



72nd annual meeting of the

## ALASKA BAPTIST CONVENTION

*hosted by:* First Baptist Church  
Ketchikan, Alaska

*at the:* Ted Ferry Civic Center  
September 25-27, 2017

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## January - July 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	\$1,515.17	\$0.00	\$895.21	\$487.40	\$0.00	\$2,897.78
Anderson Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Aquillaa Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Big Lake Baptist Church	\$4,553.92	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$4,124.00	\$0.00	\$9,677.92
Bodenburg Butte Baptist Church	\$2,382.19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$825.00	\$0.00	\$3,207.19
Calvary Baptist Church	\$3,622.54	\$0.00	\$1,011.00	\$934.00	\$0.00	\$5,567.54
Catalyst Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Christ Community Church	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$210.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$910.00
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	\$29,316.86	\$0.00	\$3,956.00	\$9,827.00	\$0.00	\$43,099.86
Community Baptist Church, Coffman Cove	\$3,220.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,220.25
Community Baptist Church, Nome	\$440.46	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$440.46
Cross Roads Baptist Church	\$7,449.00	\$0.00	\$1,687.81	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$9,386.81
CrossCountry Church	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$22.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$1,722.00
Dillingham Bible Fellowship	\$4,985.43	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$5,785.43
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	\$15,769.43	\$113.93	\$2,547.14	\$5,335.04	\$0.00	\$23,765.54
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	\$12,612.17	\$0.00	\$2,540.00	\$574.00	\$0.00	\$15,726.17
First Baptist Church, Eagle River	\$15,395.77	\$600.00	\$2,762.00	\$2,578.00	\$140.00	\$21,475.77
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	\$17,099.00	\$0.00	\$1,410.00	\$3,611.00	\$0.00	\$22,120.00
First Baptist Church, Delta Junction	\$33,753.42	\$25.00	\$11,884.49	\$16,276.24	\$0.00	\$61,939.15
First Baptist Church, Juneau	\$6,082.10	\$145.00	\$2,500.00	\$521.00	\$0.00	\$9,248.10
First Baptist Church, Kenai	\$4,436.58	\$50.00	\$959.43	\$1,383.43	\$0.00	\$6,829.44
First Baptist Church, Ketchikan	\$8,278.90	\$0.00	\$2,866.00	\$2,636.00	\$0.00	\$13,780.90
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	\$6,034.95	\$0.00	\$900.00	\$1,216.00	\$0.00	\$8,150.95
First Baptist Church, Soldotna	\$3,578.00	\$770.00	\$732.50	\$930.00	\$0.00	\$6,010.50
First Baptist Church, Valdez	\$10,898.30	\$0.00	\$3,340.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,238.30
First Baptist Church, Wasilla	\$7,138.44	\$0.00	\$1,941.30	\$5,037.50	\$0.00	\$14,117.24
First Baptist Church, Willow	\$2,640.79	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,294.00	\$0.00	\$6,934.79
First Hmong Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Korean Baptist Church	\$1,050.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$468.00	\$0.00	\$1,518.00
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	\$1,217.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,217.00
Gilead Ministries	\$874.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$874.00
Glacier Valley Baptist Church	\$10,333.08	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,606.00	\$0.00	\$13,939.08
Grandview Baptist Church	\$20,768.99	\$20.00	\$1,941.00	\$3,105.00	\$0.00	\$25,834.99
Greater Friendship Baptist Church	\$6,660.18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,660.18
Hillside Baptist Church	\$7,305.20	\$0.00	\$520.00	\$850.00	\$0.00	\$8,675.20
Iglesia Bautista Hispana Sunset Hills	\$407.21	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$407.21
Immanuel Baptist Church	\$795.12	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,421.09	\$0.00	\$3,716.21
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	\$210.00	\$0.00	\$505.00	\$405.00	\$0.00	\$1,120.00
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	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$320.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,020.00
Lighthouse Community Church	\$4,080.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,080.00
Living Water Church	\$349.46	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$349.46
Malamalama Fou Church	\$270.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$420.00
Misc. Contributors-Cash	\$0.00	\$8,487.37	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,637.37
Montana Creek Baptist Church	\$11,086.48	\$0.00	\$426.00	\$327.00	\$0.00	\$11,839.48
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	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00

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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	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$900.00
New Grace Christian Church	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,250.00
New Hope Baptist Church	\$7,278.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$8,278.00
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	\$1,086.72	\$373.55	\$0.00	\$747.13	\$0.00	\$2,207.40
River In The Desert Community Church	\$1,311.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,311.00
Riverside Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Roots Family Church, Kasilof	\$665.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$665.00
Roots Family Church, Soldotna	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Sabbath Peace Fellowship	\$960.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$960.00
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	\$2,568.00	\$831.00	\$554.00	\$554.00	\$0.00	\$4,507.00
Settler's Bay Community Church	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,890.17	\$0.00	\$2,490.17
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	\$4,409.00	\$0.00	\$420.00	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$4,899.00
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$12,010.78	\$0.00	\$3,313.25	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$15,374.03
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	\$2,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,800.00
The Way	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Thorne Bay Baptist Church	\$278.89	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$278.89
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	\$863.80	\$0.00	\$230.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,093.80
University Baptist Church, Anchorage	\$2,072.03	\$0.00	\$1,661.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,733.03
University Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$5,891.00	\$0.00	\$4,495.00	\$3,928.80	\$0.00	\$14,314.80
Valley View Baptist Church	\$3,600.00	\$0.00	\$570.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,170.00
Wasilla Korean Baptist Church	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Whittier Christian Community Church	\$633.48	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$733.48
	<b>\$359,271.37</b>	<b>\$12,505.45</b>	<b>\$74,565.19</b>	<b>\$107,849.66</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>	<b>\$554,491.67</b>
	<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 July 31, 2017	\$55.00	\$7,732.50	\$8,221.50	\$6,554.00	\$3,055.00	<b>\$25,618.00</b>
						<b>\$580,109.67</b>

### 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>July</b>				
Receipts	\$53,616.28		\$51,041.95	
CP Goal	57,628.80		57,531.16	
Variance	(4,012.52)	-6.96%	(6,489.21)	-11.28%
<b>Year-to-Date</b>				
Receipts	\$359,271.37		\$377,480.82	
CP Goal	403,401.60		402,718.12	
Variance	(44,130.23)	-10.94%	(25,237.30)	-6.27%

## Welcome

Bill Lightner

Bodenburg Butte Baptist Church, Palmer

Mark (Angie) Fontecchio

Pioneer Baptist Church, Wasilla

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



**100%**  
of your gift

*Helps Someone  
in Need*

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

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

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

# Impact ALASKA

## HIGHWAYS AND *Hedges*

"GO OUT TO THE HIGHWAYS AND HEDGES AND COMPEL  
PEOPLE TO COME IN, THAT MY HOUSE MAY BE FILLED."  
LUKE 14:23

**Monday, September 25, 2017 • 7:00 p.m.**

Ted Ferry Civic Center, Ketchikan  
finger food fellowship to follow

## By All Means

### **WMU Annual Meeting • Tuesday, September 26** *at Ted Ferry Civic Center*

- 9:00 a.m. Registration  
9:30 Welcome  
Greetings from national WMU  
Worship in Song  
Responsive Reading  
Prayer Calendar  
International Mission Board  
BUSINESS SESSION  
Worship in Song  
Project HELP: PTSD  
How WMU Impacted My Life  
Closing Song  
Prayer  
12:00 p.m. Adjourn to Lunch

***Lunch will be served at the Ted Ferry Civic Center.***

**Pastors Conference  
Tuesday, September 26  
Cape Fox Lodge  
9:00 a.m. - Noon**

**Lunch will be served at the Ted Ferry Civic Center**

**The following meals will be provided  
at the Ted Ferry Civic Center  
during the annual meeting:**

**Monday, 9:00 p.m., finger food fellowship  
Tuesday, noon, lunch  
Tuesday, 4:30 p.m., supper  
Wednesday, 8:00 a.m., continental breakfast**

**All other meals are your responsibility.  
There is a restaurant at the  
Cape Fox Lodge.**

**Tuesday afternoon, September 26, 2017**

1:00 Registration  
 2:00 Welcome from host church  
 Scripture and Prayer  
 Adoption of Program  
 Seating of Messengers  
 Executive Director/Treasurer Report  
 Evangelism and Church Development Report  
 Missions and Church Planting Report  
 Presentation and adoption of 2018 budget  
 Birchwood Behavioral Health Report  
 Alaska Baptist Foundation Report  
 WMU Report  
 Committee On Boards Report  
 Committee On Committees Report  
 Time, Place, Preacher Committee Report  
 Nominations:  
 President  
 Vice Presidents  
 Recording Secretary  
 Announcements and adjournment  
 4:10 Prayer/Benediction

**Tuesday evening, September 26, 2017**

6:00 Worship through Music  
 Scripture and Prayer  
 Updated Credentials Committee Report  
 Balloting  
 Introduction of New Personnel to the state  
 Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist  
 Convention Report  
 Prayer for the SBC  
 Worship through Music  
 North American Mission Board (NAMB) Report  
 Prayer for NAMB  
 Presentation from IMB Missionaries  
 Prayer for Missionaries  
 Worship through Music  
 President's Message  
 8:00 Benediction

**Wednesday morning, September 27, 2017**

9:00 Worship through Music  
 Scripture and Prayer  
 Election Results (Reballoting if necessary)  
 State Mission Emphasis  
 Valeria Sherard State Mission Offering  
 Worship through Music  
 Wayland Baptist University Report  
 Greetings from LifeWay  
 Installation of New Officers

Worship through Music  
 Annual Sermon  
 Announcements and adjournment

10:40 Benediction

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**Program Personnel**

Anderson, Jeff, Dr.	Professor of Religion, Wayland Baptist University, Anchorage Campus
Bearce, Gary	Chair, Committee On Boards, ABC; member, CrossCountry Church, Wasilla
Bearce, Shirley	Chair, Credentials Committee, ABC; member, CrossCountry Church, Wasilla
Boney, Cindy	member, Time, Place, Preacher Committee, ABC; member, First Baptist Church, North Pole
Clayton, Ashley	Vice President for Cooperative Program and Stewardship Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention
Covington, Randy, Dr.	Executive Director/Treasurer, Alaska Baptist Convention
Curtis, Rick	Regional Mobilizer for the Western States, North American Mission Board
Edwards, Ben	member, First Baptist Church, Ketchikan
Edwards, Doug	pastor, First Baptist Church, Ketchikan
Jackson, Kim, Dr.	Executive Director, Birchwood Behavioral Health
Jones, Eric	First Vice President, ABC; pastor, New Birth Christian Church, Fairbanks
Lee, Jea One	pastor, First Korean Baptist Church
Long, Adam	Foundation Coordination Director, Alaska Baptist Foundation
Mateo, Rhys	pastor, Ketchikan Filipino Church
McKee, Jae	Interim Director of Church Planting and Missions, ABC
Mills, Gordon, Dr.	chair, Finance Committee, ABC; pastor, Glacier Valley Baptist Church, Juneau
Myers, Bryan	President, ABC; pastor, Faith Baptist Church, Fairbanks
Procter, Mike, Dr.	pastor, The Church @ Commodore Park
Rowell, Bruce	chair, Committee On Committees, ABC; pastor, First Baptist Church, Palmer
Schwegle, Cody	pastor, Anchor Baptist Church, Craig
Shannon, Don	pastor, Sunset Hills Baptist Church, Anchorage
Simmons, Tracy	Second Vice President, ABC; pastor, Christ Community Church, Anchorage
Stewart Jimmy	Director of Evangelism and Church Development, ABC
Swartz, James W., C.	LifeWay Christian Resources Representative International Mission Board personnel
W., J	International Mission Board personnel
Zach, Judy	President, Alaska Women's Missionary Union; member, University Baptist Church, Fairbanks

# MILEPOST MOMENTS

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

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	Date+Time	<b>September 25-27, 2017</b>		Name
	Type	<b>Messenger</b>	Payment Status	<b>Free Order</b>
	Location	<b>First Baptist Church 1905 First Avenue, Ketchikan, AK 99901</b>		
	Order Info			

**Messengers:  
Bring your paper or  
electronic ticket  
to avoid  
long lines!**

## Alaska Baptist Convention

During office hours, the ABC staff is ministering to the construction workers on O'Malley Road by providing a rest area and refreshments, including homemade cookies, and a list of area churches for those who may not have a church home.



## Vacation Bible School reports

Don't forget to file your VBS report at [SBC Workspace](#). If you have questions, contact [Betsy](#) at the ABC office.

## The Church @ Commodore Park, Anchorage

Michael Bunton, pastor of Greater Friendship Baptist Church, presented a mini-concert for members on July 30.

## Frontier Southern Baptist Church, Kodiak

FBC ordained Mark Overbeek as associate pastor. Mark's father, Ron Overbeek, was on the ordination council. Gary Elmore is pastor.

## University Baptist Church, Fairbanks

The college/career group will have their annual Chena Hot Springs day trip and barbeque on September 23. The second

UBC ministry banquet, sponsored by the nominating team, will be September 24.

## New Birth Christian Church, Fairbanks



June 23-25, NBCC held their annual Birch Lake Outreach, at which there were 30 in attendance. During the event, they baptized one and had a child dedication. The church also hosted their third annual Gift of Giving block party on August 5 at Woodriver Elementary School. Prior to the event, members prayerwalked

through the community and invited people to attend. Church members gave away 50 drawstring bags of school supplies and a community member donated and cooked for the event. Eric Jones is pastor.



## Sand Point Chapel

Sunday, August 6, Austin Roof officiated baptisms for two new believers. Scott Morgan is pastor.

# HIGHWAYS AND *Hedges*

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PEOPLE TO COME IN, THAT MY HOUSE MAY BE FILLED."  
LUKE 14:23



**2017 VALERIA SHERARD STATE MISSION OFFERING**

**GOAL: \$90,000**



**LEAD LIKE JESUS**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL TRAINING

**Saturday, November 11, 9:00 a.m. - Noon in Fairbanks**

**Monday, November 13, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the Valley**

**Tuesday, November 14, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. in Anchorage**

*The first (20) participants at each location are guaranteed the "Lead Like Jesus" workbook.  
Childcare is not available and no meal will be served.*

*Become a leader of influence.*



Facilitated by the Bible Teachers/Leadership Resource Group from the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio.  
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**Randy Covington**  
*Executive Director*



**Jimmy Stewart**  
*Director of Evangelism*

## Highways and Hedges

As the season for promoting the Valeria Sherard State Mission Offering approaches, I am excited to share some of the stories that give evidence of the powerful movement of God in some very difficult places. The Alaska Baptist Convention has created a DVD that will introduce you to people like Jeff Sulfridge, Scott Thompson, and Josh Williamson serving in unique settings that are impacting the Kingdom in astounding ways. Our theme this year is built upon the command found in Luke 14:23 where the Master says, “Go out into the **highways and hedges** and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled.” This imperative statement answers four questions: what, where, who and why.

### What? GO OUT . . . COMPEL THEM

The call of the Master is to move out from the comfort of the places where we live, to engage people who are lost and dying in their sin. These are people with whom the Master longs to share His glory. Unfortunately, most of them don’t understand the importance of the invitation. We must compel them to consider the value of accepting the Master’s solicitation. The eternal significance of the message demands a compelling invitation.

### Where? HIGHWAYS and HEDGES

The servants thought they had exhausted all the places where people might be found and invited. Not only was their selection limited, but their reach was restricted. Sometimes, we take the lazy route and only go to the places that we can reach easily: the highways. The truth is that there are so many people in the hedges and beyond that are physically and mentally hard to reach. That is where we must go!

### Who? PEOPLE

The context of the passage in Luke 14 reveals that Jesus was teaching a group of religious leaders through a parable about a wedding feast. The subject of the sentence was implied: You and me; servants in the household. However, the object of the action is ALL PEOPLE; lost people, needy people, uninformed people, antagonistic people, people who are precious in His sight!

### Why? THAT MY HOUSE MAY BE FILLED

There’s room for all in the Father’s house. His greatest desire is to have a full house. What will be your response to the Father’s call to go into the highways and hedges?

If your church finds itself in a position where your average congregant is 60 years of age or older, your church may be in serious trouble. If there are no young people with children in your church, and the nursery is now more of a closet, we need to talk. It may be difficult to attract and engage this younger generation, referred to as Millennials (born 1981-1997\*), and it has nothing to do with loud music and smoke machines. Many of our church programs are not relevant to a generation that doesn’t have middle school children in their homes. So what gets their attention? As one pastor wrote, “Young adults in this congregation have found a place that’s decidedly different from any other aspect of their life. In other words, the church is offering something they can’t get anywhere else.” This means our churches can be true to themselves and have an environment in which young people want to be a part. According to one college campus evangelist, Millennials are: globally conscious, socially concerned, civically active, committed to the environment and spiritually hungry. They assume their communities will be multiethnic, and seek partnerships to serve society. The gospel and the Kingdom of God speak to those grounded in the Bible. How does your church address these concerns involving the talent and input of this younger generation? If you don’t have any younger members, I suggest you partner with a local school to address their many needs. You can find ways to engage this younger generation, but it may not start with an invitation to church. After you become a part of their community, they may become a part of yours. One writer put it this way, “The truth is that people of all generations come to church on the arm of a trusted friend. So why isn’t the church reaching Millennials? I think the answer is actually simple, but rarely discussed. Christian Millennials largely do not have relationships with non-believers.” I’d love to discuss ways your church can reach out to the Millennials in your community. Contact me at [jimmy@alaskabaptistconvention.com](mailto:jimmy@alaskabaptistconvention.com) or 907.301.7923. Let’s let Christ shine through us.

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## 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 logo features the letters 'ACP' in a bold, lime green font. The letters are positioned on a white rectangular background that is styled to look like a document with a folded top-right corner. This white shape is set against a dark grey background that has a faint, misty image of a mountain range.

# ANNUAL CHURCH PROFILE

**L**abor Day weekend sends a clear signal that summertime is almost over. Fireweed blossoms reach the top of the stalk, and it's the last chance to take a final few days off before the fall church schedule begins. It means back-to-school and cooler weather. It's also the time of year when every Alaska Baptist church or mission is asked to complete an **Annual Church Profile (ACP)**.

The ACP is a statistical report churches voluntarily submit to the Southern Baptist Convention. There is some evidence that many consider the ACP to be as unappealing as their yearly federal income tax form. The "greatest challenge the ACP faces is keeping the response rate as high as possible each year." The reported numbers provide an annual snapshot of the impact Southern Baptists are making through their local churches in reaching their communities with the gospel. The ACP tracks trends in baptisms, church membership, worship attendance, and so much more. One obstacle for church participation in the yearly profile could be the perception it is meaningless. But the ACP is important for several reasons.

**First**, the ACP gives pastors an annual "report card" by which they can gauge the effectiveness of church programs, and make adjustments as necessary. Things tracked in the ACP should be part of the picture that church leaders consider when they are looking at the health of their church.

**Second**, the ACP establishes a record to help a new pastor and staff get up to speed quickly about church priorities, key moments in the church's history, as well as challenges the church might be facing.

**Third**, ACP data is used to determine how many messengers a local church may send to the annual meeting.

**Fourth**, the ACP establishes a system of accountability and gives credibility to financial institutions when the church may need to borrow money for construction.

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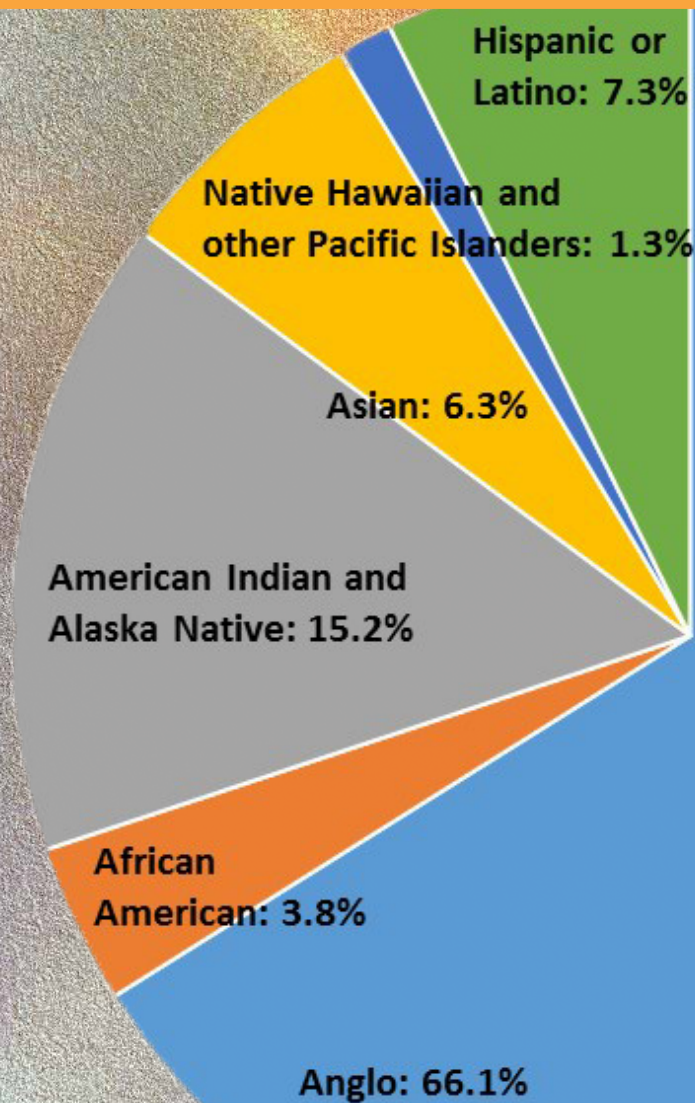
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The data collected through the ACP is more than just numbers; it represents people and the lives and communities transformed with the gospel.

Please take a few minutes to fill out your ACP, which is due November 15. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact [Debra Long](#) in the ABC office, 907.344.9627, 800.883.9627.

<http://www.sbclife.net/Articles/2014/06/sla13>  
<https://brnow.org/News/September-2015/Annual-Church-Profile-Numbers-matter>  
<http://www.bpnews.net/43402/acp-accurate-helps-churches-leaders-say>

# MAKING DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS



## CELEBRATING THOSE IN OUR MISSION FIELD BEING REACHED THROUGH ABC CHURCHES

What an exciting mission field the Lord has given us. May we strive to be faithful witnesses for Christ to the ends of the earth, but may we also be faithful witnesses as the ends-of-the-earth come right here to our region.

## NATIONALITIES FOUND IN ALASKA:

Albanian	Dutch	Japanese	Norwegian	Somali
Aleut	English	Kachin	Nuer	Spanish
Amharic	Fante	Khmer Cambodian	Owan	Swedish
Arabic	Fijian	Kinyarwanda	Palau	Tamil
Armenian	Filipino	Kiswahili	Pashto	Telugu
Athabascan	Finnish	Korean	Patois	Thai
Bengali	French	Kosraean	Persian	Tlingit
Bulgarian	Georgian	Lao	Pidgin	Tongan
Burmese	German	Lithuanian	Pohnpeian	Triqui
Cambodian	Greek	Macedonian	Polish	Trukese
Cantonese	Hawaiian	Malayalam	Portuguese	Turkish
Chamorro Guam	Hebrew	Mandarin	Punjabi	Twi
Chichewa	Hindi	Mandinka	Romanian	Ukrainian
Chinese	Hmong	Mano	Russian	Urdu
Creole	Hungarian	Marathi	Samoan	Vietnamese
Cupik	Ibo	Marshallese	Serbo Croatian	Wolof
Czech	Icelandic	Mbu	Siberian Yupik	Yapese
Danish	Indonesian	Mien	Sign	Yupik
Denaina	Inupiaq	Navajo	Sinhalese	Zuni
Dinka	Italian	Nepali	Slovak	

Is the crib in the  
nursery *really* safe?

Check it out at

[Safety Inspections for Church Nurseries](#)

## Reasons they will come

In a survey by LifeWay Research of 2,000 Americans who do not attend church, several events were identified that may draw non-church attendees to participate in church-sponsored activities.

**62%** Meeting about neighborhood safety

**51%** Community service event

**46%** Sports or exercise program

**45%** Neighborhood get-together


**35%** Worship service

**25%** Recovery group

**24%** Seminar on a spiritual topic

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2017

# SEE YOU AT THE POLE



**FIX OUR EYES**  
LET US FIX OUR EYES ON JESUS.  
HEBREWS 12:2

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GLOBAL WEEK OF STUDENT PRAYER // SEPTEMBER 24 - 30

Source: Christianity Today, September 2016  
Printed in OnMission magazine, Spring 2017 issue

# LABOR OF Love

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

**2000 Club • Third Quarter 2017**

**\$6554**  
has been  
received for  
3Q 2017\*  
\*as of 7/31/17

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

### 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 Alaska Baptist Convention  
27 See You At The Pole

### October

17 CBA annual meeting  
21 TVBA annual meeting  
28 HPBA annual meeting

### November

2 ABF Trustee meeting  
6 Baptist Women World Day of Prayer  
6-7 ABC Board meeting  
11 Lead Like Jesus Sunday school training, Fairbanks  
13 Lead Like Jesus Sunday school training, Valley  
14 Lead Like Jesus Sunday school training, Anchorage  
15 Annual Church Profiles due  
23-24 ABC and ABF office closed for Thanksgiving

Because of  
your congregation's  
Cooperative Program giving  
through the  
Alaska Baptist Convention,  
in July 2017  
**\$35,365.30**  
**remained in Alaska**  
for  
missions and ministries.