

ALASKA BAPTIST RESOURCE NETWORK MILEPOST



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As the snow melts and spring begins to show signs of life across our great state, we are reminded of the new life and hope we have in Christ. This season of renewal brings with it fresh opportunities for ministry, connection, and celebration.

We're especially encouraged by the faithful work happening in our churches and communities—from the smallest villages to our bustling cities. God is moving, and we are honored to walk alongside each of you as we serve together. Whether it's through worship, outreach, discipleship, or missions, your faithfulness is making an eternal impact.

Let's continue to press forward together, united in our mission to reach Alaska with the Gospel. We're here to support, equip, and encourage you every step of the way.

We are praying for you, your families, and your ministries. May this month be filled with joy, growth, and the unmistakable presence of the Lord.

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Randy Covington, Executive Director Reflections of an Alaskan Baptist- Grandview Baptist Church

Grandview was the church of my youth. After four years of homesteading up north, my family returned to Anchorage. Grandview Baptist Church was pastored by "Kip" McConnell, who was instrumental in planting the mission at Montana Creek. Since this mission was sponsored by Grandview, our church membership was already established here.

My first event with Grandview was attending a summer youth camp at the lake near Big Lake. I met many youth from Grandview, one of whom would be my future wife. I left that week excited to become active in the Grandview youth group. I began attending the youth Sunday School class led by my future mother-in-law, as well as weekly youth events and the youth choir. It didn't take long before I noticed Robin Bradshaw, one of the most talented and pretty girls in church. We dated during high school and married shortly after Robin's graduation. She has been a blessing to me and a solid helpmate in ministry through the years.

Grandview was a missional church. It was faithful in giving to the Cooperative Program and assisting in planting new churches in Anchorage and the Valley. In partnership with the Chugach Baptist Association, Grandview sponsored the following church plants: First Baptist, Eagle River, Valley View Baptist, Eagle River, University Baptist, Anchorage, Mountain View Community Church, First Korean Baptist Church, and Montana Creek Baptist Church. They also planted the seeds for multiplication, and most of these churches went on to plant other churches in the state. They sent their youth on mission trips and choir tours to remote communities in Alaska, preparing them for future ministries in Alaska and other parts of the world.

Under the direction of Louise Yarbrough, Grandview organized an English literacy school for internationals coming to Alaska who did not speak English. Volunteer teachers were enlisted, and classes were offered weekly. Out of this ministry, many students accepted Jesus as their Savior. The school grew rapidly because of the overwhelming response of students. Soon, another school was established at Sunset Hills Baptist Church. The congregation at Grandview quickly became multi-cultural.

Robin and I were married at Grandview, and the entire church attended the wedding and reception. This church allowed me to lead music and preach despite being inexperienced and nervous. Grandview laid the groundwork for our future ministry and gladly sent us to assist Immanuel Baptist Church on Old Seward Highway. When we sensed the call of God to go into full-time ministry, I served as a music intern and learned ministry leadership skills at Grandview.

Grandview cared for and supported us when our family went overseas with the IMB. Their unwavering support in prayers and sending packages and love offerings to assist with our Russian ministry was a testament to their caring nature. We are so thankful for Grandview's impact on our lives and ministry.

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Jae McKee
Director of Missions and Church Planting



Celebrating 100 years of Cooperative Program and Missions

2025 marks the centennial anniversary of our Southern Baptist Conventions Cooperative Program. Celebrations across the country and through our 42 State Conventions and National entities are planned and happening what we believe to be the greatest cooperative effort to bring the gospel of Christ and the Kingdom of God to all peoples of the earth.

We enjoy the fruits of this cooperation in tremendous ways here in our great state. The gifts from individual churches of the Alaska Baptist Convention/Resource Network through the Cooperative Program allow our state missionaries to serve in various capacities and roles to support and help to resource the ministries and visions of our local churches and associations. Those gifts are multiplied as we partner with other like-minded Conventions, Associations, and SBC entities for Kingdom work in Alaska.

Partnerships are a vital and necessary blessing for us in Alaska. **FBC Bentonville, Arkansas**, hosted and primarily funded our Minister and Spouse Retreat in Fairbanks and dinner in Anchorage in April. This church also partners with Northern Lights Missions in Tok, Alaska and provided mission and VBS teams for Glacier Valley Baptist Church in Juneau, Alaska this March. Upcoming trips are planned for Copper Center and Cold Bay.

The South Carolina State Convention continues to reach out by providing a team for our Annual Meeting meals and logistics as well as summer missions in Seward. Scott Shields, associational mission's coordinator for South Carolina State Convention, has been a mentor and close friend over the years to me and can always be counted on for wise counsel and support.

The Alabama Baptist State Convention and the **Alabama State Board of Missions** continually provide support of ministries here in Alaska. Our five-year partnership is set to be extended as we have seen the tremendous impact that cooperative missions have had throughout our state during this partnership.

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The **North American Mission Board** continues to partner with us in several ways including:

- Send Network- Assessment, coaching, training and care for church planters and planting couples in our state
- Developing, training and resourcing our churches to become supporting, sending and multiplying churches working together for Gospel and Kingdom expansion.
- Providing evangelism training, resources and event dollars to assist churches in sharing the gospel and developing multiplying disciples in our communities and context.
- Send Relief has provided travel funds for our Alaska Disaster Relief workers to engage in efforts in the lower 48 and funds for gift cards here in Alaska in both Kotzebue and Juneau flooding events.
- Partnership through affiliation with Birchwood Behavior Health was the topic of a zoom call recently whose potential is yet to be realized, but a possibility in the future.
- Opportunities to join in SEND Tours are made available for Alaskans to experience this partnership between NAMB and IMB to lead out in compassion ministries across the U.S. and world as we put our hands and feet to work sharing the love of Christ and the Gospel of the Kingdom.

The **International Mission Board** stewards our gifts through the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas offering to connect us with mission opportunities and missionaries around the world. Training and resources made available to State Conventions and local churches help us gain a broader and more comprehensive world view of the lostness and lack of hope found in a world that needs to know and have redemption through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Many individuals and many local churches across the nation and world partner with us as believers in Alaska. While we may not always acknowledge them individually, we are humbled and grateful for their love and care for us and the ministries that we are called to. May we as Alaska Baptist be as generous and thoughtful of others as those who bless us with their prayers, gifts and labor for the Kingdom of God here in Alaska!

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BREAKING LIVE
NEWS

Does your church have news or events to share?
We'd love to hear from you! If your church has exciting updates, events, or stories to share, please send photos and detailed information to Heather at heather@alaskabrnr.com. Let's celebrate and spread the word about what God is doing in your community!

New Hope Baptist Church Celebrated 65 years on April 27, 2025

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
333 PRIDE STREET ANCHORAGE, AK 99508
Pastor Wilbert L. Michens, Jr.

65TH CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

"Child-like Spirit"
MATTHEW 18:1-5, FOCAL VERSE 3

CELEBRATION BANQUET
Saturday, April 26, 2025, 6:00 p.m. at
Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church Gymnasium
855 E 20th Ave., Anchorage, AK 99501

GUEST SPEAKER
Maurice Revell, Senior Pastor,
The Well Church, Rock Hill, SC

NEW HOPE SUNDAY WORSHIP,
4/27/2025 11:00 a.m.
GUEST SPEAKER
Julian McPhail

NEW HOPE SUNDAY COMMUNITY
ANNIVERSARY WORSHIP, 4/27/2025
4:00 p.m.
GUEST SPEAKER
Pastor Maurice Revell,
WWW.NEWHOPEBAPTISTCHURCHAK.COM

TICKETS: \$60, ADULTS (18 YRS & OLDER), \$15, YOUTH (7-17), FREE (0-6 YEARS)




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You are Invited

Appreciation & Reception

 **Sunday**
18 May, 2025


 **11:00 am**


In recognition of
22+ years of
leadership in
Alaska

Jimmy Stewart

ABRN - Director of Evangelism &
Church Development



 907-279-8481

 FirstBaptistAnchorage@gmail.com

 First Baptist Church of Anchorage- 1100 West 10th Ave

Coming Soon Save the Dates

Reception to honor
Jimmy Stewart
following morning
service.

LAVERNE GRIFFIN CAMP

SUMMER 2025!

www.lavernegriffincamp.org

Trailblazer Camp- June 1st – 5th, 2025 (Sun – Thur)

AK Native Youth co-ed entering grades 7th-12th

\$250 includes camp t-shirt if registered before May 18th

Voyager Camp- June 8th – 12th, 2025 (Sun – Thurs)

Co-ed Kid grades 4th, 5th, 6th

\$250 includes camp t-shirt if registered before May 25th

Pathfinder Camp- June 15th – 19th, 2025 (Sun – Thurs)

Co-ed Youth grades 7th-12th

\$250 includes camp t-shirt if registered before June 1st

JAM Camp (Jesus, Arts, & Music) – June 22nd – 26th, 2025 (Sun – Thurs)

Co-ed entering grades 5th-12th

\$250 includes camp t-shirt if registered before June 8th

The Best Weeks of Summer Are At Camp Baldwin

2025 Camp Schedule

June 18 - 20	Younger Children, Grades K-2
June 23 - 27	Grades 3-4
June 30 - July 4	Grades 5-6
July 7 - 11	Junior High, Grades 7-8
July 14 - 18	Senior High, Grades 9-12

Cost:

Grades K-2	\$115.00
Grades 3-4	\$135.00
Grades 5-6	\$135.00
Grades 7-8	\$135.00
Grades 9-12	\$145.00

Space is **limited**, so register as soon as you can. All camps start with registration at 2:00 pm the first day and ends at 1:00 pm the last day. To attend a camp, you **MUST have completed** the school grade listed for that week.

- T-Shirts will be available for purchase for \$10.00 the first day of camp
- K kids should have spent a night away from home prior to attending camp
- Van Service from Salcha Baptist Church \$20.00 round trip on a limited basis

Register at:

TANANA VALLEY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
Cell 907-378-6248

Mail: PO Box 60261, Fairbanks, AK 99706

Physical Address: 805 Sixth Ave., Fairbanks, AK.

Register Online at: www.tananavallejbaptistassociation.com

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We had a great time at the Minister and Spouse Retreat. A big thank you to our teams from FBC Bentonville Arkansas and FBC Cookeville Tennessee.



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January-March 2025 Gifts from ABRN Churches

<u>Organization</u>	<u>CP</u>	<u>SMO</u>	<u>AA</u>	<u>LM</u>	<u>WH</u>	<u>DR</u>	<u>Total</u>
Salcha Baptist Church	\$425.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$425.50
Sand Point Baptist Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Set Free Church - Kenai	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Settler's Bay Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Shannon Park Baptist Church	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,216.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,316.00
Shungnak Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$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	\$0.00
St. John Baptist Church	\$2,013.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,063.10
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$4,374.98	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,230.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,605.73
Tenakee Springs Community Church	\$850.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,850.50
Tetlin Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
The Crossing @ Birchwood	\$0.00	\$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	\$0.00
Transitional Ministries	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
True North Church	\$7,060.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,541.86	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$18,601.96
True North Church Girdwood	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
UBC - Chinese Fellowship	\$279.00	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$399.00
Unalaska Reformed Church	\$1,571.71	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,571.71
University Baptist Church-Anchorage	\$1,210.24	\$461.43	\$0.00	\$141.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,813.47
University Baptist Church -Fairbanks	\$543.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,793.00
Valley View Baptist Church	\$1,701.09	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,701.09
Wasilla Korean Baptist Church	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$575.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$875.00
White Cliff Church	\$3,103.16	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,103.16
Whittier Christian Community Church	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30.00

<u>Year to date:</u>	<u>\$133,799.82</u>	<u>\$18,228.23</u>	<u>\$1,366.20</u>	<u>\$93,897.12</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$8,000.00</u>	<u>\$255,291.37</u>
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	<u>4Q 2024</u>	<u>1Q 2025</u>	<u>2Q 2025</u>	<u>3Q 2025</u>	<u>4Q 2025</u>	<u>Total</u>
2000 Club Received through 02/28/2025	\$50.00	\$4,773.08	\$960.07	\$910.06	\$910.06	<u>\$5,988.27</u>

Legend:

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

January - March 2025 Gifts from ABRN Churches

Alaska Baptist Resource Network

2025

2024

March


CP Receipts	\$38,951.42		\$29,450.83	
CP Goal	\$62,176.75		\$70,156.33	
Variance	\$(23,225.33)	-37.35%	\$(40,705.50)	-58.02%

Year-to-Date

CP Receipts	\$133,799.82		\$140,349.07	
CP Goal	\$186,530.25		\$210,468.99	
Variance	\$(52,730.43)	-28.27%	\$(70,119.92)	-33.32%

March 2025 CP Dollars that stayed in Alaska for the Lord's Work:

\$31,161.14



May

SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

Identity in Christ

Day 1: John 1:9-13	Day 17: II Timothy 2:1-7
Day 2: Ephesians 1:1-4	Day 18: II Timothy 2:8-12
Day 3: Ephesians 1:5-10	Day 19: II Timothy 2:15-16
Day 4: Ephesians 1:11-14	Day 20: II Timothy 2:19-22
Day 5: Romans 14:7-9	Day 21: Titus 2:11-14
Day 6: Genesis 1:26-27	Day 22: John 17:9-13
Day 7: Colossians 2:6-12	Day 23: John 17:14-19
Day 8: Colossians 1:1-6	Day 24: John 17:20-26
Day 9: I Peter 4:1-16	Day 25: Galatians 3:27-28
Day 10: Revelation 3:5	Day 26: I Corinthians 6:19-20
Day 11: Revelation 21:5-7	Day 27: II Corinthians 6:14-18
Day 12: I Thessalonians 4:16-18	Day 28: Jeremiah 1:5
Day 13: I Thessalonians 5:23-24	Day 29: I John 3:1-3
Day 14: II Thessalonians 2:13-17	Day 30: II John 1:9-11
Day 15: I Timothy 6:17-19	Day 31: III John 1:11
Day 16: I Peter 2:9-10	

*Commit to spending 10 minutes every day to meditate and reflect on God's Word.
Write down what you have gleaned from each day's scripture.*

The Ruffled Manger

Upcoming Events

May 2025

- May 1 National Day of Prayer
- May 5 - 6 ABRN Executive Board Meeting
- May 8 ABF Board Meeting
- May 11 Mother's Day
- May 11 Day of Prayer for Birchwood Behavioral Health
- May 26 ABRN and ABF office closed for Memorial Day



Please Pray for our Pastorless Churches

Aquillaq Baptist Mission, Ambler
Chinese Fellowship, Fairbanks
Montana Creek Baptist Church, Talkeetna
Moose Pass Community Church
Riverside Chapel, King Salmon
Shungnak Baptist Mission
Sunset Hills Baptist Church, Anchorage
True North Church, Girdwood

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AVAILABLE POSITIONS

- Cottage Supervisor ✓
- Food Manager ✓
- Residential Floor Staff ✓

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Friendship Baptist Mission

Fairbanks, Alaska is looking for an associate/youth pastor.

Contact: Pastor David Joseph 907-347-4746.
Email resumes to alaskans34@gmail.com or Friendshipbaptistmissionak@gmail.com



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907-349-2222
Ages 4 and up



Montana Creek Baptist Church

Talkeetna, Alaska is seeking a

bi-vocational pastor. Please send

resumes to Luke Fore at

MCBCpastorcommittee@gmail.com.

2000 CLUB 2025

SECOND QUARTER APR-JUN 2025

First Baptist Church Petersburg will be utilizing 2000 Club funds for renovations and repairs to enhance their church parsonage.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!