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## January- February 2018 Gifts from ABC Churches

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
Agape Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Alaska Iu-Mienh First Baptist Church	\$92.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$92.00
Anchor Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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	\$2,158.64	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,078.70	\$0.00	\$3,237.34
Bodenburg Butte Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Calvary Baptist Church	\$1,276.27	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,023.26	\$0.00	\$2,299.53
Catalyst Church	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$900.00
Christ Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
College Heights Baptist Church	\$6,693.47	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,693.47
Community Bapt Church, Coffman Cove	\$273.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$273.00
Cottonwood Creek Cowboy Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cross Roads Baptist Church	\$765.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,265.00
CrossCountry Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Dillingham Bible Fellowship	\$1,547.81	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,300.00	\$0.00	\$2,847.81
Eagle River Korean Baptist Church	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church	\$330.82	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$330.82
Fairbanks Korean Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fairview Loop Baptist Church	\$4,082.89	\$2,118.31	\$34.82	\$4,422.44	\$0.00	\$10,658.46
Faith Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Faith Recovery Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Filipino Bible Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church, Anchorage	\$1,390.32	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$231.31	\$0.00	\$1,621.63
First Baptist Church, Eagle River	\$11,298.39	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$11,398.39
First Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$1,329.11	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,180.00	\$0.00	\$2,509.11
First Baptist Church, North Pole	\$6,145.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,017.83	\$0.00	\$9,162.83
First Baptist Church, Delta Junction	\$9,010.89	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,156.08	\$0.00	\$14,166.97
First Baptist Church, Juneau	\$999.99	\$170.00	\$0.00	\$796.00	\$0.00	\$1,965.99
First Baptist Church, Kenai	\$1,423.79	\$0.00	\$237.30	\$862.30	\$0.00	\$2,523.39
First Baptist Church, Ketchikan	\$2,288.33	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,288.33
First Baptist Church, Kotzebue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church, Palmer	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,728.00	\$0.00	\$2,228.00
First Baptist Church, Petersburg	\$1,801.80	\$1,100.00	\$0.00	\$1,960.00	\$0.00	\$4,861.80
First Baptist Church, Sitka	\$701.77	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$988.00	\$0.00	\$1,689.77
First Baptist Church, Soldotna	\$2,603.00	\$518.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,121.00
First Baptist Church, Valdez	\$1,755.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,755.25
First Baptist Church, Wasilla	\$1,643.17	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,643.17
First Baptist Church, Willow	\$347.06	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,814.00	\$0.00	\$7,161.06
First Hmong Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Korean Baptist Church	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
First Native Baptist Church	\$236.00	\$1,004.21	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,240.21
Friendship Baptist Mission	\$683.55	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,080.00	\$0.00	\$2,763.55
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	\$169.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$169.00
Frontier Southern Baptist Church	\$581.01	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$581.01
Gilead Ministries	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Glacier Valley Baptist Church	\$743.29	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$743.29
Grandview Baptist Church	\$5,661.10	\$0.00	\$45.00	\$2,856.00	\$0.00	\$8,562.10
Greater Friendship Baptist Church	\$2,196.45	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,196.45
Hillside Baptist Church	\$1,729.46	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$625.00	\$0.00	\$2,354.46
Hoonah Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Iglesia Bautista Hispana Sunset Hills	\$91.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$91.10
Immanuel Baptist Church	\$87.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$87.25
Journey Church	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$270.00
Juneau Korean Church	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$210.00	\$0.00	\$270.00
Kasaan Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ketchikan Filipino Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
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	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Lighthouse Community Church	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Living Water Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Malamalama Fou Church	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$270.00
Misc. Contributors-Cash	\$0.00	\$8,864.64	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,864.64
Montana Creek Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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	\$1,234.27	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$1,484.27
Mount Pleasant Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mount Redoubt Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mountain View Community Church	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Muldoon Road Baptist Church	\$881.91	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$881.91
New Birth Christian Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Grace Christian Church	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
New Hope Baptist Church	\$3,821.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$4,321.00

## January-February 2018 Gifts from ABC Churches

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
New Hope Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
Pathway Discipleship Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pioneer Baptist Church	\$226.98	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$226.98
Rabbit Creek Church	\$348.16	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$348.16
River In The Desert Community Church	\$335.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$335.00
Riverside Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Roots @ Night	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Roots Family Church, Kasilof	\$190.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$190.00
Roots Family Church, Soldotna	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75.00
Sabbath Peace Fellowship	\$240.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$240.00
Salcha Baptist Church	\$1,179.96	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,179.96
Sand Lake Fellowship	\$186.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$186.50
Sand Point Baptist Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Schrock Road Community Church	\$844.00	\$252.00	\$168.00	\$168.00	\$0.00	\$1,432.00
Settler's Bay Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Seward Bible Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Shannon Park Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Shungnak Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Solid Rock Baptist Church	\$1,200.00	\$700.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,900.00
St. John Baptist Church	\$1,017.54	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$61.50	\$0.00	\$1,079.04
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$1,671.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$520.00	\$0.00	\$2,191.10
Tenakee Springs Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
The Crossing @ Birchwood	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
The Way	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Thorne Bay Baptist Church	\$142.88	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$24.00	\$0.00	\$166.88
Togiak Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Transitional Ministries	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5.00
True North Church	\$2,009.89	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,009.89
True North Church Girdwood	\$476.52	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$476.52
UBC-Chinese Fellowship	\$139.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$489.00
University Baptist Church, Anchorage	\$1,699.96	\$0.00	\$415.00	\$910.00	\$0.00	\$3,024.96
University Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Valley View Baptist Church	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
Wasilla Korean Baptist Church	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Whittier Christian Community Church	\$262.48	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$262.48
	<b>\$96,423.13</b>	<b>\$14,827.16</b>	<b>\$1,900.12</b>	<b>\$42,712.42</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$155,862.83</b>
	<b>1 Q 2018</b>	<b>2 Q 2018</b>	<b>3 Q 2018</b>	<b>4 Q 2018</b>		
2000 Club receipts as of Feb. 28, 2018	\$3,145.00	\$105.00	\$105.00	\$105.00		\$3,460.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>						<b>\$159,322.83</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

	2018		2017	
<b>February</b>				
Receipts	\$46,263.07		\$44,234.53	
CP Goal	58,232.65		57,628.80	
Variance	(11,969.58)	-20.55%	(13,394.27)	-23.24%
<b>Year-to-Date</b>				
Receipts	\$96,423.13		\$95,861.89	
CP Goal	116,465.30		115,257.60	
Variance	(20,042.17)	-17.21%	(19,395.71)	-16.83%

## Please Pray for our Pastorless Churches

Aquillaq Baptist Mission, Ambler  
 Bodenburg Butte Baptist Church, Palmer  
 Chinese Fellowship, Fairbanks  
 Coffman Cove Community Baptist Church  
 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

### Hymnbooks needed!

If your church has hymnbooks to donate to a small congregation in Wasilla, please contact Big Lake Baptist Church, 907.892.6646,

[blbc@mtaonline.net](mailto:blbc@mtaonline.net)



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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**

## How the ABC Executive Board Works

### Quick facts:

- The Executive Board is composed of Convention officers and 16 members at-large for a four-year rotation term. Each geographical area must be represented by a member of a church in that area. At least six members should be laypersons and at least six should be clergy. The remainder may be either clergy or laypersons.
- No more than two persons from an affiliated church may serve as board members at a given time. At least one of these must be from a church-type mission. The church member who moves out of state may not remain on the Board.
- Members may not serve again until a full year has expired.
- Persons must be a member of an ABC church for 12 months before consideration for the Board.
- Terms begin at the end of each ABC annual meeting.
- Any member of an ABC-affiliated church may recommend someone to serve on the Executive Board to the ABC Committee on Boards, which is responsible for making final recommendations to messengers for approval at each annual meeting. Members of the Committee on Boards, which is separate from the Executive Board, are appointed by the president in consultation with other officers.
- Neither salaried employees of the ABC or of any entity controlled by the ABC, nor their spouse, are eligible for membership on the Board during their period of employment.
- The Executive Board has full power and authority to act for the ABC between annual meetings in all matters pertaining to ABC business.
- The Executive Board meets in May and November of each year; however, it can be called into special session.

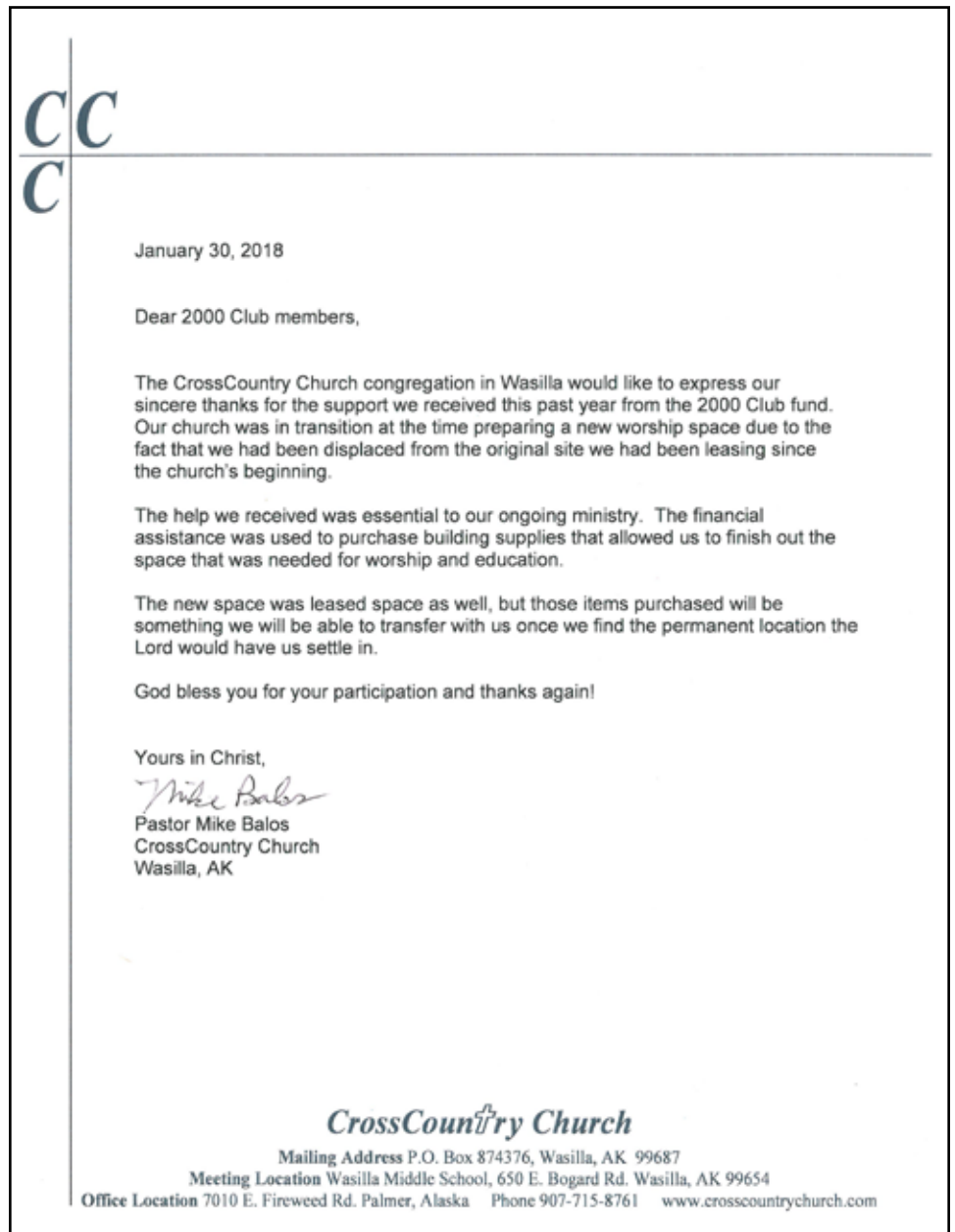
### How the Executive Board is structured

- The Executive Board is organized into four committees: Executive Committee, Administration and Personnel Committee,

Missions and Church Development Committee and Budget and Finance Committee.

- The Executive Committee consists of the four elected ABC officers, the three Executive Committee chairs and the Executive Director, and is responsible to perform the duties assigned to it by the Executive Board between sessions of the Executive Board.

*continued on page 7, "Board Structure"*



# 2017-2018 Cooperative Program Allocation Budget

*This allocation budget represents anticipated gifts forwarded to the SBC.*

## \$192,000,000

**73.20%**

**World Missions Ministries**  
International Mission Board (50.41%)  
North American Mission Board (22.79%)

**22.16%**

**Theological Education Ministries**  
Seminaries (21.92%)  
Library and Archives (.24%)

**2.99%**

**Executive Committee and SBC Operating Budget**

**1.65%**

**Christian Ethics and Religious Liberty Ministries**  
Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission



## Cooperative Program—The Heart of Southern Baptist Missions and Ministries

**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  
A.C., IMB Missionary  
Shelly Sulfridge, NAMB Missionary

Conference hotel is Clarion Suites Downtown, 907.222.5005; do NOT press 1 for reservations; stay on the line to speak to the Anchorage front desk personnel directly. Group code: ABC-Women on Mission 2018. \$79/+tax, double occ.  
DEADLINE to reserve a hotel room is April 4.



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

**A**ll churches go through a life cycle – at the beginning, a group of people gather to DREAM about possibilities, and the BELIEFS that drive this group undergird the vision. The result is the birth of a church. As the church grows, goals and structure mature, resulting in effective ministries. I can only imagine the excitement as new churches were being planted throughout Alaska. Some of these grew and matured into mighty churches with hundreds in attendance. Alaska Baptist churches have seen this life cycle play out over and over again. As our Annual Church Profiles show, some churches have reached maturity in effective ministries and have taken on the challenge to improve and continue their growth. Some have experienced decline or stagnation and have refocused to bring about greater growth. I would like to offer encouragement to our churches currently in a maintenance or preservation stage. During this phase, the congregation may face the apathy, questions and polarization which comes from feeling like it is hard to attract new people to Christ and bring them into discipleship of the church. As communities around a church change, and as younger people appear to shun aging churches, decline oc-

curs, which can lead to despair. But there is hope; there is still the promise that God's Holy Spirit will lead and guide if we make the necessary changes to bring renewed growth. If a church cannot innovate and find ways to continue being a vital part of their community, then it will decline and ultimately die. At a recent conference, I learned that as many as 500 churches close their doors each year. I do not want to see that happen in Alaska. The Alaska Baptist Convention has worked with churches that were close to closing their doors and, under new leadership, have begun to grow again. Sometimes it is not easy to help a church that resists change or growth, but we must look at our churches and ask if they are winding down or gearing up? Has the church impacted the surrounding community, or do all the members of the congregation drive a distance to get to church? Is it hard to pay the bills and staff? Have ministries been discontinued? If your church has been experiencing these issues, and you would appreciate some advice and encouragement, please call me. There are options available to help bring about renewed excitement and growth. Our Ministers and Spouses Conference is April 26-28 at Hotel Captain Cook in Anchorage. Our guest speaker is Bill Purvis, a seasoned leader who has so much to offer pastors and church staff in leadership training. I hope you plan to attend. I pray Easter will be a great time of celebration with new guests attending your church.

## **Ministers and Spouses Conference**



**April 26-28, 2018**  
**special guest speaker: Bill Purvis**  
**special musical guests: High Road**  
**see full schedule on website.**

**Captain Cook Hotel, Anchorage**  
**Pastor costs: \$60 without hotel stay (spouses are free)**  
**deadline to stay at hotel was March 28**

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

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

## **Board Structure, continued from page 4**

- The other three committees (Administration and Personnel, Missions and Church Development, and Budget and Finance) each have at least six members.
- The Administration and Personnel Committee recommends staff organization and personnel policies to the Executive Board.
- The Missions and Church Development Committee oversees programs of church planting and ministry evangelism. This committee recommends annual goals of the Valeria Sherard State Mission Offering, Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions, and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. The committee also recommends expenditures for the Valeria Sherard State Mission Offering and the 2000 Club.
- The Budget and Finance Committee reviews, evaluates and recommends financial policies of the Convention to the Executive Board, and proposes the budget for the upcoming year.

## [LifeWay provides free security training to churches](#)

*By Aaron Wilson*

NASHVILLE (BP) -- As public shootings continue to make headlines, many churches are evaluating how their facilities stand on security. LifeWay Christian Resources is helping churches make safety a priority by providing free security training through its [Ministry Grid](#) platform.

"In light of current circumstances, we've offered this training to churches to make sure they're prepared for the unexpected before it happens," said Chandler Vannoy, brand manager for Ministry Grid.

The free training first became available on Feb. 16—two days after the mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, that left 17 people dead and 14 injured. Since that time, more than 2,000 people have registered for LifeWay's free security training.

"With so many churches expressing interest in this free training offer, we've decided to extend the offer to May 1, 2018," Vannoy said. The free training was created by Brooks Security Consulting and includes topics such as:

- Church safety and security
- Church security team
- Emergency response planning
- Lockdown procedures
- Responding to an active shooting

Dale Brooks, who is featured in the training, has recorded more than 20 videos with LifeWay on safety and security topics for churches. Brooks has served as a professional firefighter, has experience in counter-terrorism, and currently serves as the director of security at Calvary Church in Winston-Salem, N.C.

"Church security has some of the most difficult challenges compared to the security operations of businesses, schools and government campuses," Brooks said. "The goal is to have an open campus to share the gospel of Jesus while ensuring the campus is safe and secure."

To access the free training, log into [MinistryGrid.com](#) with your LifeWay ID or register for a free account; then click the "Add to My Tasks" button in the description to get started.

*Aaron Wilson is a writer for LifeWay Christian Resources.*

## **University Baptist Church, Fairbanks**

UBC will have a special Easter music program during the morning service. Women of the church are planning their attendance to the Women on Mission Celebration in Anchorage, April 5-7. The College/Career group will play Frisbee Golf/Ultimate Frisbee on April 20 and have their end-of-school-year barbeque on April 22.

## **Hillside Baptist Church,**

### **Anchorage**

HBC ordained Blake Hart, minister of education, on February 25. Blake is pictured with his wife Rae, and Mike Procter. *(submitted photo)*

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*Priscilla* SHIRER  
SIMULCAST

Worship with ANTHONY EVANS

JOIN US!

**April 28<sup>th</sup> @ First Baptist Church North Pole**

9:30 a.m. : Continental Breakfast

10:00 : Event Begins

12:30 : Pot-Luck Lunch

4:30 : Event Ends

Cost - \$20.00 (paid at the door)

Contact Julie to sign up.

[jwatsonfbc@gmail.com](mailto:jwatsonfbc@gmail.com) 907-488-2240



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. In the lower center, there is a circular target with a crosshair. At the bottom of the page, there are three smaller targets, each with a red text label slanted across it. The main title is overlaid on the right side of the image.

# 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
<b>ADOPTED!</b>	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
<b>ADOPTED!</b>	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
<b>ADOPTED!</b>	37	Mat-Su
St. George	105	Aleutians
<b>ADOPTED!</b>	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



# Foundation Builder

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In January, we addressed the first “R” of Christian Estate Planning – to recognize God is owner of all. This month, the focus is to “Respond” to the needs of the family as found in 1 Timothy 5:8, “but if anyone does not provide for his own family, especially for his own household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.” (CSB). God established the family in Genesis chapters 2-4, and explained ramifications when people deviate from His plan.

God’s plan for family is to provide companionship; an exclusive relationship between a husband and wife; an environment of mutual reliance; and an atmosphere of instruc-

tion, mutual respect and accountability. Adam and Eve failed, resulting in sin. This sin grew until Cain killed Abel out of jealous anger. Whereas the first Adam failed in his responsibility to his bride, and committed sin, the second Adam (Jesus Christ) succeeded in redeeming His bride (the church) and conquered sin.

God miraculously orchestrated His plan to begin with the individual in developing the intimacy of the family, which He uses as a way of instructing the core principles of love, compassion, unity and forgiveness. These elements are essential for proper functioning of God’s church, which is the broader extension of family to all born-again believers. Is

it any wonder that decreased involvement in church today is directly related to the dysfunction of the modern family, due to abandonment of principles established by God? Only by responding to the need of family can we expect a healthy church.



## 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)

The Alaska Baptist Foundation offers complementary estate planning services and materials through a variety of partnerships.

[www.alaskabaptistfoundation.com](http://www.alaskabaptistfoundation.com); 907.770.0581; 800.883.9627

## GuideStone offers single-staff church insurance solutions



**C**ontinued uncertainty in the health care marketplace with the repeal of the individual mandate coming in 2019 and reductions in the number of individuals served by health care exchanges, has some pastors and ministry workers wondering about options.

Further, the Affordable Care Act continues to drive up costs for consumers nationwide. GuideStone recognizes that affordability is the issue for most, and is working to develop options that reflect participants' values and keep costs competitive.

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For GuideStone to serve a pastor or other single staff member, he must be a paid employee of an eligible church or ministry that is affiliated with or share common religious bonds with the Southern Baptist Convention and works 20 or more hours per week.

**GuideStone recognizes that affordability is the issue for most**

GuideStone's personal health care coverage options include traditional PPOs, an economy PPO and a federally-qualified High Deductible Health Plan designed to be paired with a Health Savings Account.

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## Taking debt to the grave

Three-quarters of Americans die in debt. An average outstanding debt balance is \$61,554, which includes mortgage debt, and the average credit card debt is \$4,531.

*Source: The Week, April 7, 2017; printed in On-Mission magazine, Fall 2017 issue. Reprinted with permission*

## Why April 17 is the Tax Deadline

**A**s per the IRS, the regular April 15 tax day is postponed when that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday. This year, April 15 is a Sunday, which ordinarily would push the deadline to Monday.

BUT Monday, April 16, is also the observation of Emancipation Day, a legal Washington, D.C. holiday commemorating Abraham Lincoln's signing of the Compensated Emancipation Act, which ended slavery in the nation's capital on that day in 1862. Under federal tax law, District holidays get the same legal clout as their national counterparts when it comes to determining tax deadlines.

**The result is that the tax deadline for 2018 is actually Tuesday, April 17.**



**Scholarships available through the Alaska Baptist Foundation**

**Fuhr Scholarship**  
*for undergraduate studies*

**Parker Scholarship**  
*for men who have surrendered to preach before age 25 and wish to attend seminary*

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**Reynolds Scholarship**  
*for men who have surrendered to preach after age 25 and wish to attend seminary.*

Contact the Alaska Baptist Foundation for specific information; 907.770.0581, 800.883.9627



# LABOR of Love

*Christ Community Church in Anchorage needs assistance with repair and sealing of the 30-year-old church parking lot. Repairs will be done by a professional asphalt contractor, with volunteers completing the seal coat.*



## 2000 Club • Second Quarter 2018

**\$3145**  
has been  
received for  
1Q 2018\*  
\*as of 2/28/18

### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN — APR • MAY • JUN —

#### April

5-7 Women on Mission Celebration  
8 Cooperative Program Sunday  
26-28 Ministers and Spouses Conference

#### May

7-8 ABC Executive Board meeting  
10 ABF Trustee meeting  
13 Day of Prayer for Birchwood Behavioral Health  
28 ABC and ABF offices closed for Memorial Day

#### June

4-8 Alaska Native Youth Camp, LGYRC  
10-11 WMU National Meeting, Dallas  
12-13 Southern Baptist Convention, Dallas  
11-15 Boys Camp, LGYRC  
18-22 Youth Camp, LGYRC  
20-22 K-2nd grade camp, Camp Baldwin  
25-29 Girls Camp, LGYRC  
25-29 Grades 3-4 camp, Camp Baldwin

Because of  
your congregation's  
Cooperative Program giving  
through the  
Alaska Baptist Convention,  
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**\$29,145.73**  
**remained in Alaska**  
for  
missions and ministries.

