



Monday, February 5

6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

[\(order your Tuesday "to-go" lunch\)](#)

Tuesday, February 6

9:00 a.m. - Noon

(pick up your preordered "to-go" lunch)

6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday lunch:

choose one of four places to eat your lunch on Tuesday

Rob Zinn will be in the Fellowship Hall at Rabbit Creek (hosted by Jimmy Stewart)

Jason Breland will be in the sanctuary at Rabbit Creek (hosted by Josh Travis).

Stuart Bell will be at 12100 Coffee and Communitas (hosted by Jae McKee)

Mark Edworthy will be at ReMADE (hosted by Randy Covington)

(each location is limited to 40 people)

Featured guests:

Stuart Bell, church planter

Pike Place Baptist Church, Seattle, Washington

Jason Breland, worship pastor

Grace Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tennessee

Dr. Mark Edworthy, European Affinity

Group Strategy Leader

International Mission Board

Dr. Rob Zinn, senior pastor

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January - November 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	\$265.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$265.00
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
Aquillaq Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Big Lake Baptist Church	\$8,056.11	\$1,495.00	\$1,000.00	\$4,124.00	\$0.00	\$14,675.11
Bodenburg Butte Baptist Church	\$3,009.59	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$825.00	\$0.00	\$3,834.59
Calvary Baptist Church	\$4,883.78	\$0.00	\$1,011.00	\$934.00	\$0.00	\$6,828.78
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	\$44,728.81	\$635.00	\$3,956.00	\$9,827.00	\$0.00	\$59,146.81
Comm Baptist Church, Coffman Cove	\$3,801.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$176.00	\$0.00	\$3,977.25
Community Baptist Church, Nome	\$542.32	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$542.32
Cross Roads Baptist Church	\$13,394.00	\$0.00	\$1,687.81	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$15,331.81
CrossCountry Church	\$2,100.00	\$0.00	\$22.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$2,322.00
Dillingham Bible Fellowship	\$8,138.03	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$8,938.03
Eagle River Korean Baptist Church	\$550.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$750.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church	\$2,337.96	\$100.00	\$550.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,987.96
Fairbanks Korean Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fairview Loop Baptist Church	\$24,709.48	\$113.93	\$2,547.14	\$5,335.04	\$0.00	\$32,705.59
Faith Baptist Church	\$7,954.45	\$0.00	\$1,752.00	\$2,655.85	\$160.00	\$12,522.30
Faith Recovery Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Filipino Bible Church	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00
First Baptist Church, Anchorage	\$21,208.92	\$985.00	\$2,540.00	\$574.00	\$0.00	\$25,307.92
First Baptist Church, Eagle River	\$27,562.40	\$920.00	\$2,762.00	\$2,678.00	\$2,106.15	\$36,028.55
First Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$7,226.59	\$870.00	\$1,515.50	\$2,090.00	\$0.00	\$11,702.09
First Baptist Church, North Pole	\$29,561.00	\$700.00	\$1,410.00	\$3,611.00	\$0.00	\$35,282.00
First Baptist Church, Delta Junction	\$53,285.66	\$25.00	\$11,884.49	\$22,211.53	\$0.00	\$87,406.68
First Baptist Church, Juneau	\$8,959.75	\$556.88	\$2,500.00	\$1,162.00	\$0.00	\$13,178.63
First Baptist Church, Kenai	\$7,253.76	\$250.00	\$1,428.96	\$1,852.96	\$0.00	\$10,785.68
First Baptist Church, Ketchikan	\$13,723.39	\$6,039.38	\$2,866.00	\$2,636.00	\$0.00	\$25,264.77
First Baptist Church, Kotzebue	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
First Baptist Church, Palmer	\$2,000.00	\$1,025.00	\$1,534.96	\$1,677.00	\$0.00	\$6,236.96
First Baptist Church, Petersburg	\$9,649.52	\$0.00	\$1,283.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,932.52
First Baptist Church, Sitka	\$9,951.00	\$0.00	\$900.00	\$1,216.00	\$0.00	\$12,067.00
First Baptist Church, Soldotna	\$5,656.00	\$770.00	\$732.50	\$930.00	\$0.00	\$8,088.50
First Baptist Church, Valdez	\$17,412.45	\$2,569.00	\$3,340.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$25,321.45
First Baptist Church, Wasilla	\$11,787.31	\$1,504.10	\$1,941.30	\$5,037.50	\$0.00	\$20,270.21
First Baptist Church, Willow	\$5,337.75	\$1,120.00	\$150.00	\$4,294.00	\$0.00	\$10,901.75
First Hmong Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Korean Baptist Church	\$1,650.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$468.00	\$0.00	\$2,718.00
First Native Baptist Church	\$2,432.00	\$39.60	\$1,020.00	\$1,045.01	\$0.00	\$4,536.61
Friendship Baptist Mission	\$2,340.27	\$1,700.00	\$1,050.00	\$1,110.00	\$370.00	\$6,570.27
Frontier Baptist Church	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Frontier Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Frontier Native Church	\$375.76	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$375.76
Frontier Southern Baptist Church	\$2,072.94	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,072.94
Gilead Ministries	\$874.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$874.00
Glacier Valley Baptist Church	\$13,902.22	\$730.00	\$3,341.00	\$3,606.00	\$0.00	\$21,579.22
Grandview Baptist Church	\$33,815.25	\$1,760.00	\$1,941.00	\$3,130.00	\$0.00	\$40,646.25
Greater Friendship Baptist Church	\$10,870.73	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,870.73
Hillside Baptist Church	\$11,139.99	\$820.00	\$520.00	\$850.00	\$0.00	\$13,329.99
Hoonah Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Iglesia Bautista Hispana Sunset Hills	\$819.04	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$819.04
Immanuel Baptist Church	\$1,267.88	\$1,663.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,553.19	\$0.00	\$5,984.07
Journey Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Juneau Korean Church	\$330.00	\$0.00	\$505.00	\$405.00	\$0.00	\$1,240.00
Kasaan Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ketchikan Filipino Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$650.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$650.00
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 New Central Baptist Church	\$1,100.00	\$0.00	\$320.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,420.00
Lighthouse Community Church	\$5,335.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,335.00
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	\$10,259.37	\$150.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$10,509.37
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	\$5,907.23	\$0.00	\$872.00	\$1,307.00	\$0.00	\$8,086.23
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	\$450.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$450.00
Muldoon Road Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

January - November 2017 Gifts from ABC Churches

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
New Beginnings Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Birth Christian Church	\$1,150.00	\$150.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,700.00
New Grace Christian Church	\$3,100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,100.00
New Hope Baptist Church	\$11,811.00	\$561.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$13,372.00
New Hope Fellowship	\$525.00	\$50.00	\$70.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$695.00
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	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
OnMission Church	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Pathway Discipleship Church	\$240.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$240.00
Pioneer Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Rabbit Creek Church	\$2,085.73	\$716.97	\$0.00	\$1,433.96	\$0.00	\$4,236.66
River In The Desert Community Church	\$1,896.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,896.00
Riverside Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Roots Family Church, Kasilof	\$1,045.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,145.00
Roots Family Church, Soldotna	\$300.00	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$525.00
Sabbath Peace Fellowship	\$1,440.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,440.00
Salcha Baptist Church	\$6,262.65	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,620.00	\$0.00	\$10,882.65
Sand Lake Fellowship	\$228.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$228.75
Sand Point Baptist Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Schrock Road Community Church	\$3,126.00	\$1,026.00	\$684.00	\$684.00	\$0.00	\$5,520.00
Settler's Bay Community Church	\$1,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,290.17	\$0.00	\$6,090.17
Shannon Park Baptist Church	\$2,431.97	\$0.00	\$937.60	\$870.00	\$0.00	\$4,239.57
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	\$6,884.37	\$310.35	\$420.00	\$118.00	\$0.00	\$7,732.72
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$20,330.33	\$3,708.50	\$3,313.25	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$27,402.08
Tenakee Springs Community Church	\$319.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$319.25
The Crossing @ Birchwood	\$4,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,400.00
The Way	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Thorne Bay Baptist Church	\$414.64	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$414.64
Togiak Baptist Mission	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Transitional Ministries	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30.00
True North Church	\$13,954.75	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$11,500.00	\$0.00	\$27,454.75
True North Church Girdwood	\$2,843.74	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$4,843.74
UBC-Chinese Fellowship	\$1,382.61	\$0.00	\$230.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,612.61
University Baptist Church, Anchorage	\$3,822.34	\$580.00	\$1,661.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,063.34
University Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$9,856.00	\$509.00	\$5,020.00	\$4,443.80	\$0.00	\$19,828.80
Valley View Baptist Church	\$4,800.00	\$0.00	\$570.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,370.00
Wasilla Korean Baptist Church	\$1,100.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,400.00
Whittier Christian Community Church	\$912.56	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$1,012.56
	\$582,282.77	\$46,397.08	\$81,000.72	\$121,025.41	\$4,636.15	\$835,342.13
	4Q 2016	1Q 2017	2Q 2017	3Q 2017	4Q 2017	
2000 Club receipts as of Nov 30, 2017	\$55.00	\$7,732.50	\$8,221.50	\$12,639.00	\$13,230.00	\$41,878.00
						\$877,220.13

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	
November				
Receipts	\$69,525.46		\$62,904.94	
CP Goal	57,628.80		57,531.16	
Variance	11,896.66	20.64%	5,373.78	9.34%
Year-to-Date				
Receipts	\$582,282.77		\$611,699.36	
CP Goal	633,916.80		632,842.76	
Variance	(51,634.03)	-8.15%	(21,143.30)	-3.34%

Please Pray for
our Pastorless Churches

Aquilaq Baptist Mission, Ambler
Bodenburg Butte Baptist Church,
Palmer
Chinese Fellowship, Fairbanks
Community Baptist Church,
Coffman Cove
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Juneau
First Baptist Church, Eagle River
First Baptist Church, Petersburg
First Baptist Church, Sitka
First Baptist Church, Soldotna
Hillside Baptist Church, Anchorage
New Hope Baptist Church, Anchorage
North Tongass Baptist Church,
Ward Cove
Riverside Chapel, King Salmon
Shungnak Baptist Mission
Solid Rock Baptist Church, Anchorage



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



Randy Covington, Executive Director

CHALLENGE ALASKA

As we enter a new year with a renewed focus and challenge to reach our state for Jesus Christ, I am reminded of the promise God made to the children of Israel as they were preparing to enter the promised land. God said, ***"I have given you every place where the sole of your foot treads."*** (Joshua 1:3)

There are two actions associated with this promise. The first action is intended for us! If we don't go to the places where God is leading (boots on the ground), we will never realize His promise of possessing the land. That makes it a conditional promise dependent upon us and we know that God is faithful in fulfilling His promises.

As Alaska Baptists, we have the privilege and responsibility to engage our culture with the transforming power of forgiveness and regeneration. The most effective way of doing that is with one sacred effort, cooperating together as the body of Christ. We have identified 77 villages with no gospel presence.

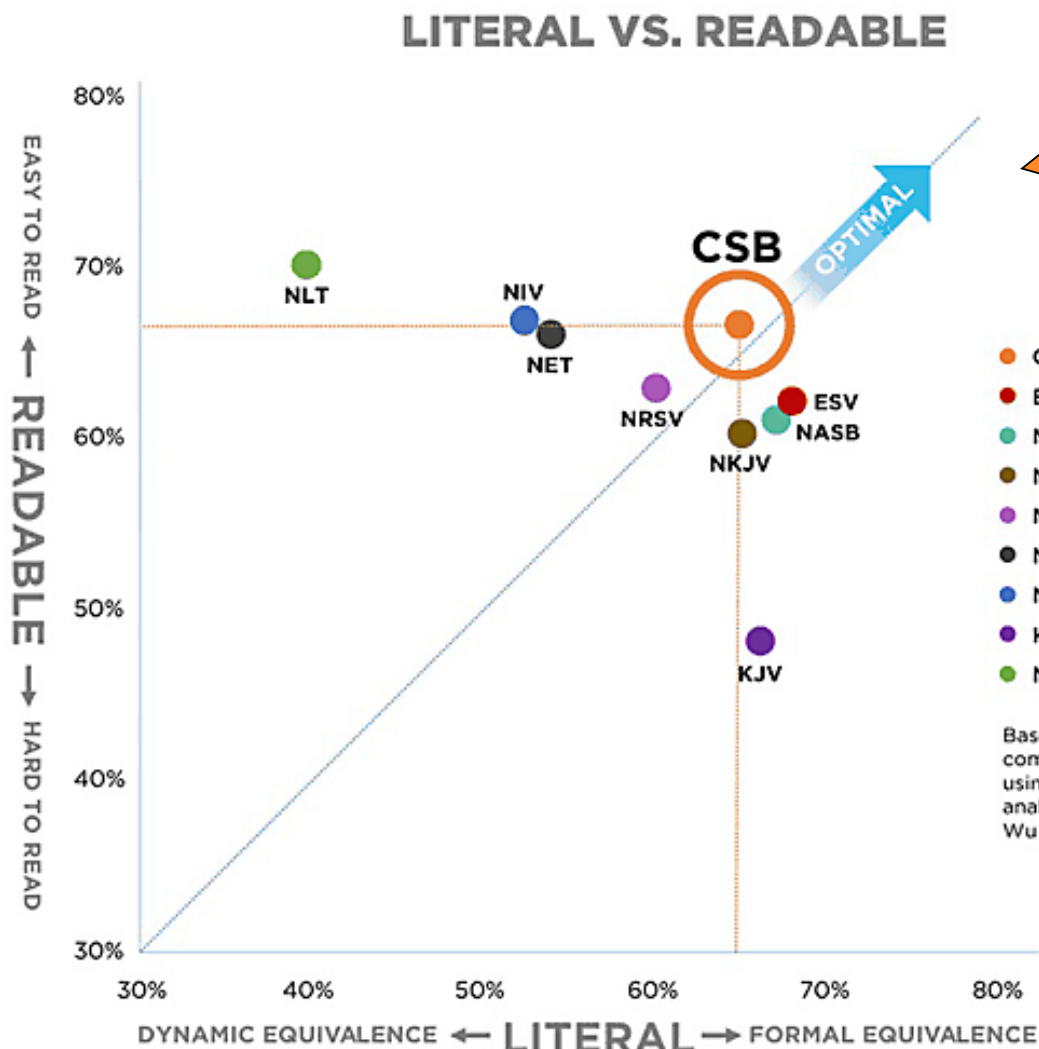
I have been asking the question, "What is it going to take to reach each of these places with the gospel message?"

It's dependent upon us! I challenge every church in Alaska to adopt one of these villages and agree to pray and seek God's direction in how to get feet on the ground in this virgin soil. I recognize some of our churches are just beginning, and others are in decline, so this will certainly be a challenge. However, if we commit ourselves to the task, we have no concept what God is able and willing to do through us.

I have asked Jae McKee to compile a list, and coordinate the official adoption, of these 77 villages. My prayer is that by the end of 2018, we can say that every unreached place in our state has an advocate church that has embraced the challenge to do whatever it takes to get the gospel to this place.

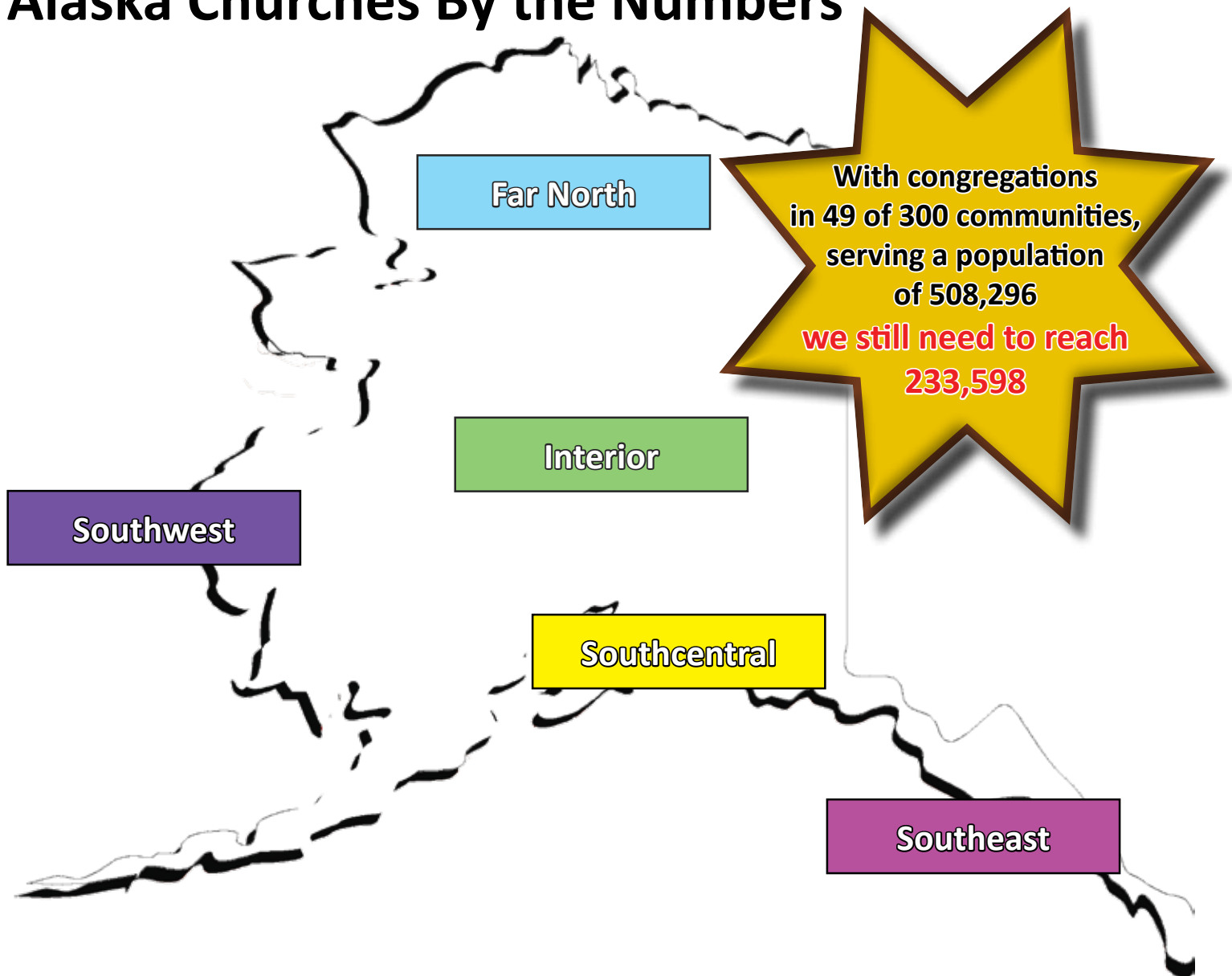
Let's be faithful in the task to which we have been called, and claim the victory that was also given to the children of Israel as they inherited the land God had promised them.

Happy New Year 2018!



Learn more about the CSB [here](#) or visit [Lifeway](#)

Alaska Churches By the Numbers



Far North

Seven congregations in Ambler • Kotzebue • Kiana • Kobuk Nome • North Slope Borough • Shungnak with a population of 17,789.
*If everyone in those communities went to church, each congregation would consist of **2,541 members!***

Southwest

Seven congregations in Cold Bay • Dillingham • Kodiak • Unalaska King Salmon • Sand Point • Togiak with a population of 15,387.
*If everyone in those communities went to church, each congregation would consist of **2,198 members!***

Interior

21 congregations in Anderson • Delta Junction • Fairbanks Healy • N. Pole • Salcha • Ft. Yukon • Tetlin with a population of 38,985.
*If everyone in those communities went to church, each congregation would consist of **1,856 members!***

Southeast

15 congregations in Coffman Cove • Craig • Haines • Juneau Kasaan • Ketchikan • Petersburg • Sitka Tenakee • Thorne Bay • Ward Cove with a population of 55,904.
*If everyone in those communities went to church, each congregation would consist of **3,727 members!***

Total Population of Alaska:
741,894

Southcentral

67 congregations in Anchorage • Chugiak • Girdwood Kasilof • Kenai • Moose Pass • Nikiski Palmer • Eagle River • Seward Soldotna • Sutton • Talkeetna • Valdez Wasilla • Whittier • Willow with a population of 380,231.
*If everyone in those communities went to church, each congregation would consist of **5,675 members!***

United States Census Bureau, 2016 statistics except for Haines (1999), Willow (2000); Eagle River, Healy, Kasilof, King Salmon, Moose Pass, Nikiski, Salcha, Sutton, Talkeetna, Tetlin (2010); Girdwood (2014), North Slope Borough (2015)

Women's Winter Wake-Up

On the Go!
Matthew 28:19-20

Friday-Saturday, February 2-3, 2018
University Baptist Church, Fairbanks

Friday: 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday: 10:00 - 2:30, with lunch

Cost: \$15 for early registration with payment postmarked by January 24, 2018.

Send payment to TVBA, POB 60261, Fairbanks, AK 99706-0261.

Cost is \$20 at the door.

Conference hotel: Pike's Waterfront Lodge, 907.456.4500

www.pikeslodge.com (use the code "AK Baptist Women")

Ministers and Spouses Conference



April 26-28, 2018

Captain Cook Hotel, Anchorage

Pastor costs: \$130 with hotel stay • \$60 without hotel stay
(spouses are free)

[Register online here](#)

MILEPOST MOMENTS

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

Catalyst Church, Anchorage

Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER) chapel recently honored two local pastors for their contributions in supporting the JBER community. Pastor Tim Allred and associate pastor Luke Connally, of Catalyst Church, have been instrumental in heading up several self-help projects that have not only brought cost savings to JBER, but have significantly contributed to efforts in “care for the caregiver.” Most recently, they hosted an appreciation barbecue for the joint chapel team and logged 200 man-hours in building storage shed ramps for four chapel facilities and a sound booth for audio/visual equipment. Previously identified as Honorary Senior Installation Chaplain, Pastor Allred was joined by associate pastor Connally to form JBER’s first Honorary Senior Religious Support Team. Future efforts have been planned to see how other local churches might lend contingency support to the JBER Religious Operations Center (JROC) in expanding the capacity of meeting the spiritual needs of JBER’s military members and families. Pictured (l to r): MSgt Steven James, Luke Connally, Tim Allred, Lt Col Kim Bowen. *(photo provided)*



University Baptist Church, Fairbanks

The college and career group was active during Christmas break, attending basketball and hockey games, and enjoying a scavenger hunt and game night. In January, their campus Bible study will resume.

The Church @ Commodore Park, Anchorage

On November 26, the youth praise team from Hillside Baptist Church presented a mini-concert at Commodore Park Plaza. *(photo provided)*



University Baptist Church, Anchorage

UBC baptized six in November, ranging in age from 10 to 68. Willie Tauanuu is pastor.

Sunset Hills Baptist Church, Anchorage

SHBC recently hosted their annual International Mission Study and dinner at which the hostess committee treated the church to a dinner with foods of the featured country of the International Mission Study. This year Russia was the country with a focus on the work among the Muslims in Russia. Mission Friends, RAs, GAs, teens and adults studied the work of our missionaries among these peoples. *(photo provided)*





Foundation Builder

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January is “Plan your Estate Month” but, what is a Christian estate plan? To answer this question, consider the *Four “Rs” of a Christian Estate Plan*.

The first “R” is **Recognize** God as the owner of all. This is a fundamental precept to Christian estate planning and to our Christian faith. The basis of God’s authority is His nature, and His role as creator and sustainer of life? As creator, He is the owner and sole possessor of all He creates. Psalms 24:1 and 50:10-12 state

definitively that the earth, and all its contents, is the Lord’s. Living a life of stewardship as Christians is part of our reasonable worship.

Stewardship must be seen as an act of worship directed toward the Lord to fully understand the application and importance of a Christian estate plan. Before we can experience the true richness and provision of Christ, we must **recognize** God owns everything.

The Four “Rs” to Christian Estate Planning

Recognize God is owner of all.

God’s word directs that earthly wealth should never define an estate plan. Everything in our possession is God’s estate. Wealth is not defined by money, but by the Messiah.

Respond to the needs of family.

God reminds us if we do not care and provide for our family, we are worse than a non-believer.

Remember to advance the kingdom.

God instructs his followers to be steadfast, determined and persevere in the Lord’s work.

Reflect on the value of the Lord to others.

God expects us to represent Christ, and through our testimony, demonstrate how we live and transition through life.

Is God’s Will in your Will?

(Last Will and Testament)

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Managing risk: developing a safety and security plan

According to a Brotherhood Mutual* survey, 45 percent of churches said they had someone on their staff responsible for “risk management” – but only 20 percent had an actual plan in place. What’s more, only 10 percent of churches conducted a church risk audit during the past year. The majority of those focused on safety over security.

According to risk management experts, a comprehensive safety and security plan will focus on five primary areas: safety, security, emergency preparedness, continuity planning and insurance coverage. Together, they help your ministry prepare, react, respond and recover in the face of emergencies, threats or disasters.

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- **SAFETY.** This deals with general and environmental threats to your congregation and organization. Safety concerns include property, fire, weather, illness, accidents, food safety and the like.
- **SECURITY.** Threats of attack, violent crime and terrorism fall into this category. Though churches can be reluctant to discuss it, this is a rising risk demanding attention. In 2012, deaths from attacks at faith-based organizations increased 36%, according to church violence researcher Carl Chinn.
- **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS.** Whether it’s a natural disaster or something man-made,

a crisis will strike your ministry at some point. It’s important to think about the likeliest scenarios and devise a plan of how you’ll respond in the face of disaster. These sorts of plans include evacuation plans, interactions with first responders and law enforcement, first aid, communication with media and congregation, etc.

- **CONTINUITY PLANNING.** How will you keep your ministry running in the wake of a disaster, tragedy or loss? This area includes things like where you’ll hold services in the event your building is damaged or destroyed, how you’ll communicate during recovery/rebuilding, plans to address changes in giving, how to secure funds, personal property and personnel and related topics.
- **INSURANCE COVERAGE.** The best risk management approaches deal with both preventing losses and recovering from them. Without the proper coverage and support, you could find yourself without the means to implement some of the plans you’ve laid out in your risk-management preparations.

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Hillside Baptist Church in Anchorage needs assistance with parsonage restroom repair, church boiler replacement, parking lot seal/coat and parsonage septic system replacement. The septic system is over 50 years old, the parking lot is over 25 years old and the church boiler failed in 2017.

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February

2-3 Women's Winter Wake-Up, Fairbanks
5-6 State Evangelism Conference

March

4-11 Week of prayer and mission study
for North American Missions and
the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
16-17 Avalanche '18
22 Vacation Bible School training, Anchorage area
24 Vacation Bible School training, Fairbanks area
26 Vacation Bible School training, the Valley

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