If you are gifted in worship and have the vision to be part of revitalizing LCC, please contact Pastor Dan Smouse, smousedan@gmail.com

CAMP BALDWIN

located near Delta Junction
(sponsored by Tanana Valley Baptist Association)
for information, call 907.474.4989

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|----------------|-------------|-------|
| June 22-24 | Grades K-2 | \$90 |
| June 27-July 1 | Grades 3-4 | \$110 |
| July 4-8 | Grades 5-6 | \$110 |
| July 11-15 | Grades 7-8 | \$110 |
| July 18-22 | Grades 9-12 | \$120 |



June 25, 2016

1:00-6:00 p.m. with dinner provided
A fun interactive outreach ministry that shares the gospel of Jesus using the life skill of archery.
\$25 per person (*must be 18 years of age or older*)

Mail-in deadline: June 13

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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)

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

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Laverne Griffin Youth Recreation Camp

**SUMMER
CAMP**



Randy Covington
Executive Director

“Standing in the Need of Prayer”

I remember singing that song in church with my family when we were children. The message of the lyrics suggest we are all in need of daily intercession, and that includes our pastors.

My first month in Alaska has offered several opportunities to meet with pastors in Anchorage, Kenai, Mat-Su Valley, and Juneau. I am always amazed at the sacrifice many of these men make to serve in the area God has called them.

One of the greatest resources we have is our pastors who labor tirelessly in their communities, not only to lead their churches but to spearhead an evangelistic thrust reaching the darkest corners of our state. As I sense the overwhelming responsibility that rests on them, I keep asking, “How can I help you in what you are doing here?” knowing all along the answer is, “Pray for me!” But the sobering thought for me is, how many times do I promise to pray for these guys and forget to follow through?

Our pastors are one of the greatest blessings we have to offer to our local congregations and communities, but they are just as human as we are. They get tired, discouraged, frustrated and need words of encouragement. They, including our 23 church planters and three church planter catalysts, deserve to be raised to our Lord daily in our prayers. Many of their places of ministry are remote and require a great deal of travel just to reach their areas of influence. Opportunities for fellowship and “iron-sharpening” with colleagues are rare or non-existent. That’s where we come in!

I challenge you to lift up our pastors and church leaders, our church planters and other Christian laborers as they seek to impact their communities for the sake of the Kingdom. Let’s not give the obligatory, “Bless our pastors wherever they may be serving . . .”, but let’s commit to name them specifically and pray for our own pastor, the pastor down the street and the pastor in the next town or village. Let’s pray that God will give them wisdom, sensitivity to the needs of their people, and strength to represent our Lord boldly and stand up against the evils they encounter daily in their places of service.

“O Lord, thank you for the faithful servants you have called out to serve in the cities, and towns, and villages of Alaska! Grant them your wisdom and peace as they proclaim the good news of salvation to a lost generation. May they lead your children boldly and stand tirelessly against the onslaught of a sinful wretched world in need of the love of the Father. Amen”



Jimmy Stewart
Director of Evangelism and Church Development

The need for church leaders is so great. With the transitional nature of our state, not only is it hard to keep church membership constant, but when leaders leave the state, it becomes a hardship for the church membership. But there is something worse than no leader.....a bad leader! Skills matter! Leaders need development training with an understanding of their roles. Character counts! If a Bible study leader is not living what he is teaching, people notice. If a pastor’s lifestyle does not reflect what he preaches, people recognize the message and the man do not match! The combination of skill and character makes the leader. Jesus was the greatest example of a leader for which all pastors should strive to emulate. How are you encouraging your leaders to “Lead Like Jesus”? September 8-12, 2016, the Bible Teachers/Leadership Resource Group from the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio will help us learn how to “Lead Like Jesus” and will conduct conferences in Kenai, Anchorage, Wasilla, Valdez and Fairbanks. Following a two-hour general session, we will break into smaller groups for those who work with children, youth or adults. If you have leaders (or potential leaders) for age-graded Sunday school, Vacation Bible School, Awana, or other small groups, this is a wonderful training opportunity. If your church is willing to host the event in your area, please let Betsy know, betsy@alaskabaptistconvention.com. Pastors, I encourage you to lead by example by attending this training with your ministry leaders.

Following our “Lead Like Jesus” conferences in early September, the annual meeting of the Alaska Baptist Convention will be hosted by University Baptist Church, Fairbanks, September 26-28. Watch the Alaska Baptist Milepost and the ABC website for information about registering your church messengers. In October, I am planning a retreat and conference for our worship leaders, led by Rick Muchow. Rick was our guest worship leader at the 2015 State Evangelism Conference and has a coaching and mentoring ministry, working with worship leaders across the United States and internationally. Rick’s leadership and coaching style encompasses all types of worship leadership, working with various worship genres, so I encourage your worship leader to attend. In addition to the teaching time, we will focus on fellowship and spiritual renewal. Come prepared to learn, worship and experience God’s presence. Additional information will be available soon.

November 5-8, we will conduct Bible Study Leadership Training facilitated by the Groups and Faith Development Team of the Georgia Baptist Convention. I have asked them specifically to address the needs of smaller churches and their smaller Bible study programs. We will also have a conference designed for churches that only use small groups. Some of our churches have no educational space, especially our church plants, and some churches intentionally strategize through a small group ministry. Whether you have a traditional Sunday school with age-graded classes or are small group-focused, your groups matter. Make plans to join us. I am looking forward to a great Fall and seeing so many of our leaders.

Seven traits of churches with increasing per-member giving

One of the key metrics of financial giving in a church is per-member giving. Churches with increased giving per member have seven dominant characteristics.

- 1. Increased emphasis on belonging to a group.** Members in a group, such as a small group or Sunday school class, give as much as six times more than those attending worship services alone.
- 2. Multiple giving venues.** Per-member giving increases as churches offer more giving venues (e.g., offertory giving in the worship services; online giving; mailed offering envelopes to all members and givers; automatic deductions from members' bank accounts; giving kiosks).
- 3. Meaningful and motivating goals.** Church members give more if they see the church has a goal that will make a meaningful difference. "Increasing total gifts by 10 percent" is not a meaningful goal. "Giving 10 percent more to advance the gospel in the 37201 zip code" is more meaningful.
- 4. Explaining biblical giving in the new members' class.** New member classes should be an entry point for both information on and expectations of biblical church membership. Biblical giving should be a clear and unapologetic expectation of church members.
- 5. Willingness of leadership to talk about money.** While it is possible to communicate financial stewardship in an overbearing manner, it is inexcusable for leaders to be silent about financial stewardship by Christians.
- 6. Meaningful financial reporting.** Many churches provide financial reporting that only a CPA or a CFO can understand. Church members need to be able to understand clearly how funds are given or spent.
- 7. Transparent financial reporting.** If church members sense pertinent financial information is being withheld, they tend to give less or nothing at all. While that does not mean every financial



statement provides endless details, it does indicate church members will have a clear idea of how funds are given and spent.

There are reasons for optimism in church giving. Many churches are experiencing increases in total giving as well as per-member giving. And most of those churches exhibit the seven characteristics noted above.

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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

\$6740
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received for
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*as of 4/30/16

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN — JUN • JUL • AUG —

June 2016

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| 6-10 | Alaska Native Youth Camp, LGYRC |
| 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 |

July 2016

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| Jun 27-1 | Girls Camp, LGYRC |
| Jun 27-1 | Grades 3-4, Camp Baldwin |
| 4 | ABC and ABF office closed for Independence Day |
| 4-8 | Grades 5-6, Camp Baldwin |
| 11-15 | Grades 7-8, Camp Baldwin |
| 18-22 | Grades 9-12, Camp Baldwin |
| 17-21 | JAM Camp |

August 2016

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| 3-5 | FUSION youth conference |
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