

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO

JUNE 17

Strengthen my hands

Nehemiah 6:9

annual meeting of the Alaska Baptist Convention
Monday-Wednesday, September 24-26, 2018
host church: First Baptist Church, Wasilla

Impact Alaska Conference

Monday, September 24
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Annual Meeting

Tuesday, September 25
1:00 - 4:30 p.m.

(supper on your own)
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 26
9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Alaska WMU annual meeting

Tuesday, September 25

First Baptist Church, Wasilla
9:00 - 11:45 a.m.

Pastors Conference

Tuesday, September 25

Mat-Su Resort (Cork Room)
(1850 E. Bogard Road)

9:00 - 11:45 a.m.

lunch for both groups at noon
fellowship hall, First Baptist Church
reservations requested

[click here to register for pastor/WMU lunch](#)

Conference hotel

Best Western Lake Lucille Inn
1300 W. Lake Lucille Drive, Wasilla
Call hotel directly, 907.373.1776

Room block:

Alaska Baptist Convention
\$116.99 + tax (room with two beds)
\$98.99 + tax (room with one bed)
full, hot breakfast is included
for hotel guests.

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January-April 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
Aquillap Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Big Lake Baptist Church	\$3,432.34	\$0.00	\$680.00	\$1,078.70	\$0.00	\$5,191.04
Bodenburg Butte Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Calvary Baptist Church	\$2,756.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,023.26	\$0.00	\$3,779.96
Catalyst Church	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$900.00
Christ Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$70.00
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
Coffman Cove Community Baptist Church	\$467.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$467.50
Cold Bay Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
College Heights Baptist Church	\$12,698.41	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,814.00	\$0.00	\$18,512.41
Cottonwood Creek Cowboy Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cross Roads Baptist Church	\$3,012.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$4,512.00
CrossCountry Church	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Dillingham Bible Fellowship	\$3,111.89	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,300.00	\$0.00	\$4,411.89
Eagle River Korean Baptist Church	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church	\$525.86	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$525.86
Fairbanks Korean Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fairview Loop Baptist Church	\$10,548.26	\$2,118.31	\$34.82	\$4,422.44	\$0.00	\$17,123.83
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	\$875.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$875.00
First Baptist Church, Anchorage	\$4,226.00	\$0.00	\$166.01	\$231.31	\$0.00	\$4,623.32
First Baptist Church, Eagle River	\$16,326.83	\$100.00	\$315.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$16,841.83
First Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$1,963.51	\$0.00	\$985.00	\$1,180.00	\$0.00	\$4,128.51
First Baptist Church, North Pole	\$20,985.00	\$0.00	\$3,413.00	\$3,017.83	\$0.00	\$27,415.83
First Baptist Church, Delta Junction	\$17,554.25	\$0.00	\$4,120.00	\$6,389.70	\$0.00	\$28,063.95
First Baptist Church, Juneau	\$4,196.15	\$685.00	\$1,104.00	\$1,240.00	\$0.00	\$7,225.15
First Baptist Church, Kenai	\$2,647.85	\$0.00	\$641.31	\$1,066.31	\$0.00	\$4,355.47
First Baptist Church, Ketchikan	\$4,738.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,695.00	\$0.00	\$6,433.14
First Baptist Church, Kotzebue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church, Palmer	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,425.00	\$1,728.00	\$0.00	\$5,153.00
First Baptist Church, Petersburg	\$3,643.56	\$1,100.00	\$0.00	\$1,960.00	\$0.00	\$6,703.56
First Baptist Church, Sitka	\$1,608.19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$988.00	\$0.00	\$2,596.19
First Baptist Church, Soldotna	\$3,500.00	\$518.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,018.00
First Baptist Church, Valdez	\$4,949.54	\$0.00	\$2,167.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,116.54
First Baptist Church, Wasilla	\$4,438.29	\$0.00	\$2,658.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,096.29
First Baptist Church, Willow	\$1,170.17	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,814.00	\$0.00	\$7,984.17
First Hmong Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Korean Baptist Church	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
First Native Baptist Church	\$609.00	\$1,004.21	\$0.00	\$729.47	\$0.00	\$2,342.68
Friendship Baptist Mission	\$1,197.65	\$0.00	\$1,525.00	\$2,080.00	\$0.00	\$4,802.65
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	\$228.52	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$228.52
Frontier Southern Baptist Church	\$1,076.58	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,076.58
Gilead Ministries	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Glacier Valley Baptist Church	\$5,212.65	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,501.00	\$0.00	\$9,713.65
Grandview Baptist Church	\$10,936.85	\$0.00	\$2,343.00	\$2,856.00	\$0.00	\$16,135.85
Greater Friendship Baptist Church	\$4,811.43	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,811.43
Hillside Baptist Church	\$3,650.60	\$0.00	\$550.00	\$625.00	\$0.00	\$4,825.60
Hoonah Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Iglesia Bautista Hispana Sunset Hills	\$250.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.20
Immanuel Baptist Church	\$274.89	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$274.89
Journey Church	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$270.00
Juneau Korean Church	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$210.00	\$0.00	\$580.00
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	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Lighthouse Community Church	\$3,980.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,980.00
Living Water Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Malamalama Fou Church	\$240.00	\$60.00	\$120.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$570.00
Misc. Contributors-Cash	\$0.00	\$8,864.64	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,014.64
Montana Creek Baptist Church	\$3,191.57	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,191.57
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	\$1,946.43	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$2,196.43
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	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
Muldoon Road Baptist Church	\$1,651.25	\$0.00	\$788.06	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,439.31
New Birth Christian Church	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
New Grace Christian Church	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00

January-April 2018 Gifts from ABC Churches

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
New Hope Baptist Church	\$4,867.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$5,367.00
New Hope Fellowship	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$335.00	\$0.00	\$510.00
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	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Pathway Discipleship Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pioneer Baptist Church	\$869.17	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$869.17
Rabbit Creek Church	\$1,104.94	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,104.94
River In The Desert Community Church	\$825.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$825.00
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	\$380.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$380.00
Roots Family Church, Soldotna	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75.00
Sabbath Peace Fellowship	\$480.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$480.00
Salcha Baptist Church	\$1,179.96	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,179.96
Sand Lake Fellowship	\$821.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$821.30
Sand Point Baptist Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Schrock Road Community Church	\$1,354.00	\$483.00	\$322.00	\$422.00	\$0.00	\$2,581.00
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	\$2,480.02	\$0.00	\$437.50	\$61.50	\$0.00	\$2,979.02
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$5,138.58	\$0.00	\$2,326.00	\$520.00	\$0.00	\$7,984.58
Tenakee Springs Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
The Crossing @ Birchwood	\$1,600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,600.00
The Way	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Thorne Bay Baptist Church	\$218.19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$24.00	\$0.00	\$242.19
Togiak Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Transitional Ministries	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
True North Church	\$3,504.01	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,500.00	\$0.00	\$9,004.01
True North Church Girdwood	\$572.52	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,650.00	\$0.00	\$2,222.52
UBC-Chinese Fellowship	\$255.00	\$100.00	\$230.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$835.00
Unalaska Reformed Church	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00
University Baptist Church, Anchorage	\$2,123.41	\$0.00	\$1,085.00	\$910.00	\$0.00	\$4,118.41
University Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$2,718.00	\$0.00	\$330.00	\$7,220.86	\$0.00	\$10,268.86
Valley View Baptist Church	\$2,625.00	\$0.00	\$147.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,772.00
Wasilla Korean Baptist Church	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Whittier Christian Community Church	\$262.48	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$262.48
	\$213,708.64	\$15,733.16	\$30,692.70	\$72,693.38	\$0.00	\$332,827.88
		1Q 2018	2Q 2018	3Q 2018	4Q 2018	
2000 Club Call receipts as of Apr. 30, 2018		\$4,280.00	\$3,045.00	\$205.00	\$205.00	\$7,735.00
GRAND TOTAL						\$340,562.88

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	
April				
Receipts	\$57,498.06		\$43,758.45	
CP Goal	58,232.65		57,628.80	
Variance	(734.59)	-1.26%	(13,870.35)	-24.07%
Year-to-Date				
Receipts	\$213,708.64		\$200,536.71	
CP Goal	232,930.60		230,515.20	
Variance	(19,221.96)	-8.25%	(29,978.49)	-13.00%

Welcome

Robert (Susan) Nelson

Mitch (Libby) Senior

Myron (Sharon) Severson

Bodenburg Butte Baptist Church

Please Pray for our Pastorless Churches

Aquilaq Baptist Mission, Ambler

Chinese Fellowship, Fairbanks

First Baptist Church, Eagle River

First Baptist Church, Petersburg

First Baptist Church, Sitka

First Baptist Church, Soldotna

North Tongass Baptist Church, Ward Cove

Riverside Chapel, King Salmon

Shungnak Baptist Mission

Solid Rock Baptist Church, Anchorage

Wayland-Anchorage has two full-time, non-faculty positions available. For details, please contact Associate Dean, John Jemar, jemarj@wbu.edu or Dean Eric Ash, ashe@wbu.edu.

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 widows in need.

Mission:Dignity
Assisting Retired Ministers and Spouses



Randy Covington, Executive Director

Alaska Baptist Convention welcomes new State Director of Church Planting and Missions

As a college graduate from University of North Alabama, Jae McKee set out on an adventure to the frontier state of Alaska as a US-2 missionary with the Home Mission Board (now North American Mission Board). The year was 1991 and his assignment was southeast Alaska. Little did he know that God would lead him to put down permanent roots in Alaska.

McKee grew up in Rogersville, Alabama in a Christian home and attended church most of his life, but admittedly didn't surrender his life to Christ until his college years. Shortly after graduation, he moved to Juneau, Alaska and began working with Glacier Valley Baptist Church, where he met his future wife, Carole (Estes). After extending his two-year term for a third year, he served as mission pastor at Skagway Baptist Mission. Rather than moving back to Alabama upon completion of his assignment, he moved to Anchorage and in 1994, married Carole, an Alaskan school teacher.

Early in their marriage, Carole accepted a teaching assignment in the village of Aleknagik in southwest Alaska. During their brief stint in the village, Jae became a registered Big Game guide and has maintained his license and been active as a hunting and fishing guide ever since. Their eventual return to Anchorage provided the opportunity to serve in volunteer ministerial positions with two different local Baptist churches. God also blessed them with two children, Jason, 21, a student at University of Alaska-Fairbanks, and Jessica, 19, a student at the University of North Alabama, Jae's alma mater.

In 2003, Jae was called to serve at First Baptist Church of Anchorage. In his thirteen years on staff at FBC, he served as youth minister, outreach director and associate pastor. In January 2017, Jae was invited to serve as (part-time) interim State Director of Church Planting and Missions (SDOM). By unanimous vote of the Executive Board of the Alaska Baptist Convention in May 2018, Jae was invited to serve as full-time SDOM and began his tenure on May 1, 2018.

McKee brings a diverse complement of background and experience to the role in which he has been called. Hav-

ing lived in different parts of the state including Juneau, Skagway, Aleknagik and Anchorage, gives him a unique understanding of village life and city life. Exposure to missions and church planting in various settings allows him to observe methodologies that have been effective as well as some which have not been as effective. As a businessman, he has experience in organizational and financial planning. One thing is evident: He loves the Lord and loves the church and will lead our convention to extend the gospel to every corner of our state and plant churches that will reproduce themselves. When he is not traveling, working, or fishing, he can be found hanging out with his family at his cabin in Talkeetna.



SBC EC names Augie Boto interim president

D. August (Augie) Boto has been named interim president of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee (EC). In Nashville on April 4, the EC officers tapped



Boto for the position following the retirement of former EC President Frank Page, who cited a "personal failing" in announcing his immediate departure. Boto, an attorney, brings more than 20 years of denominational service to this strategic task. In 2007, he was named executive vice president and general counsel of the Executive Committee.

"The EC officers have confidence that Augie will provide stability in leadership for the Executive Committee during this interim period as the EC begins its search for a new president," said EC chairman Stephen Rummage.

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Alaska Baptist Disaster Relief Update

by Gary Bearce, Alaska Baptist Disaster Relief Coordinator



Thank you to those who attended the Disaster Relief (DR) training last fall. I assure you our convention is working toward effective disaster preparation. It is a special privilege to work with pastors and churches to prepare to serve Christ and witness through recovery ministries. While we do not hope for a disaster, we need to fully understand the process of organizing and preparing to meet needs in times of crisis.

The next DR training is set for Friday-Saturday, September 14-15, at First Baptist Church, Eagle River. Sabbath Peace Fellowship has graciously volunteered to provide meals during the training. The following classes will be offered:

DR Assessment. Led by Terry Henderson, of Texas Baptist Men, participants will receive instruction on assessing needs following a call-out from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Red Cross or Borough Disaster Management.

Chaplaincy/Spiritual Care Ministry Training. Facilitated by Teresa and Dan Cappel, this training will be offered to those who have received chaplaincy training in the past, but whose credentials must be updated. Newcomers are welcome to attend as well.

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Boto named Jimmy Draper, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) and president emeritus of LifeWay Christian Resources, as "EC Ambassador." Draper, who has maintained an active speaking schedule since retiring from LifeWay in 2006, is "someone for whom no introduction or explanation need be given," Boto said in an April 9 announcement. "He is someone whom involved Southern Baptists all across our nation would immediately recognize and trust." In his role as EC Ambassador, Draper will assist Boto in performing normal presidential duties that would potentially overburden Boto's other responsibilities.

Boto has described Draper and his wife, Carol Ann, as "close friends with my family since the 1970s. He shares my deep love for our convention and its cooperative methodology. I am in debt to his model, his training and his counsel for no small part of that love."



<http://www.bpnews.net/50648/ec-exec-vp-augie-boto-named-interim-president>
<http://www.bpnews.net/50665/jimmy-draper-named-executive-committee-ambassador>
<https://brnow.org/News/April-2018/Jimmy-Draper-named-Executive-Committee-ambassador>

Shower and Laundry Ministries Training. Led by Gary Bearce, this particular ministry offers an excellent opportunity for evangelism. The long-range plan will be to procure a portable shower and laundry unit.

For the last several months, I have been active in disaster relief preparation, attending preparedness conferences hosted by the Alaska Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management in cooperation with Alaska Department of Health. I have attended local, statewide and national Volunteers Organized and Active in Disasters (VOAD) meetings, alongside volunteers from the Red Cross, Salvation Army and others. Alaska Baptists would be part of a coordinated team effort should disaster strike.

At this writing, I am in Puerto Rico, working with other volunteers in repairing roofs; at least 50,000 people are still suffering from the aftermath of Hurricane Maria which hit in September, 2017. I also volunteered in Raleigh, North Carolina where residents are recovering from April tornadoes. I was privileged to attend a DR roundtable and training session with 200 others, hosted by the Northwest Baptist Convention, and to learn how our neighbors in Washington and Oregon are organizing their volunteers to be available should disaster strike.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your DR coordinator, and I look forward to seeing you at our training in September. Please contact me directly if you have questions, gary@cross-countrychurch.com

Mission:Dignity Sunday, June 24

A poster for Mission:Dignity's 100th anniversary. At the top, it says "There are 100 REASONS to give." in a decorative font. Below that, in large, bold letters, it says "But you only need ONE!". Underneath, it reads "Join Mission:Dignity in caring for God's faithful retired servants in need." To the left is a framed portrait of an elderly African American woman with glasses, smiling. To the right is a circular seal that says "MISSION DIGNITY 100 YEARS 1918-2018 ONE HUNDRED REASONS TO GIVE". Below the seal is a red button that says "Please give." At the bottom right is the Mission:Dignity logo, which includes a green dove icon and the text "Mission:Dignity Assisting Retired Ministers and Spouses". The website "MissionDignity.org" is printed at the very bottom.

MILEPOST MOMENTS

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

Condolences

Our condolences to Jimmy Stewart in the loss of his mother, Betty Parker Stewart, on April 26, 2018. A service was held on May 5 in Fayetteville, Georgia. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to jimmy@alaskabaptistconvention.com

Condolences

Our condolences to the family of Charlotte Stuart, who passed away in February. A graveside service was held May 23 at Fort Richardson National Cemetery, followed by a service and celebration of life dinner at University Baptist Church, Anchorage. During her 50+ years of service in Alaska, Charlotte was active in WMU, and faithfully served in several churches, including University, First-Anchorage, Sunset Hills, Grandview and Immanuel. She also served as bookkeeper at the Alaska Baptist Convention. She supported Montana Creek, Settler's Bay and Inlet View (now Rabbit Creek Church). Expressions of sympathy may be sent to jfstuart17@aol.com

Congratulations

Congratulations to Luke and Sarah Stewart, pastor, Kobuk Baptist Mission, on their birth of their son, Levi John-Charlie, born May 11, 2018, weighing 8 pounds and measuring 19" in length. Please pray for his jaundice. He joins four excited sisters and one brother.

Filipino Bible Church, Anchorage

The church celebrated its 25th anniversary the weekend of



April 28-29. The celebration began with a banquet for members and guests on Saturday evening at the Center in Anchorage which drew over 400 participants. The culmination of the celebration was during the Sunday morn-

ing worship service at the church, which was followed by an anniversary reception in the fellowship Hall. Val Natcher is pastor. (submitted photos, congregation and Pastor Val Natcher)

New Hope Baptist Church, Anchorage



Reverend Wilbert (Sheila) Mickens, Jr. was installed as pastor at New Hope Baptist Church on May 6. An installation service was held by the church involving pastors and leaders from across the city to

welcome the new pastor and his wife. The special service was followed by a fellowship meal at the church, which is located in Mountain View. (submitted photo)

Sunset Hills Baptist Church, Anchorage

The students and faculty of the English as a Second Language (ESL) program at Sunset Hills Baptist Church cel-



ebrated graduation for the spring 2018 semester. Shirley Miebs is the school director and Don Shannon is the pastor. (submitted photo)

Ministers and Spouses Conference

The annual Ministers and Spouses Conference was held April 26-28 at the Hotel Captain Cook in Anchorage. Bill Purvis, pastor of Cascade Hills Baptist Church in Columbus, Georgia and founder of Bill Purvis Ministries was the guest



speaker. Nashville gospel group, High Road provided inspirational leadership in worship and celebration. The retreat was attended by 28 couples from Alaska churches.

(submitted photos, Bill Purvis and High Road)



NAMB SEND Conference

Eight Alaska church planters attended the SEND Network Orientation, hosted by the North American Mission Board, April 30-May 2 in Alpharetta, Georgia. All who participated were blessed, encouraged and challenged as they



spent time together learning about building brotherhood, expanding the kingdom of God and multiplying healthy churches and plants. (pictured l to r: Steve Kim, Su'e Su'e, Jerry Davidson, Preston Egglar, Jim Boyd, Nathan Buck, Brian Hicks, Aaron Brown) *(submitted photo)*

Sand Point Chapel

A seven-member team from Alaska Village Missions, along with Samaritans Purse, replaced the old roof on the church building. Working through sun, rain, wind and snow (!), they completed the work in four days! The church and mission team celebrated together with a potluck, where they also honored graduates. *(submitted photos)*



Salcha Baptist Church

Congratulations to (pictured l to r) Reanna Brinks, Emmie Ellis and Rachel Christensen, recent graduates of Arrowhead Bible College in Fishtail, Montana. In their



nine-month course, they intensively studied scripture, participated in small groups, built strong relationships with fellow students and benefited from staff guidance. Rachel also thanks

the Alaska Baptist Foundation for the scholarship. *(submitted photo)*

Church office job opening in Anchorage

Grandview Baptist Church is seeking a part-time administrative assistant to support the pastoral staff and church office operations. Salary is DOE and includes paid holidays, vacation and personal days. Visit www.gbcaak.org for a full description and contact information.

Concealed Carry course offered at the ABC

June 28, 4:00-9:00 p.m. (supper included); range time will be June 30 at Rabbit Creek Shooting Park. Cost is \$150 per person and only ten slots are available. Click [here](#) for information about the course; sign-up and [pay online](#).

Alaska Baptist Convention (ABC) Executive Board Actions

May 7-8, 2018

submitted by Debra Long, Operation and Finance Administrator, ABC

1. Approved the Operation Manual presented by Dr. Randy Covington (a copy is filed with the May 7-8, 2018, Board Minutes). Motion passed unanimously.
2. Approved to adopt the 2019 proposed Alaska Baptist Convention calendar of events to be published in the 2018 Book of Reports (a copy is filed with the May 7-8, 2018, Board Minutes). Motion passed unanimously.
3. Approved modifying the Policies and Procedures Manual to bring it into better alignment with current practice (a copy of the specific changes is filed with the May 7-8, 2018, Board Minutes).
4. Approved the March 2018 Financial Reports (a copy is filed with the May 7-8, 2018, Board Minutes). Motion passed unanimously.
5. Approved to revise the 2018 Budget to reflect \$50,000 of Alabama Baptist State Convention support of the State Director of Church Planting and Mission and to transfer \$750 from Designated Account 8990 Kelly Funds to finance the State Director of Church Planting and Missions position for the remainder of 2018 (a copy is filed with the May 7-8, 2018, Board Minutes). Motion passed unanimously.
6. Approved the 2019 Proposed Budget that will be presented at the 2018 Annual Meeting for adoption (a copy is filed with the May 7-8, 2018, Board Minutes). Motion passed unanimously.
7. Approved New Birth Christian Church's request of \$4,000 from Account 8309 Non-requested 2000 Club funds and to be the third quarter 2018 recipient of the 2000 Club Call for renovations and restoration of the church building. Motion passed unanimously.
8. Approved Agape Fellowship's request of \$9,447 from Account 8575 Church Strengthening Funds to purchase sound equipment for the worship service. Motion passed by majority vote.
9. Approved Roots Family Church-Soldotna's request of \$2,800 from Account 8196 State Mission Offering to conduct outreach events in Good News Bay in cooperation with Child Evangelism Fellowship. Motion passed unanimously.
10. Approved First Korean Baptist Church's request of \$5,000 from Account 8330 Affinity Group Training to conduct training and professional development for Korean-speaking pastors in Alaska. Motion passed unanimously.
11. Approved \$2,400 from Account 8575 Church Strengthening Funds to assist Moose Pass Community Church with paying utility bills and maintenance needs for the worship facilities. The funds would be disbursed \$200 a month for twelve months. Motion passed unanimously.
12. Approved to assist First Baptist Church-Anchorage with purchasing 10 waterproof sleeping bags for the homeless at \$50 each, plus shipping. The total amount of the request is \$700 from Account 8196 State Mission Offering. Motion passed unanimously.
13. Approved the rough draft of the 2018 Annual Meeting Program (a copy is filed with the May 7-8, 2018, Board Minutes) and any modification the Executive Director deems necessary. The committee recommended the theme of the Annual Meeting to be "Strengthen My Hands" from Nehemiah 6:9 and the 2018 Book of Reports be dedicated to Judson Owen and Charlotte Stuart. Motion passed unanimously.
14. Approved recommendation to reduce the amount the ABC sends to the Executive Committee of SBC from 37 percent to 20 percent to make the 2019 budget of \$839,320.78 from in-state Cooperative Program giving more realistic. The recommendation passed unanimously and will be voted on during the next Annual Meeting of the ABC for adoption.
15. Received presentation for casting the vision for a new tomorrow for ABC at the 2018 Annual Meeting and President Myers' forming a sub-committee of the Board to assist Dr. Covington in developing the presentation of the vision for the Annual Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

July 15 - 19, 2018



Put on the full armor of God. Eph 6:11a
Jesus, Arts, Music Camp (completed 3rd-10th grades)
hosted by Hatcher Pass Baptist Association
located at Laverne Griffin Youth Recreation Camp
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A City of Great Diversity

guest editorial by Dr. Don Shannon, pastor, Sunset Hills Baptist Church, Anchorage

Anchorage, Alaska is a city of great ethnic diversity. University of Alaska Anchorage sociology professor Chad Farrell commented, “There are few areas in the United States that have the mix of groups and the presence of groups in significant sizes like we do.” Farrell said the city ranks thirtieth among 366 metropolitan areas in the diversity index and is fifth among medium-sized U.S. cities. He adds this diversity is more evident in public school populations. The top three most-diverse high schools, the top three most-diverse middle schools and the top 19 most-diverse elementary schools in the United States are in Anchorage, Alaska.

The question facing the churches of Anchorage is one that requires an honest evaluation; What will we do to match the ethnic diversity of our city? According to Ed Stetzer, “Any church that will be bold and audacious enough to tackle diversity – and overcome their homogenous tendency – will need to teach, model and implement these five truths of diversity.” In his article he goes on to delineate the five truths: diversity is biblical, sacrificial, humble, intentional and beneficial. “In living out these five truths of diversity, our churches will reflect more of the eschatological kingdom of God in the here and now.”

Sunset Hills took the challenge and is working towards a diversity that reflects our city. One can find Koreans, African Americans, Filipinos, Vietnamese, Latinos and Alaska Natives at Sunset Hills. The current ethnic make-up of the church is

about 25 percent minority and 75 percent Anglo. The roots of diversity began over 25 years ago when the church began a ministry to internationals. The English and Citizenship School opened the door to a more diverse body. Additionally, it has been the desire of the church to see a Spanish speaking Southern Baptist congregation in Anchorage. Currently the church is in its second effort to see this dream become a reality.

As an established church we have the benefit of a facility which affords us the opportunity to share our space with the Spanish language church plant. As stewards of the Lord’s resources it is our aspiration and responsibility to use the building to the greatest extent possible. The high cost of real estate in Anchorage makes it prohibitive for a new work to purchase a facility to meet their needs. Therefore we

must look to sharing facilities with these new works. Economics in Anchorage presents this second challenge, sharing facilities, to the established churches as we work together to reach our city for the kingdom of God. Developing strategies and plans to share our buildings should be a priority.

These two issues, diversity and economics, are just as much a new frontier to be conquered by the church in Anchorage today as was clearing land and hauling in a Quonset hut decades ago. Just as in days gone by, we too must possess a cooperative spirit and unity of purpose, as we approach these two issues, so we can bring honor to the Lord.

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¹Matt Tunseth, “Anchorage Public Schools Lead Nation in Diversity,” *Anchorage Dispatch News*, May 23, 2015, accessed May 12, 2016; available from <http://www.adn.com/article/20150523/anchorage-public-schools-lead-nation-diversity>.

²Ibid. Chad Farrell cites the U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, *Common Core of Data (CCD)*, “Local Education Agency (School District) Universe Study,” 2012-13; *Public Elementary/Secondary School Universe Survey*, 2012-13, for the data he used to create the diversity index. This information is available at https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/data/ipeds_datacenter/ipeds_datacenter.asp?table=1&year=2012-13&table=1&year=2012-13.

³Ed Stetzer, “Di-ver-si-ty: Overcoming Homogeneity in Our Churches,” accessed May 1, 2018; available from <https://www.christianitytoday.com/edstetzer/2016/july/di-ver-si-ty-overcoming-homogeneity-in-our-churches.html>.

Hispanic youth in America

Today, Hispanics are the youngest major ethnic group in the United States. Nearly half of U.S.-born Latinos are younger than 18.

Source: PewResearch.com, April 20, 2016; printed in *OnMission* magazine, October 2017

The Latino impact

The United States is now home to 55 million Hispanics—17% of the nation’s population. Hispanics are projected to account for 52% of new homeowners by 2030. They have also contributed to 47% growth in small businesses between 2007 to 2012 – a rate 60 times higher than that of non-Latinos.

Source: PewResearch.com, April 20, 2016; printed in *OnMission* magazine, October 2017

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.



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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

July

2-6	Grades 5-6 camp, Camp Baldwin
4	ABC and ABF office closed for Independence Day
9-13	Grades 7-8 camp, Camp Baldwin
15-19	JAM Camp
16-20	Grades 9-12 camp, Camp Baldwin

August

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