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## January-February 2019 Gifts from ABC Churches

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Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
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Adelphoi Agape Fellowship	\$200.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$200.00 \$0.00
Alaska Iu-Mienh First Baptist Church		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$140.00
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 Bodenburg Butte Baptist Church	\$2,919.25 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$1,129.63 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$4,048.88 \$0.00
Calvary Baptist Church	\$1,350.03	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$1,144.88	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$2,494.91
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 Ch		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$606.00
Cold Bay Chapel College Heights Baptist Church	\$0.00 \$8,082.94	\$0.00 \$305.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$8,387.94
Cross Roads Baptist Church	\$1,347.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$574.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$1,921.00
CrossCountry Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Dillingham Bible Fellowship	\$2,418.01	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,060.00	\$0.00	\$4,478.01
Eagle River Korean Baptist Church	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church	\$344.92	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$344.92
Fairbanks Korean Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fairview Loop Baptist Church Faith Baptist Church	\$7,407.58 \$0.00	\$5,540.04 \$0.00	\$3,351.68 \$0.00	\$6,000.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$22,299.30 \$0.00
Faith Recovery Fellowship	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$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	\$5,754.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,223.00	\$0.00	\$8,977.35
First Baptist Church of Eagle River	\$4,838.58	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,038.58
First Baptist Church of Fairbanks	\$1,317.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,130.00	\$0.00	\$2,447.40
First Baptist Church of North Pole	\$5,383.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,964.90	\$0.00	\$7,347.90
First Baptist Church, Delta Junction First Baptist Church, Juneau	\$9,807.04 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$65.00	\$0.00 \$75.00	\$10,237.05 \$80.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$20,044.09 \$220.00
First Baptist Church, Kenai	\$2,213.40	\$0.00	\$368.90	\$1,798.90	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$4,381.20
First Baptist Church, Ketchikan	\$2,103.71	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,103.71
First Baptist Church, Kotzebue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church, Palmer	\$925.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,624.00	\$0.00	\$2,549.00
First Baptist Church, Petersburg	\$156.90	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$156.90
First Baptist Church, Sitka	\$998.78	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,398.78
First Baptist Church, Soldotna First Baptist Church, Valdez	\$966.00 \$3,621.74	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$3,218.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$966.00 \$6,839.74
First Baptist Church, Wasilla	\$2,805.15	\$630.27	\$0.00	\$3,602.05	\$0.00	\$7,037.47
First Baptist Church, Willow	\$264.65	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$264.65
First Hmong Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Korean Baptist Church	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
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	\$0.00	\$2,200.00	\$0.00	\$2,496.70
Frontier Baptist Church Frontier Fellowship	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$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	\$2,311.59	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,311.59
Gilead Ministries	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Glacier Valley Baptist Church	\$2,055.01	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,055.01
Grandview Baptist Church	\$5,261.11	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,275.00	\$0.00	\$6,536.11
Greater Friendship Baptist Church Hillside Baptist Church	\$2,030.28	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,030.28
Hoonah Baptist Mission	\$2,736.28 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$895.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$3,631.28 \$0.00
Iglesia Bautista Hispana Sunset Hills	\$186.16	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$186.16
Immanuel Baptist Church	\$200.85	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,068.12	\$0.00	\$1,268.97
Journey Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Juneau Korean Church	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$290.00	\$0.00	\$350.00
Kasaan Fellowship 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	\$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	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$340.00	\$0.00	\$540.00
Lighthouse Community Church	\$999.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$999.00
Malamalama Fou (New Light) Church		\$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	\$0.00	\$3,346.56
Moose Creek Baptist Church Moose Pass Community Church	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$50.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$50.00
Morning Star Baptist Church	\$1,318.50	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,318.50
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	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Muldoon Road Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Birth Christian Church New Grace Christian Church	\$0.00 \$1,400.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$1,400.00
New Hope Baptist Church	\$1,558.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$2,058.00
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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Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
North Tongass Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Northern Lights Missions	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Pathway Discipleship Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pioneer Baptist Church of Wasilla	\$623.59	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$623.59
Rabbit Creek Church	\$1,517.73	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,517.73
River In The Desert Community Chui	ch \$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	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
Roots Family Church, Kasilof	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
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	\$214.80	\$35.80	\$35.80	\$35.80	\$0.00	\$322.20
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	\$885.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$885.50
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$3,221.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,809.65	\$0.00	\$7,031.45
Tenakee Springs Community Church	\$376.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$376.00
The Crossing @ Birchwood	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
Thorne Bay Baptist Church	\$114.26	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$114.26
Togiak Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Transitional Ministries	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10.00
True North Church Girdwood	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
UBC-Chinese Fellowship	\$252.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$135.00	\$0.00	\$387.70
Unalaska Reformed Church	\$1,078.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,078.40
University Baptist Church, Anchorage		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,022.00	\$0.00	\$1,492.59
University Baptist Church, Fairbanks		\$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	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Whittier Christian Community Churc		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
S	5111,194.47	\$17,283.21	\$5,080.38	\$61,121.88	\$0.00	\$194,679.94
	4Q 2018	1Q 2019	2Q 2019	3Q 2019	4Q 2019	
2000 Club receipts as of Feb. 28, 2019	\$50.00	\$3,085.00	\$170.00	\$170.00	\$170.00	\$3,645.00
GRAND TOTAL						\$198,324.94

Because of your congregation's Cooperative Program giving through the Alaska Baptist Convention, in February 2019 \$31,637.04 remained in Alaska for missions and ministries. GOD ME TRUIST

Legend:

CP: Cooperative Program SMO: Valeria Sherard State Mission Offering Annie Armstrong Easter Offering AA: LM: Lottie Moon Christmas Offering WH: World Hunger

## **Alaska Baptist Convention Cooperative Program Support**

	2019		2018	
February Receipts CP Goal Variance	\$39,546.30 \$54,246.22 \$(14,699.92)	-27.10%	\$46,263.07 \$58,232.65 \$(11,969.58)	-20.55%
Year-to-Dat Receipts CP Goal Variance	te \$111,194.47 \$108,492.44 \$2,702.03	2.49%	\$96,423.13 \$116,465.30 \$(20,042.17)	-17.21%



### Randy Covington, Executive Director



## Revitalization

When Robin and I left America to serve with the International Mission Board, there were so many churches in Alaska and Texas that nurtured us, encouraged us and prayed for us to be effective cross-cultural servants. One of the things that I missed most while being involved in church planting overseas was the daily support and fellowship of a strong local community of believers. My mind would often take me back to the early days of ministry, serving with a vibrant church that was growing and reaching into its community.

While it was difficult to leave the people we had come to love and the unique cultures we learned to appreciate after 22 years of serving overseas, I was excited about our return to America and the vibrant churches I remembered. A wave of nostalgia came over me when I learned that we would be returning to Alaska to serve those churches that had loved and nurtured us. My excitement withered when I learned that many of them were in serious decline. Sanctuaries once brimming with life and activity weren't even half full. Youth groups were almost nonexistent in

most churches. Parking lots that were once overflowing, now looked like dusty abandoned ballfields. Some of them had already closed their doors. My heart was broken.

As I began to readjust to the reverse culture-shock I was experiencing, I soon learned that much had changed in those intervening years. It was hard to accept the fact that 68% of SBC churches are either plateaued or declining. Between 100 and 200 churches close their doors every week. What is happening in Alaska is also happening across the nation. Many churches are approaching the precipice of existence and don't even realize they are on the path to oblivion. That is unacceptable to me! Not only does my love for the local church compel me to do some-

thing about this, but I know God still loves and has a plan for His church. He is not done with us yet.

I am committed to exploring every opportunity and every resource at our disposal to stay this frightening trend. If our churches want to experience revitalization, it is imperative that we remember our purpose and pray for a fresh anointing of God's spirit in our churches. It is imperative that we renew our emphasis on evangelism and discipleship and move away from the fortress mentality of focusing on ourselves. It is imperative that we change our methods to become relevant to the rapid-changing society in which we live.

Our hope is still in Jesus Christ. He has never failed. The task of the Great Commission has yet to be totally fulfilled. The world is still in need of salvation and we cannot lose sight of the calling to which we have committed ourselves. May God strengthen us for the journey and help us to be faithful in serving Him.



Preston, Meagan, Scarlet, Linya

# <sup>The</sup> Eggler Family

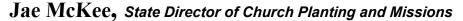
serving in Anchorage, Alaska Adelphoi prestoneggler21@gmail.com 907.342.5305

Partner with the Eggler family:

- pray for the newest addition to our family!
- pray we will find a suitable location for our ministry in the Mountain View area.

sponsored by the Alaska Baptist Convention







## **Dare To Dream**

When I was a kid growing up back in rural Alabama, one was crying. of the cool things that we got to do was raise farm animals. We had some cows, a horse or two, a whole bunch of goats, a flock of mostly wild guineas and some chick-

One summer one of our hens hatched some baby chicks and we decided to put them all in a pen above ground for safekeeping until they were big enough to fend for themselves with the rest of the flock.

The gangly chicks were my project and so it was up to me to make sure they had straw, food and water and a clean pen. As the chicks got older and a little bigger I decided it was time for them to start eating big chicken food instead of the crumbly chick feed they had been used to, so I gave He was alive! Again! them some cracked corn and they loved it.

Later that day I went out to check on the chicks and found one of them in great distress on the floor of the pen. Its leg had slipped through the wire in the bottom of the pen and he was stuck, but that was only part of the problem.

It turns out that he had gorged himself on the cracked corn earlier in the day. Upon drinking water the corn had swelled up because he had no access to gravel to assist his gizzard in the breakdown of the corn, which was now pinching his esophagus and cutting off his supply of air.

I quickly got his leg un-stuck from the pen, brought suffering chick into the house, and decided the only thing that

corn from his craw. I was scared. I had never before performed chicken surgery—or any other surgery for that matter. The chick was gasping for breath and my sister

I asked my mom for a small, sharp pair of her sewing scissors and carefully made an incision to expose the corn. To my amazement there was no blood, the chick didn't scream in pain and the corn began falling out as if on cue.

Once the craw was emptied of corn I used a little bit of clear nail polish to re-adhere the skin together and began giving tiny little chest compressions. This continued for about fifteen minutes and then miraculously the chick kind of fluttered its little wings and cheeped very loudly!

Then I cried.

We all cried.

I think the chicken may have even cried.

I've spent a lot of time thinking about all the ways that I contributed to the factors leading up to Kernel's near demise. I've likely spent just as many hours analyzing how I might do all of that differently if ever given the opportunity again.



For all of my regrets in how I may have been the cause of the situation in the first place however, the one thing that I'm most thankful for is that God gave me the courage to dream the impossible, try the unthinkable and experience the unimaginable.

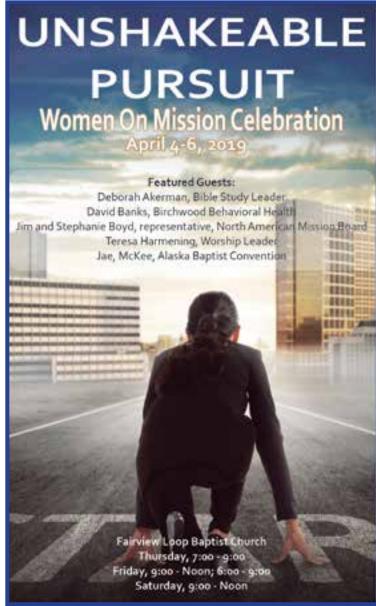
might help would be emergency surgery to remove the Revitalization is like that....dare to dream, dare to take the risk, dare to seize the opportunity that God is putting before you! 2 Samuel 23:20



The Greater Friendship Baptist Church (GFBC), under the leadership of Pastor Michael A. Bunton and support of the executive leadership team, have discussed, planned and executed a series of renovations within the past four-and-a-half years. With the need for upgrades and over-hauls to the building, there was also an emphasis to renew our presence in the community. The renovations include a newly constructed media pit, a repaved parking lot and parking lot extension, newly tiled floors in the fellowship hall, beautification (flowerbeds), the painting of the exterior church building, new signage, new windows, new carpet, and the most recent renovation project, the bath-rooms!

We are truly thankful for the support of Dr. Randy Covington, Executive Director of the Alaska Baptist Convention and Mr. Butch Strickland, Director of Missions of the Chugach Baptist Association for financial assistance through grants and the continued support of the GFBC executive leadership team. As we move forward with improving the edifice, leadership is committed to engaging our members and community by challenging everyone that crosses the threshold of the church to grow, develop, maintain and enhance their spiritual journey with the Lord by giving them a sense of renewed joy as they worship. When you look good, you feel good! Continue to pray with us as we move forward in excellence in the Lord!

Greater Friendship Baptist Church is a Church Where Hearts are Transformed, Minds are Renewed and Lives Changed!





# MILEPOST MOMENTS

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

University Baptist Church, Fairbanks, is planning "The Significant Marriage Seminar" April 5-7. On the 13th, the church's Jubilee Bells will be giving a concert at Raven's Landing at 7 p.m. The church is planning a special Lord's Passover Supper for Good Friday. On RESURRECTION SUNDAY, there will be Sunday School as usual, and an Easter Service, but no evening service. On April 28, the College/Career group will have an end-of-year barbecue after the morning service. That same day, the Scout troop that meets in the church will treat the congregation to Dutch Oven treats after the evening service.

New Hope Baptist Church celebrates their 59th Church Anniversary, Sunday, April 28,2019 at 4:00 p.m. The theme is "It Is Our Season" and the scripture is Ecclesiastes 3:1-8. The guest speaker is Rev. Dr. Kim Patterson, pastor of City Church, Anchorage. All are invited to join us for fellowship and light refreshement after the celebration service. The anniversary celebration will conclude with a three-night revival beginning at 6:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, April 29 through May 1, 2019. The revivalist will be Rev. Joe Blackburn, pastor of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Fairbanks



#### **Condolences**

Our condolences to the family of Irene Laube, who died March 19 in Seattle. She was 96. Irene and her husband, Roger, were a team in the music ministry of the local churches they attended for over 50 years. They were at First Baptist Church, Anchorage from

1946-1948, 1950-1969, and Grandview Baptist Church, 1969-1972. Upon leaving Alaska, Irene and Roger moved to Hawaii, where Irene taught high school music and Bible at Hawaii Baptist Academy. She originated their first class of handbell ringing. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at dlaube@msn.com. Contributions in her memory may be sent to Hawaii Baptist Acadamy; 420 Wylie Street; Honolulu, HE 96817

#### **Condolences**

Our condolences to the family of Jerry Pinkerton. Jerry died in Wilkesboro, North Carolina, March 14, 2019. He pastored Big Lake Baptist Church for 27 years. He is survived by four sons and 13 grandchildren. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Jeff Pinkerton; 233 Azalea Lane; Wilkesboro, NC 28697.

# **April 7 is Cooperative Program Day**

2018-2019 Cooperative Program Allocation Budget

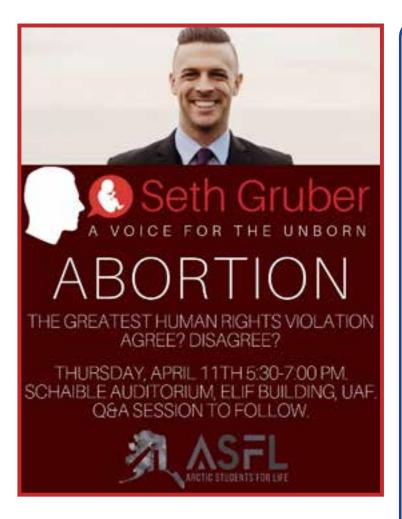
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73.20% **World Missions Ministries** International Mission Board (50.41%) North American Mission Board (22,79%)

22.16% **Theological Education Ministries** Seminaries (21,92%) and Archives (.24%) **Executive Committee and SBC Operating Budget Christian Ethics and Religious Liberty Ministries** Emice and Religious Liberty Commissio



Cooperative Program—The Heart of Southern Baptist Missions and Ministries







## Register at http://bit.ly/Pipelinecoaching

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.

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

# who's your **ONE?**

Imagine if every believer could answer that question with the name of a person who is far from God—a person for whom they're praying and with whom seeking to share the gospel. That's the intention behind Who's Your One. We believe God's people don't merely need another method for evangelism—what they need is a white-hot passion to see people who are far from God experience the new life He offers through Jesus Christ.

Over the coming days, churches and countless others will prioritize personal ownership of the Great Commission as we each intentionally pursue one person with the hope of the gospel. At times, it seems the mission is simply too complex and too vast for churches like ours and people like us. While we can't do everything, we can do something. We can all take responsibility for one. And, because of God's power and the work of His Spirit, each of our ones can add up to make a significant impact for God's kingdom.





# Foundation Builder

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A Last Will and Testament is the most basic estate planning tool. Often referred to as a "Will," it describes how to disperse certain properties upon the death of the person making the Will (testator). The Will only controls property that is subject to probate. Probate establishes the validity of the Will in the state where property subject to probate exists. Property can be distributed through a variety of means:

- Contract such as a beneficiary designation on life insurance or retirement account.
- Operation of Law such as a bank account with joint right of survivorship or a deeded property such as real estate. In the state of Alaska real property may be transferred to a designated beneficiary through a transfer on death deed.
- **Trust** such as a revocable "living trust" or irrevocable trust.
- Will. Property that does not pass by operation of law, contract, or trust is subject to probate and passes through the provisions of the Will.

Persons of sound mind and having ownership interest in property not otherwise dealt with are strongly encourage to have a Will. Wills filed with the court become part of the public record, and appoint an executor or personal representative.

Key provisions for a valid Will are:

- 1. Testator must be 18 years of age or older
- 2. The Will must exist as a physical copy, not solely in electronic format. Alaska law allows holographic Wills. A holographic Will is written entirely in the hand of the testator.
- 3. The Will must conform to state and federal law and established public policy.
- 4. A statement should be included invalidating prior Wills.
- 5. Two disinterested witnesses should sign the Will in a fashion which makes the Will self-proving: a notarized affidavit is attached stating that the witnesses watched the testator sign the Will.
- 6. A properly executed Will under the jurisdiction of one state will usually be honored by another.
- 7. The Will is a principal document in establishing guardianship for minor children.

8. The periodic review of all estate documents, including the Will, is suggested.

Alaska law does not require a Will to be drafted or signed off by an attorney but it is strongly suggested that legal consultation be sought before implementing a Will or any legal document.

The state will impose a process of disposition for those who die without a will. This is referred to as intestate succession laws and dictate how property is dispersed under a predetermined formula which may or may not meet with one's desired outcome. For example, there is no provision in intestate succession laws for charitable ministry

Does a Revocable Living Trust replace a Will? It is true that a "living trust" can substitute for a Will by:

- Avoiding probate, thus ensuring privacy to estate distribution
- Disposing of real estate in multiple state jurisdictions.
- Establishing provisions for a beneficiary with special needs.

If legal consultation determines that a living trust is the most appropriate vehicle by which to transfer property, good practice dictates having a "pour over" Will instructing that any property not named in the trust at time of death be placed in that trust upon death.

This article is not an exhaustive analysis of the Will but is meant to provide a summary of its key functions and parameters.

This article is for general information purposes only and is not providing any legal advice. Individual situations can be numerous and complex and proper application of the law in each circumstance is very important. Therefore, one should consult legal counsel of an attorney before making any final decisions or drafting any legal documents.

Information used from:

https://resources.lawinfo.com/wills/alaska/

http://kirkalaska.com/estate-planning/

https://www.planningalt.com/2015/transfer-assets-upon-death/https://estate.findlaw.com/probate/transfer-on-death-beneficiary-

for-property.html



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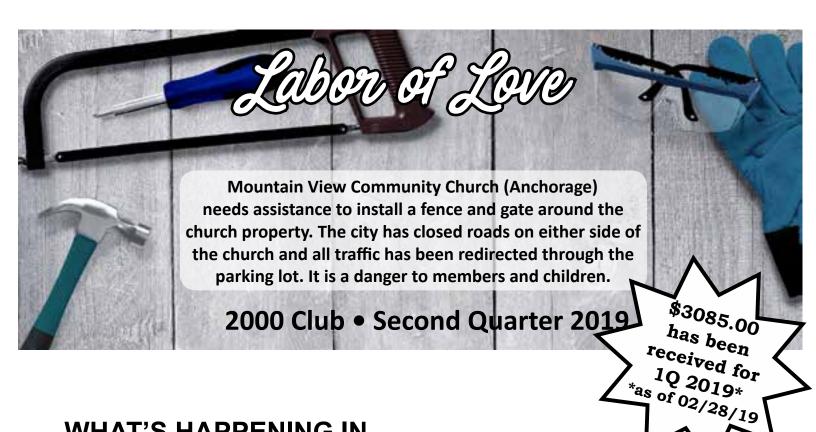
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25 Pipeline Leadership
25-27 Ministers and Spouses Retreat
May
6-7 ABC Executive Board Meeting
9 ABF Trustee Meeting
12 Day of Prayer for Birchwood Behavioral Health
27 ABC and ABF offices closed for Memorial Day
June
3-7 Alaska Native Youth Camp, LGYRC
9-10 WMU National Annual Mtg; Birmingham, AL
17-21 Youth Camp, LGYRC
11-12 Southern Baptist Convention; Birmingham, AL
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24-28 Camp Baldwin, TVBA, grades 3-4

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