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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	\$200.00	\$0.00 \$150.00	\$0.00 \$175.00	\$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$200.00
Alaska Iu-Mienh First Baptist Church	\$176.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$176.00
Anchor Baptist Church	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Anderson Community Church	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00
Aquillaq Baptist Mission Big Lake Baptist Church	\$0.00 \$9,510.57	\$1,634.00	\$0.00 \$680.00	\$1,078.70	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$12,903.27
Bodenburg Butte Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Calvary Baptist Church	\$6,085.68	\$0.00	\$1,023.61	\$1,023.26	\$0.00	\$8,132.55
Catalyst Church	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$900.00
Christ Community Church Clearwater Baptist Church	\$400.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$170.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$570.00 \$0.00
Cliffside Community Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Coffman Cove Comm Baptist Church	\$2,204.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,204.50
Cold Bay Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
College Heights Baptist Church Cross Roads Baptist Church	\$32,830.67 \$12,026.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$2,255.00 \$2,744.50	\$5,814.00 \$1,500.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$40,899.67 \$16,270.50
CrossCountry Church	\$1,350.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$2,744.30	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$1,550.00
Dillingham Bible Fellowship	\$8,057.54	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,300.00	\$0.00	\$9,357.54
Eagle River Korean Baptist Church	\$550.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$750.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church	\$1,628.56	\$0.00	\$210.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,838.56
Fairbanks Korean Baptist Church Fairview Loop Baptist Church	\$0.00 \$21,618.93	\$0.00 \$2,118.31	\$0.00 \$34.82	\$0.00 \$4,422.44	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$28,194.50
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	\$2,625.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,625.00
First Baptist Church, Anchorage	\$11,225.09	\$250.00	\$1,647.01	\$231.31	\$0.00	\$13,353.41
First Baptist Church, Eagle River First Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$32,105.63 \$5,891.56	\$3,245.00 \$460.00	\$2,862.34 \$985.00	\$100.00 \$1,180.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$38,312.97 \$8,516.56
First Baptist Church, North Pole	\$38,418.00	\$1,502.00	\$3,413.00	\$3,017.83	\$0.00	\$46,350.83
First Baptist Church, Delta Junction	\$49,314.58	\$100.00	\$4,255.00	\$19,505.69	\$0.00	\$73,175.27
First Baptist Church, Juneau	\$10,017.74	\$2,205.00	\$1,878.00	\$1,788.00	\$0.00	\$15,888.74
First Baptist Church, Kenai First Baptist Church, Ketchikan	\$6,475.67 \$10,742.22	\$100.00 \$0.00	\$1,279.28 \$2,520.00	\$1,704.28 \$1,695.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$9,559.23 \$14,957.22
First Baptist Church, Kotzebue	\$10,742.22	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$2,320.00 \$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church, Palmer	\$4,000.00	\$1,310.45	\$2,525.00	\$1,728.00	\$0.00	\$9,563.45
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	\$5,848.49	\$0.00	\$899.00	\$988.00	\$0.00	\$7,735.49
First Baptist Church, Soldotna First Baptist Church, Valdez	\$7,639.00 \$15,257.97	\$518.00 \$2,123.52	\$525.00 \$2,327.00	\$660.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$690.00	\$9,342.00 \$20,398.49
First Baptist Church, Wasilla	\$10,544.13	\$0.00	\$2,658.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,202.13
First Baptist Church, Willow	\$3,467.71	\$1,475.00	\$480.42	\$6,814.00	\$0.00	\$12,237.13
First Hmong Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Korean Baptist Church First Native Baptist Church	\$1,500.00 \$1,955.00	\$0.00 \$1,004.21	\$397.00 \$1,025.00	\$400.00 \$1,000.07	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$2,297.00 \$4,984.28
Friendship Baptist Mission	\$1,935.00	\$1,004.21	\$1,525.00	\$2,080.00	\$0.00	\$6,331.41
Frontier Baptist Church	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
Frontier Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Frontier Native Church	\$556.42	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$556.42
Frontier Southern Baptist Church Gilead Ministries	\$3,918.12 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$3,918.12 \$0.00
Glacier Valley Baptist Church	\$13,139.29	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,501.00	\$0.00	\$17,640.29
Grandview Baptist Church	\$28,867.09	\$588.00	\$2,486.23	\$2,856.00	\$0.00	\$34,797.32
Greater Friendship Baptist Church	\$11,856.88	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,856.88
Hillside Baptist Church	\$9,991.30	\$250.00	\$550.00	\$625.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$11,416.30
Hoonah Baptist Mission Iglesia Bautista Hispana Sunset Hills	\$0.00 \$964.03	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00 \$1,014.03
Immanuel Baptist Church	\$890.09	\$0.00	\$986.01	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,876.10
Journey Church	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$270.00
Juneau Korean Church	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$210.00	\$0.00	\$760.00
Kasaan Fellowship Ketchikan Filipino Baptist Mission	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$600.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$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	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Lighthouse Community Church	\$7,108.00	\$0.00	\$0.00 \$240.00	\$0.00 \$150.00	\$0.00	\$7,108.00
Malamalama Fou Church Misc. Contributors-Cash	\$360.00 \$0.00	\$60.00 \$10,705.64	\$240.00 \$150.00	\$150.00 \$0.00	\$120.00 \$0.00	\$930.00 \$10,855.64
Montana Creek Baptist Church	\$11,078.70	\$1,110.60	\$535.00	\$365.00	\$0.00	\$13,089.30
Moose Creek Baptist Church	\$1,599.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,599.00
Moose Pass Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Morning Star Baptist Church	\$4,899.22	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$5,149.22
Mount Pleasant Baptist Church Mount Redoubt Baptist Church	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00
Mountain View Community Church	\$400.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Muldoon Road Baptist Church	\$9,830.86	\$0.00	\$788.06	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,618.92
New Birth Christian Church	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$700.00
New Grace Christian Church New Hope Baptist Church	\$4,000.00 \$10.291.00	\$0.00 \$611.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$500.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$4,000.00 \$11,402.00
New Hope Baptist Church	\$10,291.00	\$611.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$11,402.0U

January-October 2018 Gifts from ABC Churches

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
New Hope Fellowship	\$525.00	\$150.00	\$210.00	\$335.00	\$0.00	\$1,220.00
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	\$3,136.59	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,236.59
Rabbit Creek Church	\$3,671.86	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,671.86
River In The Desert Community Church	h \$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	\$950.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$950.00
Roots Family Church, Soldotna	\$900.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,100.00
Sabbath Peace Fellowship	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
Salcha Baptist Church	\$2,421.91	\$0.00	\$520.00	\$3,620.00	\$0.00	\$6,561.91
Sand Lake Fellowship	\$1,043.04	\$117.54	\$317.54	\$117.54	\$0.00	\$1,595.66
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	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,400.00	\$0.00	\$3,600.00
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	\$6,141.37	\$233.40	\$437.50	\$61.50	\$0.00	\$6,873.77
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$16,781.93	\$1,700.00	\$3,714.00	\$520.00	\$0.00	\$22,715.93
Tenakee Springs Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
The Crossing @ Birchwood	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00
Thorne Bay Baptist Church	\$562.48	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$24.00	\$0.00	\$586.48
Togiak Baptist Mission	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Transitional Ministries	\$45.00	\$25.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$80.00
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	\$687.50	\$200.00	\$230.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$1,367.50
Unalaska Reformed Church	\$4.000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00
University Baptist Church, Anchorage	\$4,936.23	\$360.00	\$1,165.00	\$950.00	\$0.00	\$7,411.23
University Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$8,222.00	\$0.00	\$4,937.00	\$7,520.86	\$0.00	\$20,679.86
Valley View Baptist Church	\$5,250.00	\$0.00	\$147.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,397.00
Wasilla Korean Baptist Church	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Whittier Christian Community Church	\$589.78	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$589.78
	\$561,805.12	\$37,706.67	\$68,683.32	\$97,511.48	\$910.00	\$766,616.59
	<u>1 Q 2018</u>	<u>2 Q 2018</u>	<u>3 Q 2018</u>	<u>4 Q 2018</u>		
2000 Club Call receipts as of Oct 31	\$4,815.00	\$4,595.00	\$4,725.50	\$4,227.50		\$18,363.00

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, Ketchikan First Baptist Church, Petersburg First Baptist Church, Petersburg First Native Baptist Church, Anchorage Friendship Baptist Mission, Fairbanks N. Tongass Baptist Church, Ward Cove Riverside Chapel, King Salmon Shungnak Baptist Mission Solid Rock Baptist Church, Anchorage Thorne Bay Baptist Church

Wayland Baptist University Job Opening

WBU (Anchorage campus) has a fulltime, non-faculty position open. Please contact Associate Dean <u>John Jemar</u> or Dean <u>Eric Ash</u>.



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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	
\$70,296.93		\$63,532.76	
58,232.65		57,628.80	
12,064.28	20.72%	5,903.96	10.24%
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\$561,805.12		\$512,757.31	
582,326.50		576,288.00	
(20,521.38)	-3.52%	(63,530.69)	-11.02%
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Vision: Build the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth

The little lad from London was so proud that he had learned the Lord's Prayer from memory, he begged to recite it to his parents. He began:

Our Farnham, who art in Hendon, Harrow be thy name; Thy Kingston Come, thy Wimbledon, In Erith as it is in Hendon . . .

Just like this little boy, sometimes we miss the impact of what Jesus was teaching the disciples through the model prayer because of our own cultural context. While I have recited it many times in English and Russian, I have rarely taken the time to understand the phrase:

... Your Kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Matthew 6:10-11

I live in America where we do not have a kingdom or a king, but a government and a president. The kingdom of heaven that I read about in God's Word is such a mystery

to me because I have no context for that system. While my mind tells me it is another realm, another world, my spirit knows with confidence that it is real.

Matthew's gospel references the kingdom more times than any of the other synoptic gospels. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus introduces the concept of the kingdom. When Jesus commissioned his disciples, he said, "As you go, proclaim: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near." (Matt 10:7) It doesn't just exist in another realm, but it is near to us here on earth. Later in Matthew's gospel, Jesus continues to teach them about the kingdom in chapter 16:18-19.

"And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overpower it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will have been loosed in heaven."

It becomes very clear to me that the task of the church is to build the kingdom of heaven on earth. In order to do that, we must have the right keys to unlock the riches of God's grace and extend the invitation to enter the kingdom of the Heavenly Father. There is power in the keys that He has given us! We have the Word of God, the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit, the direct line of communication through prayer, and the fellowship of believers. These keys are sufficient, even when we are weak and inadequate. May we be faithful in building the church and extending the Kingdom of heaven on earth.

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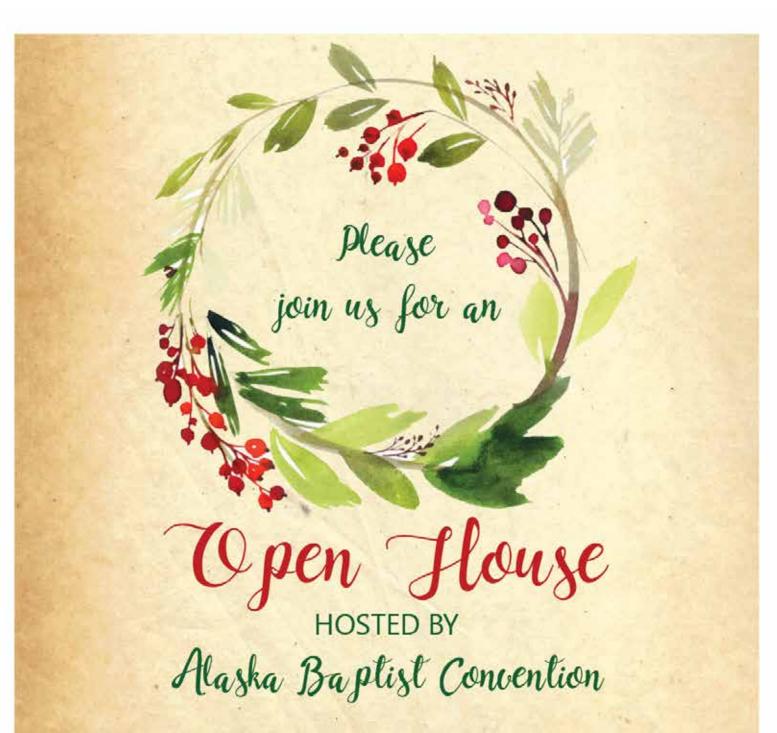


Mario and Migda Partner with Mario and Migda:

- pray that we will establish relationships with the Hispanic community in Juneau.
- pray for our health as we transition to a new location, weather and lifestyle.

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MILEPOST MOMENTS

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Thorne Bay Baptist Church

Thorne Bay is seeking an interim/transitional pastor. For a full job description, please visit our <u>website</u>.

University Baptist Church, Fairbanks

UBC has a new Wednesday Chinese Bible study. The preschool and children's "Birthday Party for Jesus" is planned for December 15. The children will present their Christmas program on December 23 and the church will hold their annual Christmas Eve candlelight service. There is a Chinese Dumpling party on December 31.

St. John Baptist Church, Fairbanks On December 2 at 3:00 p.m., the church will celebrate the 10-year anniversary of pastor Lawrence and Karen Ellison with a special program. The theme is "Qualified," based on Jeremiah 3:15.





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Faithful

few days spent in the antebellum South conjure up not only memories of a (somewhat) bygone era, but also beckon the imagination to write its own script of characters, events and circumstances that brought what we perceive now, into being.

Large plantation-style homes with giant columns and ornate wood trim surrounded by vast agricultural and livestock fields; giant towering oak, hickory, pine and pecan trees with branches outstretched shading huge lawns, entice a road-weary traveler to stop and wonder...

Rural towns with historic landmarks, buildings and geographical features sit just out of sight of the modern, busy Interstate (that rush humanity on to the next appointment, meeting, or obligation), waiting and wishing that someone would notice, pull in and be interested.

Crossroads, settlements and even entire counties bear the names of influential, important and even infamous individuals and families whose tenacity, endurance and perseverance made a difference, a legacy and a future for others.

And the churches....so many churches.

Small family chapels, enormous red brick giants and everything in between. Old churches, new churches, store fronts and cathedral looking churches; traditional churches, modern churches, churches that don't look like churches...where did we get all these churches?

On the evening I wrote this article, I stayed at an old fashioned, pine slab, tin roofed lodge off Straughn School Road in Andalusia, Alabama.

The table at which I sat was fashioned from a pine tree grown and harvested on the property. Antique furniture, fixtures and relics abounded in the spacious, plank paneled rooms. The décor was themed, tasteful, purposeful... and proper. Three hand-hewn vertical posts, majestically on display and supporting the center beam of the main lodge, were originally the chief supports of the property's barn.

Hmmm...

It's been said that those who fail to learn from history are bound and destined to repeat it. I suppose in some contexts this statement is profoundly true...to the detriment of humanity, society and yes, even Christianity. In another context, however, perhaps it would be better to both learn from, and attempt to, repeat history.

Is it possible for us to learn from a tree? Or three? From the centerpiece of the barn to the centerpiece of the mansion...

Merry Christmas!

"He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much;" Luke 16:10



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New Hope Baptist Church in Anchorage needs assistance with extensive church renovations including handicap access compliance, lighting and electrical upgrades, new carpet and paint.

> \$4227.50 has been received for

4Q 2018* *as of 10/31/18

2000 Club • Fourth Quarter 2018

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN — DEC • JAN • FEB —

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December

2-9	Week of Prayer and Mission Study for
	International Missions
	and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
5	Ladies Christmas Tea
	sponsored by FBC Valdez
21-Jan 1	ABC and ABF office closed
	for Christmas

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January Bible Study

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