

HIGHWAYS AND HEDGES



Annual Meeting of the Alaska Baptist Convention

Monday, September 25

7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Impact Alaska!
“Highways and Hedges” (Luke 14:23 KJV)
9:00 p.m. Finger food fellowship

Tuesday, September 26

9:00 a.m. – Noon WMU Annual Meeting
and Pastor’s Conference
Noon Lunch (provided)

Tuesday, September 26

Annual meeting of the Alaska Baptist Convention
“Longing to See, Longing to Hear” (Luke 10:23-24)
2:00 – 4:30 p.m. Business session
5:00 p.m. Supper (provided)
6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Voting and worship

Wednesday, September 27

8:00 a.m. Continental breakfast
9:00 – 10:40 a.m. Annual sermon and worship

Messengers: Each church received an email in early June stating the number of messengers to which each church is entitled, and the method of registering those messengers. Contact Sylvia if you have questions, sylvia@alaskabaptistconvention.com

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January - June 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	\$1,069.34	\$0.00	\$613.48	\$431.67	\$0.00	\$2,114.49
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	\$3,913.85	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$4,124.00	\$0.00	\$9,037.85
Bodenburg Butte Baptist Church	\$2,382.19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$825.00	\$0.00	\$3,207.19
Calvary Baptist Church	\$2,390.50	\$0.00	\$1,011.00	\$934.00	\$0.00	\$4,335.50
Catalyst Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Christ Community Church	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$210.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$810.00
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	\$26,752.74	\$0.00	\$3,956.00	\$9,827.00	\$0.00	\$40,535.74
Community Bapt Church, Coffman Cove	\$2,864.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,864.25
Community Baptist Church, Nome	\$389.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$389.30
Cross Roads Baptist Church	\$6,207.00	\$0.00	\$1,687.81	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$8,144.81
CrossCountry Church	\$1,350.00	\$0.00	\$22.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$1,572.00
Dillingham Bible Fellowship	\$4,302.83	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$5,102.83
Eagle River Korean Baptist Church	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$550.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church	\$1,406.87	\$0.00	\$550.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,956.87
Fairview Loop Baptist Church	\$11,304.27	\$113.93	\$50.00	\$5,052.19	\$0.00	\$16,520.39
Faith Baptist Church	\$4,126.45	\$0.00	\$1,752.00	\$2,655.85	\$160.00	\$8,694.30
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	\$10,419.33	\$0.00	\$2,540.00	\$574.00	\$0.00	\$13,533.33
First Baptist Church, Eagle River	\$13,463.50	\$500.00	\$2,762.00	\$2,578.00	\$140.00	\$19,443.50
First Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$4,719.71	\$0.00	\$1,515.50	\$2,090.00	\$0.00	\$8,325.21
First Baptist Church, North Pole	\$14,357.00	\$0.00	\$1,410.00	\$3,611.00	\$0.00	\$19,378.00
First Baptist Church, Delta Junction	\$27,890.51	\$25.00	\$11,884.49	\$16,051.24	\$0.00	\$55,851.24
First Baptist Church, Juneau	\$5,121.54	\$95.00	\$1,701.00	\$305.00	\$0.00	\$7,222.54
First Baptist Church, Kenai	\$4,020.60	\$50.00	\$890.10	\$1,314.10	\$0.00	\$6,274.80
First Baptist Church, Ketchikan	\$7,165.97	\$0.00	\$2,866.00	\$2,636.00	\$0.00	\$12,667.97
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	\$3,991.09	\$0.00	\$1,283.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,274.09
First Baptist Church, Sitka	\$5,035.22	\$0.00	\$900.00	\$1,216.00	\$0.00	\$7,151.22
First Baptist Church, Soldotna	\$3,578.00	\$770.00	\$732.50	\$930.00	\$0.00	\$6,010.50
First Baptist Church, Valdez	\$9,251.58	\$0.00	\$3,340.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,591.58
First Baptist Church, Wasilla	\$6,283.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,037.50	\$0.00	\$11,321.20
First Baptist Church, Willow	\$2,239.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,294.00	\$0.00	\$6,533.60
First Hmong Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Korean Baptist Church	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$468.00	\$0.00	\$1,368.00
First Native Baptist Church	\$1,160.00	\$39.60	\$0.00	\$1,005.01	\$0.00	\$2,204.61
Friendship Baptist Mission	\$1,484.46	\$0.00	\$1,050.00	\$1,110.00	\$0.00	\$3,644.46
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	\$981.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$981.00
Gilead Ministries	\$874.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$874.00
Glacier Valley Baptist Church	\$8,063.78	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,606.00	\$0.00	\$11,669.78
Grandview Baptist Church	\$17,651.37	\$20.00	\$1,941.00	\$3,105.00	\$0.00	\$22,717.37
Greater Friendship Baptist Church	\$5,980.87	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,980.87
Hillside Baptist Church	\$6,261.13	\$0.00	\$520.00	\$850.00	\$0.00	\$7,631.13
Iglesia Bautista Hispana Sunset Hills	\$349.31	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$349.31
Immanuel Baptist Church	\$671.58	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,421.09	\$0.00	\$3,592.67
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	\$180.00	\$0.00	\$505.00	\$405.00	\$0.00	\$1,090.00
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	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$320.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$920.00
Lighthouse Community Church	\$3,536.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,536.00
Living Water Church	\$313.46	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$313.46
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	\$426.00	\$327.00	\$0.00	\$8,092.24
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	\$2,709.23	\$0.00	\$872.00	\$1,307.00	\$0.00	\$4,888.23
Mount Pleasant Baptist Church	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
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	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00

January - June 2017 Gifts from ABC Churches

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
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	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
New Grace Christian Church	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
New Hope Baptist Church	\$6,072.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$7,072.00
New Hope Fellowship	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$70.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$470.00
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	\$120.00	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
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	\$931.69	\$320.26	\$0.00	\$640.55	\$0.00	\$1,892.50
River In The Desert Community Church	\$1,231.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,231.00
Riverside Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Roots Family Church, Kasilof	\$570.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$570.00
Roots Family Church, Soldotna	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Sabbath Peace Fellowship	\$720.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$720.00
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	\$1,309.60	\$0.00	\$937.60	\$870.00	\$0.00	\$3,117.20
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	\$3,717.95	\$0.00	\$420.00	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$4,207.95
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$10,099.98	\$0.00	\$3,313.25	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$13,463.23
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	\$2,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,400.00
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	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
True North Church	\$6,015.10	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$11,500.00	\$0.00	\$19,515.10
True North Church Girdwood	\$1,317.47	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$3,317.47
UBC-Chinese Fellowship	\$486.50	\$0.00	\$230.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$716.50
University Baptist Church, Anchorage	\$1,669.88	\$0.00	\$1,611.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,280.88
University Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$5,891.00	\$0.00	\$4,495.00	\$3,928.80	\$0.00	\$14,314.80
Valley View Baptist Church	\$2,400.00	\$0.00	\$570.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,970.00
Wasilla Korean Baptist Church	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$900.00
Whittier Christian Community Church	\$356.92	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$456.92
	\$305,655.09	\$11,643.16	\$68,520.69	\$104,598.00	\$300.00	\$490,716.94
	<u>4Q 2016</u>	<u>1Q 2017</u>	<u>2Q 2017</u>	<u>3Q 2017</u>	<u>4Q 2017</u>	
2000 Club receipts as of June 30, 2017	\$55.00	\$7,732.50	\$7,976.50	\$4,132.00	\$3,055.00	\$22,951.00
						\$513,667.94

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		
June				
Receipts	\$46,961.88	\$58,122.81		
CP Goal	57,628.80	57,531.16		
Variance	(10,666.92)	591.65	-18.51%	1.03%
Year-to-Date				
Receipts	\$305,655.09	\$326,438.87		
CP Goal	345,771.00	345,186.96		
Variance	(40,115.91)	(18,748.09)	-11.60%	-5.43%

Please Pray for our Pastorless Churches

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



August 24 - September 4

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.

First Korean Baptist Church, Anchorage

Eleven youth and single adults traveled to the Dominican Republic to serve as a Vacation Bible School team to five different churches. Pastor Lee also taught 75 pastors at a seminar.



Journey Church, Wasilla

Pastor Bill and Becky Little were commissioned during a special service in June. They traveled to Kenya for a short-term mission trip. At the same time, Sharon Hale and Gerald Sanchez were commissioned as Church Strengtheners.



72nd Annual Meeting of the Alaska Baptist Convention September 25-27, 2017

Host Church: First Baptist Church, Ketchikan

Meeting Venue: Ted Ferry Civic Center

Hotel: Cape Fox Lodge

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Reservations must be made by phone.

Messengers:

In June, each church received an email stating the number of messengers to which each church is entitled, and the method of registering those messengers.

The Church @ Commodore Park, Anchorage

On June 25, The Church @ Commodore Park hosted Randy and Robin Covington, who presented a mini concert in Russian for members.



First Baptist Church, Soldotna

FBC has an active clothing ministry. Lily Johnson and Nancy Watson are volunteers.



First Native Baptist Church, Anchorage

First Native will host Nicole Decker, Deputy Director of the Downtown Soup Kitchen Hope Center, during their regular WMU meeting on Saturday, August 5, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Please join ladies of the church while they learn about this vital ministry to the homeless in our community, www.downtownhopecenter.org

University Baptist Church, Fairbanks

The college/career group will host a kickoff party on August 27, and will participate at the UAF club fair at the end of August. The church will host two separate mission teams to Tok. Women on Mission group will have a meeting and Dutch treat lunch on August 24.

Bi-Vo Youth Director Position

Montana Creek is seeking a bi-vocational youth director to work with children of all ages, with a primary focus on grades 7-12. Resume and three letters of reference should be sent to Montana Creek Baptist Church, attn: Youth Director Search, HC 89, PO Box 8571, Talkeetna, AK 99676.

THE POWER OF 'AND'

IT'S YOU AND ME,

WORKING TOGETHER TO BEAR WITNESS TO THE POWER OF JESUS CHRIST

IN JERUSALEM,
AND IN ALL JUDEA,
SAMARIA, **AND** TO THE ENDS
OF THE 

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THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM



Dear Friends of the Alaska Baptist Convention:

In June, a study group was formed by Randy Covington, Executive Director of the Alaska Baptist Convention (ABC), the purpose of which is to determine the current effectiveness of the work of the ABC. This short, ten-minute survey will help the ABC determine things that are working well, as well as things that need to change. Please click on this link to complete the survey; you will remain anonymous. Please send this link to key people in your congregation who might be interested in providing feedback.



[ABC survey](#)

SEE YOU AT THE POLE™

FIX OUR EYES

HEBREWS 12:2

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2017



Randy Covington
Executive Director

Quiz: What is the CP?

For some, this question might be a slam dunk, assuring an A+ on the quiz. However, others may seriously wonder, “What in the world is CP?” The CP or **Cooperative Program** has been the channel for funding most of what Southern Baptists have done for the past century.

Established in 1925, the CP has funded home and international missions’ engagements, theological education, disaster relief, and outreach ministries such as campus ministry, orphanages, and hospitals. It has been the most effective tool in America among evangelical denominations and parachurch organizations in evangelizing a lost world.

The beauty of this funding process is that it doesn’t compromise the autonomy of the local church, but allows churches of all sizes to be a part of a powerful resource network for expanding the Kingdom of Christ around the world. It undergirds the Baptist principle that believes we can do so much more together than individually.

How does the process work in Alaska?

Local Baptist churches contribute a percentage of their tithes and offerings (determined by the local church) to the Alaska Baptist Convention. Alaskan ministries receive 63 percent of those funds, and 37 percent is forwarded on to the Southern Baptist Convention. Funds remaining in Alaska support evangelism, state missions, chaplaincy, campus ministries, disaster relief, Birchwood Behavioral Health, Alaska Baptist Foundation, Christian camping, church planting, associational missions, church development and convention operations. It is a cooperative effort essential to reaching our state, our nation and our world for Jesus Christ.

Because of the generosity of Southern Baptists throughout the United States, CP giving at the national level is almost six percent above the projected budget. Did I hear an “amen” out there? That is something to celebrate. On the Alaska side, we are not doing as well as we have in the past. We are currently 12 percent below budget expectations through June 2017. In dollars, that amounts to about \$40,000.00. I understand that giving patterns reflect the patterns in local churches and can have an “ebb and flow” effect.

While I don’t think we need to hit the panic button, we need to address this downward trend to assure the continued funding of vital ministries in our state. I have no doubt that once summer is over and people get back into their routines, giving will increase and we will meet our budget expectations by the end of the year. That has been the habit in the past and I have faith in Alaska Baptists. Thank you for your cooperation in faithfully accepting the responsibility we have to reach our state for Jesus Christ.



Jimmy Stewart
Director of Evangelism

Would you like to live to be 100 years old? Since my accident last year I have met amazing people, one of whom was a 102-year-old lady, still very sharp and engaging. I’m asking about how long you want to live because Baby Boomers (born 1943-1964*) are living longer than imagined. It used to be significant for someone to reach the age of 100, but the number of people over 100 years of age has increased in ten years from 17,500 to 80,000. Ten thousand Baby Boomers a day are turning 65 years old and this older demographic will continue to be a significant factor in church life for a long time to come. Members of Generation X (born 1965-1980*) need to realize Baby Boomers are healthy, full of experience and want to stay active. Many older adults (don’t call them seniors!) have dreams, goals and may even go back to school to learn a new career. You should tap into their energy and experience, making sure decisions are made that include this source of knowledge. Some ways you can engage this group is to take on the needs of the community around your church and give this challenge to them – assemble a “dream team” of men and women and let them discover a need and a cause; set them free to explore the possibilities and ways the church can meet those needs. Encourage a ministry that will challenge them and they will get their friends, in and out of the church, involved. Baby Boomers need to feel needed and appreciated but more importantly, they want to be valued. This group, if disciplined, could become your biggest disciple-making group.


**according to CNN*

Cooperative Program Dollars At Work...

Are you aware that if a ministerial staff contributes to a GuideStone Financial Resources annuity (either personally or by the church as an employee benefit) that the Alaska Baptist Convention pays Survivor Benefit Protection premiums for the ministerial staff? Funds for paying these premiums come from contributions to the Cooperative Program.

For more information about setting up an annuity through GuideStone Financial Resources and receive Survivor Benefit Protection benefits, contact our GuideStone Financial Resources annuity representative, Rames Rios, at 214-720-4731 or Rames.Rios@GuideStone.org

3 Ways Online Giving Helps Your Church



Online giving continues to grow in popularity. In many churches, the option has been normalized for some time now, and they are now testing the waters of text giving.

But online giving isn't for everyone. I have had plenty of conversations with Godly men and women who struggle with the idea. And that is okay.

Of course, there are many good reasons why individuals choose to use the church's websites to give. Online giving is safe, convenient, and consistent. Church members like knowing that they no longer have to worry about whether or not they remembered to bring their checkbook on Sunday. Their tithe was already taken out of their bank account.

Online giving does not just help church members. Churches can benefit from online giving as well. Here are three ways online giving helps your church:

1. Online giving saves your church time. On Monday mornings, many churches have individuals (sometimes volunteers and sometimes staff) that count and

record the week's offering. Making sure that the count is correct is a detailed and time-consuming act. With online giving, much of the work is already done for the church. Human error and work time can be greatly reduced.

2. Online giving helps your church's planning. Many online giving programs allow for recurring gifts. This means that a certain amount of money is deducted from the church member's bank account on a date specified by the church member. These types of recurring gifts provide an element of financial predictability for the church. As a result, budget planning becomes easier and more accurate.

3. Online giving can potentially increase your church's giving. Different giving avenues tend to attract new givers. The online giving is especially good at getting younger generations involved in giving. I have also heard similar reports from churches about text giving. Younger generations simply don't carry around cash and checks. And we will not see this trend decrease.

Online giving can be a help to many churches. The option can save time, make planning easier and potentially increase giving. These are benefits that would make any church administrator smile.

excerpted from Art Rainer, www.artrainer.com; posted May 25, 2017

8 MORE REASONS TO GIVE

"TEST ME NOW IN THIS."
MAL 3:10

1. IT'S A MIRACLE

When you open yourself up to giving through the tithe you get a glimpse into the supernatural. Ask a tither if supernatural provision has ever happened in their years of giving and inevitable the answer is, "Yes."

2. IT'S A FAITH BUILDER

Tithing strengthens your faith muscles. Once you begin to trust your money to God, you'll find that it's easier to trust Him with everything else in your life.

3. IT'S A JOY

There's a deep feeling of bliss that comes from giving with no regard for receiving. Givers are the happiest people on the face of the earth.

4. IT'S UNIFYING

Tithing believers are believers that say to God and their church family, "I'm all in." Tithing husbands and wives are saying to each other, "There's something a whole lot bigger going on in our marriage than just us."

5. IT'S CONTAGIOUS

Once tithers experience God in giving, they want to share with others about the grace and provision God has provided. As we share the joy of giving, others are inspired to give.

6. IT'S TAX-DEDUCTIBLE

Yup, it's the most minor benefit. But it's a benefit!

7. IT'S A GREED SLAYER

One of the most debilitating characteristics of unhappy people is greed and it spills over into every area of our lives. Unfortunately, greed can go viral - but so can generosity.

8. IT'S BIBLICAL

Last, but not least, give because it's a Biblical principle and promise. "'Bring the full tenth into the storehouse so that there may be food in My house. Test Me in this way,' says the Lord of Hosts. 'See if I will not open the floodgates of heaven and pour out a blessing for you without measure.'" Malachi 3:10

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CrossCountry Church, Wasilla needs financial assistance to complete work in their new meeting space. The work includes restroom expansion, carpeting, and additional classroom space.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN — AUG • SEP • OCT —

August

2-4 FUSION Youth Conference

September

3-10 Valeria Sherard

State Mission Offering emphasis

4 ABC and ABF office closed for Labor Day

24-25 TBA annual meeting

25 Impact Alaska!

26-27 WMU annual meeting,

pastor's conference,

annual meeting of the ABC

28 See You At The Pole

October

17 CBA annual meeting

21 TVBA annual meeting

28 HPBA annual meeting

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