

On June 7, each church received an email stating the number of messengers to which each church is entitled, and the method of registering those messengers. If you have questions, please contact [Sylvia Rylander](#).

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

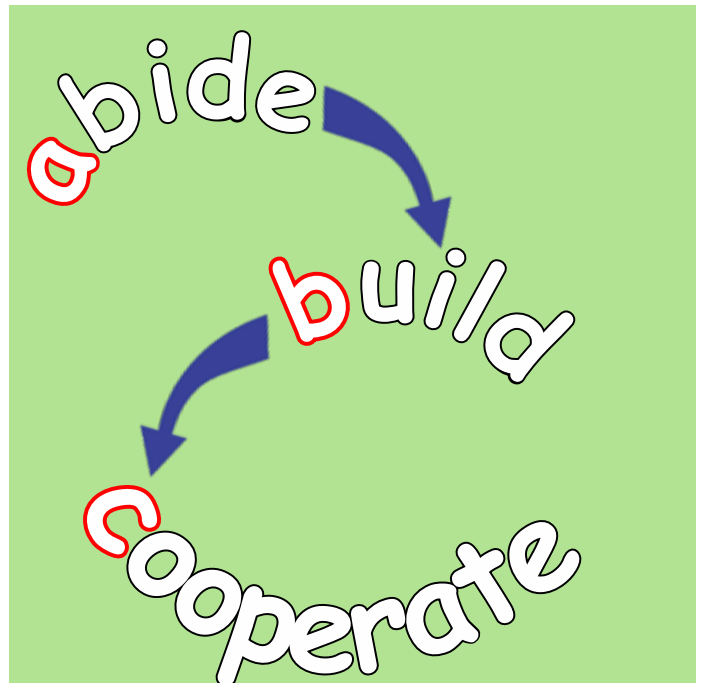
*full, hot breakfast is included
for hotel guests.*

WMU and Pastors Lunch during the annual meeting



Tuesday, September 25, Noon
lunch is provided for
pastors and WMU attendees

[Registration required](#)



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January- June 2018 Gifts from ABC Churches

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
Adelphoi (formerly The Way)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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	\$5,203.45	\$0.00	\$680.00	\$1,078.70	\$0.00	\$6,962.15
Bodenburg Butte Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Calvary Baptist Church	\$2,756.70	\$0.00	\$1,023.61	\$1,023.26	\$0.00	\$4,803.57
Catalyst Church	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$900.00
Christ Community Church	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$170.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$370.00
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 Comm Baptist Church	\$994.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$994.50
Cold Bay Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
College Heights Baptist Church	\$20,378.11	\$0.00	\$2,255.00	\$5,814.00	\$0.00	\$28,447.11
Cottonwood Creek Cowboy Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cross Roads Baptist Church	\$5,721.00	\$0.00	\$2,744.50	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$9,965.50
CrossCountry Church	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Dillingham Bible Fellowship	\$4,675.38	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,300.00	\$0.00	\$5,975.38
Eagle River Korean Baptist Church	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$550.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church	\$901.85	\$0.00	\$210.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,111.85
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	\$4,673.37	\$0.00	\$1,452.00	\$2,465.00	\$100.00	\$8,690.37
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	\$6,136.64	\$0.00	\$1,447.01	\$231.31	\$0.00	\$7,814.96
First Baptist Church, Eagle River	\$21,503.19	\$100.00	\$2,862.34	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$24,565.53
First Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$3,479.74	\$0.00	\$985.00	\$1,180.00	\$0.00	\$5,644.74
First Baptist Church, North Pole	\$27,135.00	\$0.00	\$3,413.00	\$3,017.83	\$0.00	\$33,565.83
First Baptist Church, Delta Junction	\$28,626.41	\$100.00	\$4,255.00	\$11,342.16	\$0.00	\$44,323.57
First Baptist Church, Juneau	\$5,809.88	\$795.00	\$1,520.00	\$1,371.00	\$0.00	\$9,495.88
First Baptist Church, Kenai	\$4,173.17	\$0.00	\$895.53	\$1,320.53	\$0.00	\$6,389.23
First Baptist Church, Ketchikan	\$6,091.56	\$0.00	\$2,520.00	\$1,695.00	\$0.00	\$10,306.56
First Baptist Church, Kotzebue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church, Palmer	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,525.00	\$1,728.00	\$0.00	\$6,253.00
First Baptist Church, Petersburg	\$3,643.56	\$1,100.00	\$0.00	\$1,960.00	\$0.00	\$6,703.56
First Baptist Church, Sitka	\$2,990.09	\$0.00	\$899.00	\$988.00	\$0.00	\$4,877.09
First Baptist Church, Soldotna	\$4,496.00	\$518.00	\$525.00	\$660.00	\$0.00	\$6,199.00
First Baptist Church, Valdez	\$8,721.57	\$0.00	\$2,327.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,048.57
First Baptist Church, Wasilla	\$6,338.72	\$0.00	\$2,658.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,996.72
First Baptist Church, Willow	\$1,919.69	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,814.00	\$0.00	\$8,733.69
First Hmong Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Korean Baptist Church	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$397.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$1,697.00
First Native Baptist Church	\$757.00	\$1,004.21	\$0.00	\$729.47	\$0.00	\$2,490.68
Friendship Baptist Mission	\$1,735.81	\$0.00	\$1,525.00	\$2,080.00	\$0.00	\$5,340.81
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	\$2,134.08	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,134.08
Gilead Ministries	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Glacier Valley Baptist Church	\$9,213.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,501.00	\$0.00	\$13,714.50
Grandview Baptist Church	\$17,039.68	\$0.00	\$2,486.23	\$2,856.00	\$0.00	\$22,381.91
Greater Friendship Baptist Church	\$7,000.29	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,000.29
Hillside Baptist Church	\$5,826.10	\$0.00	\$550.00	\$625.00	\$0.00	\$7,001.10
Hoonah Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Iglesia Bautista Hispana Sunset Hills	\$500.80	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$550.80
Immanuel Baptist Church	\$467.07	\$0.00	\$986.01	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,453.08
Journey Church	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$270.00
Juneau Korean Church	\$180.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$210.00	\$0.00	\$640.00
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	\$420.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$420.00
Korean New Central Baptist Church	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
Lighthouse Community Church	\$5,280.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,280.00
Living Water Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Malamalama Fou Church	\$360.00	\$60.00	\$240.00	\$150.00	\$120.00	\$930.00
Misc. Contributors-Cash	\$0.00	\$8,864.64	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,014.64
Montana Creek Baptist Church	\$5,103.49	\$0.00	\$420.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$5,773.49
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	\$2,573.15	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$2,823.15
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	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Muldoon Road Baptist Church	\$4,048.92	\$0.00	\$788.06	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,836.98

January-June 2018 Gifts from ABC Churches

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
New Birth Christian Church	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
New Grace Christian Church	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
New Hope Baptist Church	\$6,307.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$6,807.00
New Hope Fellowship	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$335.00	\$0.00	\$570.00
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	\$475.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$575.00
Pathway Discipleship Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pioneer Baptist Church	\$1,585.52	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,685.52
Rabbit Creek Church	\$2,083.17	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,083.17
River In The Desert Community Church	\$1,265.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,265.00
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	\$570.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$570.00
Roots Family Church, Soldotna	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75.00
Sabbath Peace Fellowship	\$720.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$720.00
Salcha Baptist Church	\$1,179.96	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,179.96
Sand Lake Fellowship	\$888.24	\$91.74	\$291.74	\$91.74	\$0.00	\$1,363.46
Sand Point Baptist Chapel	\$5,012.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,012.25
Schrock Road Community Church	\$2,716.00	\$900.00	\$600.00	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$4,916.00
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	\$1,400.00	\$700.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,100.00
St. John Baptist Church	\$3,209.89	\$0.00	\$437.50	\$61.50	\$0.00	\$3,708.89
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$9,210.90	\$0.00	\$3,714.00	\$520.00	\$0.00	\$13,444.90
Tenakee Springs Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
The Crossing @ Birchwood	\$2,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,400.00
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	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$35.00
True North Church	\$8,133.57	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,500.00	\$0.00	\$13,633.57
True North Church Girdwood	\$1,360.65	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,650.00	\$0.00	\$3,010.65
UBC-Chinese Fellowship	\$362.50	\$100.00	\$230.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$942.50
Unalaska Reformed Church	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00
University Baptist Church, Anchorage	\$3,499.18	\$0.00	\$1,145.00	\$910.00	\$0.00	\$5,554.18
University Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$5,170.00	\$0.00	\$4,937.00	\$7,520.86	\$0.00	\$17,627.86
Valley View Baptist Church	\$2,625.00	\$0.00	\$147.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,772.00
Wasilla Korean Baptist Church	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
Whittier Christian Community Church	\$589.78	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$589.78

\$324,680.05 \$16,451.90 \$56,216.35 \$82,075.80 \$220.00 \$479,644.10

2000 Club Call receipts as of June 30, 2018 1Q 2018 2Q 2018 3Q 2018 4Q 2018 **\$9,650.00**

\$489,294.10

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	
June				
Receipts	\$45,398.65		\$46,961.88	
CP Goal	58,232.65		57,628.80	
Variance	(12,834.00)	-22.04%	(10,666.92)	-18.51%
Year-to-Date				
Receipts	\$324,680.05		\$305,655.09	
CP Goal	349,395.90		345,772.80	
Variance	(24,715.85)	-7.07%	(40,117.71)	-11.60%

**Please Pray for
our Pastorless Churches**

Aquilaq Baptist Mission, Ambler
Chinese Fellowship, Fairbanks
First Baptist Church, Eagle River
First Baptist Church, Ketchikan
First Baptist Church, Petersburg
First Baptist Church, Sitka
Friendship Baptist Mission, Fairbanks
North Tongass Baptist Church, Ward Cove
Riverside Chapel, King Salmon
Shungnak Baptist Mission
Solid Rock Baptist Church, Anchorage



Additional

Disaster Relief Training

offered in Anchorage

in October. See page 7 of this issue and watch our weekly emails, Facebook and website for additional information and registration.

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.





Jimmy Stewart, Director of Evangelism and Church Development

A summer of evangelism

What an exciting summer! In the July issue of the Alaska Baptist *Milepost*, I told you about 13 college students from Outside, who are helping local churches conduct evangelism events. Since only two had openly shared their faith prior to this trip, we started with the basics – conversation first, followed by a gospel presentation. One of the girls had an opportunity to share Christ at a Thursday night concert in the park and I wish you could have seen the joy in her face. She told the group, “I got to do it! I was actually able to start a conversation and share the gospel.” You could see her excitement and the evidence of growth in her faith. I believe the life of that college student will be greatly impacted as she gains confidence. She now knows it is possible for her to lead someone to Christ, and her life and mission will never be the same. The students are all becoming “gospel aware” as they think first about the salvation of others. This training takes discipline and discipleship. We are using the book, “Sharing Jesus Without Freaking Out,” by Alvin Reid. This book has opened their eyes to the discipline of evangelism, as they learn how to read the Bible, be in the community and be stewards. These are all new concepts to a new or untrained believer. Sharing Christ with people is a spiritual discipline that needs to be taught. My first experience sharing Christ was because a campus minister encouraged me and took me on a discipleship path. Pastors and leaders, who are you taking on a discipleship path? What resources are you using? Another book we are using is Lifeway’s “Disciples Path: The Life, Living the Spiritual Disciplines,” a very helpful source for training

new believers in the disciplines of the faith. Pastors and church leaders, we cannot assume believers are learning on their own, or learning the best evangelistic practices, so setting a path for learning is important. I hope our churches are encouraging discipleship through small groups, or one-on-one discipleship. If you have found effective materials with which to disciple believers, please let me know. One of the greatest joys in our faith is to pass on what we have learned. It is a privilege and a responsibility. I pray we will see a great discipleship movement in Alaska. If I can help, let me know. Let’s pass our faith on to the next generation.



Nathan, Dominika, Daniel, Esther, Elizabeth

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Standing in the Gap for Alaska's Youth

CHOSEN is a faith-based, non-profit program in Anchorage that pairs at-risk youth with mentor teams of two.

For more information about their mission, ways to get involved, or how to refer a child or youth, please visit

ChosenAlaska

ENGAGE

equipped to serve

Are you interested in developing practical skills to lead, love and serve marginalized people in a broken world? ENGAGE is a faith-based discipleship training that focuses on equipping people to engage in areas of injustice.

August 24-26 at ChangePoint in Anchorage
visit [ENGAGE](#) for additional information



MILEPOST MOMENTS

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

The Church @ Commodore Park, Anchorage

Shauna Bushnell played her bagpipes for members of The Church@ Commodore Park. Shauna, her husband (Inky) and three children spent over ten years with the International Mission Board, serving in England. (submitted photo)



Christ Community Church, Anchorage

CCC is hosting a back-to-school cookout and potluck on Sunday, August 19. Church is at 10:00 with a special presentation by Brian Buffington (see additional information below), and the potluck will follow the service. The church is providing burgers and hot dogs and asks everyone to bring a picnic-style dish and dessert to share. There will be a bounce house, face painting and games. Come join the fun at 2222 W. 100th Avenue, at the corner of Southport and 100th.

Tanana Valley Baptist Association

TVBA hosted a fishing tournament on Saturday, June 30 at Quartz Lake at which 50 people participated! Faith Baptist Church, Clearwater Baptist Church, Moose Creek Baptist Church, Friendship Baptist Mission and Cross Roads Baptist Church were well-represented at the event and participants are already talking about and planning

next year's tournament. Austin Prine (photo 1, Cross Roads Baptist) won first place with a 17-inch trout; Ken Spires (photo 2, Faith Baptist) won second place with a 16.5-inch



trout; and 10-year-old Austin Krichbaum (photo 3) took third place with his 16-inch trout! Austin and his family are newcomers



to the Fairbanks area so this was quite a fun way to start their Alaskan adventure. The group enjoyed hamburgers, hot dogs and fellowship before the rain came. (submitted photos)

University Baptist Church, Fairbanks

UBC will be an election precinct for the primary election on August 21. On August 26, they will welcome University of Alaska, Fairbanks students back with a barbecue.

Roots Family Church, Kasilof

Contagious Camp 2018 was held June 23-27 at the Alaska Christian Retreat Center on the Kenai Peninsula. A team of 11 missionaries from First Baptist Church, Fitzhugh, Oklahoma, including Doug (Kecia) Burrows (former pastor, FBC Soldotna) led the camp. Several volunteers from area churches assisted. Twenty-five youth attended, representing ten churches from the Kenai Peninsula and Anchorage area. A big thanks to everyone who prayed and helped make camp possible. (submitted photo)



<http://www.brianbuffington.co>

BRIAN BUFFINGTON

HAPPY MUSIC FOR THE MASSES
Christ Community Church
August 19th @ 10am

singer & songwriter, specializing in the art of Happy Music

A portrait of Brian Buffington, a man with a beard and sunglasses, wearing a white jacket and a baseball cap.

His music is loved by fans of all ages and backgrounds, evoking lots of smiles and sing-a-longs at his shows.

First Baptist Church, Willow

On July 8, FBC presented a Dodge Ram 15-passenger van to CrossCountry Church of Wasilla. The van was gifted through coordinated efforts between FBC and a ministry called “40 Missions Ministry,” a group of Alabama businessmen which includes FBC pastor Charles Worthy’s son, Beau. CrossCountry pastor Mike Balos accepted the gift on behalf of his church, and then preached the morning sermon. At the same service, the church licensed Lee (Rhonda) Phillips (current youth pastor) to the gospel ministry, and dedicated their VBS workers. *(submitted photos)*



Disaster Relief Training

October 5-6

at First Baptist Church, Eagle River

- Introduction to DR
 - DR Assessment
 - Disaster Spiritual Care/Chaplaincy
 - Laundry/Shower Ministry Training
- contact Gary Bearce, 907.982.0133

TWO POSITION VACANCIES

Sunset Hills Baptist Church
seeks a
YOUTH MINISTER
(part time)
and

SPANISH-SPEAKING PASTOR

Positions will be available
August 2018
Email pastor Don Shannon
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Gen Z

Barna recently released their first insights into Gen Z—those born between 1999 and 2015. Here are some highlights of this emerging generation.

Source: Barna, 2018

Technology They almost always have a device on them, and their devices are constantly on their minds.

Worldview Out of 69 million children and teens in Gen Z, only 4% have a biblical worldview.

Identity One-third say gender is how a person feels on the inside and not their birth sex.

Security Having come of age in a post-9/11 nation, many are anxious about the future. Their goals revolve around success and financial security.

Diversity Two in five interact with people who are different than them.



Randy Covington, Executive Director

What is our Vision?

In 1961, John F. Kennedy challenged America when he articulated a vision for sending a man to the moon. His vision was clearly stated, ***"I believe that this nation should commit itself to achieving the goal, before this decade is out, of landing a man on the moon and returning him safely to Earth."*** That became the mission of NASA which was fulfilled in 1969 when Apollo 11's lunar module Eagle touched down in the Sea of Tranquility with Buzz Aldrin and Neil Armstrong aboard.

A vision is a compelling description of an intended future reality that drives an organization to complete its calling. Rick Warren describes it as the guiding force, the controlling assumption, the driving conviction that compels you to do what you do. That becomes the organization's purpose for existence. Jesus clearly stated His personal vision in Mark 10:45, "The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

I believe God has given us a vision of what He wants Alaska Baptists to whole-heartedly pursue:

Our vision is to be people who . . .

ABIDE in Christ (John 15:5),

BUILD the Kingdom of Heaven on earth (Matt 16:19), and

COOPERATE in one sacred effort (Acts 1:8)!



This statement describes three things:

1. Who we are in Christ: His followers who are living according to His will;
2. What we do: Fulfill the Great Commission and build the Kingdom of Heaven;
3. How we do it: Work together as one to extend the gospel to the ends of the earth;

The easiest way to remember the vision is to remember your ABCs. We are known as the Alaska Baptist Convention, so that shouldn't be too hard. ***Abide...Build...Cooperate!***

What is our Mission?

Our mission statement declares what we intend to do today in order to achieve the vision of tomorrow. God's Word clearly speaks to the mission for all followers of Christ. Jesus commanded His followers to ***"Love the Lord, your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind,"*** and ***"Love your neighbor as yourself."*** (Matt 22: 37, 39) He commissioned them to ***"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you."*** (Matt 28:19-20a)



Here is how the Alaska Baptist Convention can fulfill its unique function in serving its network of churches:

Our mission is to glorify God as we assist churches to . . .

Evangelize the lost;

Equip new believers;

Establish new churches;

Encourage the saints;

Extend the gospel to the ends of the earth!

Jesus declared his on-going mission to John's disciples when he said, ***"Go and report to John what you have seen and heard: The blind receive their sight, the lame walk, those with leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor are told the good news."*** (Luke 7:22) Likewise, May God empower us to fulfill the vision He has given us that we might complete the mission to which we have been commissioned. There can be no greater cause to which we can give our lives!

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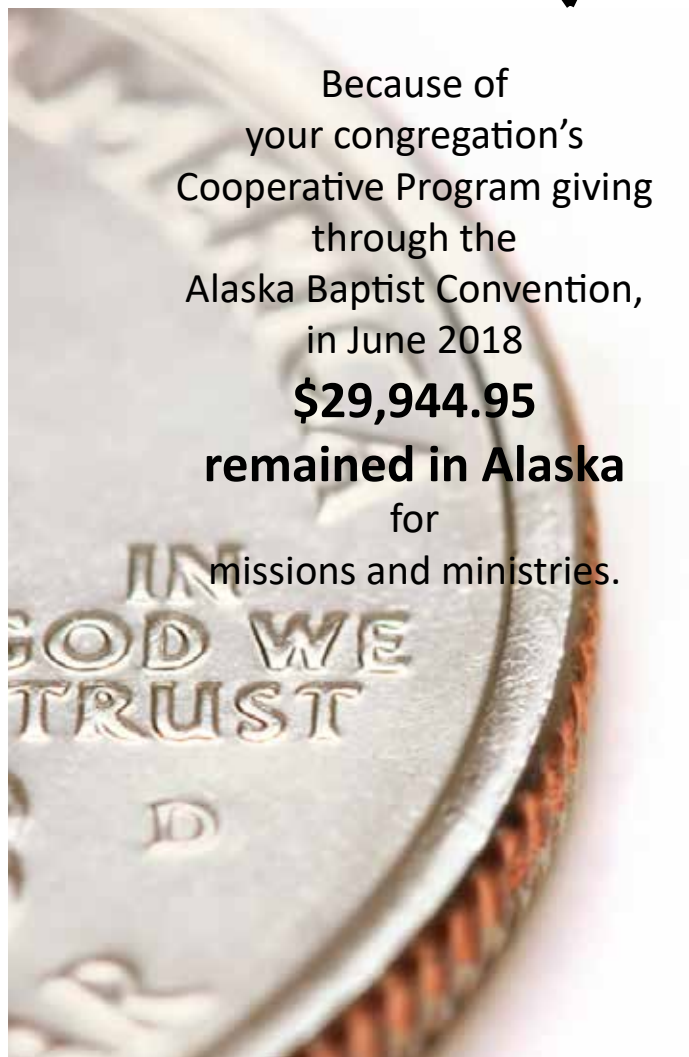
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