

## *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  
2:00 - 4:30 p.m.  
(supper on your own)  
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 26  
9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

### **Alaska WMU annual meeting**

Tuesday, September 25  
First Baptist Church, Wasilla  
9:00 - Noon

### **Pastors Conference**

Tuesday, September 25  
Mat-Su Resort (Cork Room)  
(1850 E. Bogard Road)  
9:00 - 11:30 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.*

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## January- July 2018 Gifts from ABC Churches

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
Adelphoi	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Agape Fellowship	\$2,545.85	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,545.85
Alaska Iu-Mienh First Baptist Church	\$176.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$176.00
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
Aquillaq 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	\$4,753.57	\$0.00	\$1,023.61	\$1,023.26	\$0.00	\$6,800.44
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	\$23,261.03	\$0.00	\$2,255.00	\$5,814.00	\$0.00	\$31,330.03
Cottonwood Creek Cowboy Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cross Roads Baptist Church	\$6,912.00	\$0.00	\$2,744.50	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$11,156.50
CrossCountry Church	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Dillingham Bible Fellowship	\$5,557.24	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,300.00	\$0.00	\$6,857.24
Eagle River Korean Baptist Church	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church	\$1,064.40	\$0.00	\$210.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,274.40
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	\$5,210.34	\$0.00	\$1,452.00	\$2,465.00	\$100.00	\$9,227.34
Faith Recovery Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Filipino Bible Church	\$1,750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,750.00
First Baptist Church, Anchorage	\$8,934.69	\$0.00	\$1,647.01	\$231.31	\$0.00	\$10,813.01
First Baptist Church, Eagle River	\$24,543.13	\$200.00	\$2,862.34	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$27,705.47
First Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$3,479.74	\$0.00	\$985.00	\$1,180.00	\$0.00	\$5,644.74
First Baptist Church, North Pole	\$29,839.00	\$0.00	\$3,413.00	\$3,017.83	\$0.00	\$36,269.83
First Baptist Church, Delta Junction	\$33,881.16	\$100.00	\$4,255.00	\$13,504.67	\$0.00	\$51,740.83
First Baptist Church, Juneau	\$6,718.83	\$1,085.00	\$1,711.00	\$1,565.00	\$0.00	\$11,079.83
First Baptist Church, Kenai	\$4,664.93	\$0.00	\$977.49	\$1,402.49	\$0.00	\$7,044.91
First Baptist Church, Ketchikan	\$8,264.42	\$0.00	\$2,520.00	\$1,695.00	\$0.00	\$12,479.42
First Baptist Church, Kotzebue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church, Palmer	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,525.00	\$1,728.00	\$0.00	\$6,753.00
First Baptist Church, Petersburg	\$7,145.14	\$1,100.00	\$1,764.00	\$1,960.00	\$0.00	\$11,969.14
First Baptist Church, Sitka	\$3,855.07	\$0.00	\$899.00	\$988.00	\$0.00	\$5,742.07
First Baptist Church, Soldotna	\$5,095.00	\$518.00	\$525.00	\$660.00	\$0.00	\$6,798.00
First Baptist Church, Valdez	\$9,920.81	\$0.00	\$2,327.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,247.81
First Baptist Church, Wasilla	\$7,284.59	\$0.00	\$2,658.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,942.59
First Baptist Church, Willow	\$2,578.55	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,814.00	\$0.00	\$9,392.55
First Hmong Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Korean Baptist Church	\$1,050.00	\$0.00	\$397.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$1,847.00
First Native Baptist Church	\$961.00	\$1,004.21	\$1,025.00	\$1,000.07	\$0.00	\$3,990.28
Friendship Baptist Mission	\$1,976.81	\$0.00	\$1,525.00	\$2,080.00	\$0.00	\$5,581.81
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	\$369.04	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$369.04
Frontier Southern Baptist Church	\$2,617.92	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,617.92
Gilead Ministries	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Glacier Valley Baptist Church	\$10,495.64	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,501.00	\$0.00	\$14,996.64
Grandview Baptist Church	\$19,656.94	\$20.00	\$2,486.23	\$2,856.00	\$0.00	\$25,019.17
Greater Friendship Baptist Church	\$8,143.18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,143.18
Hillside Baptist Church	\$6,746.60	\$0.00	\$550.00	\$625.00	\$0.00	\$7,921.60
Hoonah Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Iglesia Bautista Hispana Sunset Hills	\$678.23	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$728.23
Immanuel Baptist Church	\$569.26	\$0.00	\$986.01	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,555.27
Journey Church	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$270.00
Juneau Korean Church	\$210.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$210.00	\$0.00	\$670.00
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	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$700.00
Lighthouse Community Church	\$6,080.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,080.00
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	\$7,707.99	\$0.00	\$420.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$8,377.99
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	\$3,077.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$3,327.20
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	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Muldoon Road Baptist Church	\$5,942.24	\$0.00	\$788.06	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,730.30
New Birth Christian Church	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
New Grace Christian Church	\$2,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,800.00

## January-July 2018 Gifts from ABC Churches

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
New Hope Baptist Church	\$7,174.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$7,674.00
New Hope Fellowship	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$335.00	\$0.00	\$745.00
North Bear Street Baptist Church	\$705.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$705.50
North Tongass Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Northern Lights Missions	\$575.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$675.00
Pathway Discipleship Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pioneer Baptist Church	\$1,921.22	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,021.22
Rabbit Creek Church	\$2,432.79	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,432.79
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	\$665.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$665.00
Roots Family Church, Soldotna	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$175.00
Sabbath Peace Fellowship	\$840.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$840.00
Salcha Baptist Church	\$1,179.96	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,179.96
Sand Lake Fellowship	\$932.64	\$99.14	\$299.14	\$99.14	\$0.00	\$1,430.06
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	\$3,807.72	\$0.00	\$437.50	\$61.50	\$0.00	\$4,306.72
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$10,807.20	\$0.00	\$3,714.00	\$520.00	\$0.00	\$15,041.20
Tenakee Springs Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
The Crossing @ Birchwood	\$2,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,800.00
Thorne Bay Baptist Church	\$349.76	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$24.00	\$0.00	\$373.76
Togiak Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Transitional Ministries	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40.00
True North Church	\$10,961.67	\$0.00	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$0.00	\$21,961.67
True North Church Girdwood	\$1,914.99	\$0.00	\$1,650.00	\$1,650.00	\$0.00	\$5,214.99
UBC-Chinese Fellowship	\$398.50	\$100.00	\$230.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$978.50
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	\$3,937.50	\$0.00	\$147.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,084.50
Wasilla Korean Baptist Church	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$700.00
Whittier Christian Community Church	\$589.78	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$589.78
	<b>\$386,424.41</b>	<b>\$16,869.30</b>	<b>\$66,635.71</b>	<b>\$84,792.27</b>	<b>\$220.00</b>	<b>\$554,941.69</b>
	<b>1Q 2018</b>	<b>2Q 2018</b>	<b>3Q 2018</b>	<b>4Q 2018</b>		
2000 Club Call receipts as of July 31	\$4,640.00	\$4,595.00	\$3,657.50	\$280.00		\$13,172.50
						<b>\$568,114.19</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>July</b>				
Receipts	\$61,744.36		\$53,616.28	
CP Goal	58,232.65		57,628.80	
Variance	3,511.71	6.03%	(4,012.52)	-6.96%
<b>Year-to-Date</b>				
Receipts	\$386,424.41		\$359,271.37	
CP Goal	407,628.55		403,401.60	
Variance	(21,204.14)	-5.20%	(44,130.23)	-10.94%

## 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

## 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  
for more information  
[don@sunsethills.org](mailto:don@sunsethills.org)

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**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  
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used for monthly distributions  
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in need.

  
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**Jae McKee, Director of Church Planting and Missions**

## Highways and Hedges

September brings with it all the beauty and change of our fall season, as well as the great privilege and opportunity to share together as Alaska Baptists in the promotion of, and giving to, our **Valeria Sherard State Missions Offering** (VSSMO). This offering was named in honor of Valeria Sherard because of her selfless service and dedication to sharing the love of Christ across Alaska.

In that same spirit, we now have the responsibility to join together in pushing back darkness and expanding the Kingdom of God in Alaska as we **Pray, Give and Go** into our mission field, united and resolved to take the gospel of Christ to every person in Alaska.

It is with great excitement and joy that I take this opportunity to invite and encourage you to attend the Alaska Baptist Convention **Impact Alaska** Missions Celebration on September 24, 2018, 7:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Wasilla. We continue our **"Highways and Hedges"** theme (Luke 14:23) again this year and our 2018 **Impact Alaska** Missions Celebration will feature church plants, ministries and ministry partners located on the road system.

In July, it was truly a blessing to spend time with some of our pastors, their families and our ministry partners hearing their stories, their calling and their vision to reach their communities and our state for Christ. I look forward to our time together again this month as we all share in the ways God is working around or state.

Our 2018 offering goal is **\$90,000**. While this is a lofty goal, it is certainly achievable as we pray and trust God to stir the hearts of Alaska Baptists to give generously to support mission work throughout Alaska. As congregations and individuals give to the VSSMO, please remember to clearly identify your gift as a designated offering to the State Mission Offering.

Thank you for your faithful support in expanding the kingdom of God in Alaska!



(l to r): Colvin, Brian, Robin and Cameron Moore

*Partner with the Moore family:*

- pray we are successful in reaching the lost with the gospel in and around our community.
- pray God will continually show us ways to build new relationships and strengthen existing ones within our church and community.

*The*  
**Moore Family**

**serving in Kasilof, Alaska**  
Roots Family Church-Kasilof  
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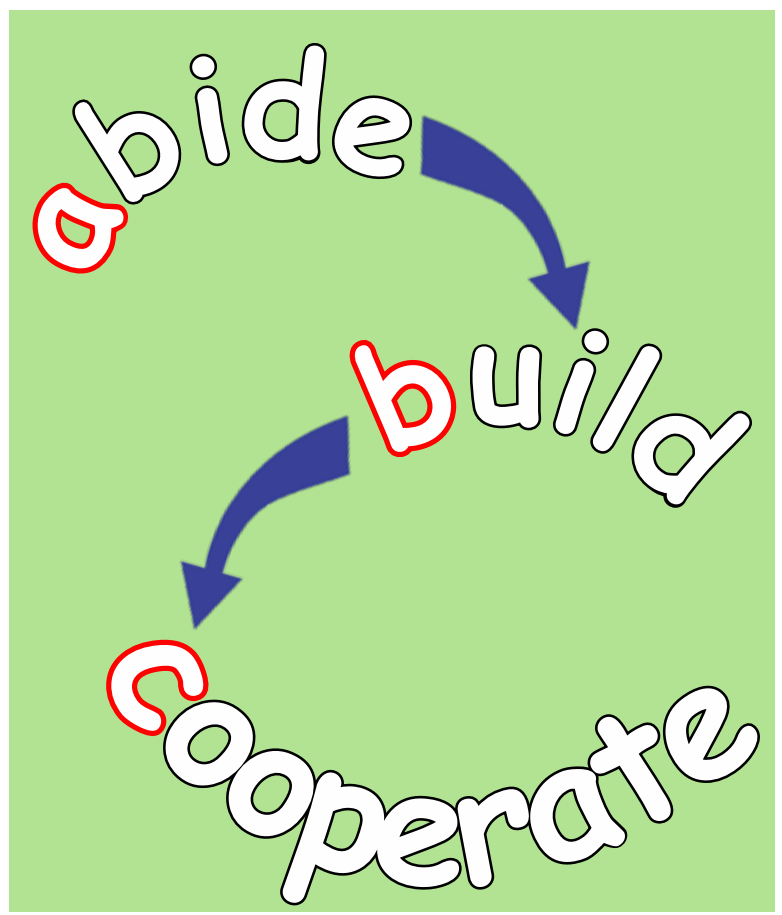
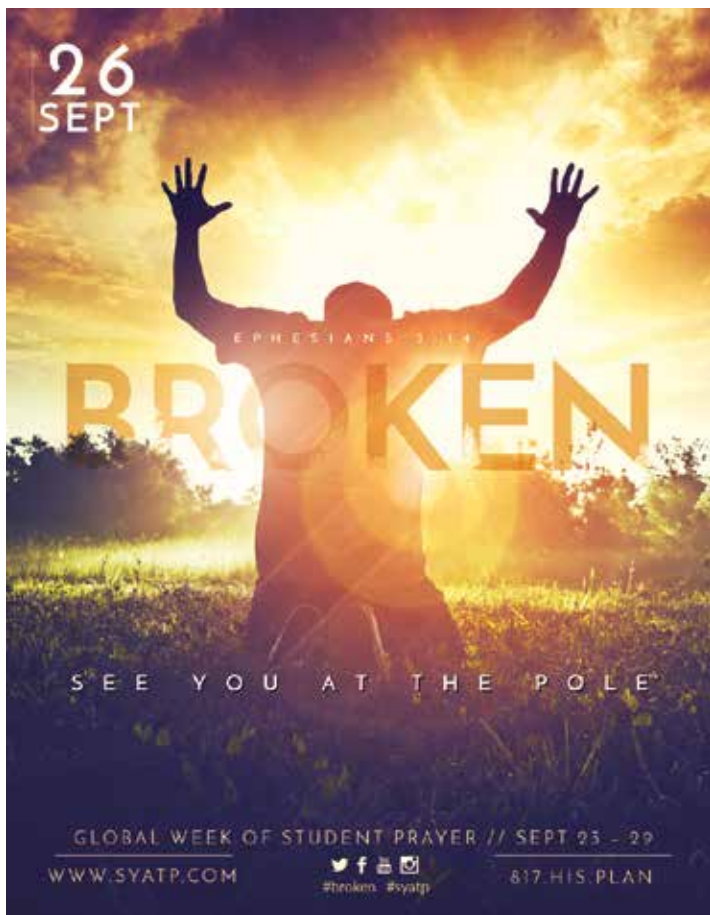
# HIGHWAYS AND *Hedges*

"Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in,  
that my house may be filled."  
Luke 14:23



2018 Valeria Sherard State Mission Offering  
Sunday-Sunday, September 2-9

**GOAL: \$90,000**



# IIIMPACT *Alaska* 2018

## Monday, September 24, 7:00 p.m. First Baptist Church, Wasilla

- 7:00 "Reach Alaska" video  
Welcome / Introductions  
Congregational music  
"Brian Moore" video
- 7:25 RURAL PANEL  
Congregational music  
"Brian Hicks" video
- 8:00 URBAN PANEL  
Congregational music  
Offering / "Jim Boyd" video
- 8:45 Prayer

RURAL panel: Chris Kopp, Jim Boyd, Jeff Sulfridge  
URBAN panel: Brian Hicks, Stuart Bell, Don Shannon



## Tuesday, September 25, 9:00 a.m. 69th annual meeting Alaska WMU First Baptist Church, Wasilla

- 9:00 a.m. Registration  
Welcome and Introductions  
Worship in Song  
Prayer Calendar  
Project HELP: Refugees  
International Mission Board missionaries
- 10:25 BUSINESS SESSION  
Call to Order  
Registration Report  
President's Report  
NEW BUSINESS  
Nominating Committee Report  
Election of President  
Election of Leadership Team  
Prayer for Leadership Team
- CONCLUSION OF BUSINESS SESSION
- 11:00 Worship in Song  
Offering  
North American Mission Board missionary  
National WMU Executive Director Message  
Prayer
- 12:00 p.m. Adjourn to Lunch, FBC Fellowship Hall  
*courtesy of Guidestone Financial Resources*

## Tuesday, September 25, 9:00 a.m. Pastor's Conference Mat-Su Resort

- 9:00 a.m. Welcome  
Worship  
Message  
Introspection  
Break
- 10:15 Regroup  
Worship  
Message  
Introspection
- 11:15 Recognition, News, Announcements  
Election of new officers
- 11:30 Adjourn to lunch

*Lunch will be served in the fellowship hall of FBC Wasilla,  
courtesy of Guidestone Financial Resources.*

## Tues-Wed, September 25-26, 2018 Annual Meeting of the Alaska Baptist Convention

### Tuesday, September 25, 2018, 2:00 - 4:30 p.m.

*Presiding: Bryan Myers, President*

- Registration
- |  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| Welcome From Host Church                 | Stephen Shrimplin |
| Scripture and Prayer                     | Mark Fontecchio   |
| Registration Report                      | Shirley Bearce    |
| Adoption of Program                      | Bryan Myers       |
| Executive Director/Treasurer Report      | Randy Covington   |
| Evangelism and Church Development Report | Jimmy Stewart     |
| Church Planting and Missions Report      | Jae McKee         |
| Presentation and Adoption of 2019 Budget | Lawrence Ellison  |

- RECESS
- |                                    |                           |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Birchwood Behavioral Health Report | David Banks               |
| Alaska Baptist Foundation Report   | Randy Covington/Adam Long |

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|--|-----------------|
| WMU Report                             | Judy Zach       |
| Committee On Boards Report             | Gordon Mills    |
| Committee On Committees Report         | Gordon Mills    |
| Time, Place, Preacher Committee Report | Gordon Mills    |
| Nominations for President              | Randy Covington |
| Nominations for Vice Presidents        | Randy Covington |
| Nominations for Recording Secretary    | Randy Covington |
| Announcements and Adjournment          | Bryan Myers     |
| Prayer/Benediction                     | Brian Hicks     |

### Tuesday, September 25, 2018, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

*Presiding: Tracy Simmons, First Vice President*

- |                             |                |
|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Worship through Music       | CBU Team       |
| Scripture and Prayer        | Michael Bunton |
| Updated Registration Report | Shirley Bearce |

Balloting	Randy Covington	Banks, David	Executive Director, Birchwood Behavioral Health
Executive Committee of the		Bearce, Shirley	Credentials Chair
Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) Report		Becker, Dave	Pastor, First Baptist Church, Delta Junction
	William E Townes	Belmore, Scott	Director, Mosaic Ministries
Prayer for SBC	Dave Becker	Boyd, Jim	Church Planter, Roots Family Church, Soldotna
Worship through Music	CBU Team	Bradley, Mark, Dr.	Director, Gateway Seminary, Pacific Northwest Campus
GuideStone Report		Bunton, Michael	Pastor, Greater Friendship Baptist Church, Anchorage
North American Mission Board (NAMB)		Christensen, Mark	Pastor, Salcha Baptist Church
Report	Rick Curtis	Covington, Randy, Dr.	Executive Director/Treasurer, Alaska Baptist Convention
Prayer for NAMB	Jim Boyd		Minister Worship/Education, College Heights Baptist Church, Soldotna
Presentation from International Mission Board		Crawford, Greg	Regional Mobilizer for the Western States, North American Mission Board
(IMB) Missionaries	E&DT	Curtis, Rick	Pastor, First Baptist Church, Anchorage
Prayer for IMB	Val Natcher		Church Planter, Adelphoi
Vision Presentation	Randy Covington	Day, Cliff	Pastor, Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Fairbanks
Worship through Music	CBU Team	Eggler, Preston	Pastor, Pioneer Baptist Church of Wasilla
President's Message	Bryan Myers	Ellison, Lawrence	Pastor, Cross Roads Baptist Church, North Pole
Announcements and Adjournment	Tracy Simmons	Fontecchio, Mark	Church Planter, Whittier Christian Community Church
Benediction	Greg Crawford	Gourley, Troy	Pastor, New Birth Christian Church, Fairbanks
Q and A	Randy Covington	Hicks, Brian	National Asian-American Relations Consultant, SBC Executive Committee, Pastor Emeritus, Antioch Baptist Church, Cambridge, MA
		Jones, Eric	Foundation Coordination Director, Alaska Baptist Foundation
		Kim, Paul	Relations Manager, Guidestone Financial Services
<b><u>Wednesday, 9:00 - 11:30 a.m., September 26, 2018</u></b>			Director of Church Planting and Missions, Alaska Baptist Convention
<i>Presiding: Cliff Day, Second Vice President</i>			Chair, Committees on Boards, Committee on Committees and Time, Place, Preacher Committee
Worship through Music	CBU Team	Long, Adam	Dean of Spiritual Life, California Baptist University
Scripture and Prayer	Preston Eggler	Long, Lindsey	President, Alaska Baptist Convention
Updated Registration Report	Shirley Bearce		Pastor, Faith Baptist Church, Fairbanks
VISION VOTE by ballot <i>(Re-balloting for officers if necessary)</i>		McKee, Jae	Pastor, Filipino Bible Church, Anchorage
	Randy Covington		Pastor, First Baptist Church, Wasilla
Gateway Seminary	Mark Bradley	Mills, Gordon	First Vice President, Alaska Baptist Convention
California Baptist University	John Montgomery		Pastor, Christ Community Church, Anchorage
Greetings		Montgomery, John	Director of Evangelism and Church Development Alaska Baptist Convention
Introduction of New Personnel to the State		Myers, Bryan	LifeWay Christian Resources representative
	Randy Covington		International Mission Board personnel
Greetings from Mosaic Ministries	Scott Belmore	Natcher, Val	Vice President for Convention Finance, Southern Baptist Convention
State Mission Emphasis	Jae McKee	Shrimplin, Stephen	President, Alaska Woman's Missionary Union
Valeria Sherard State Mission Offering		Simmons, Tracy	
Worship through Music	CBU Team	Stewart, Jimmy	
Wayland Baptist University Report	John Jemar		
Greetings from LifeWay	James Swartz	Swartz, James	
Worship through Music	CBU Team	T, E&D	
Annual Sermon	Troy Gourley	Townes, William	
	Mark Christensen (alternate)	Zach, Judy	
Vision Vote results	Randy Covington		
Officer Election Results	Randy Covington		
Installation of New Officers	Randy Covington		
Recognition of Guests	Randy Covington		
Announcements and Adjournment	Cliff Day		
Benediction	Eric Jones		



# MILEPOST MOMENTS

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## **Hillside Baptist Church, Anchorage**



Sunday, July 8, pastor Blake and Rae Hart welcomed Georgia Rae Hart into the world. She weighed 9 pounds, 14 ounces. Congratulations!

## **First Korean Baptist Church, Anchorage**



Five Korean churches gathered together for a conference and revival held at FKBC in Anchorage, July 13-15. The conference was well-attended with over 100 participants from Fairbanks, Anchorage, Wasilla and Eagle River.

Pastor Raymond Lee from San Diego and president of the Korean Baptist Convention, was the guest speaker. Jaeone Lee, pastor FKBC, coordinated the event.



## **Faith Recovery Fellowship, Wasilla**

Scott Thompson, pastor of FRF celebrated in July with another six baptisms at Goose Creek Correctional Facility. That brings the total number of baptisms to 296. FRF is working on a joint outreach with Great Commission Alaska (aviation ministry) to reach into several villages.

Pray for this ministry as they continue to reach the lost for Christ.

## **First Native Baptist Church, Anchorage**

A team of volunteers from Spartanburg County Baptist Network (South Carolina) spent four days painting the exterior of the FNBC building, providing encouragement to the congregation along the way. Paul McKee, Director of Missions, Spartanburg was the team leader. Ted Sutton, pastor of FNBC and Rick Hale, summer interim pastor, hosted the team.



## **Fairview Loop Baptist Church, Pioneer Baptist Church, First Baptist Church, Willow**

These three Valley churches benefitted from the work of a large team of volunteers from the Spartanburg County Baptist Network who assisted with construction needs at the three locations. Paul McKee is the Director of Missions for Spartanburg; Tom Hoffman is pastor of Fairview Loop; Mark Fontecchio is pastor of Pioneer Baptist; and Charles Worthy is pastor of FBC Willow.





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	Location	<b>First Baptist Church 900 Leatherleaf Loop, Wasilla, AK 99654</b>
	Order Info	



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## Faith Baptist Church, Fairbanks

FBC hosted the Young Ladies Missions Exploration Extravaganza on July 28, with 20 in attendance. KD Kanz, the state Youth Missions Consultant shared information about Acteens and a representative from the Fairbanks Cancer Center gave information about the center. Thirty-six treat bags were made and given to the cancer center. Lunch was served, after which attendees conducted a prayer walk at the cancer center.

## Togiak Baptist Mission

Togiak had five days of summer, during which Togiak

Mission was able to take youth about an hour and a half up the Togiak River for a day of hamburgers, hot dogs, roasted marshmallows and fishing! Many

first time. It was a great time of teaching and fellowship, as we built bridges to our next generation!

## First Baptist Church, Juneau

In August, members of FBC went to Hoonah to teach Vacation Bible School for community children. Please pray for the 34 children who attended! The team also helped with a bathroom remodel in the home of resident missionaries Bill and Ruth Brown. Brown's are leaders for the Hoonah campus of FBC Sitka.



of the youth were able to catch eight pound trout for the



*all photos submitted by individual churches.*



**W**e live in an increasingly digital world, and churches need to stay on top of things technologically. Just as digital Bibles on smartphones and tablets have increased in popularity, so also e-giving has become much more common and important.

For churches that don't know where to start with adding an e-giving option, and for churches that want to encourage greater e-giving, here are a few things to consider.

1. **E-giving helps develop members' habit of giving regularly.** Let's think optimistically. The sermon series you preached on stewardship worked. You have people in your congregation who have never given who want to start. You also have people in your congregation who have given sporadically before, but want to give on a regular basis. E-giving allows members to give regularly by setting up recurring tithes and offerings. According to a LifeWay Research study, churches that have implemented e-giving have seen an eight percent increase in total giving, on average.
2. **E-giving allows you to engage younger generations.** Take out your wallet and see how much cash you have. Better yet, take out your checkbook. Remember those? Do you even carry a checkbook anymore? I sure don't. And if you ask me to borrow a dollar, chances are I'll say, "Sorry. I don't carry cash." I'm probably not alone. According to a Barna study, 39 percent of Christian Millennials give online, and 20 percent give via text. Naturally, e-giving better serves younger generations in their giving habits. Online, mobile, and text giving allow you to reach even more people and meet them where they are.
3. **E-giving can be safe and secure.** When I talk to pastors, one of the top reasons they give for not offering online giving is that it's not safe. But e-giving is exactly like online banking. It's not uncommon for people to pay all or most of their bills online. The payment card industry has levels of security that need to be met before a transaction can be processed. That's true for e-giving as well.

4. **E-giving can be a worship experience.** Another reason pastors give for not offering e-giving is that it isn't worshipful. However, I think the worship experience is what you make it. Making stewardship a priority by sitting down with your spouse and children one night a week and giving your tithe can be a worship experience. Parents can use that opportunity to teach their kids that God calls us to be cheerful givers and why we are called to give.
5. **E-giving can provide flexibility to you and your members.** There are various mediums of e-giving. The most common is online giving, allowing your members to give through your website. The other less common forms are mobile giving, text giving, and kiosk giving. Some people may prefer to give on your website, while others may prefer to give via mobile app or text. Another area of flexibility is payment method. Some churches are opposed to accepting credit cards and only want to accept debit cards and checks, while others may want to accept checks only. Partnering with a company that offers all three is the best scenario. Twenty:28 is a solution LifeWay launched earlier this year that offers website development, mobile apps, and e-giving in one ecosystem. Another consideration is the possibility of funding your church's digital presence with e-giving. Twenty:28 customers who meet a giving threshold, based on the pricing plan they choose, will receive their website and mobile app free of charge. In essence, the more a church uses it, the less it costs. This enables churches to better connect with their congregation and community through their website and mobile app, while allowing members to serve their church through faithful stewardship.

Good stewardship and generosity are an integral part of the following Christ, individually and collectively as the church. Giving truly is a worship experience, and e-giving is just another way for people and churches to honor God with the resources He has graciously provided for us.

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### September

- 3 ABC and ABF office closed for Labor Day
- 2-9 Valeria Sherard State Mission Offering emphasis
- 24 Impact Alaska!
- 25 WMU annual meeting
- Pastor's conference
- 25-26 Annual meeting of the Alaska Baptist Convention

### October

- 12-13 Annual meeting, Tongass Baptist Association
- 14 World Hunger Sunday

### November

- 1 ABF Trustee meeting
- 3-6 Bible Study Leadership Training
- 5 Baptist Women World Day of Prayer
- 12-13 ABC Executive Board meeting
- 15 Annual Church Profiles are due
- 21 ABC and ABF office closes at 1:00 p.m.
- 22 ABC and ABF office closed for Thanksgiving

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