





# Disaster Relief Training Friday-Saturday, October 5-6, 2018 FBC Eagle River, church annex • 11149 Old Eagle River Road

Introduction to Disaster Relief Friday, October 5 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

led by Terry Henderson (DR for Texas Baptist Men)

This session is designed specifically for those who have not attended DR training in the past. Why is DR preparation and training essential for your church? Anyone aged 16 and older is encouraged to attend.

# Disaster Recovery Assessment • Saturday, October 6 9:00 a.m. - Noon

led by Terry Henderson (DR for Texas Baptist Men)

This session, with certification, is designed specifically for those who are willing to be on the frontline to evaluate and prepare volunteers.

#### Disaster Spiritual Care/Chaplaincy • Saturday, October 6 9:00 a.m. - Noon

led by Chaplain Teresa Cappel

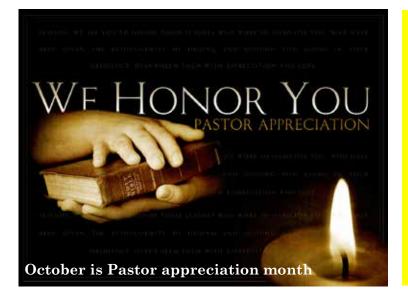
This session, with certification, is designed specifically for those who are willing to be on the frontline in face-to-face ministry.

### Laundry/Shower Ministry Training • Saturday, October 6 12:45 - 2:45 p.m.

led by Gary Bearce

This session, with certification, will prepare you to minister to disaster victims, first responders and fellow DR volunteers.

Saturday lunch provided courtesy of Sabbath Peace Fellowship Cost \$40 for those new to DR • contact Gary Bearce, 907.982.0133



## Videos to help your church understand Cooperative Program and ABC Vision

Cooperative Program Explained
A Journey of Discovery, video #1
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## January- August 2018 Gifts from ABC Churches

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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 \$176.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$2,545.85
Alaska Iu-Mienh First Baptist Church Anchor Baptist Church	\$170.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$176.00 \$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	\$7,376.81	\$0.00	\$680.00	\$1,078.70	\$0.00	\$9,135.51
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	\$1,498.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,498.50
Cold Bay Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
College Heights Baptist Church	\$26,838.07	\$0.00	\$2,255.00	\$5,814.00	\$0.00	\$34,907.07
Cottonwood Creek Cowboy Church	\$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$2,744.50	\$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00
Cross Roads Baptist Church CrossCountry Church	\$8,826.00 \$300.00	\$0.00	\$2,744.30	\$1,500.00 \$200.00	\$0.00	\$13,070.50 \$500.00
Dillingham Bible Fellowship	\$6,401.23	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,300.00	\$0.00	\$7,701.23
Eagle River Korean Baptist Church	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church	\$1,349.35	\$0.00	\$210.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,559.35
Fairbanks Korean Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fairview Loop Baptist Church	\$15,709.61	\$2,118.31	\$34.82	\$4,422.44	\$0.00	\$22,285.18
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	\$250.00	\$1,647.01	\$231.31	\$0.00	\$11,063.01
First Baptist Church, Eagle River	\$26,981.99	\$400.00	\$2,862.34	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$30,344.33
First Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$4,085.55	\$0.00	\$985.00	\$1,180.00	\$0.00	\$6,250.55
First Baptist Church, North Pole	\$32,235.00	\$0.00	\$3,413.00	\$3,017.83	\$0.00	\$38,665.83
First Baptist Church, Delta Junction	\$39,023.70	\$100.00	\$4,255.00	\$15,502.17	\$0.00	\$58,880.87
First Baptist Church, Juneau	\$7,516.11	\$1,120.00	\$1,745.00	\$1,611.00	\$0.00	\$11,992.11
First Baptist Church, Kenai	\$5,871.35	\$0.00	\$1,178.56	\$1,603.56	\$0.00	\$8,653.47
First Baptist Church, Ketchikan First Baptist Church, Kotzebue	\$9,456.56 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$2,520.00 \$0.00	\$1,695.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$13,671.56 \$0.00
First Baptist Church, Palmer	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,525.00	\$1,728.00	\$0.00	\$7,253.00
First Baptist Church, Petersburg	\$7,145.14	\$1,100.00	\$1,764.00	\$1,728.00	\$0.00	\$11,969.14
First Baptist Church, Sitka	\$4,591.05	\$0.00	\$899.00	\$988.00	\$0.00	\$6,478.05
First Baptist Church, Soldotna	\$5,095.00	\$518.00	\$525.00	\$660.00	\$0.00	\$6,798.00
First Baptist Church, Valdez	\$11,968.86	\$0.00	\$2,327.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,295.86
First Baptist Church, Wasilla	\$8,303.91	\$0.00	\$2,658.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,961.91
First Baptist Church, Willow	\$3,017.93	\$0.00	\$480.42	\$6,814.00	\$0.00	\$10,312.35
First Hmong Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Korean Baptist Church	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$397.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$1,997.00
First Native Baptist Church	\$1,440.00	\$1,004.21	\$1,025.00	\$1,000.07	\$0.00	\$4,469.28
Friendship Baptist Mission	\$2,285.06	\$0.00	\$1,525.00	\$2,080.00	\$0.00	\$5,890.06
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 Gilead Ministries	\$3,524.88 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$3,524.88
Glacier Valley Baptist Church	\$11,946.92	\$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$4,501.00	\$0.00	\$0.00 \$16,447.92
Grandview Baptist Church	\$22,401.20	\$60.00	\$2,486.23	\$2,856.00	\$0.00	\$27,803.43
Greater Friendship Baptist Church	\$9,334.72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,334.72
Hillside Baptist Church	\$7,779.70	\$0.00	\$550.00	\$625.00	\$0.00	\$8,954.70
Hoonah Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Iglesia Bautista Hispana Sunset Hills	\$811.53	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$861.53
Immanuel Baptist Church	\$656.94	\$0.00	\$986.01	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,642.95
Journey Church	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$270.00
Juneau Korean Church	\$240.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$210.00	\$0.00	\$700.00
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	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
Lighthouse Community Church	\$6,080.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,080.00
Living Water Church Malamalama Fou Church	\$0.00 \$360.00	\$0.00 \$60.00	\$0.00 \$240.00	\$0.00 \$150.00	\$0.00 \$120.00	\$0.00 \$930.00
Misc. Contributors-Cash	\$360.00	\$60.00 \$8,864.64	\$240.00 \$150.00	\$150.00 \$0.00	\$120.00 \$0.00	\$930.00 \$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	\$3,709.87	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$3,959.87
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	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$350.00

### January-August 2018 Gifts from ABC Churches

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
Muldoon Road Baptist Church	\$7,445.63	\$0.00	\$788.06	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,233.69
New Birth Christian Church	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$700.00
New Grace Christian Church	\$3,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,200.00
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	\$160.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$160.00
Pioneer Baptist Church	\$2,464.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,564.00
Rabbit Creek Church	\$2,852.63	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,852.63
River In The Desert Community Church		\$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	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Roots Family Church, Kasilof	\$760.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$760.00
Roots Family Church, Soldotna	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$175.00
Sabbath Peace Fellowship	\$960.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$960.00
Salcha Baptist Church	\$1,179.96	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,179.96
Sand Lake Fellowship	\$947.04	\$101.54	\$301.54	\$101.54	\$0.00	\$1,451.66
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	\$4,520.60	\$0.00	\$437.50	\$61.50	\$0.00	\$5,019.60
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$13,224.23	\$0.00	\$3,714.00	\$520.00	\$0.00	\$17,458.23
Tenakee Springs Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
The Crossing @ Birchwood	\$3,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,200.00
Thorne Bay Baptist Church	\$3,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$24.00	\$0.00	\$373.76
Togiak Baptist Mission	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Transitional Ministries	\$35.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$45.00
True North Church	\$12,851.83	\$0.00	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$0.00	\$23,851.83
True North Church Girdwood	\$2,066.37	\$0.00	\$1,650.00	\$1,650.00	\$0.00	\$5,366.37
UBC-Chinese Fellowship	\$441.50	\$100.00	\$230.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$1,021.50
Unalaska Reformed Church	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00
University Baptist Church, Anchorage	\$3,926.53	\$0.00	\$1.145.00	\$910.00	\$0.00	\$5,981.53
University Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$5,920.33	\$0.00	\$4,937.00	\$7,520.86	\$0.00	\$19,551.86
Valley View Baptist Church	\$3,937.50	\$0.00	\$4,937.00 \$147.00	\$7,320.86	\$0.00	\$4,084.50
Wasilla Korean Baptist Church						
	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
Whittier Christian Community Church	\$589.78	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$589.78
	\$440,579.13	\$17,496.70	\$67,353.60	\$87,039.24	\$220.00	\$612,688.67
	1 Q 2018	2 Q 2018	3 Q 2018	4 Q 2018		
2000 Club Call receipts as of August 31	\$4,640.00	\$4,595.00	\$3,940.50	\$280.00		\$13,455.50

TOTAL \$626,144.17

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	
August Receipts CP Goal Variance	\$54,154.72 58,232.65 (4,077.93)	-7.00%	\$55,689.04 57,628.80 (1,939.76)	-3.37%
Year-to-Date Receipts CP Goal Variance	te \$440,579.13 465,861.20 (25,282.07)	-5.43%	\$414,960.41 461,030.40 (46,069.99)	-9.99%

#### Please Pray for our Pastorless Churches

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

#### **Lead Pastor Position**

True North Church (Anchorage)
 is seeking a lead pastor.

TNC is a church plant that meets weekly at Clark Middle School with approximately 150-200 in attendance.

The church is seeking someone who is willing to plant roots in Alaska and shepherd the congregation as they seek to fulfill their mission statement.

Find out about the church at www.truenorthalaska.com

Resumes and preaching samples may be sent to:

jason@storter.com



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



## Winning with workers

ow is the time of year many churches get very busy. Bible study groups suspended for the summer have resumed; children's programs, youth activities and college ministries are back in full swing. Fall festivals are being planned, along with Christmas activities. With everything cranking up, including worship services and children's church, has your church stopped to assess how many people in the congregation are working in some type

of ministry?

Think about all of the people in your church who help throughout the typical week. What percentage of adults are involved?

Some guote the old rule-of-thumb that 80 percent of the work is done by 20 percent of the people. Does this same statistic hold true in a smaller church? When you think of your greeters, deacons, elders, trustees; kitchen, nursery, buildings and grounds and janitorial workers; committee or team members, the list of those involved in the leadership of the church is comprehensive. In any given week, how many workers does it take to run the activities and programs of the church? Some members may take on multiple roles which may lead to burn out. How do you ensure your workers do not burn out? What

ways does your church enlist and covenant with workers? How does your church show appreciation for them? How does your church advertise ministry opportunities? Is there a good enlistment and training process in place? What equipment and supplies are provided for them? Who is responsible for the nomination, well-being and care of your workers? Your pastor should not be the one responsible for this, but it should be done by a well-organized group dedicated to addressing needs of workers. Do people see church work as a chore or a privilege? How do you create a culture that aligns people with their passions? How does your church captivate the member's desires to fulfill the mission and vision of the church? Is there a process that helps people discover their spiritual gifts and their "SHAPE?" (Spiritual gifts, Heart, Abilities, Personality, Experiences).

Creating a culture that serves the church is fulfilling, functional and fun, but it takes thought and a lot of work. If our churches

> create a compelling culture of service, we may find more workers in our pews. People want to be part of something that is exciting; we want to be part of something that is fun. We want to feel the joy of serving, and in so doing, will be more inclined to tell

others about what we "get" to do, rather than what we "have" to do. Let me know if I can help you think through worker involvement in your church.



What percentage of adults

are involved in the ministry

of your church?

Shelly and Jeff

# Sulfridge Family

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### Partner with Jeff and Shelly:

- pray that God will continue to send prayer partners and workers to help do His work in the interior areas of Alaska.
- financial partnerships for travel by airplane, boat, four-wheeler and snowmachine.

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## First Baptist Church Palmer Celebrates Ribbon Cutting of Friendship Park

## Friendship Park is officially open after two years of development

submitted by Chuck Essary; photos submitted by FBC Palmer

unday, July 22 was a landmark day for Palmer's First Baptist Church as they officially opened Friendship Park. The Park, a ministry to all of Palmer and the Mat-Su Valley, has been in development for two years and in the dreaming and planning stages much longer.

Taking part in the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony were Mayor Edna DeVries, Borough Manager John Moosey, and Pastor Bruce Rowell. Also part of the ceremony were Park Team Members James Jenkins, Nathan Machaceck, and Shane Seltzer along with Paul Carpenter. Mr. Carpenter represented Northern Industrial Training (NIT).

NIT cleared and prepared the site at no cost to FBC – a service valued at well over \$250,000. Along with donations from members of First Baptist Church, funding and

grants were received from the Alaska Baptist Convention, The Rasmuson Foundation, THRIVE, and MEA.

The 4 plus acre park includes a Prayer and Military Honor Garden, a two-acre recreation field and quarter mile walking track. The day began with the dedication of the Prayer portion of this garden which features a massive cross constructed by Marty Weatherup, a member and Deacon of FBC Palmer. It was followed by the presentation of a new U.S. Flag, which was raised by the JBER Honor Guard.

Almost 700 people attended the celebration that offered food, bounce houses, kids races, music, prizes, a dunk tank, soccer, bubbles, and a giant six foot beach ball. It was a wonderful celebration. Many attendees live nearby and there were several comments about how excited people were to have a new space to bring their families to play and picnic.

For more information: go to: www.friendshipparkak.com









# MILEPOST MOMENTS

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

#### **Condolences**

Our condolences to the family of Roy Moore, who passed away on August 25 of congestive heart failure. Roy pastored Mount Redoubt Baptist Church in Kenai and served on the ABC Executive Board. His service was held at Mt. Redoubt BC on August 29. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Barb at tellagram@alaska.net

#### Birchwood Behavioral Health, Anchorage

BBH will soon be accepting clients for outpatient therapy, and is currently set up to accept Medicaid and cash-pay clients. Insurance can be billed by clients, and direct billing will be available in the future. Population to be served includes individuals, couples, families and children (4 years and older). Call 907.349.2222 or visit their website for additional information.

#### **University Baptist Church, Fairbanks**

UBC began a Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPs) program in September and they meet every first and third Wednesday of the month, September - May. In October, the church begins collecting donations for Operation Christmas Child. UBC youth will attend the "Come2Me" conference, October 26-27 at First Baptist Church, North Pole.

#### The Church @ Commodore Park, Anchorage

Members enjoyed a "Pie Party" following their worship service on September 9.



#### Like us on Facebook



#### First Baptist Church, North Pole

FBC is hosting two big events in October! The "Come2Me" youth conference is Friday-Saturday, October 26-27. Cost is \$20 per student which includes lunch and dinner, and a t-shirt. Featured speaker is Allen Frans, youth and family pastor at Central Baptist Church in Round Rock, Texas. Contact the church office for additional information, and registration, 907.488.2240, jwatsonfbc@gmail.com.

The other event is "I Still Choose You" Marriage Conference, Sunday-Monday, October 28-29 at the North Pole Hotel conference room. Featured speakers are Allen and Amy Frans and this event is <u>FREE</u>. Dinner is available both evenings, and child care will be provided at FBC for a total cost of \$20 per child. Registration is required by calling Julie in the church office, 907.488.2240, jwatsonfbc@gmail.com.



Ten days in Israel Classical Biblical Tour
Hosted by CrossCountry Church
November 21-30, 2018
Bible teacher, Dr Samuel Abbate
For a brochure or more information call or text
Gary Bearce at 982-0133.



# Foundation Builder

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his year, we have been looking at the Four "Rs" of Christian estate planning. The fourth "R," *Reflect on the Value of the Lord to Others*, speaks to a fundamental tenet of Christianity. As Christians, we are called to present ourselves a living sacrifice (Romans 12:1-2), dedicated to characteristics reflective of Jesus Christ. We do this by daily renewing our minds to focus on things that are good—things given and derived from God. This way, we become a living testimony to the message and purpose of God's sovereign will. When reviewing the blessing of the estate with which God has entrusted us, do we do so in a way that honors God? Do we provide a testimony of our Christian faith as part of our

estate documents? When looking at the estate you manage in life, are you confident it represents the Lord's values? We demonstrate glory, honor, and love toward God by living outwardly as a witness to others, and inwardly as sincere worship directed to Him.

One of the most important things for us to remember is that, from God's perspective, everything we possess is His estate as summarized perfectly in Psalms 24:1, "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it." The Lord has endless resources available, and He is most concerned with the quality and care we exercise in estate management.

## The Four Res 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.

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Octol	oer
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12-13 Annual meeting of the Tongass Baptist Association
14 World Hunger Sunday

#### November

ABF Trustee meeting
Baptist Women World Day of Prayer
12-13 ABC Executive Board meeting
Annual Church Profiles are due
ABC and ABF office closes at 1:00 p.m.
ABC and ABF office closed for Thanksgiving

#### December

2-9 Week of Prayer and Mission Study for International Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering 21-Jan 1 ABC and ABF office closed for Christmas



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