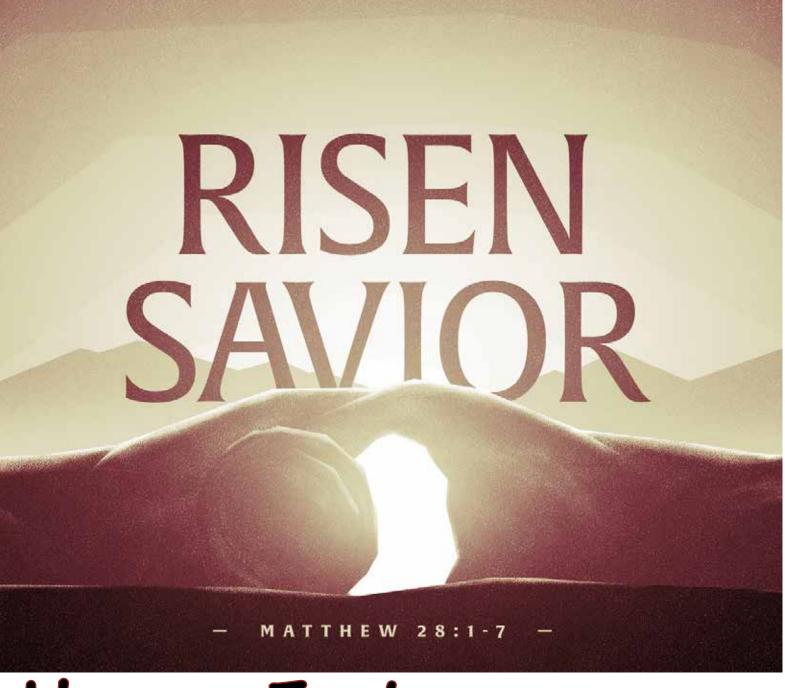


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## January - February 2017 Gifts from ABC Churches

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Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
Agape Fellowship	\$1,851.43	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,851.43
Alaska Iu-Mienh First Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Anchor Baptist Church	\$608.54	\$0.00	\$76.07	\$174.76	\$0.00	\$859.37
Anderson Community Church	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00
Aquillaq Baptist Mission Big Lake Baptist Church	\$0.00 \$1,196.39	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$2,016.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00
Bodenburg Butte Baptist Church	\$669.64	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$669.64
Calvary Baptist Church	\$1,207.93	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,207.93
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	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00
Clearwater Baptist Church Cliffside Community Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00
Cold Bay Chapel	\$58.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$58.95
College Heights Baptist Church	\$9,987.43	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,987.43
Community Bapt Church, Coffman Co		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Community Baptist Church, Nome	\$105.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$105.70
Cross Roads Baptist Church CrossCountry Church	\$1,251.00 \$600.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$250.00 \$200.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$1,501.00 \$800.00
Dillingham Bible Fellowship	\$1,367.60	\$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$1,367.60
Eagle River Korean Baptist Church	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church	\$217.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$217.75
Fairview Loop Baptist Church	\$4,126.60	\$113.93	\$50.00	\$5,052.19	\$0.00	\$9,342.72
Faith Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$1,234.61	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40.00	\$1,274.61
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	\$0.00 \$0.00
Filipino Bible Church, Anchorage	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church, Anchorage	\$2,435.23	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$2,935.23
First Baptist Church, Eagle River	\$4,821.88	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$2,578.00	\$140.00	\$7,639.88
First Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$1,528.54	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,090.00	\$0.00	\$3,618.54
First Baptist Church, North Pole	\$4,526.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,611.00	\$0.00	\$8,137.00
First Baptist Church, Delta Junction First Baptist Church, Juneau	\$10,360.46 \$616.00	\$25.00 \$15.00	\$5,027.63 \$24.00	\$10,398.38 \$36.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$25,811.47 \$691.00
First Baptist Church, Kenai	\$1,229.40	\$0.00	\$204.90	\$848.90	\$0.00	\$2,283.20
First Baptist Church, Ketchikan	\$2,866.67	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$2,636.00	\$0.00	\$5,602.67
First Baptist Church, Kotzebue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church, Palmer	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church, Petersburg	\$24.18	\$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$24.18
First Baptist Church, Sitka First Baptist Church, Soldotna	\$1,518.92 \$904.00	\$0.00 \$770.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$1,216.00 \$930.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$2,734.92 \$2,604.00
First Baptist Church, Valdez	\$2,216.33	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,216.33
First Baptist Church, Wasilla	\$1,895.26	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,037.50	\$0.00	\$6,932.76
First Baptist Church, Willow	\$1,149.55	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,294.00	\$0.00	\$5,443.55
First Hmong Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Korean Baptist Church First Native Baptist Church	\$300.00 \$178.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$300.00 \$178.00
Friendship Baptist Mission	\$431.80	\$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$1,110.00	\$0.00	\$1,541.80
Frontier Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Frontier Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Frontier Southern Baptist Church	\$326.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$326.00
Gilead Ministries	\$414.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$414.00
Glacier Valley Baptist Church Grandview Baptist Church	\$988.48 \$5,586.64	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$3,606.00 \$3,105.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$4,594.48 \$8,691.64
Greater Friendship Baptist Church	\$1,690.27	\$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$5,105.00	\$0.00	\$1,690.27
Hillside Baptist Church	\$1,823.28	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$850.00	\$0.00	\$2,673.28
Iglesia Bautista Hispana Sunset Hills	\$80.33	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$80.33
Immanuel Baptist Church	\$163.28	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,316.09	\$0.00	\$1,479.37
In His Steps Community Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Journey Church Juneau Korean Church	\$0.00 \$60.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$250.00 \$405.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$250.00 \$465.00
Kasaan Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$405.00
Ketchikan Filipino Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Kiana Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Kobuk Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Korean Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Korean New Central Baptist Church Lighthouse Community Church	\$200.00 \$1,480.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$200.00 \$1,480.00
Living Water Church	\$1,480.00	\$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$1,480.00
Malamalama Fou Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Misc. Contributors-Cash	\$0.00	\$8,487.37	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,487.37
Montana Creek Baptist Church	\$4,540.41	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,540.41
Moose Creek Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Moose Pass Community Church	\$0.00 \$025.23	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$1.207.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$2,222,23
Morning Star Baptist Church Mount Pleasant Baptist Church	\$925.23 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$1,307.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$2,232.23 \$0.00
Mount Redoubt Baptist Church	\$1,200.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,200.00
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Organization	СР	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	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Birth Christian Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Grace Christian Church	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
New Hope Baptist Church	\$2,125.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$2,625.00
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
Northern Lights Missions	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$75.00
OnMission Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pioneer Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rabbit Creek Church	\$192.68	\$66.23	\$0.00	\$132.47	\$0.00	\$391.38
River In The Desert Community Church	\$386.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$386.00
Riverside Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Roots Family Church, Kasilof	\$190.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$190.00
Roots Family Church, Soldotna	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sabbath Peace Fellowship	\$240.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$240.00
Salcha Baptist Church	\$1,831.98	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,831.98
Sand Lake Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sand Point Baptist Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Schrock Road Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Settler's Bay Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Shannon Park Baptist Church	\$129.76	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$870.00	\$0.00	\$999.76
Shungnak Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Solid Rock Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
St. John Baptist Church	\$800.69	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$870.69
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$2,121.51	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$2,171.51
Tenakee Community Church	\$319.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$319.25
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	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
True North Church	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,500.00	\$0.00	\$12,200.00
True North Church Girdwood	\$306.54	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,806.54
UBC-Chinese Fellowship	\$233.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$233.00
University Baptist Church, Anchorage	\$412.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$412.75
University Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$1,769.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,878.80	\$0.00	\$5,647.80
Valley View Baptist Church	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
Wasilla Korean Baptist Church	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Whittier Christian Community Church	\$91.44	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$191.44
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	\$95,861.89	\$10,577.53	\$6,542.60	\$73,484.09	\$180.00	\$186,646.11
2000 Club receipts as of Feb. 28, 2017	<u>4Q 2016</u> <b>\$55.00</b>	<u>1Q 2017</u> <b>\$4,145.00</b>	<u>2Q 2017</u> <b>\$420.00</b>	<u>3Q 2017</u> <b>\$420.00</b>	<u>4Q 2017</u> <b>\$420.00</b>	\$5,460.00
						\$192,106.11

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

2017   2016     February Receipts   \$44,234.53   \$73,444.02     CP Goal   57,628.80   57,531.16     Variance   (13,394.27)   -23.24%   15,912.86   27.66%     Year-to-Date     Receipts   \$95,861.89   \$117,473.58     CP Goal   115,257.60   115,062.32     Variance   (19,395.71)   -16.83%   2,411.26   2.10%					
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#### Alaska Baptist Convention

#### Please Pray for our Pastorless Churches

Aquillaq Baptist Mission, Ambler Chinese Fellowship, Fairbanks Community Baptist Church, Coffman Cove Emmanuel Baptist Church, Juneau First Baptist Church, Soldotna New Hope Baptist Church, Anchorage Riverside Chapel, King Salmon Shungnak Baptist Mission

#### Scholarships are available!

Information and application for the Fuhr and Parker scholarships are available online at the Alaska Baptist Foundation website, <u>www.alaskabaptistfoundation.com</u> The deadline for application is April 30, 2017. If you have questions, please contact Adam Long, <u>adam@alaskabaptistfoundation.com</u> 907.770.0581, 800.883.9627.



annual gifts is used for monthly distributions to retired pastors and their widows in need.



# 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 Levi Parish, who passed away February 26 in Tennessee. His service was held on March 3. Levi and Sherry served as interim at First Baptist Church, Soldotna in 2007. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at scp1263@gmail.com

#### Laverne Griffin Youth Recreation Camp, Wasilla

Alaska Native youth camp (June 5-9); X-Faith youth camp (June 12-16); Boys camp (June 19-23); Girls camp (June 26-30). Contact the camp

for additional information, <u>lgyrc@</u> <u>mtaonline.net</u>. Summer intern positions are also available and applicants should contact the camp directly. **Anchor Baptist Church, Craig** 

In a January worship service, members of ABC celebrated the licensing of Cody Schwegel, pastor, to the gospel ministry. Craig is located on Prince of Wales Island in southeast Alaska.



#### <u>Faith Recovery Fellowship,</u> <u>Wasilla</u>

FRF is primarily a chaplaincy ministry inside Goose Creek Correctional Center. With the encouragement and

> endorsement of the Alaska Baptist Convention, the work of FRF is growing and developing, extending outside the walls of the prison. The goal is successful reentry of citizens returning to their communities in Alaska. Scott Thompson is chaplain.



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## Holocaust Remembrance Day, April 24



(at left) A Holocaust survivor lays flowers next to the names of concentration camps at Yad Vashem. Photograph: Ariel Schalit/AP

(below) A woman holds flowers and Israel's flag at a 'march of the living' in Paneriai, near Vilnius. More than 90% of Lithuania's prewar Jewish population were murdered during the Nazi occupation. Photograph: Ints Kalnins/Reuters



Chugach Baptist Association (CBA) in Anchorage, Alaska is seeking God's leadership for a **part-time Director of Missions**. Job description is available upon request. After prayerful consideration, send resumes to Randy Graham, CBA moderator, rlgraham@gci.net

### **Evangelism Funds Available**

If you plan to host an evangelistic event this summer, please contact Jimmy Stewart jimmy@alaskabaptistconvention.com for financial assistance. Funds are available on a first-come, first-served basis.





#### Randy Covington, Executive Director

#### Life is a Process of *Change*

Change! There's that word that causes my stomach to flip. Why am I so afraid of change? To be perfectly honest, life is a series of changes. Most of the changes I have experienced throughout my life have been positive. I think I'm wiser, more content and more mature in dealing with life. I have learned how to love better and understand the needs of others around me. Of course, there are those changes that aren't as exciting, such as hair loss, weight-gain, wrinkles and loss of mobility that comes with age. However, I have no desire to go back to where I was 20, 30, or even 40 years ago. I like who I have become in Christ.

In my daily Bible readings, I am once again following the journey of the children of Israel as they left Egypt to inherit the land God had promised them. I am overwhelmed with the degree of change they all had to endure. As I pray and think about the changes we need to make as a convention, there are some valuable lessons we can learn from the experiences of Moses and the children of Israel.

**Change is an emotional transition!** The children of Israel had become accustomed to life in Egypt, even as slaves. They had forgotten the promises God made to Abraham to make them a great nation. To leave the only life they had ever known was paralyzing. Not only was Moses faced with convincing Pharaoh to let the people go, but with persuading his own people that this was the best future for them. No matter how hard we try to rationalize or explain the value of intended change, it affects us most with our emotions. There seems to be an emotional attachment to what is and has been.

**Change doesn't happen overnight!** I'm sure Moses would have preferred to gather the people and get going immediately from Egypt. It took a series of plagues and unpleasant events to get them to the point of moving. Sometimes the hardest part of initiating change is taking that first step. What truly amazes me is that it literally took them 40 years to finally get there. That takes a lot of patience and intestinal fortitude. It wasn't easy! Many times, Moses faced a mutinous crowd that was ready to go back

to slavery in Egypt. They even tested God's patience! It was a long process that required determination and, at times, compromise.

**Change is a group activity!** Even personal change requires enlisting the help of others to hold us to the course of desired change. Organizational change obviously requires a cooperative effort to move in a new direction. Moses had a close leadership team (mostly family, which I wouldn't recommend) that assisted him with daily administration of the task. He also had a larger implementation team made up of leaders from each of the twelve tribes. Jethro convinced him that he needed others to assist with the functions of deciding disputes. We know that change always produces conflict and dispute! Effective change requires that we make this pilgrimage together. The group is always more effective than one or two intrepid leaders.

Why all this talk about change? I'm sure it is apparent to most that the times have changed and that compels us to change in order to remain relevant and vigilant in addressing the spiritual needs of our community. Even as I write this article, certain emotions arise in me, as I'm sure they will with you, that cause me to hesitate. But we can no longer ignore the inevitable and act like the proverbial ostrich with his head in the sand. I have no doubt that God is leading us on a new journey to the Promised Land. It will not be easy! In fact, I'm sure there will be resistance and contention, but let's not forget God's promise that he will go before us and behind us.

I encourage you to pray with me that God will begin to stir our hearts and create the vision of where He wants us to go. I will not lead out until that vision is clear in my mind. I will surround myself with other leaders in our state who are committed to that vision as well. And I promise that we will move together in unity of spirit trusting in the sovereignty and providence of our Heavenly Father. May God's grace keep us and empower us to stay true to the calling we share as Alaska Baptists.

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# NAVIGATE Your path. Our privilege.

## KEY RETIREMENT AGES & STAGES AND WHAT THEY MEAN TO YOU

AGE 50-65

## AGE 50-65 Increase contributions

Once you're 50, the IRS allows you to make "catch-up" contributions over and above the normal limits to your 401(k) or 403(b) plan. Have an IRA, too? You can contribute extra dollars there as well (annual limits vary).



## Organize your assets

Consolidating your retirement savings accounts will help simplify your life by making it easier to monitor performance, develop an investment strategy and calculate your monthly retirement income.

## AGE 60-65 Re-check allocation and risk

Your savings need to take you to retirement – and through it! Keep a close watch on your time horizon and risk tolerance to make sure you are comfortable with your investment strategy.

## AGE 62 Get Social Security – or wait?

While you could draw Social Security, you might want to wait to begin your benefits. If your unique circumstances require you to take Social Security now, your payments will be as much as 30% less than if you wait until your full retirement age to draw, so try waiting if at all possible.

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## AGE 63-65 Plan for retirement income

Experts suggest that you need to replace 70-90% of your final years' salary to maintain your current standard of living, which will be a combination of 403(b) or 401(k) plans, IRAs, Social Security and other investment savings accounts. You may also consider working a part-time job to add additional income.



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#### AGE 66+ Enjoy retirement

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Throughout your retirement years, it's important to perform periodic checkups to see how you are doing on budgeting and income and make any necessary changes. And make time to have a little fun - as your budget allows.

## **AGE 65** Welcome to Medicare

You are now Medicare-eligible. You're required to enroll in certain parts of Medicare, so don't put it off if you don't take timely action at 65, you could incur premium penalties. GuideStone can help you with Medicare decisions.

## AGE 66 Step up to Social Security

Your retirement age, which is determined by your year of birth, determines when you're eligible for full Social Security benefits. It generally falls between ages 66 and 67. But you may consider waiting, even just a few more years, until age 70, which will allow your payouts to continue increasing by around 8% each year.

## → AGE 70 Access Social Security benefits

If you haven't already begun receiving Social Security benefits, sign up now because your payouts have reached their full potential and will no longer increase.

#### AGE 701/2 Tap into your nest egg

If you are retired and age 70 ½, the IRS mandates you to take required minimum distributions (RMDs) from your retirement accounts like your 403(b) or 401(k) plans. (You must take RMDs from your Traditional IRA at this point even if you're still working.)



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## Scholarships are available!

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First Native Baptist Church in Anchorage needs to replace the leaking roof of the church, as it has led to black mold in interior walls. Additional damage may be discovered following a professional inspection. The kitchen also needs to be updated to accommodate the outreach to the area homeless population and current facilities are insufficient.

> \$4,145 has been received for

1Q 2017\* \*as of 2/28/17

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

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<b>April</b> 6-8 16 <b>May</b>	Women on Mission Celebration Easter
4-6	Ministers and Spouses Conference
8-9	ABC Executive Board meeting
18	ABF Trustee meeting
29	ABC and ABF offices closed for Memorial Day
June	
5-9	Alaska Native Youth Camp, LGYRC
11-12	WMU national annual meeting
12-16	X-Faith Youth Camp, LGYRC
13-14	Southern Baptist Convention
21-23	K-grade 2 camp, Camp Baldwin
19-23	Boys Camp, LGYRC
26-30	Girls Camp, LGYRC
26-30	Grades 3-4 camp, Camp Baldwin
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SAVE THE DATE!

July 16-20

JAM Camp

Because of your congregation's Cooperative Program giving through the Alaska Baptist Convention, in February 2017 **\$29,177.10 remained in Alaska** for

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