



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.
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January - August 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
Aquilla Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Big Lake Baptist Church	\$5,371.45	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$4,124.00	\$0.00	\$10,495.45
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	\$33,821.11	\$0.00	\$3,956.00	\$9,827.00	\$0.00	\$47,604.11
Comm Baptist Church, Coffman Cove	\$3,508.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$176.00	\$0.00	\$3,684.25
Community Baptist Church, Nome	\$537.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$537.50
Cross Roads Baptist Church	\$9,155.00	\$0.00	\$1,687.81	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$11,092.81
CrossCountry Church	\$1,650.00	\$0.00	\$22.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$1,872.00
Dillingham Bible Fellowship	\$6,093.59	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$6,893.59
Eagle River Korean Baptist Church	\$450.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$650.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church	\$1,946.27	\$0.00	\$550.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,496.27
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	\$14,981.73	\$0.00	\$2,540.00	\$574.00	\$0.00	\$18,095.73
First Baptist Church, Eagle River	\$17,845.60	\$800.00	\$2,762.00	\$2,678.00	\$140.00	\$24,225.60
First Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$5,928.31	\$0.00	\$1,515.50	\$2,090.00	\$0.00	\$9,533.81
First Baptist Church, North Pole	\$19,457.00	\$0.00	\$1,410.00	\$3,611.00	\$0.00	\$24,478.00
First Baptist Church, Delta Junction	\$39,233.21	\$25.00	\$11,884.49	\$16,376.24	\$0.00	\$67,518.94
First Baptist Church, Juneau	\$6,979.86	\$210.00	\$2,500.00	\$742.00	\$0.00	\$10,431.86
First Baptist Church, Kenai	\$5,643.00	\$50.00	\$1,160.50	\$1,584.50	\$0.00	\$8,438.00
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	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$1,534.96	\$1,677.00	\$0.00	\$3,711.96
First Baptist Church, Petersburg	\$5,857.99	\$0.00	\$1,283.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,140.99
First Baptist Church, Sitka	\$6,997.71	\$0.00	\$900.00	\$1,216.00	\$0.00	\$9,113.71
First Baptist Church, Soldotna	\$3,998.00	\$770.00	\$732.50	\$930.00	\$0.00	\$6,430.50
First Baptist Church, Valdez	\$14,209.54	\$0.00	\$3,340.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$17,549.54
First Baptist Church, Wasilla	\$8,468.23	\$0.00	\$1,941.30	\$5,037.50	\$0.00	\$15,447.03
First Baptist Church, Willow	\$3,129.09	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$4,294.00	\$0.00	\$7,573.09
First Hmong Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Korean Baptist Church	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$468.00	\$0.00	\$1,668.00
First Native Baptist Church	\$1,436.00	\$39.60	\$0.00	\$1,005.01	\$0.00	\$2,480.61
Friendship Baptist Mission	\$1,647.24	\$0.00	\$1,050.00	\$1,110.00	\$0.00	\$3,807.24
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 Native Church	\$200.76	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.76
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	\$11,531.72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,606.00	\$0.00	\$15,137.72
Grandview Baptist Church	\$23,550.05	\$55.00	\$1,941.00	\$3,105.00	\$0.00	\$28,651.05
Greater Friendship Baptist Church	\$7,595.54	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,595.54
Hillside Baptist Church	\$8,480.40	\$0.00	\$520.00	\$850.00	\$0.00	\$9,850.40
Iglesia Bautista Hispana Sunset Hills	\$477.61	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$477.61
Immanuel Baptist Church	\$930.68	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,553.19	\$0.00	\$3,983.87
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	\$240.00	\$0.00	\$505.00	\$405.00	\$0.00	\$1,150.00
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	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$320.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,120.00
Lighthouse Community Church	\$4,835.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,835.00
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	\$3,207.23	\$0.00	\$872.00	\$1,307.00	\$0.00	\$5,386.23
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	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$350.00

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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	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
New Grace Christian Church	\$1,900.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,900.00
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	\$1,479.56	\$508.59	\$0.00	\$1,017.21	\$0.00	\$3,005.36
River In The Desert Community Church	\$1,456.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,456.00
Riverside Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Roots Family Church, Kasilof	\$760.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$760.00
Roots Family Church, Soldotna	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Sabbath Peace Fellowship	\$1,080.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,080.00
Salcha Baptist Church	\$4,681.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,620.00	\$0.00	\$9,301.10
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	\$1,761.31	\$0.00	\$937.60	\$870.00	\$0.00	\$3,568.91
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	\$5,024.80	\$0.00	\$420.00	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$5,514.80
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$14,395.29	\$0.00	\$3,313.25	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$17,758.54
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	\$3,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,200.00
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	\$9,080.47	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$11,500.00	\$0.00	\$22,580.47
True North Church Girdwood	\$1,897.06	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$3,897.06
UBC-Chinese Fellowship	\$977.90	\$0.00	\$230.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,207.90
University Baptist Church, Anchorage	\$2,407.63	\$0.00	\$1,661.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,068.63
University Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$7,936.00	\$0.00	\$4,505.00	\$3,928.80	\$0.00	\$16,369.80
Valley View Baptist Church	\$3,600.00	\$0.00	\$570.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,170.00
Wasilla Korean Baptist Church	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,100.00
Whittier Christian Community Church	\$633.48	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$733.48

\$414,960.41 \$12,940.49 \$74,926.26 \$110,726.91 \$300.00 \$613,854.07

2000 Club receipts as of August 31, 2017 1Q 2017 2Q 2017 3Q 2017 4Q 2017 \$26,053.00

\$639,907.07

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

August

Receipts	\$55,689.04		\$68,693.50	
CP Goal	57,628.80		57,531.16	
Variance	(1,939.76)	-3.37%	11,162.34	19.40%

Year-to-Date


Receipts	\$414,960.41		\$446,174.32	
CP Goal	461,030.40		460,249.28	
Variance	(46,069.99)	-9.99%	(14,074.96)	-3.06%

Welcome!

*Jacob (Elizabeth) Whitaker
Unalaska Reformed Church
Brad (Sue) Whitworth
Muldoon Road Baptist Church*

**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
Solid Rock Baptist Church, Anchorage
Thorne Bay Baptist Church




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*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.
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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 Mike Hatter, who passed away on August 28 in Lexington, KY. Mike was a former pastor of North Tongass Baptist Church in Ward Cove. The online obituary can be viewed [here](#), with an opportunity to sign the guestbook.

Condolences

Our condolences to Betsy and Dan Shilling, and the Holley family, at the passing of Betsy's mother, Marye Holley on August 21 in Colorado Springs, Colorado. She is survived by her husband Dale, former pastor of University Baptist Church in Fairbanks (1981-1990) and three children, Tom, Rachel and Betsy.

Alaska Baptist Convention

Road construction on O'Malley Road has been ongoing all summer. Convention office staff has taken this opportunity to be light-and-salt to these construction workers. In addition to providing water, snacks, homemade baked goods and a quiet place to rest, staff served grilled burgers and lunch to over 30 workers on August 31. Many conversations have resulted, allowing the ABC staff to share why we do what we do.



Welcome to the Family!

The Alaska Baptist Convention wants to extend a warm welcome to Unalaska Reformed Church to our cooperating fellowship of Alaska churches. Jacob Whitaker is the pastor of this new church plant that was started in December 2016. To learn more about the church, please visit their [website](#)

Laverne Griffin Youth Recreation Camp

Walter Chastain, director at Laverne Griffin Youth Recreation Camp, got a blue ribbon for the biggest rutabaga at the 2017 Alaska State Fair.



The Church @ Commodore Park, Anchorage

The praise and worship team from Filipino Bible Church presented a concert for members of The Church @ Commodore Park on August 27. Val Natcher is pastor of Filipino Bible Church.



Christ Community Church, Anchorage

Jerry Davidson, church plant pastor of Frontier Native Church in Anchorage, was ordained to the gospel ministry at Christ Community Church (C3AK) on Sunday, August 27. C3AK is the sponsoring church for the church plant where Tracy Simmons is pastor. Pictured (l to r), Randy Covington, Jerry Davidson, Tracy Simmons.



Tanana Valley Baptist Association

On August 26, WMU ladies of the TVBA gathered at Moose Creek Baptist Church to sew dresses, boy's shorts, and additional items for Operation Christmas Child and other ministries. Five area churches were represented.

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.

Muldoon Road Baptist Church, Anchorage

October 27-28, MRBC will host a Disaster Relief Training. Special guests are Eddie Blackburn, North American Mission Board and Dennis Belz, Disaster Relief Coordinator from the Colorado Baptist General Convention. Call or text Gary Bearce for additional information, 907.982.0133.

University Baptist Church, Fairbanks

The college/career group at UBC are busy with hockey games, lunches, a bonfire and hotdog roast. They have Monday Bible study on campus. The church will host their Fall Festival at the end of the month.



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winter youth conference

october 27-28

first baptist church, north pole

featured speaker **Tim Cain**, pastor and author

friday: 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. • saturday: 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

\$15 admission includes a t-shirt (if registered by october 2) and Saturday lunch

Contact Julie at FBC North Pole, 907.488.2240, jwatsonfbc@gmail.com

50th anniversary

Frontier Southern Baptist Church in Kodiak celebrated its **50th anniversary** on Sunday, September 17. The church was organized in 1967 with the assistance of the Alaska Baptist Convention (ABC). Dr. E. W. Hunke, Executive Director of the ABC, served as the first interim pastor.



Participants of the anniversary celebration signed portions of a wooden cross which will hang in the sanctuary.

Five pastors have served the church in its 50-year history: Ray Hustead, Dan Swafford, Gene Lueders, Jack Hulsey, and Gary Elmore. Doug Edwards, of First Baptist Church in Ketchikan also served two years as interim pastor. A community-wide service gave members and friends from the community an opportunity to share testimonies of how God has blessed Kodiak through the ministry of this local church. Dr. Covington, Executive Director, ABC, shared about the unique partnership that has existed between the ABC and Frontier for the past 50 years. This celebration will also bring to a close the pastorate of Gary Elmore as he and Candy will be moving from the state of Alaska into retirement in Tennessee. Mark Overbeek (wife Heather) will be serving as interim pastor beginning October 1, 2017.



pictured l to r: Mark and Heather Overbeek, Gary and Candy Elmore.



Table of memorabilia spanning 50 years of history of Frontier Southern Baptist Church, Kodiak.



Randy Covington,
Executive Director

Longing to See, Longing to Hear

“The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest;” (Luke 10:2) When Jesus sent out these workers, He knew the difficulties they would encounter, but He also knew the victories they would observe firsthand. Verse 17 says they returned with joy having seen the power of God displayed in the human efforts of obedient servants. After offering praise to the Heavenly Father, he says to them, “Blessed are the eyes that see the things you see!” (vs 23)

Can there be any greater calling than to see the power of God revealed in the lives of those transformed by His message? Can there be anything greater than hearing of the salvation of a tormented, lost soul? It is a calling worthy of our lives. The questions that should motivate each of us are, “What am I longing to see and longing to hear?” What is the vision that God has given me in my place of service?

These are the things that I long to see happen in Alaska:

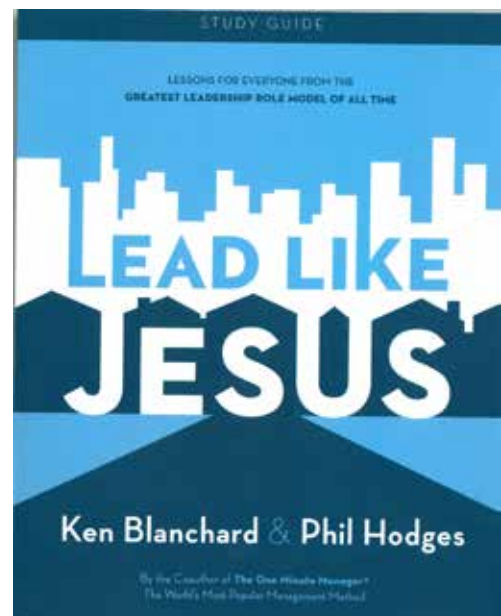
- **I long to see** a powerful movement of the Holy Spirit in our churches resulting in the salvation of souls;
- **I long to hear** that church buildings are overflowing with those who are passionately serving the Lord;
- **I long to see** churches full of seekers who want to meet the Savior who died for them on the cross;
- **I long to hear** about new churches being established in villages where the gospel has yet to penetrate the darkness in that community;
- **I long to see** young men and women in our churches disciplined and stepping into roles of leadership in their faith community;
- **I long to hear** of Alaska natives who have a passion for taking the gospel from their own village to surrounding villages;
- **I long to see** hearts broken over lostness around the world compelling them to live out their calling with a missional mindset;
- **I long to hear** of churches that recognize the advantage of cooperative effort in ministering, evangelizing, giving and going.

I have no doubt God has even greater things in store for those who labor faithfully in the harvest field. May each of you experience the blessing of His work in your lives and ministries.



Jimmy Stewart,
Director of Evangelism

Do you think our small group and Bible study leaders need a change of heart? If a teacher sees their position as a task, something for which they were nominated or another item on the “to do” list, they will miss their mission. Pastors, do your teachers see their roles in ministry to be as important as yours? Are they passionate about teaching? Whether leading in the nursery, a home group or teaching youth, their opportunity to “Lead Like Jesus” is the same. In November, we are taking a different approach to our usual Bible study leadership training. No matter what approach you use in your church – small groups or traditional Sunday school – I implore you to get all of your teachers and leaders to our leadership training, November 11 (Fairbanks), November 13 (the Valley) and November 14 (Anchorage). The heart of leaders will be impacted by this training. If they teach preschoolers and children in a separate area during worship, they are included. If they lead a small group, they are included. Pastors and leadership teams are included. The Bible Teachers/Leadership Resource Group from the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio will facilitate the training, first with an introductory session on the book “Lead Like Jesus” (provided). Then, age-graded leaders will guide a discussion on how these principles apply to the different age groups – preschool, children, youth, adults and pastor/leaders. This training will be beneficial and the hearts of many leaders will be changed. Please encourage your teachers and leaders to attend the training in their area.





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Getting social

For over a decade, social media has played a vital role in North American culture. On average, U.S. adults spend about 10 hours and 39 minutes a day consuming social media. Percentage of U.S. Internet users who access social networks weekly:

70% Facebook
(36% between the ages of 18-34)

32% Instagram
(46% between the ages of 18-34)

30% Twitter
(40% between the ages of 18-34)

25% Snapchat
(53% between the ages of 18-34)

25% Pinterest
(38% between the ages of 18-34)

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What is the Cooperative Program?

The Cooperative Program is Southern Baptists' unified plan of giving through which cooperating Southern Baptist churches give a percentage of their undesignated receipts in support of their respective state convention and the Southern Baptist Convention missions and ministries.

History of the Cooperative Program?

Since its inception in 1845, the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) has always had one mission —the Great Commission (Matt. 28:19-20). To fulfill its assigned part of this divine mandate, each SBC entity made special offering appeals to the churches. This method was referred to as the “societal” approach to missions and resulted in severe financial deficits.

In 1919, the leaders of the SBC proposed the 75 Million Campaign, a five-year pledge campaign that, for the first time, included everything - the missions and ministries of all the state conventions as well as that of the Southern Baptist Convention. Though falling short of its goals, a God-given partnership of missions support was conceived - The Cooperative Program. Since its launch in 1925, the effectiveness of the Cooperative Program has been dependent upon individuals, churches, state conventions, and SBC entities cooperating, working toward a common goal of sharing the gospel with every person on the planet.

Why embrace the Cooperative Program?

- It presents a unified and comprehensive budget, throwing a funding blanket over statewide, national and international missions and ministries.
- It provides a long-term sustainability for our entities. When a church makes their missions giving as a percentage of their church budgets, it provide consistency and stability.
- It adheres to our long term Baptist principle that “we can do more together than alone.”
- The Cooperative Program mitigates competition between entities thereby allowing a balanced Acts 1:8 Strategy.
- It levels the playing field, and makes a place at the table for small and ethnic churches. Every church can stand hand in hand, shoulder to shoulder, on level ground, as partners in the gospel (large churches, small churches, new churches, growing churches, graying churches, and ethnic churches).

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Building a *Legacy*

one latte at a time

Building a financial legacy can be challenging. Statistics vary, but estimates indicate the average American has approximately \$95,000 in total savings. Individuals approaching retirement average \$160,000-\$170,000 in total savings.

Many factors contribute to these anemic numbers but the fundamental reason is that saving money is a low priority. Long-range goals, like retirement and estate legacy planning, are easily overlooked.

If you start early enough, it will be easier to achieve your goal of estate legacy planning. As Christians, we are God's stewards and should be motivated to provide for our families and for continuing the Lord's work.

Take, for example, a latte, which costs about four dollars a day, or \$20 during an average work week. This cost might seem insignificant -- about \$852 annually (based on an average US worker at just over 1,700 hours or 213 days a year). If a 25-year-old were to take that \$852 and invest it for 40 years at an average rate of

return of 7 percent, it would result in approximately \$170,000. That's almost double the current average, and at the higher end of the average for current pre-retirement savings.

How much are you willing to sacrifice now to gain in the future? The Christian life is similar. Temporal sacrifice is exchanged for eternal reward. Financial and spiritual health are connected. The process to begin either is simple, but the discipline to maintain them can be difficult. Let the Alaska Baptist Foundation help you. Contact adam@alaskabaptistfoundation.com.

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'Trust and verify'

Churches can help prevent mishandling of money

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Jim Swedenburg can't remember the last time a month went by that he didn't hear at least one report of an Alabama Baptist church dealing with a significant misappropriation of money.

"And if we're hearing about one, there's probably nine others we aren't hearing about because they are handled locally," said Swedenburg, director of the office of Cooperative Program and stewardship development for the Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions.

Recent survey

LifeWay Research backs up his sentiment — according to a new survey, about 1 in 10 Protestant churches nationally has had someone embezzle funds. A smaller study done in Kansas and Missouri five years ago found similar data — 13.4 percent of churches had seen embezzlement or another type of fraud happen.

"It absolutely is more common than churches think," Swedenburg said.

Mishandling of money can range from major embezzlement to a clerical error that sends money to the wrong place, he said.

"I doubt that there's any churches in our state that haven't had some money mis-

handled, they just don't know about it," Swedenburg said. "It could be individuals taking up money for events, or money used in youth activities — there are so many different things that can happen."

Churches want to assume that they can trust, and it's important to find people they trust, he said. "But we also hold people accountable. I use a quote from Ronald Reagan often — he used to say 'trust and verify.'"

The best practice to verify that money is being held correctly is to separate duties, Swedenburg said — don't have the same person doing all of the steps.

The same person who writes the check shouldn't be the one who signs it, and the person who signs it shouldn't be the one who sends it, he said.

At the same time, "always have two people looking at each step in the process," he said. "The main thing is you never want to have money be handled by one single person. There should always be two people in the loop with each step."

Churches also should have an audit done each year, Swedenburg said, though he noted that it can be expensive to have an external audit.

"It's pretty expensive, so many try to alternate and have an internal audit for two years and an external one every third

year," he said. "The most important thing is to do it — there is a very high percentage of our churches who have never had an audit."

According to the LifeWay study, 34 percent of pastors say their church's most recent audit was more than five years ago, that their church has never had an audit or that they don't know when their last church audit was.

At the very least, churches should do an audit of their controls to see how their money is being handled, Swedenburg said. "If you do that, you can pick up on some of the danger signs that leave you vulnerable to something bad happening."

One key step churches can take in this audit is to run credit checks on anyone who handles money, he said. "If they've got a low credit score, they aren't handling money well in their personal life. It also lets you know that they need money."

Keep a paper trail

Other steps? Always keep a paper trail of where money goes and train your financial secretary and your treasurer, he said. Record all gifts and send quarterly contribution statements. Handle accounts and receipts with care.

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First Baptist Church, Soldotna, needs financial assistance to renovate and update their church parsonage in anticipation of the arrival of a new pastor and family. Renovation will include flooring, cabinetry, painting and plumbing.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN — OCT • NOV • DEC —

October

19	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, Fbks
13	Lead Like Jesus Sunday school training, Valley
14	Lead Like Jesus Sunday school training, Anch
15	Annual Church Profiles due
22-23	ABC and ABF office closed for Thanksgiving

December

3-10	Week of Prayer for International Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
21-Jan 1	ABC and ABF office closed for Christmas holidays

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