

## **Monday, February 5**

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

*(your Tuesday lunch must be preordered. Visit our website for complete information, [www.alaskabaptistconvention.com](http://www.alaskabaptistconvention.com))*

## **Tuesday, February 6**

9:00 a.m. - Noon

*(pick up your preordered lunch)*

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

## **TUESDAY, February 6 LUNCH instructions:**

*Pick up your preordered lunch from the food truck located in the RCC parking lot. Then choose the speaker you wish to hear, and go to that location to eat lunch. Each location is limited to 40 people.*

**Fellowship Hall at Rabbit Creek:** Rob Zinn (hosted by Jimmy Stewart)

**Sanctuary at Rabbit Creek:** Jason Breland (hosted by Josh Travis)

**12100 Coffee and Communitas** (12100 Old Seward Highway): Stuart Bell (hosted by Jae McKee)

**Anchorage ReMADE** (13500 Old Seward Highway): Mark Edworthy (hosted by Randy Covington)

## **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, Immanuel Baptist Church, Highland, California

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## January - December 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	\$1,000.22	\$1,011.00	\$934.00	\$0.00	\$7,829.00
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	\$47,962.52	\$635.00	\$3,956.00	\$9,827.00	\$0.00	\$62,380.52
Comm Baptist Church, Coffman Cove	\$4,071.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$176.00	\$0.00	\$4,247.25
Community Baptist Church, Nome	\$542.32	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$542.32
Cross Roads Baptist Church	\$15,914.00	\$0.00	\$1,687.81	\$1,170.00	\$0.00	\$18,771.81
CrossCountry Church	\$2,250.00	\$0.00	\$22.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$2,472.00
Dillingham Bible Fellowship	\$8,792.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$9,592.95
Eagle River Korean Baptist Church	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church	\$2,505.43	\$100.00	\$550.00	\$320.00	\$0.00	\$3,475.43
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	\$26,209.87	\$985.00	\$2,540.00	\$4,737.50	\$0.00	\$34,472.37
First Baptist Church, Eagle River	\$29,619.07	\$1,420.00	\$3,262.00	\$5,723.00	\$2,106.15	\$42,130.22
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	\$32,489.00	\$700.00	\$1,410.00	\$3,611.00	\$0.00	\$38,210.00
First Baptist Church, Delta Junction	\$59,101.90	\$25.00	\$11,884.49	\$25,670.67	\$0.00	\$96,682.06
First Baptist Church, Juneau	\$10,374.66	\$641.88	\$2,500.00	\$1,370.00	\$0.00	\$14,886.54
First Baptist Church, Kenai	\$7,253.76	\$250.00	\$1,428.96	\$1,852.96	\$0.00	\$10,785.68
First Baptist Church, Ketchikan	\$15,146.98	\$6,039.38	\$2,866.00	\$2,636.00	\$0.00	\$26,688.36
First Baptist Church, Kotzebue	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
First Baptist Church, Palmer	\$3,000.00	\$1,025.00	\$1,534.96	\$1,677.00	\$0.00	\$7,236.96
First Baptist Church, Petersburg	\$9,649.52	\$0.00	\$1,283.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,932.52
First Baptist Church, Sitka	\$11,909.44	\$570.00	\$900.00	\$1,216.00	\$0.00	\$14,595.44
First Baptist Church, Soldotna	\$5,656.00	\$770.00	\$732.50	\$930.00	\$0.00	\$8,088.50
First Baptist Church, Valdez	\$20,883.61	\$2,569.00	\$3,340.00	\$7,101.16	\$2,000.00	\$35,893.77
First Baptist Church, Wasilla	\$12,882.63	\$1,504.10	\$1,941.30	\$12,309.26	\$0.00	\$28,637.29
First Baptist Church, Willow	\$5,725.03	\$1,120.00	\$150.00	\$4,294.00	\$0.00	\$11,289.03
First Hmong Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Korean Baptist Church	\$1,800.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$468.00	\$0.00	\$2,868.00
First Native Baptist Church	\$2,571.00	\$39.60	\$1,020.00	\$1,045.01	\$0.00	\$4,675.61
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	\$2,282.44	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,282.44
Gilead Ministries	\$1,252.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,252.00
Glacier Valley Baptist Church	\$17,314.79	\$730.00	\$3,341.00	\$3,606.00	\$0.00	\$24,991.79
Grandview Baptist Church	\$37,354.84	\$1,760.00	\$1,991.00	\$3,650.00	\$0.00	\$44,755.84
Greater Friendship Baptist Church	\$11,720.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,720.30
Hillside Baptist Church	\$11,914.38	\$820.00	\$520.00	\$850.00	\$0.00	\$14,104.38
Hoonah Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Iglesia Bautista Hispana Sunset Hills	\$965.64	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$1,015.64
Immanuel Baptist Church	\$1,505.66	\$1,663.00	\$1,500.00	\$3,871.71	\$0.00	\$8,540.37
Journey Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Juneau Korean Church	\$360.00	\$0.00	\$505.00	\$405.00	\$0.00	\$1,270.00
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	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$320.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,520.00
Lighthouse Community Church	\$7,114.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,114.00
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	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$10,659.37
Montana Creek Baptist Church	\$14,424.50	\$0.00	\$426.00	\$327.00	\$0.00	\$15,177.50
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	\$6,325.23	\$0.00	\$872.00	\$1,507.00	\$0.00	\$8,704.23
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	\$550.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$550.00
Muldoon Road Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Beginnings Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Birth Christian Church	\$1,150.00	\$150.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,700.00
New Grace Christian Church	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00

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Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
New Hope Baptist Church	\$11,811.00	\$561.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$13,372.00
New Hope Fellowship	\$700.00	\$50.00	\$70.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$870.00
North Bear Street Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
North Tongass Baptist Church	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
Northern Lights Missions	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$375.00
Pathway Discipleship Church	\$240.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$240.00
OnMission Church	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Pioneer Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Rabbit Creek Church	\$2,499.73	\$859.28	\$0.00	\$1,718.58	\$0.00	\$5,077.59
River In The Desert Community Church	\$2,706.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,706.00
Riverside Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Roots Family Church, Kasilof	\$1,140.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,240.00
Roots Family Church, Soldotna	\$300.00	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$525.00
Sabbath Peace Fellowship	\$1,560.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,560.00
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	\$2,609.83	\$0.00	\$937.60	\$870.00	\$0.00	\$4,417.43
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	\$7,615.52	\$310.35	\$420.00	\$426.63	\$0.00	\$8,772.50
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$24,529.38	\$4,138.50	\$3,313.25	\$4,381.50	\$0.00	\$36,362.63
Tenakee Springs Community Church	\$610.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$610.75
The Crossing @ Birchwood	\$4,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,800.00
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	\$20.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40.00
True North Church	\$15,438.88	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$11,500.00	\$0.00	\$28,938.88
True North Church Girdwood	\$2,963.32	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$4,963.32
UBC-Chinese Fellowship	\$1,488.11	\$0.00	\$230.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,718.11
University Baptist Church, Anchorage	\$4,198.54	\$1,216.00	\$1,661.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,075.54
University Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$12,143.00	\$1,245.00	\$5,020.00	\$4,593.80	\$0.00	\$23,001.80
Valley View Baptist Church	\$4,800.00	\$0.00	\$570.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,370.00
Wasilla Korean Baptist Church	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Whittier Christian Community Church	\$912.56	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$1,012.56
	<b>\$645,054.42</b>	<b>\$50,496.61</b>	<b>\$81,550.72</b>	<b>\$156,027.24</b>	<b>\$4,636.15</b>	<b>\$937,765.14</b>
2000 Club receipts as of Dec. 31, 2107	<u>4Q 2016</u>	<u>1Q 2017</u>	<u>2Q 2017</u>	<u>3Q 2017</u>	<u>4Q 2017</u>	
	\$55.00	\$7,732.50	\$8,221.50	\$12,639.00	\$14,180.00	
	<u>1Q 2018</u>	<u>2Q 2018</u>	<u>3Q 2018</u>	<u>4Q 2018</u>		
	\$920.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	<b>\$75.00</b>		<b>\$43,973.00</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>						<b>\$981,738.14</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>December</b>				
Receipts	\$62,771.65		\$60,136.47	
CP Goal	57,628.80		57,531.16	
Variance	5,142.85	8.92%	2,605.31	4.53%
<b>Year-to-Date</b>				
Receipts	\$645,054.42		\$671,835.83	
CP Goal	691,545.60		690,373.92	
Variance	(46,491.18)	-6.72%	(18,538.09)	-2.69%

## Welcome

Jerrod (Melissa) Clark  
Community Baptist Church, Coffman Cove

Please Pray for  
our Pastorless Churches

Aquilaq Baptist Mission, Ambler  
Bodenburg Butte Baptist Church, Palmer  
Chinese Fellowship, Fairbanks  
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Juneau  
First Baptist Church, Eagle River  
First Baptist Church, Petersburg  
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



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**Randy Covington, Executive Director**

## WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

“Pappou! Can you say, Pappou?” That’s the question I have asked each of my grandchildren when they were beginning to speak; Pappou is Greek for grandfather. Having lived overseas, I studied four foreign languages and the first few phrases you must learn are “my name is . . .” and “what is your name?” Names are important not only in getting acquainted with someone, but in representing yourself to others.

At a very early age, my father instilled in me the reputation that came with the Covington name. He said that whatever I did reflected on all Covingtons. He also taught me that when I commit to work for someone, I have given my word - my personal pledge - to fulfill that obligation and my name becomes my bond. Once that bond has been broken, it damages the trust associated with my name.

In the Old Testament, the familial name not only carried with it the legacy of generations of family members, but it also carried the blessing of God for future generations. Time and again, we see how royal descendants began acting contrary to their predecessors and the covenant of God, and brought shame and destruction on their name and on the Hebrew nation.

As believers, we carry another name: **Christian!** I have heard many say that we are little “christs”, however I believe that is a misunderstanding of who we really are. Christ is the one and only true Son of God, however according to John 1:12, if we have received Him, He has given us the right to be the children of God because we have believed in His name. We are adopted sons. John tells us in 1 John 3:2 that “we are already God’s children, but He has not yet shown us what we will be like when Christ appears. But we do know that we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is.”

Ultimately, the question we must ask ourselves is, “what are we becoming?” What is our reputation to those who know us by His name? Does it honor the One who gave us His Name? Is He pleased with what we have done with His Name?

My prayer for each of you is that you will carry the name “Christian” honorably, and be ready to give an answer when someone asks you, “What is your name?”



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## Church safety:

# Myths dispelled, critical tips shared

Lisa Falknor, Arkansas Baptist News

**T**hree dominant myths regarding church safety were dispelled and various tips for enhancing church security were shared at a recent church safety seminar held November 16 at First Baptist Church, Rogers (Arkansas).

People buy into three myths about church violence, said Tim Keck, retired Rogers police chief and keynote speaker at the three-hour seminar titled “Worship Safe: How to Prevent a Tragedy at Your Church” that attracted 150 people from northwest Arkansas.

The first myth is, “It won’t happen to us.” In 2004-07 there were 82 deadly force church incidents nationwide, and in 2014-17 there were 799 deadly force incidents, an 874 percent increase.

Examples of threats include domestic violence spillovers, attempted robbery and terrorism, he said.

“Talk to anybody in the know – what’s coming is worse. I wish I had good news to tell you.”

The second myth, Keck said, is, “Church violence can’t be predicted.” However, he said violent acts rarely occur without warning.

Church staff should know of any threats, Keck said, assess how dangerous those threats are, and keep a close watch on potential escalations.

Keck said myth three is, “Church violence can’t be prevented.”

The retired police chief referenced the November 5 shooting at First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas, where 26 people were killed.

“The knowledge that I have in my head could’ve prevented that tragedy,” he said. “If you know what to look for, it can be prevented.”

Keck said increased stress and violence, coupled with the godlessness of today’s society, have resulted in more



of these types of incidents occurring in churches.

“We’re reaping the benefits of a society which wants to be free from God,” he said. “This is the result.”

If there’s any place we should feel safe, said Keck, it should be in a church. Church security resembles a bullseye target. In the middle of the bullseye is deadly force, but “we should start in the outer rings.”

Jack Wassman, a former police officer and member at Immanuel Baptist church, Rogers, agreed.

“A lot of people give a knee-jerk reaction, ‘Let’s just arm people and put them into church with no training or with minimal training,’ like you get with conceal and carry – a decision which would cause chaos,” Wassman said. “Like the chief says: ‘There are other steps you can take.’”

Seventy-five percent of violence begins in the parking lot, so Keck suggested putting trained volunteers among the cars and at every door. Give these attendants equipment – walkie-talkies and earpieces – and use a color-code language. For example, yellow can be caution, indicating a suspicious person on the property; code red can be shut the doors and call 911, and code green means all clear.

Also, because 61 percent of tragedies occur before or after a service, it makes sense to add not only ushers, but also

observers. Observers should look for a person who does not fit the norm.

“Trust your instincts,” Keck said. “You can call it training instincts or the Holy Spirit’s prompting, but take it seriously.”

Since violence is complex and churches vary, said Keck, church security also may differ among churches.

For example, some churches might lock their doors during the week, while others might install a video doorbell.

A good idea for all churches is to ask police officers to drive their patrol cars to church, which can be a visual deterrent to a person wanting to cause harm at the church.

“You can even buy a used car and paint it to look like a police car. Be innovative!” he said.

Ernie McNair, a member of First Baptist Church, Pea Ridge, believes church security is important. He attended the conference to get ideas and to report back to his church’s new security committee.

“I think it (church security) is like a spare tire,” he said. “I never want to use that spare tire; but, if I need it, it had better be there.”

*Lisa Falknor is the northwest Arkansas regional correspondent for the Arkansas Baptist News. This article first appeared in the Arkansas Baptist News, November 30, 2017, and is reprinted with permission.*



## **Jimmy Stewart, *Director of Evangelism and Church Development***

**I** am privileged to hear stories from pastors and church leaders about all that God is doing in their ministries. These stories are a tremendous encouragement. For the 2017 reporting year, a number of churches filed their Annual Church Profile (ACP). That report

impacts our work because the more churches that report, the greater the funds we receive from Lifeway Christian Resources. It also provides a clearer picture of how our convention is doing year-to-year. The good news is that baptisms have increased which is a direct reflection of the work our churches are doing by sharing the gospel! The ACP also reports how many people heard the gospel; if we were to share the gospel ten times, one person would likely be saved. The other nine just aren't ready yet! For the (almost) 400 reported baptisms in 2017, there may have been 4000 gospel conversations. What if half of those who attend worship shared the

gospel ten times this year. What would happen? The result would be 30,000 gospel conversations! Divide that number by ten, and we might see 3000 salvations! The average number of gospel conversations a person has is about five, so in 2018 we should challenge ourselves to have at least ten gospel conversations. Pastors, you may want to schedule an evangelism training session to help teach your people how to share the gospel. We have tools to assist in that training and I will be happy to help. When was the last time you held an evangelism training for the congregation, deacons, elders or teachers? As the church leader, make sure your congregants are able to confidently share with others. The North American Mission Board (NAMB) is promoting the Gospel Conversation Challenge on their website ([www.gcchallenge.com](http://www.gcchallenge.com)) and you can find support in resources and artwork to promote these gospel conversations. On the NAMB website ([www.namb.org](http://www.namb.org)) you will find a list of evangelism resources tailored to help you. Keep sharing the gospel and spreading the good news!

## **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)**

Click [here](http://www.alaskabaptistconvention.com) to register online or visit our website, [www.alaskabaptistconvention.com](http://www.alaskabaptistconvention.com) and click on the "ABC events" tab.



# MILEPOST MOMENTS

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## **Faith Recovery Fellowship, Wasilla**

FRF, through the chaplaincy ministry at Goose Creek Correctional Center, baptized 66 new believers in 2017. Please continue to pray for this ministry as they strive to serve the inmates at GCCC.

## **California Baptist University, Riverside, California**

Mike Procter, trustee for California Baptist University (CBU) and former executive director of the Alaska Baptist Convention, had lunch with six Alaskans attending CBU. Pictured at left, (left row, front to back): Jakob Hartt (Kodiak), Josh Laker (Anchorage), Sarah Laker (Anchorage), Makenna Shamburger (Anchorage); (right row, front to back) Shannon Lemay (Anchorage), Ben Higgins (Petersburg), Mike Procter (Anchorage). *(photo provided)*



## **LMCO gifts 4.1% ahead of last year!**

Southern Baptist's contributions to support international missions through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering are 4.1 percent ahead of the same time frame as last year, according to the International Mission Board.

**Shaped to Serve**  
**Women on Mission**  
**Celebration**

**April 5-7, 2018**

**First Baptist Church, Anchorage**

**Thursday, 7:00 - 9:00**

**Friday, 9:00 - Noon; 6:00 - 9:00**

**Saturday, 9:00 - Noon**

**Dessert fellowship on Friday evening**

**Featured Guests:**

**Valerie Carter, Executive Director/Treasurer,**

**WMU of Virginia**

**Teresa Harmening, Teresa Harmening Ministries**

The background of the entire page is a dark, high-contrast image. It features a large telescope in the upper left, with its lens reflecting a bright blue light. To the right of the telescope, there is a target symbol with a crosshair. Below the telescope, there is a large, dark, circular object, possibly a lens cap or a part of the telescope, which has the text "UNREACHED METRO AREA REVITALIZATION" written on it in a white, distressed, serif font. At the bottom of the page, there are three smaller target symbols, each with a red line of text passing through its center.

# focus on church planting in Alaska

UNREACHED  
METRO AREA  
REVITALIZATION

reach unengaged communities

intentional evangelism

re-engage and re-energize



Please join us in praying for the villages and communities in Alaska that need consistent gospel ministry. As you pray, ask God to reveal one (or more) of these communities for your church family to bless. If you want to “adopt a village,” please let me know so we can serve as a resource to minister to the unreached.

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# adopt a village

<u>name</u>	<u>pop</u>	<u>census area</u>
<b>ADOPTED!</b>	329	Aleutians
Akhiok	71	Kodiak Island
Alatna	37	Yukon-Koyukuk
Andreafsky		Western
Anvik	86	Yukon-Koyukuk
Arctic Village	152	Yukon-Koyukuk
Atka	74	Aleutians
Beluga	32	Kenai Peninsula
Bettles	12	Yukon-Koyukuk
Birch Creek	33	Yukon-Koyukuk
Chase	34	Mat-Su
Chefornak	454	Bethel
Chenega	76	Valdez-Cordova
Chickaloon	272	Mat-Su
Chignik Lake	73	Lake and Peninsula
Chiniak	47	Kodiak Island
Chitina	126	Valdez-Cordova
Chuathbaluk	126	Bethel
Clam Gulch	176	Kenai Peninsula
Covenant Life	86	Haines
Crown Point	74	Kenai Peninsula
Diomedea	118	Nome
Dry Creek	94	SE Fairbanks
Elfin Cove	20	Hoonah-Angoon
Evansville	28	Yukon-Koyukuk
Eyak	168	Valdez-Cordova
Ferry	33	Denali
Fox	417	Fairbanks North Star Borough
Fox River	616	Kenai Peninsula
Fritz Creek	1653	Kenai Peninsula
Game Creek	18	Hoonah-Angoon
Halibut Cove	76	Kenai Peninsula
Happy Valley	489	Kenai Peninsula
Harding-Birch Lake	299	Fairbanks North Star Borough
Healy Lake	13	SE Fairbanks
Hughes	78	Yukon-Koyukuk
Ivanof Bay	7	Lake and Peninsula
Jakolof Bay	40	Kenai Peninsula
Kachemak	472	Kenai Peninsula
Karluk	37	Kodiak Island
Kokhanok	170	Lake and Peninsula
Koyukuk	101	Yukon-Koyukuk
Kupreanof	23	Petersburg
Lake Louise	46	Mat-Su
Lake Minchumina	32	Yukon-Koyukuk
Lignite		part of Healy

<u>name</u>	<u>pop</u>	<u>census area</u>
Lime Village	29	Bethel
Livengood	13	Yukon-Koyukuk
Lutak	49	Haines
Manley Hot Springs	89	Yukon-Koyukuk
McCarthy	28	Valdez-Cordova
McKinley Park	185	Denali
Meyers Chuck	21	Wrangell
Nanwalek	177	Kenai Peninsula
Nelchina	59	Valdez-Cordova
Nelson Lagoon	52	Aleutians
Newtok	354	Bethel
Nikolaevsk	345	Kenai Peninsula
Nikolski	18	Aleutians
Nondalton	158	Lake and Peninsula
Northway Jct	54	SE Fairbanks
Northway Village	98	SE Fairbanks
Oscarville	70	Bethel
Paxson	40	Valdez-Cordova
Perryville	113	Lake and Peninsula
Petersville	4	Mat-Su
Pilot Point	68	Lake and Peninsula
Pilot Station	607	Kusilvak
Pitkas Point	123	Kusilvak
Pleasant Valley	725	Fairbanks North Star Borough
Point Baker	35	Princes of Wales-Hyder
Port Alexander	54	Princes of Wales-Hyder
Port Clarence	24	Nome
Port Protection	63	Princes of Wales-Hyder
Primrose	93	Kenai Peninsula
Rampart	24	Yukon-Koyukuk
Red Devil	23	Bethel
Ridgeway	1932	Kenai Peninsula
Shageluk	129	Yukon-Koyukuk
Skwentna	37	Mat-Su
St. George	105	Aleutians
Stony River	54	Bethel
Susitna	18	Mat-Su
Tonsina	78	Valdez-Cordova
Tununak	327	Bethel
Venetie	202	Yukon-Koyukuk
Wiseman	14	Yukon-Koyukuk
Womens Bay	719	Kodiak Island

# LABOR of Love



*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.*

## 2000 Club • First Quarter 2018

**\$14,180**  
has been  
received for  
4Q 2017\*  
\*as of 12/31/17

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN — FEB • MAR • APR —

### 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  
22 Vacation Bible School training, Anchorage area  
24 Vacation Bible School training, Fairbanks area  
26 Vacation Bible School training, the Valley

### April

April 5-7 Women on Mission Celebration  
April 26-28 Ministers and Spouses Conference

Because of  
your congregation's  
Cooperative Program giving  
through the  
Alaska Baptist Convention,  
in December 2017

**\$41,404.18**  
**remained in Alaska**  
for  
missions and ministries.