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Alaska Baptist Convention 74th Annual Meeting

Impact Alaska Conference

Monday, September 23

7:00 - 8:30 p.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, Soldotna

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

Annual Meeting

Tuesday, September 24

1:00 - 4:30 p.m.

(supper provided to view the

Alaska Disaster Relief

Laundry/Shower trailer)

6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 25

9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Conference hotel

Aspen Hotel, Soldotna

326 Binkley Circle, Soldotna

For reservations: Call hotel directly, 907.260.7736

continental breakfast is included for hotel guests.

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January-July 2019 Gifts from ABC Churches

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
Adelphoi	\$650.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$650.00
Agape Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Alaska Iu-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
Aquillag Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Big Lake Baptist Church	\$7,424.72	\$0.00	\$1,125.00	\$1,129.63	\$0.00	\$9,679.35
Bodenburg Butte Baptist Church	\$843.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,800.00	\$0.00	\$2,643.00
Calvary Baptist Church	\$3,639.79	\$0.00	\$1,195.68	\$1,144.88	\$0.00	\$5,980.35
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	\$496.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$996.75
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	\$10,589.00	\$0.00	\$6,540.94	\$574.00	\$0.00	\$17,703.94
CrossCountry Church	\$450.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$650.00
Dillingham Bible Fellowship	\$6,554.98	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,060.00	\$0.00	\$9,614.98
Eagle River Korean Baptist Church	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church	\$1,085.55	\$0.00	\$510.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,595.55
Fairbanks Korean Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fairview Loop Baptist Church	\$17,174.22	\$5,540.04	\$8,466.68	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$37,180.94
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	\$1,750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,750.00
First Baptist Church of Anchorage	\$7,260.11	\$0.00	\$2,742.82	\$3,223.00	\$0.00	\$13,225.93
First Baptist Church of Eagle River	\$19,534.74	\$600.00	\$3,218.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$23,352.74
First Baptist Church of Fairbanks	\$4,502.49	\$0.00	\$990.25	\$1,130.00	\$0.00	\$6,622.74
First Baptist Church of North Pole	\$19,621.00	\$0.00	\$1,581.00	\$1,964.90	\$0.00	\$23,166.90
First Baptist Church, Delta Junction	\$24,265.74	\$0.00	\$5,029.00	\$20,045.32	\$0.00	\$49,340.06
First Baptist Church, Juneau	\$6,832.24	\$557.00	\$2,272.00	\$538.00	\$0.00	\$10,199.24
First Baptist Church, Kenai	\$4,123.73	\$0.00	\$1,448.23	\$2,180.28	\$0.00	\$7,752.24
First Baptist Church, Ketchikan	\$7,643.01	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,643.01
First Baptist Church, Kotzebue	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
First Baptist Church, Palmer	\$3,050.00	\$0.00	\$1,165.00	\$1,624.00	\$0.00	\$5,839.00
First Baptist Church, Petersburg	\$5,353.79	\$0.00	\$1,265.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,618.79
First Baptist Church, Sitka	\$5,074.65	\$400.00	\$140.00	\$967.00	\$0.00	\$6,581.65
First Baptist Church, Soldotna	\$2,292.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$468.00	\$0.00	\$2,760.00
First Baptist Church, Valdez	\$11,936.89	\$0.00	\$3,116.50	\$3,218.00	\$0.00	\$18,271.39
First Baptist Church, Wasilla	\$7,243.54	\$630.27	\$2,462.00	\$3,602.05	\$0.00	\$13,937.86
First Baptist Church, Willow	\$2,388.45	\$0.00	\$311.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,699.45
First Hmong Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Korean Baptist Church	\$1,025.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$507.00	\$0.00	\$1,932.00
First Native Baptist Church	\$1,894.00	\$0.00	\$913.27	\$1,016.00	\$0.00	\$3,823.27
Friendship Baptist Mission	\$2,241.50	\$0.00	\$2,308.00	\$2,200.00	\$0.00	\$6,749.50
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	\$299.46	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$299.46
Frontier Southern Baptist Church	\$5,172.89	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,172.89
Gilead Ministries	\$324.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$344.00
Glacier Valley Baptist Church	\$10,667.06	\$3,800.00	\$3,585.00	\$4,990.00	\$0.00	\$23,042.06
Grandview Baptist Church	\$17,979.22	\$40.00	\$1,520.00	\$1,275.00	\$0.00	\$20,814.22
Greater Friendship Baptist Church	\$4,228.93	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,228.93
Hillside Baptist Church	\$7,930.26	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$895.00	\$0.00	\$9,025.26
Hoonah Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Iglesia Bautista Hispana Sunset Hills	\$621.16	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$671.16
Immanuel Baptist Church	\$791.17	\$0.00	\$501.48	\$1,068.12	\$0.00	\$2,360.77
Journey Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Juneau Korean Church	\$210.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$290.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
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	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$340.00	\$0.00	\$1,040.00
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	\$11,537.10	\$150.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$12,216.33
Montana Creek Baptist Church	\$5,456.88	\$0.00	\$598.00	\$565.00	\$0.00	\$6,619.88
Moose Creek Baptist Church	\$2,915.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,915.00
Moose Pass Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Morning Star Baptist Church	\$4,285.81	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,285.81
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	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$350.00
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	\$3,900.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,900.00
New Hope Baptist Church	\$8,748.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$9,748.00
New Hope Fellowship	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$850.00
North Bear Street Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
North Tongass Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

January-July 2019 Gifts from ABC Churches

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
Northern Lights Missions	\$650.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$650.00
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	\$4,602.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,602.14
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	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$700.00
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	\$1,495.55	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,105.00	\$0.00	\$3,600.55
Sand Lake Fellowship	\$720.64	\$120.11	\$120.11	\$120.11	\$0.00	\$1,080.97
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	\$1,640.00	\$3,484.93	\$0.00	\$5,124.93
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	\$5,041.50	\$0.00	\$644.06	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,685.56
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$11,969.39	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$3,809.65	\$0.00	\$19,779.04
Tenakee Springs Community Church	\$376.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$376.00
The Crossing @ Birchwood	\$2,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,800.00
Thorne Bay Baptist Church	\$347.63	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$367.63
Togiak Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Transitional Ministries	\$35.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$45.00
True North Church	\$9,691.88	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,380.00	\$0.00	\$15,071.88
True North Church Girdwood	\$685.76	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$685.76
UBC-Chinese Fellowship	\$601.70	\$0.00	\$280.00	\$135.00	\$0.00	\$1,016.70
Unalaska Reformed Church	\$1,078.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,078.40
University Baptist Church, Anchorage	\$3,134.05	\$0.00	\$919.00	\$1,042.00	\$0.00	\$5,095.05
University Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$6,812.00	\$0.00	\$3,886.00	\$5,398.00	\$0.00	\$16,096.00
Valley View Baptist Church	\$6,037.50	\$0.00	\$370.00	\$781.00	\$0.00	\$7,188.50
Wasilla Korean Baptist Church	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$700.00
Whittier Christian Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Williwaw Church	\$473.00	\$180.00	\$0.00	\$215.00	\$0.00	\$868.00
	\$353,905.24	\$24,379.52	\$69,725.02	\$97,510.87	\$100.00	\$545,620.65
	4Q 2018	1Q 2019	2Q 2019	3Q 2019	4Q 2019	
2000 Club receipts as of July 31, 2019	\$50.00	\$3,932.50	\$4,596.50	\$4,052.50	\$230.00	\$12,861.50

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	
July				
Receipts	\$65,849.68		\$61,744.36	
CP Goal	\$54,246.22		\$58,232.65	
Variance	\$11,603.46	21.39%	\$3,511.71	6.03%
Year-to-Date				
Receipts	\$353,905.24		\$386,424.41	
CP Goal	\$379,723.54		\$407,628.55	
Variance	\$(25,818.30)	-6.80%	\$(21,204.14)	-5.20%

Because of
your congregation's
Cooperative Program giving
through the
Alaska Baptist Convention,
in July 2019
\$52,679.74
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 Service



Randy Covington, Executive Director

Valeria Sherard State Mission Offering

As a child, I heard people talk about Valeria Sherard, this brave missionary lady who lived in an Arctic village in northern Alaska. Her reputation was larger than life! Years later when I finally met her in person, I was shocked to encounter a quiet, unassuming, humble woman who spoke so very softly. I learned that it was really her God that was bigger than life.

Valeria responded to God's call when teaching in Mississippi. That decision led her to study at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and, upon graduation, Valeria accepted a summer mission assignment to Alaska and grew to love Alaska and its people. She decided to remain in Alaska and seek God's leadership in where to serve Him in this great land. She served in places like Selawik and Sitka before finally moving to Kiana along the Kobuk River where she planted her life for the next 20 years.

She had a love for Alaska natives and soon was accepted by the villagers as one of their own. Health and

other reasons led her away from her beloved village to ministry in Fairbanks, and eventually Anchorage, among native peoples in the cities. She gave 47 years of her life to telling people in Alaska about her God who was bigger than life.

As we celebrate her legacy and ministry in Alaska, we have an opportunity as Alaska Baptists to walk on the shoulders of giants like Valeria Sherard. Our privilege is to continue the faithful witness that she so elegantly modeled for us. We honor her service and legacy when we give to the Valeria Sherard State Mission Offering in September.

This picture sits in my office as a constant reminder of what a life given to service to our Lord and Savior can do for advancing the Kingdom of God in Alaska. Thank you, Valeria, for a life well-lived!





Baptism Sunday

Baptism is not something that is done lightly. It carries the full authority from Christ to churches and leaders announcing to the world that a person has crossed from death to new life in Christ.

Wouldn't it be glorious to experience a Pentecost like in Acts 2? People heard the truth about Jesus and fell under conviction. They cried out, "What must we do?" Peter told them to repent and be baptized. The scriptures say that about 3000 were added to their numbers that day. They went from a small group to a large church in one day. Wow, how would you like to be the one given the task to disciple all of those folks? But, it didn't stop there. A little while later, after Peter and John preached, about 5000 men believed. It doesn't say how many were baptized, but, I imagine the vast majority of them were taken through those waters to signify their new life in Christ.

Christianity Today pointed out that a large number of baptisms associated with one large church is great. But that number could be accomplished by many small churches.

"Saddleback hit the 45,000 baptism mark in October of 2016, which means they baptized 5,000 people in the last 22 months. That's a current average of 227 baptisms per month, or 2,727 baptisms per year. That is also great cause for celebration!"

If you take those figures and average them for 26,000 church members across churches of different sizes, it looks like this:

- *1 church of 26,000: 2,727 baptisms per church per year*
- *10 churches averaging 2,600: 272 baptisms per church per year*
- *100 churches averaging 260: 27 baptisms per church per year*
- *1,000 churches averaging 26: 2.7 baptisms per church per year*

Why is it that while the first figure is rightly applauded as an astonishing accomplishment, the churches in the last line are usually made to feel like abject failures?" (Christianity Today, August 22, 2018)

The importance of baptism needs to be highlighted in all of our congregations. In a Baptist Press article dated August 12, 2019, JD Greear, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, wrote:

"Baptism is like the wedding ring of salvation. I put on my wedding ring at the moment I decided to publicly declare my commitment to my wife. Putting on the ring did not make me married. I am no more married when I wear my ring

than when I don't. But the demonstration of my commitment to my wife that the ring represents was a crucial first step in marriage. Had I refused to do it, my wife would have had reason to question my intentions.

In the same way, baptism is an outward symbol of an inward covenant we've made in response to Jesus' offer of salvation.

...Several years ago, our church chose to hold our first baptism service after we noticed the biblical pattern of spontaneous baptisms while preaching through a series in the book of Acts. Starting with that service, we saw three times more people choose to be baptized that year than we'd ever seen! I believe that's because our church had been faithful in sharing the Gospel, and we chose to be faithful in calling for a response to that good news." (<http://www.bpnews.net/53426/jd-greear-why-baptism-sunday>)

Do we make baptism insignificant in our churches? By making baptism an afterthought, do we waste the opportunity to call others to salvation and baptism? It takes a little bit of planning, but baptism could be one of the most celebrated times in the church. I was in a church recently that whenever the invitation was given and people responded, the people burst out clapping. At baptism time, they must go crazy.

On September 8, many churches will respond to the call of JD Greear, to have a special baptism Sunday. The emphasis is to encourage salvations and more baptisms. It doesn't matter which Sunday it is done. JD Greear and Johnny Hunt have posted some short videos on baptism, about two minutes long, on the NAMB website. <https://www.namb.net/video/frequently-asked-questions-on-baptism/> They are good refreshers and I would encourage you to listen. They address such issues as how young can a person be baptized; who can baptize, and other topics. It is great information for church leaders.

How often should we baptize? One church I visited tries to baptize at least one person every day of the year. If people are coming to know Christ, wouldn't it be great if we could baptize people every day of the week? I am a big advocate of baptizing when the body is assembled but that is not what we see in the New Testament. They baptized on the spot, after someone received Christ. A church in Idaho had a baptismal pool available 24/7 for their small groups to conduct baptism as needed. What a great thing to need it available so often.



Dr. Paul Chitwood, *President, International Mission Board*

Your state convention helps churches reach your state and our world for Christ

My first international mission trip took place on a farm in central Kentucky.

As a new pastor in the community, I found myself interacting often with migrant workers from Central and South America. And I soon realized that most were spiritually lost. From conversations with farmers, I learned many of them were as concerned as I was about the eternal state of the souls of these (mostly) men who were so far away from their homes and families. As we began to pull together churches in our association and piece together a plan to begin a migrant ministry, we found an organization ready and eager to help us: our Baptist state convention. With the assistance of our state convention staff, we were soon seeing people from all over Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua come to Christ — though we never left Kentucky.

Ministries in our 41 Southern Baptist state conventions vary from state to state, but their mission is the same: help churches reach their state and our world for Christ. As we enter the fall of the year, most of our state conventions are promoting their annual state mission offering to support these vital ministries. My family will be giving to support the work in our state. As grateful and enthusiastic as I am for Southern Baptists' support of international missions, I'm also thankful for and supportive of the ministry and mission work of our state conventions.

From my past experience as a pastor and state mission leader, I have seen firsthand the missional impact of state convention ministries. Where I served in Kentucky, more than 100 missionaries in the state receive varying levels of support for their work. Ministries to refugees, migrants,

and ethnic minorities are often led or assisted by state convention team members and resources. State conventions help facilitate church planting, church strengthening and revitalization efforts, as well as provide evangelism training and coordinate Disaster Relief ministry. In many states, collegiate work is led by the state convention and support is also provided for the ministry of local Baptist associations.

One of our adopted daughters was rescued and kept safe by our state convention's orphan and foster care ministry before she came into our family. The lives of unborn children are being saved by crisis pregnancy centers that are often funded, in part, by the state convention. Several state conventions are actively involved in lobbying efforts for legislation that will protect unborn children from the horror of abortion.

Many state conventions provide training and funding for prison ministries, through which inmates are hearing the gospel, trusting Christ, and being baptized by local churches. Women in the adult entertainment industry are being shown pathways to freedom and salvation, and churches are equipped for ministry to the homeless and those suffering addiction.

Across America, people are finding new life in Christ as churches work together through their state convention ministries. In addition to your church's Cooperative Program support, your annual state mission offering is an opportunity for Great Commission and Great Commandment giving. Will you join my family and be a part of what God is doing through these ministries by giving through your state mission offering this year?



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.

Alaska Baptist Convention 74th annual meeting Proposed Program

Monday Evening, September 23, 2019

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7:00 P.M.



Tuesday Morning, September 24, 2019

WMU annual meeting

9:00 A.M.

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Pastors Conference

9:00 A.M.

Tuesday Afternoon, September 24, 2019

Presiding: Tracy Simmons, President

Registration

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Alaska Baptist Foundation Report

WMU Report

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Time, Place, Preacher Committee Report

Nominations for President

Nominations for Vice Presidents

Nominations for Recording Secretary

Announcements and Adjournment

Prayer/Benediction

Lunch Provided

Tuesday Evening, September 24, 2019

Presiding: Scott Belmore, First Vice President

Worship through Music

Scripture and Prayer

Updated Registration Report

Balloting

Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist

Convention (SBC) Report

Prayer for SBC

Worship through Music

North American Mission Board (NAMB)

Report

Prayer for NAMB

Presentation from International Mission

Board (IMB) Missionaries

Prayer for IMB

Worship through Music

President's Message

Announcements and Adjournment

Benediction

Supper Provided to tour the

Alaska Disaster Relief

Laundry/Shower trailer

Implementation Team Q & A

Breakfast

7:15 A.M.

Wednesday Morning, September 25, 2019

Presiding: Cliff Day, Second Vice President

Worship through Music

Scripture and Prayer

Updated Registration Report

Gateway Seminary

California Baptist University

Introduction of New Personnel to the State

Greetings from Mosaic Ministries

State Mission Emphasis

Valeria Sherard State Mission Offering

Worship through Music

Wayland Baptist University Report

Implementation Team Report

Worship through Music

Annual Sermon

Officer Election Results

Installation of New Officers

Recognition of Guests

Announcements and Adjournment

Benediction

MILEPOST MOMENTS

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Northern Lights Missions

Northern Lights Missions would like to say a special “Thank You” to all the churches and individuals that helped us to provide Back Packs and school supplies to the kids in the interior communities and villages of Alaska. This year your gifts provided items needed to TEN villages and communities.

Shelly and I have worked in these communities and villages for five years and as we have watched the children grow up, so has our relationships grown with them.



Many of them call us Grandma Shelly and Grandpa Jeff. We have baptized several. We love teaching them about Gods word.

Recently an Elder from one of the villages shared a story with us that had happened at the Culture Camp. As the people were beginning to have a meal one of the elders suggested that they ask a child to do the prayer of blessing for the food, a young lady named Ally (age 10) was chosen and she stood up and quoted John 3:16 then gave the prayer. When she was finished they asked her where she learned the scripture and how to pray and she said “Grandma Shelly taught me”.

We consider it a privilege to invest in these children and are so grateful for your

willingness to be a blessing to these children also.

Matthew 19:13-15 for of such is the kingdom of heaven

Love and Thanks,
Jeff & Shelly Sulfridge



Alaska Disaster Relief in Action

David and Cindy Bradley of First Baptist Church, Valdez stand by the Alaska Baptist Shower and Laundry trailer parked by the Senior Center in the Talkeetna area as they minister to people impacted by the McKinley fire along the Parks Highway.



Congratulations

Debra Long, Operations and Finance Administrator, has completed twenty years of service with the Alaska Baptist Convention.

Condolences

Our condolences to the family of Phillip Logan, who died June 30. He came to Alaska in 1962 and was active in Alaska Baptist life, serving as Sunday school teacher, youth leader and church deacon. A celebration of Life was held at Rabbit Creek Church, August 6, 2019.



Contagious Camp Celebrations

Roots Family Church, Kasilof, held their annual Contagious Youth camp at the Alaska Christian Retreat Center in Sterling, AK. Doug Burrows brought a team of 12 people up from Oklahoma, to help put on the camp. This included Christian Hip-hop/Rap artist Dillon Chase and his son Julian. There were approximately 30 campers from over seven churches represented. During the course of the week, three campers accepted Christ. There are currently two other youth who are asking lots of questions. Please be in prayer for them.

University Baptist Church, Fairbanks

just finished collecting adult pajamas for our missionaries in Tok, as part of Christmas in August. In September they will be collecting for the Valeria Sherard State Mission Offering, and MOPs will be starting again.

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University Baptist Church, Anchorage
celebrates 60 years

Current and former members of University Baptist Church gathered for a day of worship and celebration of 60 years of ministry on August 3. Originally started as Tudor Road Baptist Mission sponsored by Grandview Baptist Church, the church was renamed University Baptist Church in 1963. Breakfast and lunch were served at the church with morning and afternoon services. Willie Tauanu'u is the current pastor.



Photo of staff: Pastoral Leadership team at University Baptist Church includes Willie and Vai Tauanu'u, Matt and Hayley Anderson, Jeff and BJ Anderson, Eric and Dawn Ash, Danny and Karen Hester (not pictured). Pastors/wives from other local area Samoan churches joined in the festivities.



Photo of long-time/former members: Randy and Joy Thompson, Joyce Thompson, Deana (Cole) Roberdeau, Shay Foster, Sherri (Foster) Williams, Conrad and Cindy Michlig.

Greater Friendship Baptist Church



is located on the corner of Ingra and 13th Avenue in Anchorage and was recently named to the National Historic Registry. The church also holds the distinction of being the very first Black Southern Baptist Church in Alaska (1951). Pastor Michael Bunton has been serving the church for four years and has been key in leading the congregation in

remodeling and revitalization as they prepared to celebrate the 68th Anniversary of GFBC.

Dillingham Bible Fellowship **celebrates 20 years**

Dillingham Bible Fellowship was founded in 1999 completing its 20th year of ministry in Dillingham this year. Robert Scott came to serve as pastor of the church in 2009.



Pastor Robert Scott, with wife, Dana, and daughter, Sybil in front of Dillingham Bible Fellowship



Ministry in Seward

Scott Shields organized two teams of volunteers from North and South Carolina to minister to captains and crews of J-Dock Charters in Seward, Alaska in July. Scott and Steve Ward have been coming to Alaska for ten years and providing meals each evening, assisting local workers at several charter companies as well as summer workers at fish processing plants. Serving meals has opened up many opportunities to share their faith. Scott is the Associational Liaison with the South Carolina Baptist Convention.

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.

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3rd Q 2019*
*as of 07/31/19

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN — AUG • SEP • OCT —

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

October

- 4-5 TBA annual meeting, First Baptist Church, Sitka
- 22 CBA Pastors Lunch, location TBD

Please Pray for our Pastorless Churches

Aquillaq Baptist Mission, Ambler
Chinese Fellowship, Fairbanks
Cold Bay Chapel
Community Baptist Church, Coffman Cove
First Baptist Church, Anchorage
First Baptist Church, Ketchikan
First Baptist Church, Petersburg
First Native Baptist Church, Anchorage
Ketchikan Filipino Baptist Mission
North Tongass Baptist Church, Ward Cove
Riverside Chapel, King Salmon
Shungnak Baptist Mission
Solid Rock Baptist Church, Anchorage

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