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## January- September 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	\$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	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$170.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$570.00
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	\$1,958.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,958.50
Cold Bay Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
College Heights Baptist Church	\$29,260.87	\$0.00	\$2,255.00	\$5,814.00	\$0.00	\$37,329.87
Cottonwood Creek Cowboy Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cross Roads Baptist Church	\$10,407.00	\$0.00	\$2,744.50	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$14,651.50
CrossCountry Church	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Dillingham Bible Fellowship	\$7,446.58	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,300.00	\$0.00	\$8,746.58
Eagle River Korean Baptist Church	\$450.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$650.00
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	\$11,225.09	\$250.00	\$1,647.01	\$231.31	\$0.00	\$13,353.41
First Baptist Church, Eagle River	\$29,785.28	\$2,290.00	\$2,862.34	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$35,037.62
First Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$4,663.20	\$0.00	\$985.00	\$1,180.00	\$0.00	\$6,828.20
First Baptist Church, North Pole	\$35,855.00	\$0.00	\$3,413.00	\$3,017.83	\$0.00	\$42,285.83
First Baptist Church, Delta Junction	\$43,808.56	\$100.00	\$4,255.00	\$16,973.66	\$0.00	\$65,137.22
First Baptist Church, Juneau	\$8,098.99	\$1,350.00	\$1,792.00	\$1,674.00	\$0.00	\$12,914.99
First Baptist Church, Kenai	\$5,871.35	\$0.00	\$1,178.56	\$1,603.56	\$0.00	\$8,653.47
First Baptist Church, Ketchikan	\$10,742.22	\$0.00	\$2,520.00	\$1,695.00	\$0.00	\$14,957.22
First Baptist Church, Kotzebue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church, Palmer	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,525.00	\$1,728.00	\$0.00	\$7,753.00
First Baptist Church, Petersburg	\$10,795.04	\$1,100.00	\$1,764.00	\$1,960.00	\$0.00	\$15,619.04
First Baptist Church, Sitka	\$5,196.44	\$0.00	\$899.00	\$988.00	\$0.00	\$7,083.44
First Baptist Church, Soldotna	\$5,095.00	\$518.00	\$525.00	\$660.00	\$0.00	\$6,798.00
First Baptist Church, Valdez	\$13,634.53	\$0.00	\$2,327.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,961.53
First Baptist Church, Wasilla	\$9,581.24	\$0.00	\$2,658.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,239.24
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	\$1,350.00	\$0.00	\$397.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$2,147.00
First Native Baptist Church	\$1,440.00	\$1,004.21	\$1,025.00	\$1,000.07	\$0.00	\$4,469.28
Friendship Baptist Mission	\$2,499.23	\$0.00	\$1,525.00	\$2,080.00	\$0.00	\$6,104.23
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	\$3,918.12	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,918.12
Gilead Ministries	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Glacier Valley Baptist Church	\$13,139.29	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,501.00	\$0.00	\$17,640.29
Grandview Baptist Church	\$25,359.77	\$60.00	\$2,486.23	\$2,856.00	\$0.00	\$30,762.00
Greater Friendship Baptist Church	\$10,617.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,617.30
Hillside Baptist Church	\$8,578.23	\$0.00	\$550.00	\$625.00	\$0.00	\$9,753.23
Hoonah Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Iglesia Bautista Hispana Sunset Hills	\$859.73	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$909.73
Immanuel Baptist Church	\$780.46	\$0.00	\$986.01	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,766.47
Journey Church	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$270.00
Juneau Korean Church	\$270.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$210.00	\$0.00	\$730.00
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	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$900.00
Lighthouse Community Church	\$7,108.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,108.00
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	\$9,404.64	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,554.64
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	\$4,288.12	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$4,538.12
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
Muldoon Road Baptist Church	\$8,558.56	\$0.00	\$788.06	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,346.62



## January-September 2018 Gifts from ABC Churches

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
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	\$9,366.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$9,866.00
New Hope Fellowship	\$350.00	\$150.00	\$210.00	\$335.00	\$0.00	\$1,045.00
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	\$675.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$775.00
Pathway Discipleship Church	\$160.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$160.00
Pioneer Baptist Church	\$2,769.28	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,869.28
Rabbit Creek Church	\$3,267.65	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,267.65
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	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Roots Family Church, Kasilof	\$855.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$855.00
Roots Family Church, Soldotna	\$900.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,100.00
Sabbath Peace Fellowship	\$1,080.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,080.00
Salcha Baptist Church	\$2,421.91	\$0.00	\$520.00	\$3,620.00	\$0.00	\$6,561.91
Sand Lake Fellowship	\$991.44	\$108.94	\$308.94	\$108.94	\$0.00	\$1,518.26
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	\$5,199.11	\$90.00	\$437.50	\$61.50	\$0.00	\$5,788.11
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$14,901.83	\$0.00	\$3,714.00	\$520.00	\$0.00	\$19,135.83
Tenakee Springs Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
The Crossing @ Birchwood	\$3,600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,600.00
Thorne Bay Baptist Church	\$349.76	\$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	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
True North Church	\$14,513.11	\$0.00	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$0.00	\$25,513.11
True North Church Girdwood	\$2,192.85	\$0.00	\$1,650.00	\$1,650.00	\$0.00	\$5,492.85
UBC-Chinese Fellowship	\$574.50	\$100.00	\$230.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$1,154.50
Unalaska Reformed Church	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00
University Baptist Church, Anchorage	\$4,294.53	\$0.00	\$1,145.00	\$910.00	\$0.00	\$6,349.53
University Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$8,222.00	\$0.00	\$4,937.00	\$7,520.86	\$0.00	\$20,679.86
Valley View Baptist Church	\$3,937.50	\$0.00	\$147.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,084.50
Wasilla Korean Baptist Church	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$900.00
Whittier Christian Community Church	\$589.78	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$589.78

**\$491,508.19   \$20,504.10   \$68,178.00   \$92,201.13   \$220.00   \$672,611.42**

2000 Club Call receipts as of Sep 30   1 Q 2018   2 Q 2018   3 Q 2018   4 Q 2018  
 \$4,640.00   \$4,595.00   \$4,630.50   \$1,555.00   **\$15,420.50**

### 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	
September				
Receipts	\$50,929.06		\$34,264.14	
CP Goal	58,232.65		57,628.80	
Variance	(7,303.59)	-12.54%	(23,364.66)	-40.54%
Year-to-Date				
Receipts	\$491,508.19		\$449,224.55	
CP Goal	524,093.85		518,659.20	
Variance	(32,585.66)	-6.22%	(69,434.65)	-13.39%

## Please Pray for our Pastorless Churches

Aquillaq Baptist Mission, Ambler  
 Chinese Fellowship, Fairbanks  
 Cold Bay Chapel  
 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

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First Native Baptist Church  
in Anchorage  
is seeking a pastor.

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 P.O. Box 200828  
 Anchorage, AK 99520

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**Randy Covington, Executive Director**

## Vision: Abide in Christ

*I am the vine, you are the branches. He that abides in Me and I in him, bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing.* (John 15:5)

What does it mean to abide in Christ? How do we do that? As Jesus is teaching the disciples a major truth they must learn before He departs, he uses an illustration very familiar to them: a vineyard. While traveling throughout the land of Palestine, Jesus and his companions most likely received nourishment from the numerous vineyards along their path. Mosaic law allowed travelers to help themselves to the fruit as long as they only took what they could eat at that moment (Deut. 23:24).

This became a teachable moment. Jesus described the vineyard owner as the Heavenly Father and Himself as the vine. He explained that the disciples (and each of us) are branches of the vine. In order to bear fruit, we must abide in the vine. There are several truths we can glean from this teaching on how to abide in Christ.

The first step of abiding in Christ is **receiving the Word!** (John 15:3) The disciples were clean – forgiven because of the Word He had spoken to them. It begins with hearing which leads to believing and receiving.

**Bearing fruit** (vss 5, 8) becomes the natural byproduct of abiding in Christ. If there is no evident fruit on the branch, it is not receiving nourishment from the vine. It will eventually wither and dry up, and be useless for the production of life-giving fruit.

When we abide in Christ, we have the privilege of **talking with the Father**. Jesus promises us in verse 7 that we may ask whatever

we desire and it will be done for us. If we are abiding in Christ, our desires should fall perfectly in line with God's will and purpose.

Jesus goes on to talk about how we must **love God and one another**. The love between the Father and the Son is the love that compels us to serve Him and each other. To emphasize the importance of love, Jesus commands us to love one another (vss 12, 17).

In order to abide fully in Christ, we must **keep His commandments** (vss 10, 14). His Word contains the full revelation of His desire for all of creation. Keeping His commandments allows us to enjoy the full and abundant life He has promised us.

Abiding in Christ is foundational to any productive life of a Christ-follower. In fact, we can do nothing apart from Him. May our fruit be evidence that we are people who truly . . . **Abide in Christ!**



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### Partner with Aaron:

- *pray that God will open doors to share the gospel.*
- *pray God will raise up Native leaders in the 14 villages around Nome.*
- *pray for deeper discipleship of the body of Christ in Nome.*



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# Thank you!

*Thank you to First Baptist Church, Wasilla, for hosting the 73rd annual meeting of the Alaska Baptist Convention. The staff of the ABC would like to specifically thank the following individuals for helping to make our annual meeting run smoothly:*

**Decorations:** Mary Lednum, Lem Gelineau, Martha Gelineau, Dana Shrimplin, and the “hands” of the congregation.

**Kitchen:** Dana Shrimplin, Jean Weatter, Nancy Olson, Jenny McQueen, Amy Henry, Eve Goff, Marilyn King, Bobby King, Fred Holmberg, Janet Holmberg, Terri Beach, William Beach (Terri and William are members of UBC Fairbanks).

**Fellowship hall set-up:** Dan Helveston, Dixie Helveston, Rush McQueen, Jenny McQueen, Maggie McQueen, Josh McAtee, Chad Curtis, Danny Franks, Stephen Shrimplin, Daniel Shrimplin, Dana Shrimplin, Stacey Wilken.

**Cookie bakers:** Jean Weatter, Jenny McQueen, Carmen Pell, Nancy Wallis, Gyongyi Wilson, Marilyn King, Bobby King, Sandy Mull, Phyllis Park, Martha Gelineau, Bev Vadner, Jan Walz, Mary Rasch.

**Security:** Craig Pell, Michael Brueggeman, Bobby King.

**Greeters:** Carmen Pell, Nancy Wallis, Carolyn Dompier, Mary Rasch, Stephen Shrimplin, Bobby King, Marilyn King.

**Audio/Visual:** Luke Jones, Stacey Wilken.

**Custodian:** Keith Wolfe.

**Office:** Carolyn Dompier.

## Alaska Baptist Convention (ABC) 73rd Annual Meeting

### September 25-26, 2019, Summary of Motions

*submitted by Debra Long, Operation and Finance Administrator, ABC*

- Approved the Credentials Committee report to seat 122 registered messengers representing 44 churches, 47 guests were registered, making a total in attendance to be 169.
- Approved the Program Committee's recommendation to adopt the 73rd Annual Meeting Program as printed with any adjustments that may be required.
- Approved to adopt the assessor's report of the Alaska Baptist Convention located on pages 28-38 of the 2018 Book of Reports.
- Approved to adopt the 2019 proposed budget with 20% of CP dollars going to world missions.
- Approved to adopt the assessor's report of the Alaska Baptist Foundation located on pages 40-45 of the 2018 Book of Reports.
- Approved the Committee on Boards; Committee on Committees; and Time, Place, Preacher Committee recommendations:
  - Pastor Todd Buck, Pastor Michael Bunton, Pastor Mark Christensen, and Pastor Al Weeks to serve on the ABC Executive Board with expiration terms of September 2022; Pastor Eugene Williams to replace Darvin Jordan's expiration term of September 2021; and Pastor Brian Hicks to replace Brandon Jones' expiration term of September 2021.
  - Pastor Blake Hart and Pastor Don Shannon to serve their first term on the Birchwood Behavioral Health Board of Directors with terms expiring September 2021, and Jae McKee to serve his second term on the Birchwood Behavioral Health Board of Directors with term expiring September 2021.
  - Pastor Tom Hoffman to serve his second term on the Alaska Baptist Foundation Board of Directors with term expiring September 2021, and Mark Johnston and Dustin Shannon to serve their first terms on the Alaska Baptist Foundation Board of Directors with terms expiring September 2021.
  - Pastor Paul Folk to serve a second term on the Constitution and Bylaws Committee with term expiring September 2021, and Ruby Stogsdill to replace Cindy Boney on the Constitution and Bylaws Committee with term expiring September 2020.
  - Pastor Michael Bunton to deliver the 74th Annual Meeting preacher sermon on September 24-25, 2019, at College Heights Baptist Church, Soldotna and Pastor Al Weeks as the alternate preacher. Glacier Valley Baptist Church, Juneau to host the 77th Annual Meeting of the Alaska Baptist Convention September 27-28, 2022.
- The vote passed to pursue the implementation of the new vision and most likely form an implementation team to work about implementing the new vision by 2020.
- Elected the following Alaska Baptist Convention officers: President Tracy Simmons, First Vice-President Scott Belmore, Second Vice-President Cliff Day, and Recording Secretary Anna Allen.



Handwritten signatures of the staff of the ABC mentioned in the thank you note: Randy, Jimmy, AE, Betty, Debra, and Anna.



# MILEPOST MOMENTS

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

## **Cold Bay Chapel**

Josh Kremer, with his wife Rachel and son Zach, received a certificate of appreciation from the church family for five years of pastoral leadership. The certificate was presented by Lynn Fuller, member of Cold Bay Chapel. The Kremers moved to Anchor Point in September.



## **University Baptist Church, Fairbanks**

Ladies from UBC will observe Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer on November 5, at First Baptist Church. On November 18, the church will dedicate their Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes during the morning service. The college and career group will celebrate Thanksgiving together on November 22, and their last campus Bible study for the fall semester will take place on November 27.

## **Tongass Baptist Association**

TBA held its 50th annual gathering, October 12-13 at FBC, Juneau. New officers were elected to serve the upcoming year. Pictures (l to r): Cody Schwegel, vice-moderator (Anchor Baptist); Eugene Williams, moderator (FBC Juneau); Rhonda Williams, recording secretary; Al Aitken, treasurer.



## **Tanana Valley Baptist Association**

The annual meeting of TVBA was held on October 20, and hosted by FBC North Pole. After reports and a budget vote, messengers elected new officers to serve for 2018-19. Pictured (l to r): Mark Christensen, moderator (Salcha Baptist); Sandy Buchanan, clerk; Karen Ellison, vice-moderator; Lawrence Ellison, treasurer (St. John Baptist).



## **Emmanuel Baptist Church, Juneau**

Greg Weinert, pastor of EBC, was ordained to the gospel ministry in conjunction with the annual meeting of the TBA. The ordaining council presented Pastor Weinert with the certificate of ordination.



## **Condolences**

Our condolences to Tim Avritt, former church planter of Cottonwood Creek Cowboy Church (Wasilla), in the passing of his wife Deb, after a long illness. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Tim at [tavritt@mtaonline.net](mailto:tavritt@mtaonline.net)



## CHANGE

*Dr. Jeff Anderson, Professor of Religion, Wayland Baptist University  
Anchorage campus*

I cannot change simply by altering the way I think. I have to actually act. Real change in ministry is messy, unstable, and disorganized, and that drives me crazy! In the middle of changes I attempt, I often say to myself, "I probably shouldn't have done it this way," or, "Oh man, this may have been a mistake!" But honestly, I cannot change in any other way. I must actually "do" change.

Two things keep me grounded: first, God himself, does not change. Second, the missional activity of God's kingdom does not change. To know God and to be on mission is in the DNA of the church. But how to go about that mission is the challenge, and the adventure!

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On one hand, I face the danger of changing just for the sake of change: following each novel fad that comes along, half-heartedly implementing each new "annual emphasis" that comes down from on high, adeptly moving from crisis to crisis, or glibly repeating the past. On the other hand, the many faces of nostalgia prevent me ... sometimes from even wanting change ... but most certainly from actually making change. My own selective memory of the past tends to shackle me.

Some changes are easier than others. Tweak a policy or tighten the organizational structure. But to painfully realize the direction I am going will not get me to the place I both dream of, and long for, is vexing. It's often easier to simply drift than to dream. Anyone who has spent any time at all on Alaska waters knows what eventually happens when you allow yourself to drift.

The "Alaska Baptist Resource Network." That's a name change. But is it merely a gentle adjustment in branding, or is this the beginning of a process that will most likely be messy and unstable, but something genuinely different? Prophetic imagination is the gift God gives which allows us to look beyond the status quo to what God

wants us to become. Personally, I dream of an ABRN budget littered with allocated pockets of money for camps, training, evangelism and church development projects in every region. I dream of innovative young leaders on the ABRN staff, boards, and agencies. I dream of Alaska Baptists who eagerly collaborate across denominational lines to take the gospel of Christ well beyond our own political and cultural borders to the uttermost parts of the

earth. I dream of church leaders who know exactly what the ABRN does, not because we have been told, but because we have experienced firsthand what it is like to give and receive needed resources

for the ABRN's partnership in God's rescue mission to the world.

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#### November

- 1 ABF Trustee meeting
- 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

#### 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

#### January 2019

- 6-9 January Bible Study

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