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## Bible Study Leadership Training

Preschool • Children • Youth • Adults • Pastors • General Officers

**Saturday  
November 5  
9:00 - Noon**

First Baptist Church, North Pole  
(breakfast included with RSVP)

**Monday  
November 7  
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

First Baptist Church, Palmer  
(supper included with RSVP)

**Tuesday  
November 8  
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

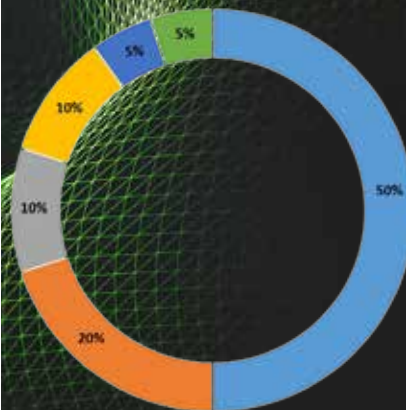
Sunset Hills Baptist Church  
(supper included with RSVP)

**Deadline to register at each location is November 1.**

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**PASTOR**  
— APPRECIATION DAY —  
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### Valeria Sherard State Mission Offering



**Distribution:**  
50% Statewide Missions  
20% Camping  
10% Birchwood Behavioral Health  
10% Associations  
5% Disaster Relief  
5% SMO/2000 Club promotion

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## God's Plan for Sharing in Alaska

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
Alaska Iu-Mienh First Baptist Church	\$290.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$290.00
Anchor Baptist Church	\$604.14	\$0.00	\$1,022.37	\$1,178.37	\$0.00	\$2,804.88
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	\$5,067.24	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,067.24
Bodenburg Butte Baptist Church	\$2,410.11	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,410.11
Calvary Baptist Church	\$2,527.98	\$0.00	\$1,012.32	\$1,005.00	\$0.00	\$4,545.30
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
Chugach Baptist Association	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
City on a Hill Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Clearwater Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cliffside Community Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cold Bay Chapel	\$413.75	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$663.75
College Heights Baptist Church	\$31,206.65	\$0.00	\$3,745.00	\$7,445.00	\$0.00	\$42,396.65
Cnty Baptist Church, Coffman Cove	\$2,242.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,242.50
Cnty Baptist Church, Nome	\$212.64	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$212.64
Cross Roads Baptist Church	\$9,354.00	\$0.00	\$1,967.46	\$1,233.34	\$0.00	\$12,554.80
CrossCountry Church	\$1,050.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,050.00
Dillingham Bible Fellowship	\$5,421.64	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,175.00	\$0.00	\$7,596.64
Eagle River Korean Baptist Church	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$550.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church	\$1,660.92	\$0.00	\$550.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,210.92
Fairview Loop Baptist Church	\$22,763.04	\$2,743.95	\$0.00	\$4,407.38	\$0.00	\$29,914.37
Faith Baptist Church	\$7,828.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,640.00	\$0.00	\$12,468.40
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	\$1,750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,750.00
First Baptist Church, Anchorage	\$19,971.72	\$2,000.00	\$4,225.00	\$10,802.00	\$0.00	\$36,998.72
First Baptist Church, Eagle River	\$19,840.17	\$300.00	\$2,472.71	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22,612.88
First Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$4,591.39	\$0.00	\$1,461.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,052.39
First Baptist Church, North Pole	\$19,773.00	\$0.00	\$805.00	\$650.00	\$0.00	\$21,228.00
First Baptist Church, Delta Junction	\$38,723.00	\$5,339.00	\$10,962.00	\$19,338.00	\$0.00	\$74,362.00
First Baptist Church, Juneau	\$6,452.60	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,472.60
First Baptist Church, Kenai	\$5,365.39	\$0.00	\$1,186.24	\$1,838.24	\$0.00	\$8,389.87
First Baptist Church, Ketchikan	\$8,866.82	\$10.00	\$1,505.00	\$1,690.00	\$0.00	\$12,071.82
First Baptist Church, Kotzebue	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
First Baptist Church, Palmer	\$12,366.76	\$0.00	\$3,330.00	\$2,550.00	\$0.00	\$18,246.76
First Baptist Church, Petersburg	\$5,243.81	\$0.00	\$1,529.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,772.81
First Baptist Church, Sitka	\$5,330.46	\$0.00	\$1,520.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,850.46
First Baptist Church, Soldotna	\$5,912.00	\$0.00	\$875.00	\$1,018.75	\$0.00	\$7,805.75
First Baptist Church, Valdez	\$15,233.32	\$0.00	\$3,177.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$18,410.32
First Baptist Church, Wasilla	\$10,351.33	\$0.00	\$2,982.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,333.33
First Baptist Church, Willow	\$3,363.44	\$615.00	\$873.00	\$6,854.00	\$0.00	\$11,705.44
First Hmong Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Korean Baptist Church	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$330.00	\$0.00	\$1,530.00
First Native Baptist Church	\$1,489.00	\$720.52	\$1,047.57	\$1,065.96	\$0.00	\$4,323.05
Friendship Baptist Mission	\$1,593.89	\$600.00	\$1,530.00	\$1,050.00	\$0.00	\$4,773.89
Frontier Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Frontier Southern Baptist Church	\$1,206.52	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,206.52
Gilead Ministries	\$308.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$308.00
Glacier Valley Baptist Church	\$13,111.13	\$0.00	\$3,338.00	\$3,296.00	\$0.00	\$19,745.13
Grandview Baptist Church	\$21,239.97	\$80.00	\$2,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$23,519.97
Greater Friendship Baptist Church	\$10,042.73	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,042.73
Hatcher Pass Baptist Association	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hillside Baptist Church	\$8,329.79	\$0.00	\$1,170.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,499.79
Iglesia Bautista Hispana Sunset Hills	\$547.90	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$597.90
Immanuel Baptist Church	\$867.95	\$0.00	\$2,265.27	\$962.38	\$0.00	\$4,095.60
In His Steps Community Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Journey Church	\$220.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$220.00
Juneau Korean Church	\$240.00	\$0.00	\$242.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$782.00
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	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$340.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,140.00
Lighthouse Community Church	\$6,049.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,049.00
Living Water Church	\$566.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$566.70
Malamalama Fou Church	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
Misc. Contributors-Cash	\$0.00	\$8,351.79	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$90.00	\$8,741.79
Montana Creek Baptist Church	\$13,195.07	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,158.00	\$0.00	\$14,353.07
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	\$4,566.81	\$0.00	\$700.00	\$1,723.50	\$0.00	\$6,990.31
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	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Muldoon Road Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

## January-August 2016 Gifts from ABC Churches

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
New Beginnings Baptist Church	\$980.00	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,100.00
New Birth Christian Church	\$550.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$850.00
New Grace Christian Church	\$1,750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,750.00
New Hope Baptist Church	\$10,114.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,614.00
New Hope Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Hope Fellowship	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$275.00
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	\$125.00	\$55.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
OnMission Church	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,250.00
Pioneer Baptist Church	\$853.28	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$1,283.28
Rabbit Creek Community Church	\$1,750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,750.00
River In The Desert Cmty Church	\$439.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$439.00
Riverside Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Roots Family Church, Kasilof	\$730.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$830.00
Roots Family Church, Soldotna	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$900.00
Sabbath Peace Fellowship	\$840.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$840.00
Salcha Baptist Church	\$5,964.99	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,720.00	\$0.00	\$9,684.99
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	\$600.00	\$47.00	\$1,035.00	\$4,699.66	\$0.00	\$6,381.66
Shannon Park Baptist Church	\$1,250.61	\$0.00	\$81.05	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$1,631.66
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	\$5,000.10	\$0.00	\$335.00	\$95.00	\$0.00	\$5,430.10
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$14,612.83	\$0.00	\$4,437.84	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$19,150.67
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	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$110.00
The Crossing @ Birchwood	\$3,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,200.00
Thorne Bay Baptist Church	\$344.34	\$0.00	\$105.00	\$384.00	\$0.00	\$833.34
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	\$4,900.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,878.00	\$0.00	\$11,778.00
True North Church Girdwood	\$2,586.15	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,586.15
UBC-Chinese Fellowship	\$788.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$1,008.00
University Baptist Church, Anchorage	\$3,772.76	\$0.00	\$580.00	\$592.00	\$0.00	\$4,944.76
University Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$8,551.00	\$0.00	\$4,581.00	\$3,127.15	\$0.00	\$16,259.15
Valley View Baptist Church	\$3,750.00	\$0.00	\$390.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,140.00
Wasilla Korean Baptist Church	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,100.00
Whittier Christian Community Church	\$612.36	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$612.36
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$446,174.32</b>	<b>\$21,983.26</b>	<b>\$73,966.83</b>	<b>\$100,015.73</b>	<b>\$90.00</b>	<b>\$642,230.14</b>

2000 Club Receipts as of August 31	<u>1st QTR</u>	<u>2nd QTR</u>	<u>3rd QTR</u>	<u>4th QTR</u>	
	\$8,662.00	\$8,730.00	\$6,886.00	\$3,915.00	\$28,193.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL as of August 31, 2016</b>					<b>\$670,423.14</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

	2016		2015	
<b>August</b>				
Receipts	\$68,693.50		\$51,718.48	
CP Goal	57,531.16		59,484.00	
Variance	11,162.34	19.40%	(7,765.52)	-13.05%
<b>Year-to-Date</b>				
Receipts	\$446,174.32		\$452,223.36	
CP Goal	460,249.28		475,872.00	
Variance	(14,074.96)	-3.06%	(23,648.64)	-4.97%

## Please Pray for our Pastorless Churches

Aquillaq Baptist Mission, Ambler  
Chinese Fellowship, Fairbanks  
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Juneau  
False Pass Christian Fellowship  
First Baptist Church, Juneau  
First Baptist Church, Soldotna  
Friendship Baptist Mission, Fairbanks  
New Hope Baptist Church, Anchorage  
Riverside Chapel, King Salmon  
Shungnak Baptist Mission  
True North Church, Girdwood

## November 7 Baptist Women's World DAY OF PRAYER



**100%  
of your gift**

*Helps Someone  
in Need*

Years ago, an endowment was established that funds the operating expenses of Mission:Dignity. This covers staff salaries, printing, postage and other expenses.

Every dollar of current Mission:Dignity annual gifts is used for monthly distributions to retired pastors and their widows in need.

**Mission:Dignity.**  
Assisting Retired Ministers and Spouses



# MILEPOST MOMENTS

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

## Condolences

Our condolences to Joe Boney, Interior and NW Arctic CPC, on the loss of his brother on August 19. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at [jboney@namb.net](mailto:jboney@namb.net)

## Condolences

Our condolences to Danny Brooks, interim at Moriah Fellowship, on the loss of his young son on September 13. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at

[johnbrook19@mtaonline.net](mailto:johnbrook19@mtaonline.net)

## Pastor Search

Friendship Baptist Mission, Fairbanks seeks a Southern Baptist bivocational pastor with an alternate source of income. FBM serves a multicultural congregation of English, Hispanic, Native and Korean people. Please submit resumes by October 31 to Chris Whisenant, c/o Friendship Baptist Mission, P.O. Box 80194, Fairbanks, AK 99708.



## Iglesia Bautista Hispana Sunset Hills, Anchorage

Iglesia Bautista celebrated their second anniversary on Sunday, August 28 with guests and charter members in attendance. Guest speakers included Pastor Don Shannon of Sunset Hills Baptist Church, sponsoring church; Pastor Daniel Song, Church of All Nations; Pastor Moise Polanco, Bethel Hispanic Church; and Randy Covington, Executive Director, Alaska Baptist Convention. Steve Kim is pastor.

## New Birth Christian Church, Fairbanks

NBCC celebrated their seventh anniversary on September 4 with a special celebration involving many local congregations. They joined together to sing, worship, fellowship and commemorate this occasion.

## University Baptist Church, Fairbanks

UBC members are busy this fall with various activities, including the Women's group which meets two Saturdays each month. The college/career group will have dinner, monthly lunches, scavenger hunt and a trip to Chena Hot Springs. Weekly Bible studies resumed on the UAF campus, and the month will end with the children's Fall Festival.

## First Baptist Church, Palmer

Tyler Sulfridge is the new student and children's ministry leader at FBC. Originally from Tennessee, Tyler previously worked with underprivileged youth, taught small groups of youth and college-aged students and disciplined Alaska Natives. Currently a student at Alaska Bible College, his parents operate Northern Lights Missions, a Native ministry in the villages around Tok and the Yukon.



**October 4, 1943:** The Alaska Glacier Seafood plant at Petersburg was destroyed by fire, a \$100,000 loss.

**October 9, 1923:** The MV Kennecott, Alaska Steamship Co. freighter, went to pieces on the Queen Charlotte Islands on her maiden voyage from Alaska.

**October 13, 1960:** Alaska Methodist University was dedicated at Anchorage. It is now Alaska Pacific University.

**October 18, 1867:** In a formal transfer ceremony, Russians at Sitka lowered their flag for the last time and newly arrived American troops raised the Stars and Stripes over the United States' recent acquisition.

**October 24, 1861:** The first transcontinental telegram in America was sent from San Francisco to Washington, addressed to President Abraham Lincoln from the Chief Justice of California.

**October 26, 1881:** The shoot-out at the O.K. Corral in Tombstone, Arizona, occurred between the feuding Clanton and Earp families.

**October 31, 1517:** Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of Wittenberg's palace church, denouncing the selling of papal indulgences and questioning various ecclesiastical practices. This marked the beginning of the Protestant Reformation in Germany.

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

## Annual Church Profiles (ACP) are due November 15!

**Why bother?** The ACP is essential in assessing church health and serves as a “report card” to give pastors an idea of how well their programs are performing.

Typically, 25 percent of our churches never report their ACP and because of that, we lost our representation on the International Mission Board in 2015 and are in danger of losing our representation on the North American Mission Board and the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention in June 2018.



## Please continue to pray for Jimmy Stewart and his family



Jimmy Stewart, Alaska Director of Evangelism and Church Development continues to recuperate from the accident he suffered at his cabin near Talkeetna, Alaska on Saturday, July 23. With burns on 80 percent of his body, he is in the Intensive Care Unit at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle. Jimmy's injuries are extensive and his long-term prognosis is multiple surgeries and a long convalescence.

If you want to financially support the Stewart family during this crisis, please visit [www.alaskabaptistconvention.com](http://www.alaskabaptistconvention.com) and choose the “Give” tab on the left. From the drop-down menu, choose the “Stewart Family Assistance Fund.”

100% of all monies received will go to the family.





**Randy Covington, *Executive Director***

**Dear Alaska Baptists:**

By the time you read these words, our annual meeting in Fairbanks will have concluded. I know that many of you were unable to attend because of work schedules or cost, but I sincerely want you to know that even though you were “out-of-sight”, you were not “out-of-mind”. The work we have accomplished this past year is a shared work and we truly believe we are partnering together to bring about spiritual renewal in our land.

I want to take this opportunity through the Milepost to repeat in brief what I shared in my report to the messengers at the convention.

**WE MUST RECOGNIZE THAT WE ARE STANDING ON HOLY GROUND!**

- God is still on His throne and fulfilling His plan for our lives;
- Regardless of who is elected president of the USA, God is still in control of our destiny;
- God has honored and blessed the cooperative efforts of the Alaska Baptist Convention;
- He is not done with us yet! There are still lost and dying without Christ all around us!
- Now is NOT the time for us to step back from our commitment to reach a lost generation.

**WE MUST BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS AND INHERIT THE LAND GOD HAS PROMISED US!**

- Our churches are in desperate need of revival; too many are in steady decline;
- We are living in the midst of an evolving cultural shift that is moving away from the standard Christian morality; Some call this the era of post-Christendom;
- We must recognize the changing currents in our society and find new ways of engaging our culture with the gospel;
- We cannot continue to “do business as we have in the past” or we will die of irrelevance; structural changes can infuse new life into the organization;

- We must be bolder in our witness and faithful in our proclamation of the gospel;
- We must disciple and train new believers to join us as Great Commission Christians;
- We must be more intentional in our efforts to cooperate with other members of the Body of Christ (Southern Baptists and non-Baptist evangelicals);
- We must demonstrate the unconditional love that was poured out on us by a loving Father to a generation that is desperately striving for love;
- We must be salt and light in our communities;
- We must passionately pursue the darkest corners of our state and our world and develop a plan to get the gospel into the most difficult places;
- We must trust the Holy Spirit to lead and provide the resources for our engagement.

**WE MUST PRAY AND TRUST OUR GOD WHO LEADS US!**

We do this together! No man is an island! When we link our arms together and actively pursue God’s mission, the gates of hell will not prevail against us. God will give us the victory!



**BOTH DAYS: \$10 per person; reserve your group by OCTOBER 5.**

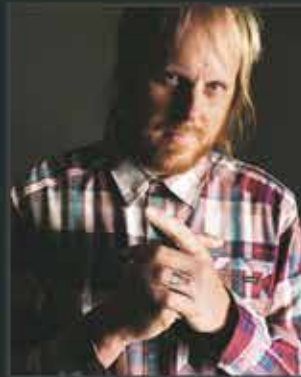
# BROCK GILL

ILLUSIONIST & EVANGELIST

## 'COME 2 ME'

### youth conference

'COME TO ME, ALL YOU WHO LABOR AND ARE HEAVY LADEN, AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST.' - MATTHEW 11:28



## OCTOBER 28<sup>TH</sup> & 29<sup>TH</sup>

First Baptist Church North Pole

FRIDAY 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

SATURDAY 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. & 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

## TICKETS

\$10.00

The Event is Sponsored by Tanana Valley Baptist Association. **For more information, please call 907-488-2240**



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## RETIREMENT



## Advice for Young Ministers

### At age 55, Pastor Dave wishes for one thing.

"God has been good to us through the years," Dave expresses in a financial blog post, "but the one thing I wish I could do is go back and save for retirement. At 55, I'm not prepared."

Pastor Brad, at age 34, has a different frustration: As a father of six who gives his time, talent and money to the church, the additional 10–15 percent figure that experts recommend saving for retirement seems impossible.

Can't afford to save. Too late to start. These are real concerns for pastors.

At GuideStone, we know pastors face a lot of big decisions as they adjust to life in the ministry.

One adjustment to consider should be how to save for retirement.

Dave wishes he could shout to every young preacher these two things: "Stay out of debt and save for retirement!"

Recognizing the significance of his message, we asked our Personal Financial Services team to offer their best advice.

### Here are five essential elements to establishing the foundation for a successful retirement.

#### 1. Listen to Dave — "Save!"

As you start your career, your goal should be to save at least 10 percent of your salary for long-term retirement investing. If, like Brad, that number is too high, sit down



with your budget and find a way to make investing a priority, even if it's a small amount at first. For example, setting aside four to five percent — and asking if your employer offers a match — can get your savings on the right path.

“We hear young ministers say all the time that they can't afford to save for retirement,” says Angela McClain, GuideStone Personal Financial Advisor and CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™. “But the truth is that life is only going to get more expensive. Learning to be a proactive saver today will give you more financial freedom in the years ahead.”

Matt Powers, GuideStone Personal Financial Advisor and CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™, agrees, saying, “This is an issue where you are really choosing between the pain of sacrifice now or the pain of regret later.”

## 2. Establish an emergency fund.

Washing machines break and medical emergencies happen. Unfortunately, most Americans can't afford a \$1,000 emergency.<sup>1</sup> The best approach is to prepare for life's costly surprises by setting up an emergency fund instead of tapping into the monies set aside for retirement.

“People are often tempted to dip into their retirement savings for a small loan, especially at the beginning of a career when the amount they've invested feels small,” says Powers. “But in the long run, that money will go a lot further for you if it stays invested. An emergency fund can prevent those short-term events from undermining your long-term retirement goals.”

## 3. Do not opt out of Social Security.

“There is an alarming new trend among young ministers today who aren't contributing to Social Security,” says McClain. “While they may think it's a good idea today, I've never met a retiree who opted out of Social Security who was still happy with their decision in retirement.”

## Emergency Fund Guidelines

While it's true that establishing an emergency fund is a good plan for anyone, how much to save varies by situation. “The most common advice you'll get from financial planners is to save three to six months of expenses,” says Powers.

Two-income households may be able to function on three months. For one-income households and those who are self-employed, the right number may be closer to six months, Powers advises.

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**Words of wisdom:** Before you make a decision that can't be reversed, make sure you talk with a financial advisor about the long-term impact that opting out will have on both you and your spouse and the specific laws you need to follow. Not only will you need to start saving 20–25 percent of your salary for retirement to make up the difference but you will also forfeit access to other important benefits such as disability, surviving spouse payments and Medicare.

## 4. Remain calm.

History has shown that the market will go up and down, but how you react to those fluctuations can have a big impact on your retirement.

“It's never easy to see your account balance decline,” says McClain, “but that is the exact time you need to make sure logic wins out over emotion.”

## 5. Heed their advice.


Perhaps the greatest challenge to walking through any financial plan is staying out of debt. But by heeding these four words of caution — stay out of debt — you could prevent having to deal with deep debt later.

“I wish someone had shouted this at me,” says Dave. “More to the point, I wish I had listened to those who did.”

If you have questions about saving for the future or your retirement plan, call GuideStone at **1-888-98-GUIDE** (1-888-984-8433) to speak with a customer relations specialist who can help you take the first step toward a confident retirement.

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<sup>1</sup>Jessica Dickler, “Most Americans can't afford a \$1,000 emergency expense,” CNN Money, accessed July 22, 2015, [http://money.cnn.com/2011/08/10/pfi/emergency\\_fund/](http://money.cnn.com/2011/08/10/pfi/emergency_fund/).

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# LABOR OF *Love*

2000 Club • Fourth Quarter 2016

Mountain View Community Church needs assistance in repairing their building following two car crashes in one year's time, which caused extensive damage to the wall, furnace, gas lines and electrical box. Insurance covered the cost of initial repairs but not the cost of bringing the building up to municipal code.

**\$6886**  
has been  
received for  
3Q 2016\*  
\*as of 8/31/16

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN — OCT • NOV • DEC —

### October 2016

15	TVBA annual meeting
18	CBA semi-annual meeting
21-22	Worship leader conference
22	HPBA annual meeting
28-29	Come2Me Youth Conference

### November 2016

5	Bible Study Leadership Training, TVBA
7	Baptist Women World Day of Prayer
	Bible Study Leadership Training, HPBA
8	Bible Study Leadership Training, CBA
14-15	ABC Executive Board meeting
15	Annual Church Profiles Due
17	ABF Trustee meeting
23	ABC and ABF office closed at 1:00 p.m. for Thanksgiving
24	ABC and ABF office closed for Thanksgiving

### December 2016

4-11	Week of Prayer for International Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
23-Jan 2	ABC and ABF office closed for Christmas

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