

HAPPY BIRTHDAY *America!*

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Alaska Baptist Convention 74th Annual Meeting

Impact Alaska Conference

Monday, September 23

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Annual Meeting

Tuesday, September 24

1:00 - 4:30 p.m.

(supper on your own)

6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 25

9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Alaska WMU annual meeting

Tuesday, September 24

College Heights Baptist Church, Soldotna
9:00 - 11:45 a.m.

Pastors Conference

Tuesday, September 24

First Baptist Church, Kenai
9:00 - 11:45 a.m.

lunch for both groups at noon

fellowship hall, College Heights Baptist Church
reservations required

[click here to register](#) for pastor/WMU lunch

Conference hotel

Aspen Hotel, Soldotna

326 Binkley Circle, Soldotna

Room block: Alaska Baptist Convention;

for group code call Sylvia at 907-344-9627

For reservations: Call hotel directly, 907.260.7736

Special Rate with group code: \$95 + 6% tax

continental breakfast is included for hotel guests.

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January-May 2019 Gifts from ABC Churches

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
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Adelphoi	\$450.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$450.00
Agape Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Alaska lu-Mienh First Baptist Church	\$282.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$282.00
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	\$5,047.38	\$0.00	\$1,125.00	\$1,129.63	\$0.00	\$7,302.01
Bodenburg Butte Baptist Church	\$843.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,800.00	\$0.00	\$2,643.00
Calvary Baptist Church	\$2,351.94	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,144.88	\$0.00	\$3,496.82
Catalyst Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Christ Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$357.00	\$190.00	\$0.00	\$547.00
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	\$344.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$844.50
Cold Bay Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
College Heights Baptist Church	\$16,737.13	\$305.00	\$1,780.00	\$5,552.00	\$0.00	\$24,374.13
Cross Roads Baptist Church	\$6,678.00	\$0.00	\$6,540.94	\$574.00	\$0.00	\$13,792.94
CrossCountry Church	\$450.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$650.00
Dillingham Bible Fellowship	\$4,659.85	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,660.00	\$0.00	\$7,319.85
Eagle River Korean Baptist Church	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$450.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church	\$836.72	\$0.00	\$510.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,346.72
Fairbanks Korean Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fairview Loop Baptist Church	\$11,891.95	\$5,540.04	\$8,466.68	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$31,898.67
Faith Baptist Church	\$1,422.47	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$680.00	\$100.00	\$2,202.47
Faith Recovery Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Filipino Bible Church	\$875.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$875.00
First Baptist Church of Anchorage	\$6,790.67	\$0.00	\$2,742.82	\$3,223.00	\$0.00	\$12,756.49
First Baptist Church of Eagle River	\$14,267.25	\$500.00	\$3,118.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$17,885.25
First Baptist Church of Fairbanks	\$3,274.93	\$0.00	\$990.25	\$1,130.00	\$0.00	\$5,395.18
First Baptist Church of North Pole	\$14,155.00	\$0.00	\$1,581.00	\$1,964.90	\$0.00	\$17,700.90
First Baptist Church, Delta Junction	\$19,509.31	\$0.00	\$5,029.00	\$16,976.66	\$0.00	\$41,514.97
First Baptist Church, Juneau	\$4,143.68	\$325.00	\$2,123.00	\$379.00	\$0.00	\$6,970.68
First Baptist Church, Kenai	\$3,514.55	\$0.00	\$1,346.70	\$2,078.75	\$0.00	\$6,940.00
First Baptist Church, Ketchikan	\$5,219.31	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,219.31
First Baptist Church, Kotzebue	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
First Baptist Church, Palmer	\$1,350.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,624.00	\$0.00	\$2,974.00
First Baptist Church, Petersburg	\$2,713.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,713.00
First Baptist Church, Sitka	\$3,013.04	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$967.00	\$0.00	\$4,380.04
First Baptist Church, Soldotna	\$2,292.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$468.00	\$0.00	\$2,760.00
First Baptist Church, Valdez	\$8,513.30	\$0.00	\$3,116.50	\$3,218.00	\$0.00	\$14,847.80
First Baptist Church, Wasilla	\$5,673.94	\$630.27	\$2,412.00	\$3,602.05	\$0.00	\$12,318.26
First Baptist Church, Willow	\$1,639.98	\$0.00	\$311.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,950.98
First Hmong Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Korean Baptist Church	\$725.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$507.00	\$0.00	\$1,632.00
First Native Baptist Church	\$1,494.00	\$0.00	\$913.27	\$1,016.00	\$0.00	\$3,423.27
Friendship Baptist Mission	\$1,615.89	\$0.00	\$1,808.00	\$2,200.00	\$0.00	\$5,623.89
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	\$226.08	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$226.08
Frontier Southern Baptist Church	\$4,136.15	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,136.15
Gilead Ministries	\$324.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$344.00
Glacier Valley Baptist Church	\$5,075.86	\$3,800.00	\$3,585.00	\$4,990.00	\$0.00	\$17,450.86
Grandview Baptist Church	\$9,941.31	\$0.00	\$340.00	\$1,275.00	\$0.00	\$11,556.31
Greater Friendship Baptist Church	\$3,695.79	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,695.79
Hillside Baptist Church	\$5,926.82	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$895.00	\$0.00	\$6,821.82
Hoonah Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Iglesia Bautista Hispana Sunset Hills	\$469.06	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$519.06
Immanuel Baptist Church	\$544.57	\$0.00	\$501.48	\$1,068.12	\$0.00	\$2,114.17
Journey Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Juneau Korean Church	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$290.00	\$0.00	\$740.00
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	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$340.00	\$0.00	\$840.00
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	\$0.00
Misc. Contributors-Cash	\$429.23	\$10,237.10	\$150.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$10,916.33
Montana Creek Baptist Church	\$5,456.88	\$0.00	\$598.00	\$565.00	\$0.00	\$6,619.88
Moose Creek Baptist Church	\$1,190.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,190.00
Moose Pass Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Morning Star Baptist Church	\$2,580.15	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,580.15
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	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Muldoon Road Baptist Church	\$810.49	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$739.00	\$0.00	\$1,549.49
New Birth Christian Church	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
New Grace Christian Church	\$2,900.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,900.00
New Hope Baptist Church	\$6,175.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$7,175.00
New Hope Fellowship	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$425.00
North Bear Street Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

January-May 2019 Gifts from ABC Churches

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	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Pathway Discipleship Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pioneer Baptist Church of Wasilla	\$850.87	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$850.87
Rabbit Creek Church	\$2,959.78	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,959.78
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	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
Roots Family Church, Kasilof	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Roots Family Church, Soldotna	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
Sabbath Peace Fellowship	\$360.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$360.00
Salcha Baptist Church	\$514.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,105.00	\$0.00	\$2,619.60
Sand Lake Fellowship	\$295.80	\$49.30	\$49.30	\$49.30	\$0.00	\$443.70
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	\$8,322.02	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,322.02
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	\$3,286.19	\$0.00	\$554.06	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,840.25
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$8,480.62	\$0.00	\$3,545.00	\$3,809.65	\$0.00	\$15,835.27
Tenakee Springs Community Church	\$376.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$376.00
The Crossing @ Birchwood	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Thorne Bay Baptist Church	\$188.22	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$188.22
Togiak Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Transitional Ministries	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$35.00
True North Church	\$4,155.48	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,380.00	\$0.00	\$9,535.48
True North Church Girdwood	\$391.94	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$391.94
UBC-Chinese Fellowship	\$443.70	\$0.00	\$280.00	\$135.00	\$0.00	\$858.70
Unalaska Reformed Church	\$1,078.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,078.40
University Baptist Church, Anchorage	\$2,253.99	\$0.00	\$899.00	\$1,042.00	\$0.00	\$4,194.99
University Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$3,869.00	\$0.00	\$2,091.00	\$5,388.00	\$0.00	\$11,348.00
Valley View Baptist Church	\$4,025.00	\$0.00	\$370.00	\$781.00	\$0.00	\$5,176.00
Wasilla Korean Baptist Church	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Whittier Christian Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Williwaw Church	\$443.00	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$215.00	\$0.00	\$738.00
	\$254,218.95	\$22,536.71	\$60,143.00	\$92,258.84	\$100.00	\$429,257.50
	4Q 2018	1Q 2019	2Q 2019	3Q 2019	4Q 2019	
2000 Club receipts as of May 31, 2019	\$50.00	\$3,932.50	\$3,746.50	\$230.00	\$230.00	\$8,189.00
						\$437,446.50

Legend:

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

Alaska Baptist Convention Cooperative Program Support

	2019		2018	
May				
Receipts	\$42,472.74		\$65,572.76	
CP Goal	\$54,246.22		\$58,232.65	
Variance	\$(11,773.48)	-21.70%	\$7,340.11	12.60%
Year-to-Date				
Receipts	\$254,218.95		\$279,281.40	
CP Goal	\$271,231.10		\$291,163.25	
Variance	\$(17,012.15)	-6.27%	\$(11,881.85)	-4.08%

Because of
your congregation's
Cooperative Program giving
through the
Alaska Baptist Convention,
in May 2019
\$33,978.19
remained in Alaska
for
missions and ministries.



100% OF YOUR GIFT

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
Enabling Retired Mission and Spouses



Randy Covington, Executive Director

Highlights from the SBC Annual Meeting 2019

“Gospel Above All” was the theme for this year’s annual meeting June 11-12 in Birmingham, AL. It was refreshing to focus on what unites us in our efforts to reach a lost nation and world for Jesus Christ – THE GOSPEL. The Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions, under the solid leadership of Dr. Rick Lance, did an amazing job, under difficult circumstances, to host the event along with the Executive Committee of the SBC. Here are a few of the highlights for me personally:

WMU Conference at The Church at Brook Hills was inspiring as WMU leaders reminded us of the cooperative work of Southern Baptists in supporting our missionaries at home and abroad. That support begins with prayer and compels us to give through the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. It is always encouraging to see former colleagues who continue to faithfully serve the Lord in the places to which they have been called.

IMB Sending Celebration on Tuesday afternoon was truly a celebration of faithfulness and a time to honor 47 new missionaries who have committed to going to some of the most difficult places in the world. Over 8000 SBC messengers raised their voices in responsive chorus with IMB leaders and missionaries to commit to serve, pray for and encourage the sacrifice of these gospel messengers. The display of lighted banners highlighting regions of the world needing the gospel raised a lump in my throat and tears in my eye.


Lamenting Sexual Abuse in Our Churches: The Wednesday afternoon session highlighted a corporate lamentation of the sinfulness and sexual abuse that many have suffered at the hands of church leaders in Southern Baptist churches. I am convinced that any effort to address these problems and provide safety and protection to victims begins with a public cry of confession. There was a firm commitment made to implement specific plans to root out this evil in our midst. While it may seem strange to call this a highlight, it was a fundamental step toward healing and forgiveness.

Panel Discussions were welcome breaks to the perfunctory reporting that commands most of the time during our 2-day gathering. The discussions were conducted by

JD Greear and involved a variety of leaders and experts with years of application and experience on several major issues in Southern Baptist life. The topics were Racial Reconciliation in SBC churches, Keeping Secondary Issues Secondary (A call to unity, not uniformity), and The Value of Women in God’s Mission.

SWBTS Alumni Luncheon – I am a 2-time graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (SWBTS) and have many family members who have attended or graduated from this seminary. Dr. Adam Greenway, the new president, assured faculty, alumni and SBC leadership that he is committed to leading the seminary to fulfill the mandate of developing leaders for gospel engagement in America and around the world.


My cup is full and my heart encouraged!



“*Said the robin to the sparrow,
“I should really like to know,
Why these anxious human beings
Rush about and worry so.”*

*Said the sparrow to the robin,
“Friend I think that it must be,
That they have no Heavenly Father,
Such as cares for you and me.”*

Elizabeth Cheney



“...The very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows.”

Luke 12:7



Reaching our world—or not?

Thom Rainer is an excellent communicator and I appreciate him keeping us mindful of our calling in the local church with his articles. This excerpt is rather sobering.

“I recently reported the latest statistics for our denomination. It’s not a pretty picture. Our membership declined again, this time by 105,708. And our baptisms were down to 314,956, the lowest level since 1948. But in 1948, we only had 6 million members. Today we have 16 million members. We are reaching less people for Christ, even though we have 10 million more members than we did in 1948.

Keep in mind that baptisms are our way to best estimate the number of people we reached for Christ with the gospel. When someone declares that he or she is a follower of Christ in our churches, that person is expected to follow through with baptism.

But baptisms are declining precipitously. Why?”

This should get your attention. We are more than double the number of members but reaching fewer. The sobering part is these statistics were reported in 2013. See the chart for baptisms in 2018.

I wonder what Thom would say now? In a few short years baptisms have declined from 314,956 to 246,442. This is a drastic decline and is something we have experienced here in Alaska. We are around the 400 number in

baptisms, but at one time it was in the 700s. Times change, churches change, the culture and people change, but the gospel doesn’t change. It is good news to the lost. It is the focus of the Great Commission resulting from the Great Commandment. We have to find in our hearts a deeper urgency to share Christ with others. The decline we see in baptism is a heart issue. As your State Evangelism Director, I confess that I get sidetracked by the tyranny of the urgent. I haven’t made witnessing my main focus. Our national convention has started a campaign “Who’s Your One?” This needs to be highlighted not just once in our church but, made an ongoing emphasis. This summer, with 16 summer missionaries, we are going witnessing every week. It has been so refreshing to get out and share Christ with others. I am calling for our churches to double their baptisms this year. I am calling on pastors in our state to lead the way in reaching the lost and taking their church members with them. Let’s make this a matter of prayer and ask God to increase our urgency. Please pray about your role and the actions you will take. I am with you brothers and sisters. The Good News is still Good News. Share it and leave the results to God.

2018 Southern Baptist Convention Statistical Summary

Item/Statistic	2018	2017	2018-2017 Numeric Change	2018-2017 Percent Change
State Conventions ⁽¹⁾	41	42	-1	-2.38%
Associations	1,126	1,131	-5	-0.44%
Churches	47,456	47,544	-88	-0.19%
Church-type Missions ⁽²⁾	4,085	4,376	-291	-6.65%
Total Members	14,813,234	15,005,638	-192,404	-1.28%
Total Baptisms	246,442	254,122	-7,680	-3.02%
Ratio of Baptisms: Total Members	1:60	1:59	—	—
Weekly Worship Average Attendance	5,297,788	5,320,488	-22,700	-0.43%
Sunday School/Bible Study/Small Group Average Attendance	3,247,681	3,345,526	-97,845	-2.92%
Cooperative Program ⁽³⁾	www.sbc.net/cp/statistics.asp	www.sbc.net/cp/statistics.asp	—	—



Foundation Builder

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The three core elements of a basic estate plan include:

1. The Last Will and Testament (Will)
2. The Power of Attorney (POA)
3. The Advanced Healthcare Directives (AHD)

In the January issue, we discussed the Will. Now we cover the power of attorney (POA). The POA plays a critical role in the estate planning process by allowing an individual to act in place of a person, as agent or attorney in fact.

There are four classifications of POA. Two cover the breadth of the powers assigned and two deal with the circumstances under which they become active.

The breadth of power are general or limited:

- **General POA** is the most comprehensive and gives a designated agent all the powers and rights that the individual himself would exercise. It becomes ineffective at the incapacitation or death of the individual for which they are granted.

- **Limited POA** grants authority to act in a limited or specific way or activity. There is usually a specific timeframe for which it is granted clearly spelled out in the document.

The circumstances under which a POA becomes active:

- **Durable POA**- this form of arrangement can be either general or limited. The instrument becomes effective once enacted and remains in force until death. Without this distinction, if a person were to become incapacitated, a court would appoint a conservator or guardian as a representative agent. This can be expensive and time-consuming.

- **Springing POA**-is a type of durable POA with the distinction that it only becomes active at the point of incapacitation. Therefore it is very important that such a document outline the specific criteria for determining what constitutes incapacitation. The vast majority of medical/healthcare POAs take this form. The springing POA is often used as the second component in the basic estate plan model.

Laws differ between states, and even financial institutions may have their own internal guidelines that affect how POA provisions are enforced.

While a "Living Trust" can substitute for some areas of both the Will and POA it is still advisable to have a POA because not all property may be titled in a trust. Further, while a trustee has authority to sell assets for medical ex-

penses they would not typically have authority to make medical decisions for the owner of the trust. A healthcare POA would still need to exist.

The importance of who serves as agent cannot be understated as that individual will have authority over finances, and healthcare. The agent should have the complete trust and confidence of the individual granting the POA. While one may think a family member, such as a sibling, would be a good choice, this is not always the case. Family dynamics can become complicated, but finding an independent third party can be difficult. Many banks and trust organizations have bonded fiduciaries who are able to serve as agent.

This article is for general information purposes and is not to be construed as offering any legal or financial recommendations. Individuals should consult their own legal and financial counsel for specific situations.

Information taken from:

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The Alaska Baptist Convention and MinistrySafe are partnering together to help our Alaska churches protect children from sexual abuse by providing access to online employee and volunteer screening, training and certification at a very low cost.

To take advantage of this proactive and responsible opportunity, contact [Logan](#) for the website address and coupon code.

MILEPOST MOMENTS

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Seward Bible Church took advantage of the great summer weather to conduct Sunday worship service outside with 21 adults and children in attendance. The congregation is looking for public facilities in town where they can meet regularly for worship. Vernon Willet is currently serving as senior pastor.

University Baptist Church, Fairbanks,

will have several students, grades five through twelve attend Camp Baldwin in July. The monthly men's breakfast will be the second Saturday of July from 9 to 10:30. The TVBA fishing tournament is July 13. There is a College and Career Lunch at Bergh's home July 28.

SUMMER CAMPS



Camp Baldwin

Children who have completed
grades 5-6: July 1-5 \$110
grades 7-8: July 8-12 \$110
grades 9-12: July 15-19 \$120

Solid Rock Bible Camp

solidrockbiblecamp.com
srbc@alaska.net



Making a Difference

2019 Summer Interns

"I have been doing a lot of VBS these past couple of weeks and it has been such a joy! ...Being able to pour into the lives of these kids I hope has been a blessing to them, but I know it's been a blessing to me. ...I pray that through the Bible verses, stories, and conversations they can see that Jesus cares for them and wants a relationship with them."
—Anna

"...It was so encouraging to see how our work here is making a difference in these kids lives! My prayer for these kids is that they can reflect on what we've been sharing with them and continue to seek out Jesus more than ever before!
—Candace

"...we break up into small groups and have Bible studies at local coffee shops. ...I really enjoy this part of our ministry.... It is a great time for building community and sharing what God is doing in our lives and on our hearts. —Madison

Labor of Love

First Baptist Church Anchorage needs assistance to replace/repair the flat roof and shingles on their Mission House adjacent to the Church which is being and has been used to house traveling missionaries, pastors and families as well as mission teams while in the Anchorage area.

2000 Club • Third Quarter 2019

\$3746.50
has been
received for
2nd Q 2019*
*as of 05/31/19

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July

- 1-5 Camp Baldwin, TVBA, grades 5-6
- 8-12 Camp Baldwin, TVBA, grades 7-8
- 15-19 Camp Baldwin, TVBA, grades 9-12

August

- 7-9 Fusion, Anchorage Baptist Temple

September

- 2 ABC and ABF Offices closed for Labor Day
- 1-8 Valeria Sherard State Mission Emphasis
- 23 IMPACT! Alaska Conference
- 24 wMu Annual Meeting
- 24 Pastor's Conference
- 24-25 Alaska Baptist Convention Annual Meeting
College Heights Baptist Church, Soldotna

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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
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