



**Ministers and Spouses
Retreat
April 25-27, 2019**

**Registration Deadline:
Sunday, March 24**

Alyeska Resort, Alaska

See page 11 for schedule and leader bios
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Meet the newest ABC staff member

Logan Wisniewski joined the staff of the Alaska Baptist Convention February 4. She works part-time as Administrative Assistant to Jae McKee and Jimmy Stewart. You may welcome Logan at logan@alaskabaptistconvention.com.

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January 2019 Gifts from ABC Churches

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
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Adelphoi	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Agape Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Alaska Iu-Mienh First Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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
Aquilaq Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Big Lake Baptist Church	\$2,078.08	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,129.63	\$0.00	\$3,207.71
Bodenburg Butte Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Calvary Baptist Church	\$1,350.03	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,350.03
Catalyst Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Christ Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$190.00	\$0.00	\$190.00
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 Community Baptist Church	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$540.00
Cold Bay Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
College Heights Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$305.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$305.00
Cross Roads Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CrossCountry Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Dillingham Bible Fellowship	\$1,767.79	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,767.79
Eagle River Korean Baptist Church	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fairbanks Korean Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fairview Loop Baptist Church	\$7,407.58	\$5,540.04	\$3,351.68	\$5,233.30	\$0.00	\$21,532.60
Faith Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Faith Recovery Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Filipino Bible Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church of Anchorage	\$5,015.59	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,223.00	\$0.00	\$8,238.59
First Baptist Church of Eagle River	\$2,884.88	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,884.88
First Baptist Church of Fairbanks	\$892.33	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,130.00	\$0.00	\$2,022.33
First Baptist Church of North Pole	\$2,939.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,964.90	\$0.00	\$4,903.90
First Baptist Church, Delta Junction	\$9,807.04	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,237.05	\$0.00	\$20,044.09
First Baptist Church, Juneau	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church, Kenai	\$1,083.72	\$0.00	\$180.62	\$1,610.62	\$0.00	\$2,874.96
First Baptist Church, Ketchikan	\$1,071.61	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,071.61
First Baptist Church, Kotzebue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church, Palmer	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,624.00	\$0.00	\$2,124.00
First Baptist Church, Petersburg	\$156.90	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$156.90
First Baptist Church, Sitka	\$577.74	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$577.74
First Baptist Church, Soldotna	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church, Valdez	\$2,017.91	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,218.00	\$0.00	\$5,235.91
First Baptist Church, Wasilla	\$1,928.08	\$630.27	\$0.00	\$3,602.05	\$0.00	\$6,160.40
First Baptist Church, Willow	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Hmong Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Korean Baptist Church	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
First Native Baptist Church	\$497.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$497.00
Friendship Baptist Mission	\$296.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,200.00	\$0.00	\$2,496.70
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	\$162.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$162.60
Frontier Southern Baptist Church	\$1,243.37	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,243.37
Gilead Ministries	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Glacier Valley Baptist Church	\$887.04	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$887.04
Grandview Baptist Church	\$2,922.99	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,275.00	\$0.00	\$4,197.99
Greater Friendship Baptist Church	\$1,113.41	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,113.41
Hillside Baptist Church	\$1,732.58	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$895.00	\$0.00	\$2,627.58
Hoonah Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Iglesia Bautista Hispana Sunset Hills	\$91.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$91.60
Immanuel Baptist Church	\$121.05	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,068.12	\$0.00	\$1,189.17
Journey Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Juneau Korean Church	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$290.00	\$0.00	\$320.00
Kasaan Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ketchikan Filipino Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Kiana Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Kobuk Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Korean New Central Baptist Church	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$340.00	\$0.00	\$440.00
Lighthouse Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Malamalama Fou (New Light) Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Misc. Contributors-Cash	\$429.23	\$9,437.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,866.33
Montana Creek Baptist Church	\$2,781.56	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$565.00	\$0.00	\$3,346.56
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	\$637.06	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$637.06
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	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Muldoon Road Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Birth Christian Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Grace Christian Church	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$900.00
New Hope Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Hope Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
North Bear Street Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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North Tongass Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Northern Lights Missions	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pathway Discipleship Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pioneer Baptist Church of Wasilla	\$234.78	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$234.78
Rabbit Creek Church	\$1,187.26	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,187.26
River In The Desert Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Riverside Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Roots @ Night	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Roots Family Church, Kasilof	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Roots Family Church, Soldotna	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sabbath Peace Fellowship	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$120.00
Salcha Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,105.00	\$0.00	\$2,105.00
Sand Lake Fellowship	\$170.40	\$28.40	\$28.40	\$28.40	\$0.00	\$255.60
Sand Point Baptist Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Schrock Road Community Church	\$1,469.16	\$670.00	\$444.00	\$444.00	\$0.00	\$3,027.16
Settler's Bay Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$805.00	\$2,042.90	\$0.00	\$2,847.90
Seward Bible Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Shannon Park Baptist Church	\$7,254.64	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,254.64
Shungnak Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Solid Rock Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
St. John Baptist Church	\$535.27	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$535.27
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$1,787.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,726.90	\$0.00	\$5,514.50
Tenakee Springs Community Church	\$376.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$376.00
The Crossing @ Birchwood	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Thorne Bay Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Togiak Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Transitional Ministries	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5.00
True North Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
True North Church Girdwood	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
UBC-Chinese Fellowship	\$43.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$43.00
Unalaska Reformed Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
University Baptist Church, Anchorage	\$470.59	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,022.00	\$0.00	\$1,492.59
University Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$1,680.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,887.00	\$0.00	\$6,567.00
Valley View Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$781.00	\$0.00	\$781.00
Wasilla Korean Baptist Church	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Whittier Christian Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$71,648.17	\$16,610.81	\$4,809.70	\$55,532.87	\$0.00	\$148,601.55
	4 Q 2018	1 Q 2019	2 Q 2019	3 Q 2019	4 Q 2019	
2000 Club Call receipts as of Jan. 31, 2019	\$50.00	\$2,225.00	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$2,485.00
GRAND TOTAL						\$151,086.55

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

	2019		2018	
January				
Receipts	\$71,648.17		\$50,160.06	
CP Goal	\$54,246.22		\$58,232.65	
Variance	\$17,401.95	32.08%	\$(8,072.59)	-13.86%
Year-to-Date				
Receipts	\$71,648.17		\$50,160.06	
CP Goal	\$54,246.22		\$58,232.65	
Variance	\$17,401.95	32.08%	\$(8,072.59)	-13.86%

Because of
your congregation's
Cooperative Program giving
through the
Alaska Baptist Convention,
in January 2019
\$57,318.53
remained in Alaska
for
missions and ministries.





Randy Covington, Executive Director

Sexual Abuse In The Church

Throughout the Word of God, the problem of immorality and sexual sin constantly raises its ugly head and negatively impacts every generation. Even though God clearly lays out His plan for creation, sinful man rebels and ultimately pays the price for his sin. Our society today is no different and that should cause us to lament the fact, and repent the sin that so easily entangles us. One of the saddest commentaries is that sexual sin has invaded the church.

Recent articles in a Houston news outlet have brought to light the extent to which this immorality has infected the Christian community. While Southern Baptists have spoken with a loud voice on social issues such as transgenderism, pornography, and abortion, we have been rather silent on the issue of sexual abuse. This should serve as a wake-up call to Southern Baptists and compel us to stop ignoring the problem and address it for what it is. Too many children and teens have been victimized at the hands of church leaders and we must be more vigilant in protecting these vulnerable victims.

JD Greear, president of the Southern Baptist Convention is leading an effort to heighten awareness and take some positive steps in addressing this issue among Southern Baptist churches. As a state convention, we will join with other state conventions in promoting action plans in three specific areas:

We will educate affiliate churches and ministries in our state to understand abuse by:

- Raising awareness about the issue of abuse through Convention outlets and events.
- Sharing resources.
- Partnering with all Southern Baptist groups and agencies.

We will equip churches and ministries in our state to care well for abuse survivors by:

- Encouraging resource development: The Sexual Abuse Presidential Study Group is working to develop the resource *Becoming a Church that Cares Well for Abuse*.
- Providing staff training to our state convention staff on how to provide highly effective resourcing in caring for survivors of abuse.
- Promoting church training on how to care for survivors of abuse to the churches and ministries we serve.

We will support churches and ministries in our state to prepare to prevent abuse by:

- Enhancing prevention practices: We will encourage churches and ministries to enhance their abuse prevention policies and practices.
- Providing staff training: We will provide training to our state convention staff on abuse prevention.
- Promoting church training: We will promote training on abuse prevention to the churches and ministries we serve.

MILEPOST MOMENTS

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

Faith Recovery Fellowship:

Many of you have been concerned about recent events in the Department of Corrections here in Alaska. We here at Faith Recovery Fellowship are rejoicing over a new agreement being entered into with Goose Creek Correctional Center to operate a 128 bed Faith Wing centered on Christian Discipleship Programming. This will be an ongoing Christian Education Program to equip men reentering our communities here in Alaska. A special thanks to many who have prayed.
In Christ, Chaplain Scott Thompson

University Baptist Church, Fairbanks

UBC is instituting a monthly Men's Breakfast, which will begin March 2 and continue each first Saturday of the month. The College/Career group will be having their annual Spring Retreat during Spring Break in March. They will once again be at Globe Creek Camp, where they can enjoy snow machining, sledding, and the almost 1000 foot long zip line.



Jimmy Stewart,
Director of Evangelism and Church Development

VBS: It's Worth It

It is with joy that every year I get to work with a team of dedicated VBS enthusiasts.

See our website and this edition of Milepost for information on our upcoming clinics. We will feature a photo booth with great pics and every church that attends will get a copy of the book “It’s Worth It.” Below, is an excerpt from a Lifeway article about VBS

VBS is worth it—all the effort, all the expense, all the hours, all the tears. Why? Because VBS is the one week that mobilizes the entire church to reach the community with the gospel, while simultaneously providing a unique discipleship experience for the individual child and volunteer. The 2017 numbers reported to LifeWay by churches attest to the fact that VBS is worth it:

- 21,376 churches reported a VBS
- 2,494,059 people enrolled in VBS
- 65,301 salvation decisions from VBS
- 835 decisions made for vocational ministry at VBS
- 160,926 prospects discovered through VBS
- \$7,012,010 given to missions during VBS

I’m excited to tell you that in January 2019 a new book will be available from the LifeWay VBS team. It’s called “It’s Worth It” and it will look, not only at the latest research and trends, but also at why VBS is still one of the most effective tools we have as kids ministry leaders. It’s the perfect resource for pastors and practitioners alike. It offers a counterpoint to the VBS skeptic and encouragement to the beleaguered VBS leader. It helps us take a realistic view of the current cultural landscape and as a result to double down on our efforts to reach kids and families through a time-tested, proven effective strategy.



VBS Leadership Team: Rachel Janneck, Jimmy Stewart, Anna Allen, Ann Pilch, Kathleen Godsoe, Shane Seltzer

So what about you and your church? For over 120 years, God has used VBS to impact the eternity of millions of people, all over the globe. If we stop using VBS as a tool for evangelism and discipleship, where will our churches be 10, 20, 30 years from now? Knowing that 22 percent of children who participate in VBS do not attend any church, what will take the place of VBS to reach kids and families for the sake of the gospel? VBS is not a program to save, it’s a ministry tool with a future. My prayer is that when faced with the question, “Is VBS worth it?” we’ll all clearly hear, “Yes, it’s worth it, because eternity is worth it.”

Let’s reach children and families with VBS this summer.



Register: You can register at: live.groupministry.lifeway.com. When the website pulls up it will immediately ask you to type in your name, email address, and then hit the “Subscribe” button. This will register you.

Cost: No Charge

Date: Saturday, March 9, 2019

Time: 9:00-11:00 am CST

Alternative Dates & Times: (1) Saturday, March 16, 9:00-11:00 am CST. (2) Tuesday, March 19, 7:00-9:00 pm CST. There will be no chat box or giveaways with these two alternative dates.

Website: The day of the webcast go to: live.groupministry.lifeway.com

Title: Sunday School as a Strategy

Description: Every church has a mission – to fulfill the Great Commission; but every church doesn’t have a strategy to ac-

complish this mission. We will discuss why and how Sunday School should be your church’s strategy to accomplish the Great Commission.

Lesson Handout: You will need a Lesson Handout for the webcast. When you register online (at the website listed above you) will receive an email with a PDF to download. If for some reason you did not receive a Lesson Handout or lost your Lesson Handout, contact Trish Holley at: trish.holley@lifeway.com

Give-Aways: During the webcast we will be giving away two “Sunday School Matters” DVD Training Kits. And two sets of Allan Taylor’s books, “The Six Core Values of Sunday School” and “Sunday School in HD.” The give-aways will be given at the conclusion of the webinar via the website Chat Box. Only those who have registered are qualified to win!

The purpose of Sunday School is make disciples by *reaching* people, *teaching* people, and *ministering* to people!

**Week of Prayer for
North American Missions
March 3-10, 2019**

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**North American
Mission Board**

**SENDING
HOPE**

Alaska Goal: \$95,000

National Goal: 70 million

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Women On Mission Celebration
April 4-6, 2019

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Deadline March 4, 2019

Lake Lucille Best Western

Rate: two queen beds, \$98 plus tax per night
one queen bed, \$89 plus tax per night

For reservations phone:

907.373.1776

specify number of beds and
identify yourself with the group:
Women On Mission Celebration

**Fairview Loop Baptist Church
Wasilla**

Thursday, 7:00 - 9:00

Friday, 9:00 - Noon; 6:00 - 9:00

Saturday, 9:00 - Noon

FEATURED GUESTS:

Deborah Akerman
Bible Study Leader

Teresa Harmening
Worship Leader

David Banks
Birchwood Behavioral Health

Jae McKee
Alaska Baptist Convention

Jim and Stephanie Boyd
North American Mission Board

2019 Mission Trip to Costa Rica

First Baptist Church, North Pole

First Baptist Church North Pole (FBC-NP) sent 16 members and 8 Coloradans on their third mission trip to Filadelfia, Costa Rica January 3-12. Hosted by Pastor Fidel and Biblica Iglesia Sinai, FBC-NP added a Vacation Bible School (VBS) to the park ministries, food distribution, and construction done on prior trips. The VBS was a huge success

with 125 children reached. The first day started a little rough. The electricity and water went off in the local com-



Children running for the bus to VBS

munity center, but praise God, they ended up coming back on after an hour or so. Six interpreters, were kept busy. Eighty food bags containing \$25.00 (US) of food staples were given out. At each house team members shared the gospel and prayed for the family. It is humbling to see the



Praying for a family in their home

living conditions. Some of the houses are pieced together with a strip of tin here and a sheet of wood there, without running water. Families were so THANKFUL for the food brought. Mothers invited team members into their homes, where there was often just an up-

side-down crate to sit on, and the gospel was presented. Seeds were planted for God to water and sprout in His perfect timing.

There were a few bumps on the trip: a broken rib on the first day, a 12-hour stomach flu that affected six of the team, and a scorpion sting! But God worked THROUGH it all. It is in our weaknesses that He is strongest! Going on mission trips and stepping outside our

comfort zone is scary but doing so allows us to experience God in ways we never could before. The FBC-NP mission team was able to watch God move beyond language barriers and deeply connect with people of a different culture. In Ephesians 4:4-6, God says *'There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.'* Please join FBC-NP in praying for those who accepted

God's gift of salvation – that they would grow in their faith and find a church home; for Pastor Fidel and his church to reach out to those we spoke to and love them into their church body; and for the mission work being accomplished in all areas of Costa Rica. To God be all glory!



Jose with Pastor Jeff Ling, of First Baptist Church, North Pole



VBS group time



Connie and Mike

The Saffle Family

serving in Anchorage, Alaska
Sabbath Peace Fellowship
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907.677.0351

Partner with the Saffle family:

- pray for our ministry to the Messianic Jewish community.
- pray for alternate bivocational work, geared more toward ministry.



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(deadline to apply is April 30, 2019)
This scholarship is for
undergraduate studies
and is needs-based.

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for those called to the
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This scholarship is for men who
have surrendered to preach
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AMAZING ENCOUNTERS
WITH JESUS
JOHN 20:31

TRAINING DATES

Fairbanks: Saturday, April 13, 9:00 a.m.
TBA

Wasilla: Monday, April 15, 5:30 p.m.
Fairview Loop Baptist Church

Anchorage: Tuesday, April 16, 5:30 p.m.
First Baptist Church



Our research shows that 65% of churches in America are either plateaued or declining. Many of them have hit attendance barriers. Maybe it's the 100 barrier. Maybe it's 200. Maybe it's 1,000.

But attendance barriers are meant to be broken. And in God's power, your church can break through whatever attendance barrier you and your church are facing.

I want to invite you to join me for a [FREE 45-minute webinar](#) in which I will discuss the reasons churches hit attendance barriers and ways you can break through them.

The webinar is on Monday, March 4, 2019 at 3:00 PM Eastern. You can register [here](#).

I pray you will be able to join me for this exciting and informative webinar. Through God's power, your church can break through any attendance barrier it faces.

Thom S. Rainer

We want to change how you do ministry. For the better.

Ephesians 4 says that the calling of church leaders is not simply to do the work of ministry but to "train the people in the work of the ministry" in order to have the healthiest, most effective churches. Pipeline aims to help you do just that.

It will help you learn how and why to create a leadership pipeline to develop people at every level in your church from weekly volunteer to pastoral staff.

Pipeline Coaching is for attendees desiring a deeper dive and additional training in developing leadership pipelines, so our consultants and trainers (in small coaching environments of < 50 people) will assist you in implementing a pipeline plan at their churches. Pastors and staff will take an inventory of leaders, explore how leadership development occurs, and examine how to provide quality content and training.

Pipeline is unlike other church leadership events because it offers real training, something staff members can take home and begin implementing immediately.



PIPELINE COACHING EVENT OPEN TO EVERYONE

Location:

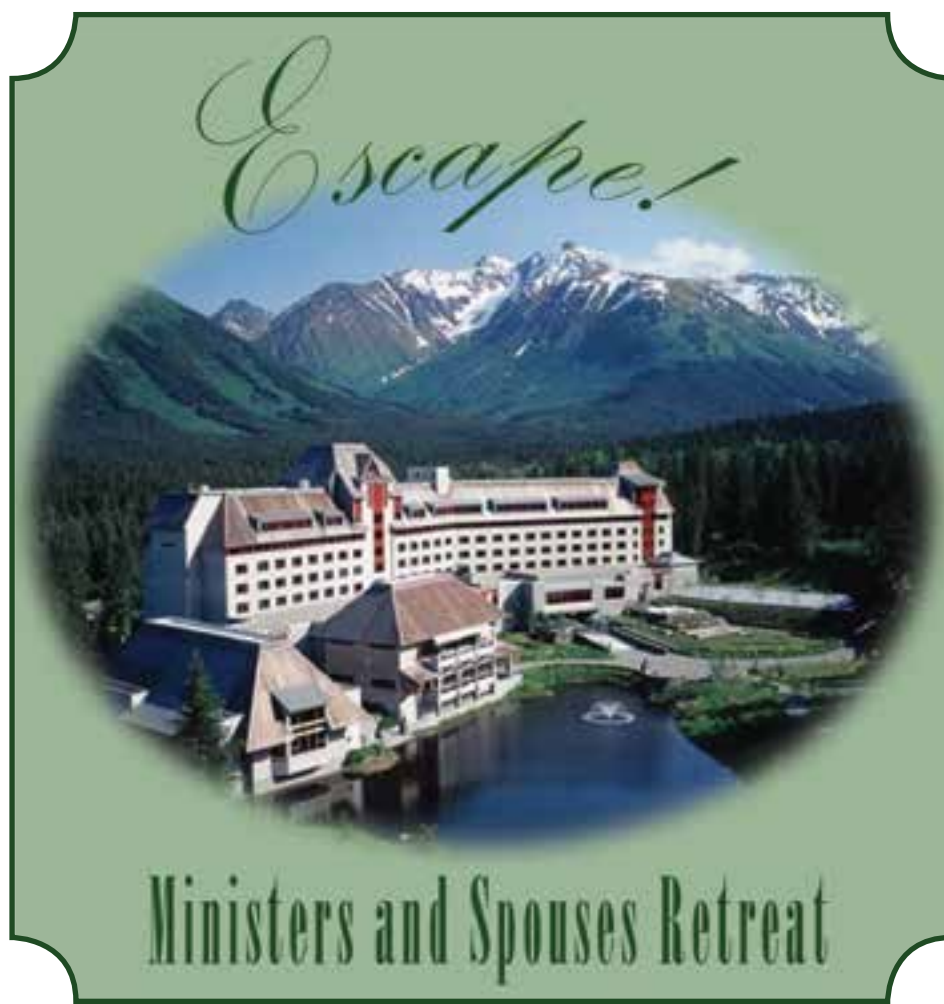
Alaska Baptist Convention Office
1750 O'Malley Road
Anchorage, AK 99507

Date and Time:

Thursday, April 25, 2019
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Register at
<http://bit.ly/Pipelinecoaching>

**Pipeline Training is scheduled so those attending
Ministers and Spouses Retreat
may attend both functions.**



Speakers:

Mark and Linda Whitworth

Worship Leaders:

Kevin and Jordyn Boyer
Crossroads Community Church
Elmore, Alabama

<https://www.crossroads.family>

Alabama Partnership

Stuart and Angela Davidson
Eastern Shore Baptist Church
Daphne, Alabama

<https://www.myesbc.net>

Schedule

Thursday, April 25

Registration: 4:00-6:00 p.m.
Session One: 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Dessert Fellowship: following session one

Friday, April 26

Session Two: 9:00-11:00 a.m.
Lunch: 11:30-12:30
Session Three: 1:30-4:00 p.m.
Evening free

Saturday, April 27

checkout by 11:00 a.m.

Stuart and Angela Davidson have been married for nearly 20 years. They are high school sweethearts who met in 1995. They dated for 6 years before they were married. Stuart and Angela love the Lord and love serving the local church. They have 3 sons: Jay (13), Jack (10) and Jett (7). Stuart and Angela share a passion for orphans, the fatherless, and the foster care. Their son Jett was adopted from China 5 years ago. Stuart has been in full-time Christian ministry for over 20 years. He has served as a youth pastor, and for the last 9 years he has been a pastor. Angela has worked in public relations and office administration for the credit union industry and an engineering firm since 2001. They enjoy watching their boys play football, basketball, and baseball. They also enjoy going to the beach. Stuart and Angela are humbled and honored to be in Alaska for this awesome event.



Mark and Linda Whitworth served with the International Mission Board from 1986 to 2016. Both are lifelong Southern Baptists and were born and raised in the Kansas City area. Mark worked as a psychotherapist and Linda as an accountant before

they initially deployed to Japan in 1986. They served on a church planting team in the Tokyo area planting several churches in the area. Mark also provided Member Care in East Asia and Linda served as a Field Treasurer. In 1997 they were asked to return to the IMB home office where Mark served as the global Director of Member Care and Linda was Director of Stateside Assignment Training. In retirement they serve in a unique local church, offering pro bono counseling. They both live a very active lifestyle and enjoy a wide variety of outdoor pursuits.

WORSHIP LEADERS:

Kevin and Jordyn Boyer; Crossroads Community Church; Elmore Alabama
no photo or bio provided

[**Register Here**](#)

Labor of Love

Greater Friendship Baptist Church (Anchorage)
needs assistance with extensive church renovations,
to include work in the bathrooms and nursery,
replacement doors and windows,
and new carpet.

2000 Club • First Quarter 2019

\$2225.00
has been
received for
1Q 2019*
*as of 01/31/18

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN — MAR • APR • MAY —

March

3-10 Week of prayer and mission study for
North American Missions and the
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

April

4-6 Women on Mission Celebration
13 Tanana Valley VBS Clinic; Location TBA
15 Hatcher Pass VBS Clinic, Fairview Loop Baptist Church
16 Chugach VBS Clinic, First Baptist Church, Anchorage
25 Pipeline Leadership
25-27 Ministers and Spouses Retreat

May

6-7 ABC Executive Board Meeting
9 ABF Trustee Meeting
12 Day of Prayer for Birchwood Behavioral Health
27 ABC and ABF offices closed for Memorial Day

Welcome

Ted (Kathy) Swezey
First Baptist Church, Eagle River

Please Pray for our Pastorless Churches

Aquillaq Baptist Mission, Ambler
Chinese Fellowship, Fairbanks
Cold Bay Chapel
First Baptist Church, Anchorage
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

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