



### **Vacation Bible School Training**

#### Thursday, March 23

New Hope Baptist Church, Anchorage

#### Saturday, March 25

Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Fairbanks

#### Monday, March 27

First Baptist Church, Wasilla

Watch the Alaska Baptist Convention website for additional information.

# Scholarships are available!

Information and application for the Fuhr and Parker scholarships are available online at the Alaska Baptist Foundation website, <a href="https://www.alaskabaptistfoundation.com">www.alaskabaptistfoundation.com</a>. The deadline for application is April 30, 2017. If you have questions, please contact Adam Long,

adam@alaskabaptistfoundation.com, 907.770.0581, 800.883.9627.

## God's Plan for Sharing in Alaska

Organization	СР	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
Alaska Iu-Mienh First Baptist Church	\$470.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$470.00
Anchor Baptist Church	\$3,110.50	\$0.00	\$1,411.18	\$1,377.68	\$0.00	\$5,899.36
Anderson Community Church	\$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 Bodenburg Butte Baptist Church	\$7,943.89 \$4,121.87	\$1,216.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$9,159.89 \$4,121.87
Calvary Baptist Church	\$3,912.53	\$820.00	\$1,012.32	\$1,005.00	\$0.00	\$6,749.85
Catalyst Church	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Christ Community Church	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
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	\$469.45	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$719.45
College Heights Baptist Church Comm Baptist Church, Coffman Cove	\$42,295.76 \$2,242.50	\$2,557.00 \$0.00	\$3,745.00 \$0.00	\$7,445.00 \$0.00	\$126.62 \$0.00	\$56,169.38 \$2,242.50
Community Baptist Church, Nome	\$435.55	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$435.55
Cross Roads Baptist Church	\$13,385.00	\$125.00	\$1,967.46	\$2,043.34	\$0.00	\$17,520.80
CrossCountry Church	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
Dillingham Bible Fellowship	\$9,544.04	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,175.00	\$0.00	\$11,719.04
Eagle River Korean Baptist Church	\$550.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$950.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church	\$2,595.31	\$0.00	\$550.00	\$508.15	\$0.00	\$3,653.46
Fairview Loop Baptist Church	\$30,462.28	\$4,043.95	\$1,857.72	\$4,407.38	\$0.00	\$40,771.33
Faith Baptist Church	\$8,938.58	\$500.00	\$1,150.00 \$0.00	\$4,640.00	\$0.00	\$15,228.58 \$0.00
Faith Recovery Fellowship False Pass Christian Fellowship	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00
Filipino Bible Church, Anchorage	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00
First Baptist Church, Anchorage	\$31,621.15	\$3,855.00	\$4,225.00	\$13,855.65	\$0.00	\$53,556.80
First Baptist Church, Eagle River	\$32,438.89	\$1,335.00	\$2,472.71	\$200.00	\$1,390.98	\$37,837.58
First Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$7,116.81	\$840.00	\$1,461.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,417.81
First Baptist Church, North Pole	\$31,849.00	\$620.00	\$805.00	\$650.00	\$0.00	\$33,924.00
First Baptist Church, Delta Junction	\$58,944.84	\$6,939.00	\$21,840.24	\$28,844.24	\$0.00	\$116,568.32
First Baptist Church, Juneau	\$10,137.65	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,157.65
First Baptist Church, Kenai	\$7,123.39	\$200.00	\$1,479.24	\$2,131.24	\$0.00	\$10,933.87
First Baptist Church, Ketchikan First Baptist Church, Kotzebue	\$13,692.66 \$1,500.00	\$1,110.00 \$0.00	\$1,505.00 \$0.00	\$1,690.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$17,997.66 \$1,500.00
First Baptist Church, Palmer	\$1,500.00	\$1,960.00	\$3,330.00	\$2,550.00	\$0.00	\$23,740.10
First Baptist Church, Petersburg	\$8,808.66	\$1,720.00	\$1,529.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,057.66
First Baptist Church, Sitka	\$8,771.94	\$250.00	\$1,520.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,541.94
First Baptist Church, Soldotna	\$9,472.00	\$0.00	\$875.00	\$1,018.75	\$0.00	\$11,365.75
First Baptist Church, Valdez	\$22,685.88	\$2,080.68	\$3,177.00	\$4,570.00	\$1,194.00	\$33,707.56
First Baptist Church, Wasilla	\$16,308.20	\$1,648.30	\$2,982.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,938.50
First Baptist Church, Willow	\$5,019.46	\$2,215.00	\$873.00	\$6,854.00	\$0.00	\$14,961.46
First Hmong Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Korean Baptist Church First Native Baptist Church	\$1,800.00 \$2,310.00	\$0.00 \$1,697.92	\$300.00 \$1,047.57	\$330.00 \$1,065.96	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$2,430.00 \$6,121.45
Friendship Baptist Mission	\$2,779.99	\$1,097.92	\$1,530.00	\$1,050.00	\$0.00	\$6,629.99
Frontier Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Frontier Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Frontier Southern Baptist Church	\$1,825.52	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,825.52
Gilead Ministries	\$408.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$408.00
Glacier Valley Baptist Church	\$19,179.90	\$2,437.00	\$3,338.00	\$3,296.00	\$0.00	\$28,250.90
Grandview Baptist Church Greater Friendship Baptist Church	\$32,610.56 \$14,754.93	\$1,984.00 \$0.00	\$2,200.00 \$0.00	\$20.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$36,814.56 \$14,754.93
Hillside Baptist Church	\$12,390.32	\$425.00	\$1,170.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$14,985.32
Iglesia Bautista Hispana Sunset Hills	\$1,010.78	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$1,160.78
Immanuel Baptist Church	\$1,442.12	\$1,650.00	\$2,265.27	\$2,207.96	\$0.00	\$7,565.35
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	\$360.00	\$0.00	\$242.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$902.00
Kasaan Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00 \$810.00	\$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00
Ketchikan Filipino Baptist Mission Kiana Baptist Mission	\$1,010.10 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,150.00 \$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,970.10 \$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	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$340.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,540.00
Lighthouse Community Church	\$8,973.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,973.25
Living Water Church	\$719.92	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$719.92
Malamalama Fou Church	\$450.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$650.00
Misc. Contributors-Cash	\$0.00	\$9,847.79	\$400.00	\$500.00	\$90.00	\$10,837.79
Montana Creek Baptist Church Moose Creek Baptist Church	\$16,518.54 \$1,298.00	\$743.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$1,158.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$18,419.54 \$1,298.00
Moose Pass Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Morning Star Baptist Church	\$6,856.81	\$0.00	\$700.00	\$1,723.50	\$0.00	\$9,280.31
Mount Pleasant Baptist Church	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
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	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
Muldoon Road Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Beginnings Baptist Church	\$1,545.88	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$229.00	\$0.00	\$1,894.88
New Birth Christian Church New Grace Christian Church	\$600.00 \$3,000.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$300.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$900.00 \$3,000.00
11011 Grace Christian Church	φ5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	50.00	\$0.00	φ3,000.00

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## January-December 2016 Gifts from ABC Churches

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
New Hope Baptist Church	\$14,811.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,311.00
New Hope Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Hope Fellowship	\$525.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$675.00
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	\$100.00	\$315.00	\$135.00	\$0.00	\$570.00
OnMission Church	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Pioneer Baptist Church	\$1,266.04	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$1,696.04
Rabbit Creek Church	\$3,000.00	\$787.00	\$0.00	\$1,574.00	\$0.00	\$5,361.00
River In The Desert Community Churc	sh \$1,603.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,603.00
Riverside Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Roots Family Church, Kasilof	\$1,110.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$1,310.00
Roots Family Church, Soldotna	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$1,100.00
Sabbath Peace Fellowship	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
Salcha Baptist Church	\$8,102.90	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$4,970.00	\$0.00	\$13,092.90
Sand Lake Fellowship	\$380.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$380.00
Sand Point Baptist Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Schrock Road Community Church	\$5,871.00	\$1,644.00	\$1,096.00	\$1,096.00	\$0.00	\$9,707.00
Settler's Bay Community Church	\$600.00	\$47.00	\$1,035.00	\$4,699.66	\$0.00	\$6,381.66
Shannon Park Baptist Church	\$2,224.37	\$0.00	\$81.05	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$2,605.42
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	\$7,760.59	\$308.00	\$335.00	\$316.04	\$0.00	\$8,719.63
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$24,560.89	\$3,794.00	\$4,437.84	\$4,116.50	\$0.00	\$36,909.23
Tenakee Community Church	\$317.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$317.00
The Church @ Commodore Park	\$60.00	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$160.00
The Crossing @ Birchwood	\$4,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,800.00
Thorne Bay Baptist Church	\$603.63	\$50.00	\$105.00	\$384.00	\$0.00	\$1,142.63
Togiak Baptist Mission	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
True North Church	\$7,700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,878.00	\$0.00	\$14,578.00
True North Church Girdwood	\$3,371.99	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,371.99
UBC-Chinese Fellowship	\$1,232.50	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$1,452.50
University Baptist Church, Anchorage	\$5,537.21	\$432.50	\$580.00	\$1,345.00	\$0.00	\$7,894.71
University Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$13,136.00	\$745.00	\$4,581.00	\$3,452.15	\$0.00	\$21,914.15
Valley View Baptist Church	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$390.00	\$286.00	\$0.00	\$5,676.00
Wasilla Korean Baptist Church	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Whittier Christian Community Church	\$879.08	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$879.08
Totals	\$673,353.83	\$63,522.14	\$90,656.60	\$131,793.20	\$2,801.60	\$962,127.37
	1st QTR	2nd QTR	3rd QTR	4th QTR		
2000 Club receipts as of Dec 2016	\$8,692.00	\$8,810.00	\$8,051.00	\$9,559.00		\$35,112.00
2017 2000 Club receipts as of Dec 201	6 \$1,084.00	\$525.00	\$525.00	\$25.00		\$2,159.00
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Legend:

CP: Cooperative Program
SMO: Valeria Sherard State Mission Offering
AA: Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
LM: Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
WH: World Hunger

# Alaska Baptist Convention Cooperative Program Support

	2016		2015	
December				
Receipts	\$60,136.47		\$81,877.40	
CP Goal	57,531.16		59,484.00	
Variance	2,605.31	4.53%	22,393.40	37.65%
Year-to-Dat	te			
Receipts	\$619,485.53		\$705,532.11	
CP Goal	632,842.76		713,808.00	
Variance	(13,357.23)	-2.11%	(8,275.89)	-1.16%

#### Please Pray for our Pastorless Churches

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



# MILEPOST MOMENTS

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#### First Baptist Church, Valdez

FBC hosted their 43<sup>rd</sup> annual Ladies Christmas Tea on December 7 at the Valdez Civic Center and welcomed 280 women to the event. They gave away 36 baskets, and each attendee received a Christmas ornament, devotional booklet and tract. The event is attended by Christian and non-Christian women alike and is an evangelistic opportunity for the church. The guest speaker from Wasilla was

Adele Morgan, a talented musician, songwriter and speaker who shared how God transformed her life. The 2017 event will be on December 12 at 7:00 p.m.

#### <u>University Baptist Church,</u> <u>Fairbanks</u>

The UBC college/career group will attend hockey games this month, and enjoy meals in members' homes. The BCM Bible study has resumed. On February 5, they will have a Big Game Party,

in conjunction with Souper Bowl Sunday, and donate non-perishable protein items to the Fairbanks Food Bank. On February 25, the church will hold their first ministry banquet.





Monday, February 6 • 6:15 - 9:00 p.m. (dinner at 5:00 with RSVP by February 1)

Tuesday, February 7 • 8:45 - 11:55 a.m. • 6:15-8:05 p.m.

Lunch for pastors and church leaders is provided at noon (with RSVP by February 1)

Tuesday breakouts for pastors and church leaders, 1:00-5:00 p.m.

#### Monday, February 6

supper is provided at 5:00, but only if reserved by **February 1** 

Click here to reserve

Monday supper

#### Tuesday, February 7

lunch is provided at noon for

\*\*pastors and church leaders\*\*

but only if reserved

by February 1

Click here to reserve

Tuesday lunch

#### **Tuesday, February 7**

Breakouts, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. for pastors and church leaders

Conference resumes at 6:15 p.m.

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#### Randy Covington, Executive Director



#### New Trends in 2017

Happy New Year! I am truly excited about what God has in store for us in 2017. His promise to give life abundantly should cause us to rest in the fact that He is in control. We can know that whatever happens this year is in keeping with His divine will and purpose.

I would like to include in this article some research from Dr. Thom Rainer at Lifeway regarding some recent shifts that have been observed in churches across America. These shifts could become trends that take root in 2017.

#### 5 Seismic Shifts in the Church

Dr. Thom Rainer, president of LifeWay Christian Resources, spoke to a large gathering of Christian educators and state leaders from 39 of 42 states at the Ridgecrest Conference Center in North Carolina. He shared five seismic shifts taking place in the church today. According to Dr. Rainer, these are not full-blown trends yet, but they may become that in the very near future.

#### Seismic Shift 1: New normative attendance levels

More churches will be in the 300-500 size range, and churches that average 75-200 in attendance will be very common. Large churches with over 1000 in attendance will be on the decline. The 3 reasons for this shift? (1) Millennials prefer closer community that is found in smaller congregations (2) The multi-site revolution is dispersing the crowds...churches grow to a mid-size level and then begin another church (3) Adversarial local governments – they are preventing some churches from building and expanding in part because there is no tax revenue generated by the expansion. Dr. Rainer told the crowd that he has served as a special witness in court cases, verifying that the lack of construction will harm the church if it is not allowed to build.

#### **Seismic Shift 2: The virtual revolution**

Churches are discovering they can save money and create greater efficencies if they outsource some of the work that is typically done by full or part-time employees. The two biggest roles being outsourced according to Dr. Rainer? The church secretary position and the financial assistant position (bookkeeping). The benefits to the church are (1) greater funds for ministry (2) greater efficiency (3) decrease in liability for the church.

## Seismic Shift 3: Massive downsizing of facility infrastructure

Churches are facing challenges with their facilities. Some churches have many square feet that are not utilized, or are underutilized. In the future, Dr. Rainer says three things will continue to happen: (1) churches will build smaller facilities (2) remodeling worship space for smaller capacity will become normative (3) churches will discover new ways to use their facilities during the week.

#### Seismic Shift 4: The small group revolution

Churches are beginning to increase their emphasis on discipleship through groups (a great thing!). This shift will be as big as the worship revolution of the past three decades. Churches will be healthier because of it. And churches are learning that discipleship requires strategic planning.

#### Seismic Shift 5: The continually learning leader

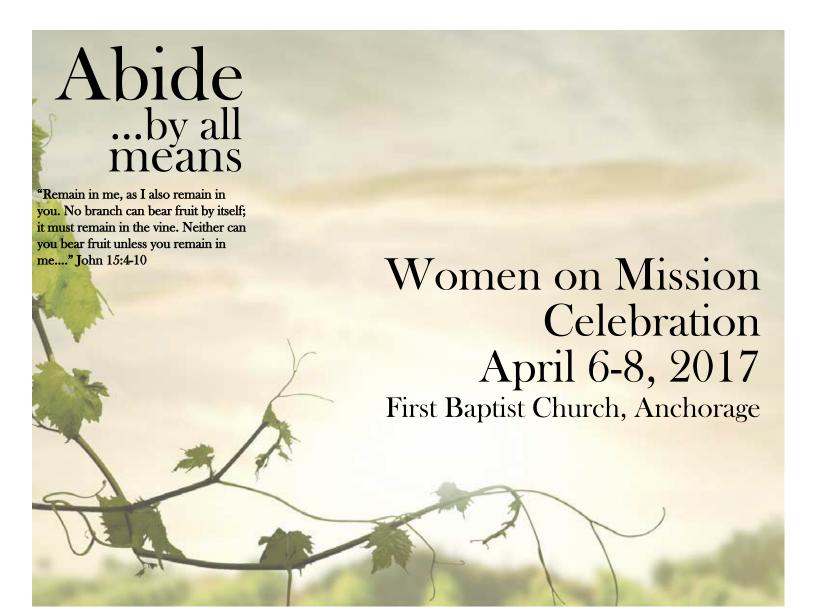
Church leaders will be L3 leaders (Life Long Learners). Gone are the days of earning a terminal degree – church leaders will continue to press forward and challenge themselves. They will be systematic about how they organize their lives to make time for reading, school, and conferencing.

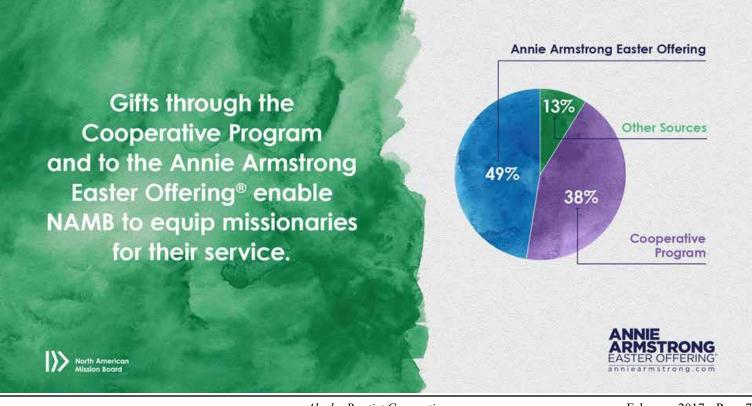
How do you see these 5 shifts playing out in your church, city, and state?

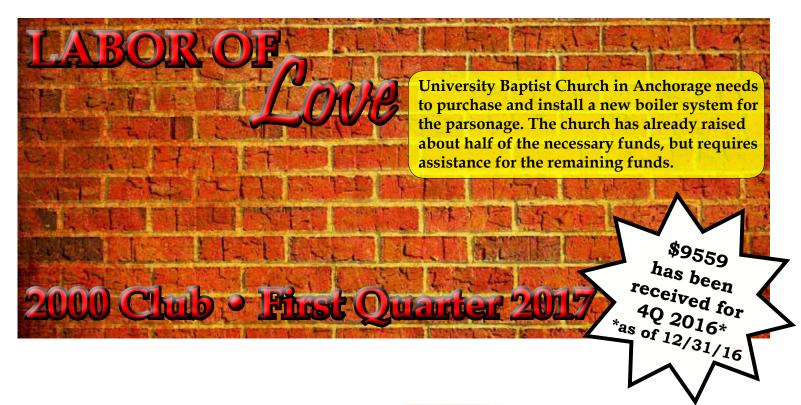
-Thankful-

I cannot express my thankfulness for Southern Baptists across Alaska, the United States and overseas. It was amazing for my family to see the outpouring of support and prayers throughout my stay at Harborview Medical Center Burn Unit in Seattle. I cannot say enough about the love we felt from all of you. On top of that, our state staff -- Randy, Betsy, Sylvia, Debra and Adam -- were incredible. My family is truly blessed. We have never experienced the power of prayer like we have in the past five months. I am a walking miracle because you prayed. Do not dismiss, or take lightly, the effectiveness of righteous men and women who prayed and continue to pray for us. I certainly will not! I am looking forward to sharing my testimony on Monday, February 6, during the State Evangelism Conference in Anchorage. Please plan to attend and let us praise our Father in heaven for His good word and works.

Jimmy Stewart







# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN — FEB • MAR • APR —

February 6-7	State Evangelism Conference				
March					
5-12	Week of Prayer and Mission Study				
	for North American Missions and the				
	Annie Armstrong Easter Offering				
17-18	Avalanche '17				
23	VBS Training in Anchorage				
25	VBS Training in Fairbanks				
27	VBS Training in the Valley				
April 6-8	Women on Mission Celebration				
SAVE THE DATE!					
May 4-6	Ministers and Spouses Conference				
June 13-14	Southern Baptist Convention				

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