

State Evangelism Conference

Revive & Thrive

“wake up and strengthen the things that remain...”

Rev 3:2 NASB

**Monday-Tuesday
February 4-5, 2019**

*Sunset Hills Baptist Church
Anchorage*

**Special Guests: Jeff Iorg (president, Gateway Seminary),
Steve Parr (vice president of Staff Coordination and Development,
Georgia Baptist Mission Board)
Special Musical Guests: Chosen Road**

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January - November 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	\$7,812.69	\$150.00	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,137.69
Alaska Ju-Mienh First Baptist Church	\$305.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$305.00
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
Aquilaq Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Big Lake Baptist Church	\$10,278.84	\$1,634.00	\$680.00	\$1,078.70	\$0.00	\$13,671.54
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	\$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	\$2,589.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,589.50
Cold Bay Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
College Heights Baptist Church	\$36,743.47	\$0.00	\$2,255.00	\$5,814.00	\$0.00	\$44,812.47
Cross Roads Baptist Church	\$13,834.00	\$0.00	\$2,744.50	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$18,078.50
CrossCountry Church	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$1,700.00
Dillingham Bible Fellowship	\$8,057.54	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,300.00	\$0.00	\$9,357.54
Eagle River Korean Baptist Church	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church	\$2,132.58	\$0.00	\$210.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,342.58
Fairbanks Korean Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fairview Loop Baptist Church	\$21,618.93	\$2,118.31	\$34.82	\$4,422.44	\$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	\$15,690.36	\$3,521.00	\$1,647.01	\$231.31	\$0.00	\$21,089.68
First Baptist Church, Eagle River	\$34,941.39	\$3,445.00	\$2,862.34	\$100.00	\$1,683.50	\$43,032.23
First Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$5,891.56	\$460.00	\$985.00	\$1,180.00	\$0.00	\$8,516.56
First Baptist Church, North Pole	\$40,618.00	\$1,502.00	\$3,413.00	\$3,017.83	\$0.00	\$48,550.83
First Baptist Church, Delta Junction	\$53,688.21	\$100.00	\$4,255.00	\$20,272.43	\$0.00	\$78,315.64
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	\$7,810.97	\$100.00	\$1,501.83	\$1,926.83	\$0.00	\$11,339.63
First Baptist Church, Ketchikan	\$13,077.61	\$1,343.00	\$2,520.00	\$1,695.00	\$0.00	\$18,635.61
First Baptist Church, Kotzebue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church, Palmer	\$4,500.00	\$1,310.45	\$2,525.00	\$1,728.00	\$0.00	\$10,063.45
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	\$6,911.98	\$0.00	\$899.00	\$988.00	\$0.00	\$8,798.98
First Baptist Church, Soldotna	\$8,120.00	\$1,036.00	\$525.00	\$660.00	\$0.00	\$10,341.00
First Baptist Church, Valdez	\$17,279.29	\$2,123.52	\$2,327.00	\$0.00	\$690.00	\$22,419.81
First Baptist Church, Wasilla	\$11,651.82	\$1,170.21	\$2,658.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,480.03
First Baptist Church, Willow	\$3,771.45	\$1,475.00	\$480.42	\$6,814.00	\$0.00	\$12,540.87
First Hmong Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Korean Baptist Church	\$1,650.00	\$435.00	\$397.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$2,882.00
First Native Baptist Church	\$2,380.00	\$2,040.08	\$1,025.00	\$1,000.07	\$0.00	\$6,445.15
Friendship Baptist Mission	\$2,949.41	\$1,665.00	\$1,525.00	\$2,080.00	\$0.00	\$8,219.41
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	\$5,411.42	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,411.42
Gilead Ministries	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Glacier Valley Baptist Church	\$15,225.88	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,501.00	\$0.00	\$19,726.88
Grandview Baptist Church	\$32,233.36	\$756.00	\$2,486.23	\$2,876.00	\$0.00	\$38,351.59
Greater Friendship Baptist Church	\$13,378.71	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,378.71
Hillside Baptist Church	\$11,315.61	\$250.00	\$550.00	\$625.00	\$0.00	\$12,740.61
Hoonah Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Iglesia Bautista Hispana Sunset Hills	\$1,042.93	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,092.93
Immanuel Baptist Church	\$1,014.99	\$468.45	\$986.01	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,469.45
Journey Church	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$270.00
Juneau Korean Church	\$330.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$210.00	\$0.00	\$790.00
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	\$1,100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,100.00
Lighthouse Community Church	\$9,496.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,496.00
Malamalama Fou Church	\$360.00	\$60.00	\$240.00	\$150.00	\$120.00	\$930.00
Misc. Contributors-Cash	\$0.00	\$10,705.64	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$11,005.64
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	\$5,868.45	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$6,118.45
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	\$450.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$450.00
Muldoon Road Baptist Church	\$11,238.60	\$0.00	\$788.06	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,026.66
New Birth Christian Church	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$700.00
New Grace Christian Church	\$4,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,400.00
New Hope Baptist Church	\$12,811.00	\$611.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$13,922.00
New Hope Fellowship	\$525.00	\$400.00	\$460.00	\$335.00	\$0.00	\$1,720.00
North Bear Street Baptist Church	\$705.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$705.50

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North Tongass Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Northern Lights Missions	\$775.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$875.00
Pathway Discipleship Church	\$160.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$160.00
Pioneer Baptist Church	\$3,479.18	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,579.18
Rabbit Creek Church	\$4,191.65	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,191.65
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	\$1,050.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,050.00
Roots Family Church, Soldotna	\$1,000.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$1,300.00
Sabbath Peace Fellowship	\$1,320.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,320.00
Salcha Baptist Church	\$3,268.48	\$0.00	\$520.00	\$3,620.00	\$0.00	\$7,408.48
Sand Lake Fellowship	\$1,051.44	\$118.94	\$318.94	\$118.94	\$0.00	\$1,608.26
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	\$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	\$6,841.79	\$283.40	\$437.50	\$372.78	\$0.00	\$7,935.47
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$18,397.24	\$3,135.00	\$3,714.00	\$520.00	\$0.00	\$25,766.24
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	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$85.00
True North Church	\$16,295.51	\$0.00	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$0.00	\$27,295.51
True North Church Girdwood	\$2,450.73	\$0.00	\$1,650.00	\$1,650.00	\$0.00	\$5,750.73
UBC-Chinese Fellowship	\$733.50	\$300.00	\$230.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$1,513.50
Unalaska Reformed Church	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00
University Baptist Church, Anchorage	\$5,946.53	\$360.00	\$1,165.00	\$970.00	\$0.00	\$8,441.53
University Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$9,340.00	\$1,011.00	\$4,937.00	\$8,180.06	\$0.00	\$23,468.06
Valley View Baptist Church	\$5,250.00	\$0.00	\$147.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,397.00
Wasilla Korean Baptist Church	\$1,100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,100.00
Whittier Christian Community Church	\$621.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$621.30

\$619,998.05 \$50,828.60 \$69,157.27 \$100,762.65 \$2,593.50 \$843,340.07

1 Q 2018 2 Q 2018 3 Q 2018 4 Q 2018
 2000 Club Call receipts as of Nov. 30 \$4,815.00 \$4,595.00 \$4,725.50 \$4,397.50 **\$18,533.00**

GRAND TOTAL \$861,873.07

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	
November				
Receipts	\$58,192.93		\$69,525.46	
CP Goal	58,232.65		57,628.80	
Variance	(39.72)	-0.07%	11,896.66	20.64%
Year-to-Date				
Receipts	\$619,998.05		\$582,282.77	
CP Goal	640,559.15		633,916.80	
Variance	(20,561.10)	-3.21%	(51,634.03)	-8.15%

Welcome

Cliff (Jennifer) Day
 First Baptist Church, Sitka

Please Pray for our Pastorless Churches

Aquilaq Baptist Mission, Ambler
 Chinese Fellowship, Fairbanks
 Cold Bay Chapel
 First Baptist Church, Anchorage
 First Baptist Church, Eagle River
 First Baptist Church, Ketchikan
 First Baptist Church, Petersburg
 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
 Thorne Bay Baptist Church

Wayland Baptist University Job Opening

WBU (Anchorage campus) has a full-time, non-faculty position open. Please contact Associate Dean [John Jemar](#) or Dean [Eric Ash](#).



Helps Someone in Need

Years ago, an endowment was established that funds the operating expenses of Mission:Dignity. This covers staff salaries, printing, postage and other expenses.

EVERY DOLLAR of current Mission:Dignity annual gifts is used for monthly distributions to retired pastors and widows in need.



Mission:Dignity
 Assisting Retired Ministers and Spouses



Randy Covington, Executive Director

Vision: Cooperate in One Sacred Effort

COOPERATE . . .

The third part of the vision we have adopted for Alaska Baptists lies at the heart of who we are as Southern Baptists: Cooperation! One of the main foundations for the establishment of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1845 was to develop a better system for supporting mission efforts at home and abroad. The Baptist Faith and Message (doctrinal statement adopted by Southern Baptists) summarizes the biblical pattern of cooperation this way:

“Christ’s people should, as occasion requires, organize such associations and conventions as may best secure cooperation for the great objects of the Kingdom of God. Such organizations have no authority over one another or over the churches. They are voluntary and advisory bodies designed to elicit, combine, and direct the energies of our people in the most effective manner. Members of New Testament churches should cooperate with one another in carrying forward the missionary, educational, and benevolent ministries for the extension of Christ’s Kingdom.”

We cooperate together because we recognize that we can do so much more together than we can independently. We find great encouragement in the words of Christ in John 17 when he prayed to the Father, **“May they all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe you sent me.”** (CSB verse 21).

. . . IN ONE SACRED EFFORT

Our marching orders come directly from the mouth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ recorded in Acts 1:8:

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” (CSB)

ONE -- “There is one body and one Spirit – just as you were called to one hope at your calling – one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.” (Ephesians 4:4-6 CSB)

SACRED – “All **authority** has been given to me in heaven and on earth. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the **Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit**, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28: 18b-20 CSB)

EFFORT – “For it is God who is working in you both to will and to work according to his good purpose.” (Ephesians 2:13 CSB)

There can be no greater calling in life, no higher purpose to which we can commit ourselves than sharing the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ and the hope of eternal life in heaven!



(l to r): James, Joshua, Stephanie, Jim, Ethan

The
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Partner with the Boyd family:

- *pray for our expanded ministry into the villages of Western Alaska.*
- *pray for growth for our church planting network on the Kenai Peninsula.*



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November 12-13, 2018
Meeting of the Executive Board of
the Alaska Baptist Convention
Approved Board Actions

submitted by Debra Long, Operation and Finance Administrator, ABC

1. Approved the ABC board committee structure as presented by President Tracy Simmons.
2. Approved the May 7-8, 2018, ABC executive committee board minutes.
3. Approved the September 25-26, 2018, ABC annual meeting minutes.
4. Approved to increase the Spousal Allowance for travel from \$1,200 to \$2,000 annual maximum.
5. Approved to accept the October 2018 ABC Financial Reports.
6. Approved to revise the 2019 ABC budget.
7. Approved to rename Designated Account 8986 Missionary Training to Vision Development, move the balance of Designated Account 8402 to Account 8986 and deactivate Account 8402, update the Chart of Accounts as follows: Account 5253 New Vision Promotion--These funds are to be used to assist with the promotion and implementation of the new vision, including travel expenses for implementation team members, and Account 8986 Vision Development--These funds are to be used for expenses incurred by the New Vision Implementation Team and potential contractors engaged for developing the new structure, rebranding, and website and social media outlets.
8. Approved a one-time grant of \$18,000 from Designated Account 8196 State-Wide Missions to Faith Recovery Fellowship to continue their chaplaincy ministry inside Goose Creek Correctional Institution with future recurring funds to be part of the ABC budgeting process.
9. Approved a one-time grant of \$15,000 from Designated Account 8575 Church Strengthening to Greater Friendship Baptist Church to assist with extensive renovations of the church building.
10. Approved to set the 2019 special offering goals as follows: Valeria Sherard State Mission Offering--\$90,000; Annie Armstrong Easter Offering--\$95,000; and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering--\$150,000.
11. Approved to assign Mountain View Community Church as the 2019 second quarter 2000 Club Call recipient.
12. Approved the 2019 Annual Housing Allowances for the ABC Director Staff.



Rodney W. Kovtynovich passed away from heart failure on Monday, December 10, 2018. He was a beloved husband, father and grandfather. He was a friend and mentor to many. He was born in Pueblo, Colorado on February 13, 1955, where he was raised on his family's farm with his four brothers. After graduating from Pueblo High, he attended Midwestern State University (MSU) in Wichita Falls, Texas. He met and married the love of his life, Anita Raye Underwood on September 27, 1975 while at MSU. After graduating MSU, he directed the K-12 music program for the San Luis School District in Colorado.

Rodney and Anita moved to Alaska in June, 1982, where he started working for the United States Postal Service. They welcomed their beautiful daughter Anastacia in 1984. In 1988, their wonderful son Lucas was born.

In 1989, Rodney attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, where he graduated with a Masters of Divinity. Upon graduating, the family returned to Alaska in 1996. He returned to the USPS and began work as a pastor. Rodney served for 21 years as a bi-vocational pastor at Schrock Road Community Church. Sharing the gospel was Rodney's greatest passion in life and this was reflected in his work

as a pastor as well as a postal employee.

Rodney is survived by his beloved bride, Anita; daughter Anastacia Tew (Richard), grandchildren: Kaylie, Corbin, Bryan; son, Lucas Kovtynovich (Alora), grandchildren: Grace, Shawn; and



brothers Skeeter, Edward and Bart Kovtynovich.

His celebration of life service was held at Cross Country Church (formerly Schrock Road Community Church) on Sunday, December 16, 3:00 p.m.

Condolences may be sent to Anita at kovark@rogershsa.com (obituary originally published in *The Frontiersman*, December 13, 2018) WATCH a video of Rodney [HERE](#). Submitted by Adam Covington.



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The Church Planting Pipeline is an intentional development resource for the local church to discover, develop and deploy church planting teams from within.

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Jimmy Stewart, *Director of Evangelism and Church Development*

State Evangelism Conference is February 4-5 Sunset Hills Baptist Church in Anchorage

A recent podcast from Thom Rainer addressed “inwardly focused” churches and said it takes intentional effort and supernatural power to overcome. Six reasons churches end up this way and why it is hard to overcome are:

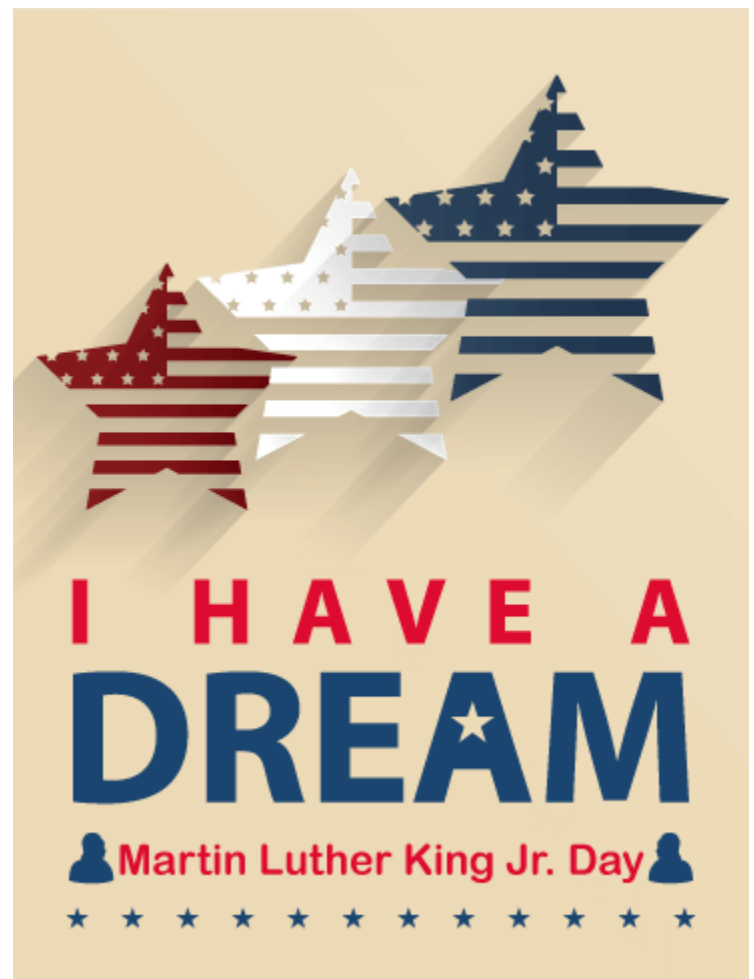
1. The shift is gradual,
2. Tyranny of the urgent,
3. Demands of church members,
4. Settling into a comfort zone,
5. Lack of guidance or resources,
6. Lack of affirmation.

For churches experiencing this downward shift, it could be necessary to have someone come alongside and encourage. The timing of our upcoming State Evangelism Conference (SEC) may be just the event our leadership needs right now. The SEC is Monday-Tuesday, February 4-5, 2019, and our host church is Sunset Hills Baptist Church in Anchorage. Guests are Dr. Jeff Iorg (president, Gateway Seminary) and Steve Parr (vice president of Staff Coordination and Development, Georgia Baptist Mission Board). Musical guests are Chosen Road, a group from Nashville who have a great talent for leading worship. One of the scheduled guest speakers, Mark Hallock, had to withdraw because his son has been diagnosed with cancer and he felt he should not be apart from his family. Please keep the Hallock family in your prayers.

Dr. Iorg is no stranger to Alaskans, and is a proven evangelistic fireball! He is intentional in his efforts to reach neighbors and organizations with whom he comes in contact. Steve Parr wrote the book, “Why They Stray” and will be addressing some of the issues covered in his book. I am so excited for these men to preach and challenge us at this year’s SEC and I hope you are making plans to attend. Two conference hotels are available: Marriott Courtyard Anchorage Airport (4901 Spenard Road) or Comfort Suites Anchorage Airport (2919 W. International Airport Road). Watch the weekly info blast for registration information for these hotels. If you are not receiving the weekly info blast, please contact [Sylvia](#).

Another reason a church can become inwardly focused is that of a disruption in leadership. This manifests itself when a leader becomes sidetracked, which can hinder, and sometimes end, the ministry. The church usually responds by either helping the current leader, or looking for a new one. If you find yourself in this situation in your own church, I encourage you to attend the SEC to help find some answers and solutions. I experienced my own ministry interruption two years ago, and with God’s miraculous healing and the constant prayer of fellow believers, I continue to heal. I have even started playing racquetball again, which has been a huge victory for me.

Blessings to you as you begin 2019!





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young or OLD ...many pastors lack a will, survey finds

Passport? Check. Airline ticket? Check. Hotel reservation? Check. After careful planning, you're ready for vacation!

But have you taken more time preparing for a vacation than your estate plan?

A new survey conducted by LifeWay Research for the Southern Baptist Foundation found more than half of Southern Baptist pastors, overall, do not have a will, trust, living will, electronic will, legacy story or durable power of attorney with health care directives.

"Pastors know they can't take it with them when they die, but estate planning is really about good stewardship for your family," said Warren Peek, president of the Southern Baptist Foundation.

In fact, 74 percent of the pastors surveyed believe that estate planning should be considered a part of a person's complete financial stewardship.

"Basic planning saves a lot of headaches for your loved ones," Peek said. "Through an estate plan, taxes can be minimized and assets protected. While most reasons for procrastinating are understandable, none will serve to lessen the reality that the absence of a will can have a devastating impact on an estate."

Scott McConnell, director of LifeWay Research, said the survey reveals a lack of awareness about estate planning and accompanying laws which may contribute to pastors not having a plan in place.

According to the survey, pastors age 18-44 are the least likely to have a will (31 percent) or a durable power of attorney with health care directives (14 percent). Even

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among pastors closest to retirement (age 55-64 and 65-plus) the portion who have a will is just barely a majority (54 percent for both groups). Similarly, few of those closest to retirement (age 55-64 and 65-plus) have a health care durable power of attorney (25 percent for both groups).

McConnell said it is surprising that so many pastors do not seem to have a plan for their families and property after their death, especially "the segment that should be most likely to be thinking about this issue -- those with young families -- seem to be the least prepared," he said.

Sixty-four percent of pastors surveyed agree with a statement that the court decides who will care for a child if the last parent dies without a will. Sixteen percent disagree and 21 percent "don't know."

Regarding assets, the survey revealed that 48 percent of pastors agree with a statement that if someone dies without a will, their family decides what is done with the assets of the deceased. Thirty-three percent disagree and 19 percent "don't know."

"The fact is, in both cases -- with property and children -- the court decides what happens to them if there is no will in place," McConnell said. "Nearly half of the pastors surveyed misunderstand what happens to their assets by agreeing to this incorrect statement and one in five misunderstand what happens to children when parents die without a will."



Over half of the pastors surveyed indicated that brochures about Christian estate planning and free online resources would be helpful.

The Southern Baptist Foundation and the state Baptist foundations have tools to assist pastors in making their estate plans. “Your will is your opportunity to articulate your wishes, your values and your legacy,” Peek said. The Southern Baptist Foundation was established in 1947 to provide a wide range of investment and estate planning services.

The estate planning questions were asked as part of a mail survey of pastors conducted April 6-June 4, 2018, that included the option of completing it online. The mailing list was randomly drawn from a stratified list of all Southern Baptist churches. The 1,129 completed surveys were weighted to match the actual geographic distribution and worship attendance of Southern Baptist churches. The sample provides 95 percent confidence that the sampling error does not exceed plus or minus 3.2 percent. Margins of error are higher in subgroups.

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Only 36 percent of U.S. adults with children under age 18 have a will or living trust, and just 42 percent of all U.S. adults have such documents, [a new study from Caring.com](#) finds.

Older Americans are better prepared than younger ones, with 58 percent of Baby Boomers and 81 percent of those older than 72 having a will or living trust, compared with one in five Millennials (ages 18-36) and 36 percent of Gen Xers (37 to 52).

Among those who don't have estate documents, the main reasons are: “I just haven't gotten around to it” (47 percent) and “I don't have enough assets to leave to anyone” (29 percent).

<https://www.investmentnews.com/article/20170206/FREE/170209950/nearly-60-of-americans-dont-have-wills>

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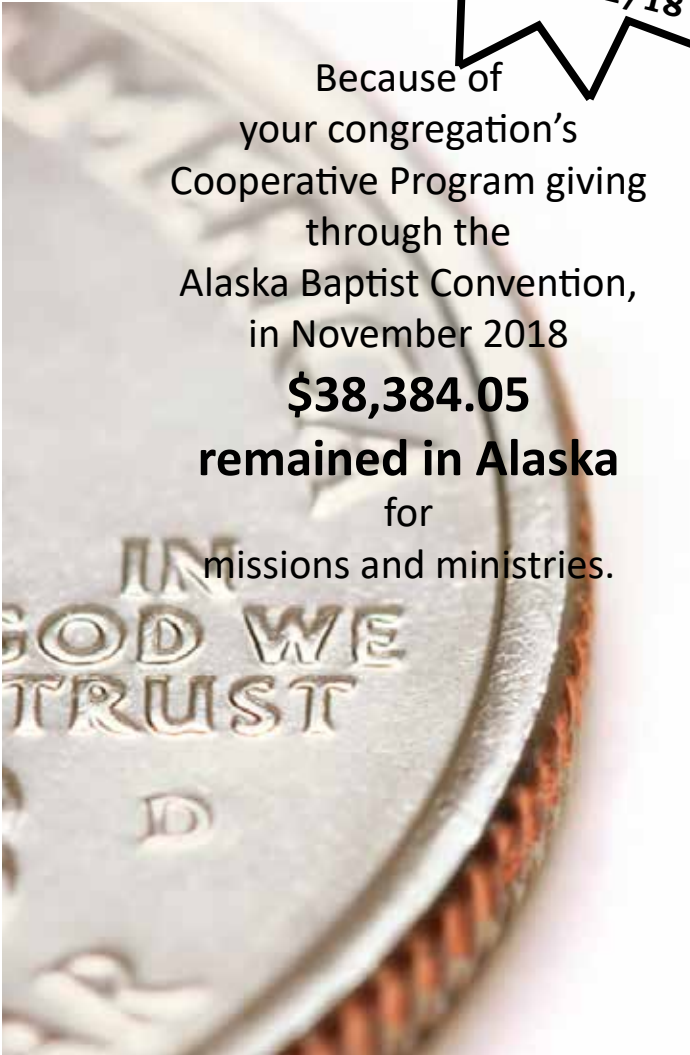
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