



Father's  
Day

June 18

SBC Annual Meeting in Phoenix  
June 13-14



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## January - April 2017 Gifts from ABC Churches

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	\$94.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$94.00
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
Aquillap Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Big Lake Baptist Church	\$2,531.33	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,124.00	\$0.00	\$6,655.33
Bodenburg Butte Baptist Church	\$1,193.64	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,193.64
Calvary Baptist Church	\$1,207.93	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$884.00	\$0.00	\$2,091.93
Catalyst Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Christ Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$210.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$210.00
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	\$58.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$58.95
College Heights Baptist Church	\$19,397.65	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,827.00	\$0.00	\$29,224.65
Comm Baptist Church, Coffman Cove	\$2,864.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,864.25
Community Baptist Church, Nome	\$298.68	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$298.68
Cross Roads Baptist Church	\$3,718.00	\$0.00	\$873.81	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$4,841.81
CrossCountry Church	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
Dillingham Bible Fellowship	\$2,434.67	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$3,234.67
Eagle River Korean Baptist Church	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church	\$620.59	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$620.59
Fairview Loop Baptist Church	\$7,862.53	\$113.93	\$50.00	\$5,052.19	\$0.00	\$13,078.65
Faith Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$1,234.61	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40.00	\$1,274.61
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	\$875.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$875.00
First Baptist Church, Anchorage	\$6,380.66	\$0.00	\$890.00	\$574.00	\$0.00	\$7,844.66
First Baptist Church, Eagle River	\$9,012.13	\$300.00	\$2,660.00	\$2,578.00	\$140.00	\$14,690.13
First Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$3,018.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,090.00	\$0.00	\$5,108.95
First Baptist Church, North Pole	\$9,674.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,611.00	\$0.00	\$13,285.00
First Baptist Church, Delta Junction	\$18,513.27	\$25.00	\$6,728.74	\$12,299.49	\$0.00	\$37,566.50
First Baptist Church, Juneau	\$2,920.79	\$55.00	\$386.00	\$132.00	\$0.00	\$3,493.79
First Baptist Church, Kenai	\$2,255.22	\$0.00	\$375.87	\$1,019.87	\$0.00	\$3,650.96
First Baptist Church, Ketchikan	\$4,745.78	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$2,636.00	\$0.00	\$7,481.78
First Baptist Church, Kotzebue	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
First Baptist Church, Palmer	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,534.96	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,534.96
First Baptist Church, Petersburg	\$2,479.08	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,479.08
First Baptist Church, Sitka	\$3,055.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,216.00	\$0.00	\$4,271.50
First Baptist Church, Soldotna	\$1,354.00	\$770.00	\$0.00	\$930.00	\$0.00	\$3,054.00
First Baptist Church, Valdez	\$5,442.45	\$0.00	\$2,140.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,582.45
First Baptist Church, Wasilla	\$3,774.52	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,037.50	\$0.00	\$8,812.02
First Baptist Church, Willow	\$1,873.61	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,294.00	\$0.00	\$6,167.61
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	\$468.00	\$0.00	\$1,068.00
First Native Baptist Church	\$690.00	\$39.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$729.60
Friendship Baptist Mission	\$842.69	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,110.00	\$0.00	\$1,952.69
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	\$565.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$565.00
Gilead Ministries	\$684.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$684.00
Glacier Valley Baptist Church	\$5,210.92	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,606.00	\$0.00	\$8,816.92
Grandview Baptist Church	\$11,369.70	\$0.00	\$665.00	\$3,105.00	\$0.00	\$15,139.70
Greater Friendship Baptist Church	\$3,671.53	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,671.53
Hillside Baptist Church	\$3,937.60	\$0.00	\$470.00	\$850.00	\$0.00	\$5,257.60
Iglesia Bautista Hispana Sunset Hills	\$220.51	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$220.51
Immanuel Baptist Church	\$414.53	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,421.09	\$0.00	\$1,835.62
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	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Juneau Korean Church	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$505.00	\$405.00	\$0.00	\$1,030.00
Kasaan Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$320.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$720.00
Lighthouse Community Church	\$2,830.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,830.00
Living Water Church	\$193.22	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$193.22
Malamalama Fou Church	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Misc. Contributors-Cash	\$0.00	\$8,487.37	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,637.37
Montana Creek Baptist Church	\$7,339.24	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$327.00	\$0.00	\$7,666.24
Moose Creek Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Moose Pass Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Morning Star Baptist Church	\$1,669.23	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,307.00	\$0.00	\$2,976.23
Mount Pleasant Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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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	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Birth Christian Church	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
New Grace Christian Church	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
New Hope Baptist Church	\$4,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$4,700.00
New Hope Fellowship	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$225.00
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	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Pioneer Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rabbit Creek Church	\$566.49	\$194.73	\$0.00	\$389.47	\$0.00	\$1,150.69
River In The Desert Community Church	\$811.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$811.00
Riverside Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Roots Family Church, Kasilof	\$380.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$380.00
Roots Family Church, Soldotna	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Sabbath Peace Fellowship	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
Salcha Baptist Church	\$3,264.67	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,620.00	\$0.00	\$7,884.67
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	\$514.00	\$222.00	\$148.00	\$148.00	\$0.00	\$1,032.00
Settler's Bay Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Shannon Park Baptist Church	\$752.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$870.00	\$0.00	\$1,622.50
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	\$2,168.19	\$0.00	\$395.00	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$2,633.19
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$5,840.30	\$0.00	\$1,641.25	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$7,531.55
Tenakee Community Church	\$319.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$319.25
The Church @ Commodore Park	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15.00
The Crossing @ Birchwood	\$1,600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,600.00
The Way	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Thorne Bay Baptist Church	\$156.33	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$156.33
Togiak Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
True North Church	\$4,657.36	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,500.00	\$0.00	\$16,157.36
True North Church Girdwood	\$1,158.17	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,658.17
UBC-Chinese Fellowship	\$486.50	\$0.00	\$230.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$716.50
University Baptist Church, Anchorage	\$1,229.10	\$0.00	\$1,276.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,505.10
University Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$2,836.00	\$0.00	\$125.00	\$3,928.80	\$0.00	\$6,889.80
Valley View Baptist Church	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
Wasilla Korean Baptist Church	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$700.00
Whittier Christian Community Church	\$356.92	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$456.92

**\$200,536.71    \$11,207.63    \$23,520.70    \$95,320.17    \$180.00    \$330,765.21**

**4Q 2016    1Q 2017    2Q 2017    3Q 2017    4Q 2017**  
 2000 Club receipts as of April 30, 2017    \$55.00    \$7,722.50    \$6,716.50    \$3,045.00    \$3,045.00    **\$20,584.00**

**\$351,349.21**

### 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	
<b>April</b>				
Receipts	\$43,758.45		\$53,766.60	
CP Goal	57,628.80		57,531.16	
Variance	(13,870.35)	-24.07%	(3,764.56)	-6.54%
<b>Year-to-Date</b>				
Receipts	\$200,536.71		\$224,074.85	
CP Goal	230,515.20		230,124.64	
Variance	(29,978.49)	-13.00%	(6,049.79)	-2.63%

**Please Pray for  
our Pastorless Churches**

Aquilaq Baptist Mission, Ambler  
 Bodenburg Butte Baptist Church,  
 Palmer  
 Chinese Fellowship, Fairbanks  
 Community Baptist Church,  
 Coffman Cove  
 First Baptist Church, Soldotna  
 New Hope Baptist Church, Anchorage  
 Riverside Chapel, King Salmon  
 Shungnak Baptist Mission

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**Join the celebration!**  
 MISSION:DIGNITY SUNDAY IS  
**JUNE 25.**

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 INDEPENDENCE THANKFUL eyeglasses  
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 JOY gas COMPASSION PRESCRIPTIONS  
 DIGNITY

“Without your loving-kindness I would not be able to stay in our home or have FOOD on the table.”  
 — BETTY CHADWICK, CROSSVILLE, TENNESSEE”

The fourth Sunday of June is the day set aside by the Southern Baptist Convention as Mission:Dignity Sunday. Join us this year as we begin a year-long celebration of our 100 years of ministry in God's faithful servants. Order free materials to share with your church family. You can order online at [MDSunday.org](http://MDSunday.org) or call 1-877-888-0409. Materials are updated and can be used anytime that is convenient for your congregation.



# MILEPOST MOMENTS

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

## **Worship Leader Opportunity**

Rabbit Creek Church (Anchorage) is looking for a part-time Worship Leader. The primary focus will be to provide leadership for the creative, technical and worship teams. A full job description can be found on the [ABC website](#); for additional information, contact Henry Couser, [henry@rabbitcreekchurch.org](mailto:henry@rabbitcreekchurch.org)

## **Condolences**

Our condolences to Randy Covington, Executive Director, Alaska Baptist Convention, in the loss of his mother, Nancy, on May 16. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at

[randy@alaskabaptistconvention.com](mailto:randy@alaskabaptistconvention.com)

## **The Church @ Commodore Park, Anchorage**

The adult choir from Sunset Hills Baptist Church presented an "Easter Afterglow" concert for The Church @ Commodore Park. Mike Procter is church planter; Keith Bennett is worship leader at SHBC.

## **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, [lgyrc@mtaonline.net](mailto:lgyrc@mtaonline.net). Summer intern positions are also available and applicants should contact the camp directly.

## **Camp Baldwin, Delta Junction**

K-2 grade camp (June 21-23); 3-4 grade camp (June 26-30); 5-6 grade camp (July 3-7); 7-8 grade camp (July 10-14); 9-12 grade camp (July 17-21).

## **Frontier Southern Baptist Church, Kodiak**

Frontier SBC licensed Mark Overbeek to the gospel ministry.

## **University Baptist Church, Fairbanks**

UBC will host a team of 40 adults and teens, the "Chi Alpha Singers," who will conduct the church Vacation Bible School the second week in June. The team will canvas the neighborhood prior to VBS to encourage attendance. The guests will conduct the worship service on Sunday, June 11 and are scheduled to sing at the Midnight Sun Festival on June 18.



**JAM CAMP**  
Jesus • Arts • Music  
July 16-20, 2017

**APPRENTICE**  
Becoming Like Christ

"Take my yoke upon you and learn from me."  
Matthew 11:29

**Registration Information**  
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[sshepherd@fbcparis.org](mailto:sshepherd@fbcparis.org)  
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Shirley Bearce 907.746.7467

**Breakout Sessions**  
Art, Choir, Creative Movement, Drama, Guitar, Needle Arts, Orchestra, Photography, Ukulele, Song Writing, Woodworking, Worship Leadership, Worship Technology

\$200 before July 3 (\$250 after July 3)  
LaVerne Griffin Youth Recreation Camp, Wasilla, AK

submitted by Shirley Bearce



## **Centershot Archery Leadership Training**

**Saturday, June 24, 2017, 9 AM to 3:30 PM**

\$80 registration fee includes manual, certification and lunch

**At the Salvation Army Community Center**

**1701 C. Street, Anchorage**

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For more information or to receive the link to register on line please contact

Gary Bearce

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Sponsored by CrossCountry Church, Wasilla

submitted by Shirley Bearce



### **Mt. Redoubt Baptist Church, Kenai**

Mt. Redoubt held an ordination service on April 30. Two men were ordained by a council with representatives from four different churches on the Kenai Peninsula. Dick Weaver was ordained to the deacon ministry and Andrew Dickinson was ordained to the gospel ministry. Randy Covington, Executive Director, Alaska Baptist Convention, officiated the ordination service.

### **Faith Recovery Fellowship, Wasilla**

April 30, Chaplain Scott Thompson baptized 20 men in Goose Creek Correctional Center. Please pray for this ministry as they continue to disciple these men in their newfound faith.

### **Alaska Baptist Convention**

Augie Boto from the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention joined the Executive Board of the ABC during its semi-annual meeting in May. Informal meetings

with local pastors were a part of his busy agenda.

### **Tanana Valley Baptist Association**

Faith Baptist Church hosted a baby shower for CareNet Pregnancy Center at which ladies across the TVBA gathered to donate items to the ministry, learn about CareNet services, play games, and enjoy fellowship. Executive Director, Pam Balster encouraged the ladies to stop by the office to see the facility and learn more about the ministry.

### **Birchwood Behavioral Health**

BBH welcomes Dr. Kim Jackson, newly appointed Executive Director.



## **Annual Meeting of the Alaska Baptist Convention**

### **Monday, September 25**

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Impact Alaska!

2:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Business session

“Possess the Kingdom” (Luke 12:32b)

5:00 p.m.

Supper

9:00 p.m.

Finger food fellowship

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Voting and worship

### **Tuesday, September 26**

9:00 a.m. – Noon

WMU Annual Meeting  
and Pastor’s Conference

### **Wednesday, September 27**

8:00 a.m.

Continental breakfast

9:00 – 10:40 a.m.

Annual sermon and worship

Noon Lunch

Annual meeting of the Alaska Baptist Convention

“Longing to See, Longing to Hear” (Luke 10:23-24)

**Messengers:** Each church will receive an email by early June stating the number of messengers to which each church is entitled, and the method of registering those messengers.





**Randy Covington, Executive Director**

## **Worth More Than Jewels: A Tribute to My Mother**



On Mother's Day, I listened to our pastor preach from Proverbs 31 about the worth of a woman. As he read the passage, I saw the face of my mother in my mind. No more than three hours later, I received a call informing me that she was in serious condition in the hospital. Two days later, she stepped out of this world and into the presence of the Lord. In my grief, a wave of memories began to roll across my mind and I couldn't help but celebrate the treasure she was to me and my family.

### **The heart of her husband trusts in her (Proverbs 31:11)**

As a newlywed, Nancy left her home in New Mexico to follow her husband to Alaska. Over the next 40 years, she created a home that nurtured a husband, four boys and a little girl. She made sure the children grew up learning about God and attending church.

### **She considers a field and buys it (v 16)**

When her husband began dreaming of homesteading in the Alaskan bush, she didn't argue and refuse to leave. She helped him carve out a new home in a difficult place. Even when her husband was away at work 80 miles away, she kept the home fires burning and completed the numerous chores that men usually did.

### **She stretches out her hands to the needy (v 20)**

While the closest town was 10 miles away, she always found time to help neighbors who were in need and serve other members of the community through her local church. She taught Sunday School and learned to play the piano so she could assist with worship.

### **She is not afraid of the snow for her household (v 21)**

When the winters were long and the snow was deep, she often found herself and her children confined to the warm cozy cabin. She made sure there was plenty of firewood for the stove and food for the table.

### **She smiles at the future (v 25)**

She never complained to her husband about how hard life was or how much her children were missing by not living close enough to play with other kids their age. She always saw the good in every hardship the family endured.

### **Her children rise up and bless her (v 28)**

Love was never absent from the home. She always had the right words to soothe the hurts and disappointments of her children. Every one of them turned to the Lord at a special moment in life and responded to God's call to salvation. She modeled love, faith, and obedience.

### **A woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised (v 30)**

My mother lived a life that always pointed people to Jesus. Her testimony gives evidence to a strong faith. Hers was a life well-lived that will leave an indelible mark in the lives of those who knew her well. May she rest in the joy and peace of her new heavenly home.



**Jimmy Stewart, Director of Evangelism**

Last month I wanted to see how many people read the Milepost so I mentioned the availability of funds for summer evangelistic events. As a result, I had several people request evangelism funds.

The most exciting part is seeing how many churches are planning intentional outreach events and strategies this summer. Many of the events target "Gen X" and "Millennials", and their children. At every children's event, there will be opportunities to connect with parents. But, there is

another group of people we shouldn't forget. Next to Millennials, the largest group in America is Baby Boomers. They may have come to Alaska because of the military or oil jobs, but stayed to plant their lives in our communities. Many found their way to our churches but the majority did not. We should take opportunities to minister to their needs by inviting them to events that will get their attention. Next month I will share important ways to reach Baby Boomers. My prayer is that your summer outreach will yield a great harvest.

# Alaska Baptist Convention (ABC) Executive Board Actions

May 8 - 9, 2017

*submitted by Debra Long, operations administrator, Alaska Baptist Convention*

1. Approved to ratify the four Executive Committee Board Actions that took place from November 2016 to May 2017.
2. Approved the April 2017 Financial Reports.
3. Approved the 2017 Budget update.
4. Approved the 2018 Budget Proposal.
5. Approved creating a designated account under the FOUNDATION TRUST EARNINGS heading called Elsie I. Snodgrass Trust Earnings.
6. Approved to add Jae D. McKee as a signer on the Alaska Baptist Convention's bank account.
7. Approved changing the ABC's Bank of America credit card to Alaska Airlines business credit card with a credit limit of \$6,000.
8. Approved to move the balance of designated Account 8303 Disaster Relief to Account 8430 State Disaster Relief and inactivate Account 8303.
9. Approved to add the following duties to each director staff job description: Perform ministerial duties when called upon by a church/mission/church plant/preaching point affiliated with the ABC and can conduct services such as revivals, graduations, weddings, funerals, or interim pastorate for up to six months with approval of the Executive Director. The director staff must be ordained, licensed, or commissioned.
10. Approved to add the following statement to Policies and Procedures Manual, Part 2, Section V: The director staff must be ordained, licensed, or commissioned to perform ministerial duties.
11. Approved to change work hours for full-time employee for benefits in Policies and Procedures, Part 2, Article I, Section B from 36 hours a week to 32 hours per week.
12. Approved to change the wording in Policies and Procedures Manual, Part 2, Article XI, Section A. to: The Staff will gather weekly as determined by the Executive Director for a time of sharing prayer concerns and fellowship.
13. Approved the 2017-2018 ABC Calendar of Events for publication.
14. Approved changing the job title of Office Manager/Bookkeeper to Operation and Finance Administrator and amending the job description as printed.
15. Approved a Valeria Sherard State Mission Offering grant in the amount of \$3,200 to Journey Church, Wasilla to pay annual insurance premiums on vehicle and facilities.
16. Approved CrossCountry Church, Wasilla, to be the third quarter 2017 recipient of the 2000 Club Call to finish work in their new meeting space, plus an additional \$5,000 from the existing 2000 Club account (Account 8309 2000 Club Non-requested).
17. Approved to hire Jae McKee as part-time Interim State Director of Missions/Church Planting employee beginning July 1, 2017, contingent of NAMB's approval of funding.
18. Approved housing allowance submitted by Jae McKee effective July 1, 2017, contingent on NAMB's approval of funding.
19. Approved the 2017 Annual Meeting theme "Longing to See, Longing to Hear" based on Luke 10:23-24.
20. Approved to dedicate the 2017 Book of Reports to Jimmy and Kathryn Stewart.
21. Approved to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m., May 9, 2017.

## 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Alaska Baptist Convention

**Host Church:** First Baptist Church, Ketchikan

**Meeting Venue:** Ted Ferry Convention Center

**Hotel:** Cape Fox Lodge

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Reservations must be made by phone to receive the discounted rate. Be sure to tell the reservations agent you are with the Alaska Baptist Convention for the discounted rate of \$119 per night plus 13.5 percent tax. Reservations must be made **no later than July 31** to get the discounted rate.

### Messengers:

Each church will receive an email by early June stating the number of messengers to which each church is entitled, and the method of registering those messengers.

# Ground Breaking

## First Baptist Church Palmer breaks ground on their Community Family Recreation Complex



Recently, First Baptist Church Palmer held a ground-breaking service for a new Community Family Recreation Complex. The Complex includes a safe green space, a park and recreation area that affords quality opportunities for family and social connection, physical exercise, playgrounds, and sports recreation. Not only for families who attend First Baptist Church, the Complex will open for all families who live in the neighborhoods close by and in the Valley

First Baptist Church is positioned on top of the hill, across the Glenn Highway from the Alaska State Fairgrounds. According to the City of Palmer's statistics, there are almost 1,000 single-family homes and over 200 multi-family housing units within a three-mile radius of this site, and most within one mile. FBC Pastor, Dr. Bruce Rowell, explains, "This Complex will attract and be accessible to thousands of families and individuals outside this area." Having a place to belong and gather with community members, he said, "The geographic location makes this Family Recreation Complex a convenient resource for individuals and families to stop by after work or school for

a brisk walk or jog around the track or to meet on the weekends for a soccer match, softball game, a picnic, or just to be together.

The work of planning and laying the groundwork for the Complex was accomplished by a committee of dedicated FBC members from various demographic groups. Knowing that families are the heart of FBC worship, service, and ministry, a recreational Complex will be an added tool for helping meet the needs of families. "Meeting the needs of families," said team chair person, James Jenkins, "is one of the reasons why I wanted to be a part of this new ministry." Jenkins is recently retired from the U.S. Army, and he and his wife moved to Palmer from Ohio. Serving on the committee with Jenkins is Shane Seltzer, whose family, including their four children, are active members of FBC, teaching Sunday school classes, discipleship classes, and more. "I am excited to have the Complex for my children as they grow. We live close to the church and being able to bring them to a safe place to play close to home is important." Out of town for the groundbreaking was Nathan Machacek who also served on the planning



committee. Machacek and his family are long-term residents of Alaska and understand the importance of family recreation for healthy families.

Participating in the service were Deacons Kenny Loggins and his wife, Vickie, and Ken Ishmael and wife, Donna. Mrs. Loggins is a preschool and children's teacher. "I know this will be a fun place for many children's activities and for families to come together to play in a safe and fun environment," said Mrs. Loggins. "I am wholeheartedly behind this ministry," said Mrs. Ishmael, who is also a FBC children and youth teacher. "Knowing our children will have a bigger place to play with more fun options is important as we plan meeting the needs of growing families." Other active deacons and their wives, Bob and Donna Mauldin, and Marty and Etta Weatherup, were also among those participating in the groundbreaking.

The Family Recreation Complex will serve as a local resource where people can engage in individual and family athletics and different exercise activities. "Not only is the space planned for recreation and play," said Pastor Rowell, "but included in the plan is a pavilion picnic area which will be available for family and community connection in a quiet, safe, tobacco and smoke-free, fresh air environment." Young children will have a place to connect with one another as well as they run and play on two separate age-appropriate playgrounds. "This complex will truly be a place where indi-

viduals, families and the community can come together," explained Dr. Rowell, "as well as improve their health while having fun, getting to know one another better, and even meeting new friends that carry over into other aspects of their lives."

The project will be completed in two phases: Phase I will involve surveying, clearing and grading 3-4 acres of FBC property followed by laying the foundation for a future walking/jogging track and hydro seeding grass. Phase II includes completion of a walking track, building two age-appropriate playgrounds, and construction of a pavilion.

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***"This complex will attract....thousands of families and individuals..."***

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Funding for the new Complex is from the offerings and sacrificial giving of FBC members and grants from the Alaska Baptist Convention Club 2000. "Beginning last fall, church members committed to the financial and spiritual success of this ministry," said Pastor Rowell. "Everything the church can accomplish is through the blessings of God freely shared by individuals with open hearts and hands."

"As children joined their teachers and other adults in breaking the ground for this new Complex," said Pastor Rowell, "we are dedicating this space anew and this ministry to the vision of the future of FBC." The spiritual well-being of FBC members and the outreach ministries to others is part of the mission of FBC.

*submitted by Chuck Esary, Worship Pastor, First Baptist Church, Palmer*



# LABOR OF Love

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.

**2000 Club • Second Quarter 2017**

**\$6,716.50**  
has been  
received for  
2Q 2017\*  
\*as of 4/30/17

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

### 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

### July

3-7	Grades 5-6 camp, Camp Baldwin
4	ABC and AFB offices closed for Independence Day
10-14	Grades 7-8 camp, Camp Baldwin
16-20	JAM Camp
17-21	Grades 9-12 camp, Camp Baldwin

### August

2-4	FUSION Youth Conference
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