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First Baptist Church, Valdez, Alaska



## The Path to Unity

by Don Shannon

During my forty years of ministry in Alaska I have had the privilege and joy to journey with others, even when the road got bumpy. Scripture seems to teach that the bumpy road is to be a joyful road. James challenges us to “Consider it pure joy, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know the testing of your faith develops perseverance and perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete not lacking anything” (James 1:2-4).

As we face trials it is critical to address our attitude toward them. Far too often we become impatient in difficulties which tends to cause resentment, grumbling, and complaining about the very issue designed to bring maturity in the Christian life. Perhaps one of the greatest trials we face in our journey together is having the proper attitude when we are in conflict with others. When the issue of conflict arises many miss how conflict provides us the opportunity to be children of God. Jesus taught, “The peacemakers are blessed, for they will be called sons of God” (Matthew 5:9).

A peacemaker understands that conflict provides a believer with the opportunity to glorify God, serve others, and grow to be like Christ. We must be aware that words play a key role in almost every conflict which highlights the importance of Ephesians 4:15, “Speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is Christ.” With God’s help we can learn to speak the truth in love by saying only those things that will build others up, by listening responsibly to what others say, and by using principles of wisdom.

On important doctrinal issues, it’s okay to have an opinion, even a strong opinion. It’s acceptable to debate the issues. But

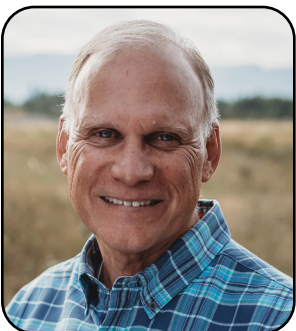
we must lay down our swords of animosity, bitterness, and hostility as we remember the real enemy is the devil, not other Christians. Let us love one another with the same compassion that Christ displayed. Let us lighten fellow believers’ load by bearing one another’s burdens. Let tenderly correct while helping to find solutions to the problems. Let us pray for one another in the Spirit without ceasing. Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.

An encouraging note is to see the unity on the national scene. As your representative on the SBC Executive Committee, I am pleased to report the unanimous election of our new president, Dr. Jeff Iorg. Jeff Iorg’s strong, caring and effective leadership will become known among Southern Baptist as his strategic changes will focus on restoring confidence and providing direction for the SBC Executive Committee.

Another sign of unity is the increase in Cooperative Program giving. By this point (April) in the 2022-2023 fiscal year, Southern Baptists had given \$97,839,277.52 through the Cooperative Program. This year’s total so far is \$98,120,891.12, a .29 percent increase. Designated giving totals for the year are also very close to last year’s, at .53 percent higher.

A final note - Pre-registration for SBC24 continues to climb and is on pace for us to have our second-largest meeting ever in Indianapolis. It’s encouraging to see the number of Southern Baptist churches engaging in the Convention continue to rise from where it was just a few short years ago.

In the coming days let it be said of us, “By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another” (John 13:35).



### **Randy Covington, *Executive Director***

In advance of the annual SBC Convention, Dr. Covington has requested a guest article from Dr. Don Shannon, the Alaska Representative to the SBC Executive Committee. Dr. Shannon is pastor of Sunset Hills Baptist Church, Anchorage.



**Jimmy Stewart, State Director of Evangelism and Church Development**

## Be a Disciple-Maker

Discipleship is the main calling of the Great Commission. Jesus told his disciples to make disciples. Recently I spoke with a man business owner who asked me about my work. He was very interested in selling products to our churches. After assuring him I was unable to speak for our autonomous churches I asked if he considered himself a disciple of Jesus Christ. He sat back, paused, then stated he was not, but was interested and curious. Full disclosure here, the man wasn't curious or interested enough to respond to my attempts to follow up and that is ok. I hoped the question would be a way to engage him in a conversation about Christ. I still hope to follow up.

When Jesus encountered some of his disciples He said, "Follow me."

Matthew 9:9 (HCSB) "As Jesus went on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office, and He said to him, "Follow Me!" So he got up and followed Him."

Can you imagine walking up to someone and ask them to follow? I have often thought I would like to try that. How would they respond? Would they think, well why not? Or would they call the police? Contextually, of course, Jesus was known already by those he asked to follow him. The ones that followed Jesus saw Him before they were asked. The Jews were expecting the Messiah. They were looking for his arrival. Some of John's disciples were sent to ask Jesus:

Luke 7:20 (CSB Bible) "When the men reached him, they said, "John the Baptist sent us to ask you, 'Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?' ""

The Jews in the New Testament had a better understanding of the Messiah than people today. They anticipated His arrival and had a good idea of what to look for in the One who was to come. Today, it is different. The general population lacks knowledge of the Messiah, of God, and of the Bible. The ones who don't come to

church, especially here in Alaska, do not want to learn more. There are many who are indifferent--even antagonistic--to church and the Bible. To walk up to someone and ask them to follow would most likely not be well received.

Do we, as disciples, know how to engage a lost world not interested in the gospel? Do we know how to make disciples? We are good at producing services, programs and events. Making disciples who make disciples is the goal. What would happen to your church membership if it required members to make disciples? How would you quantify and measure that? Would you consider those who are in discipleship groups a member if they were not actively making disciples themselves? Or would you consider them as "pre-disciples?" We are teaching, engaging believers, and encouraging them to follow Jesus. But, if most of our members only attend church one service a week, is that really discipleship? These are hard questions to ask. Please understand my intent is to spur leaders to commit more intentionality to disciple.

For the last few years I have been leading men's discipleship study on Wednesday mornings. These men decided on their own to hold a men's conference this past February. I was amazed that when our little group of 10-15 guys held the event almost 90 showed up. Three men were saved and most stayed the for the entire Saturday meeting and were challenged to live for Jesus. I know my group could improve in the way we disciple. That is why I am excited to learn from Bill Wilks who is coming here in June to lead "Living the D-Life Bootcamps." Look on our website and in this newsletter for dates and times. The bootcamps will be held in Anchorage, Kenai and Fairbanks. Come be part of the training for D-Life groups and learn to train others in your church to do the same. If you have questions and want to know more look up [www.livethedlife.com](http://www.livethedlife.com), or call or email me. I hope you will come, receive all the books and materials to help you start a disciple making journey that others are already doing in many states. See you there.

# Korean American nurse returns to Korea, supports missionary presence

By Myriah Snyder

The first time God caught Peace Joo's attention, she was in high school at a summer youth retreat in Texas. While rafting down a river, her raft overturned. The current was too strong. She felt herself being pulled under. But her youth pastor's hand reached out and pulled her to safety.

Once back on dry land, she realized that in that moment she wasn't just drowning in the rapids. She was also drowning in her sin. And she didn't want to be.

"I felt it was God who reached out to me that day," Joo said. "I repented, and I was saved. That's when I met Jesus Christ for the first time."

Joo moved to the U.S. from Korea as a child, with her family. Though Buddhist, her parents encouraged her to get involved in a Christian church. There, she could make friends and have a community, they said.

After college, Joo dove headfirst into a career in hotel management. She loved the freedom and experience her career gave her, managing five-star hotels and opening new ones across the U.S.

She admits that, as her career took off, "I was more focused on building my kingdom."

Her perspective shifted in September 2001. She was scheduled to open a Ritz-Carlton Hotel in the heart of New York City, right in front of the Twin Towers. She changed her plans to take a short, unplanned vacation and go home to Houston, Texas, first. That was at the beginning of September.

While home, she and her family were glued to their TV screens as they watched the devastation of September 11, 2001, unfold barely a block from where Joo was scheduled to be working.

"The tragedy of 9/11 opened my eyes to clearly see the lost souls that needed to hear the gospel. Things in the world were just vain and insecure," she said. "God opened my eyes to His plans for me, which was not to build my own kingdom, but to build His kingdom in the name of Jesus Christ. At that time, I realized His authority in my life, and I acknowledged His complete control over me."

After this, she knew that chasing money and importance wasn't the life God had called her to. She went to nursing school "to reach out to save lost souls through the gospel and medical needs. This was my first step to submitting to the Lord," she said.

After finishing nursing school, Joo dedicated her vacation time each year to short-term mission trips. On mission trips to East Asia, she observed the lives of the missionaries she encountered. She was convinced that, though she wasn't sure of the avenue yet, God would eventually lead her into missions.

She put the call to live internationally and be a light into practice when she worked as a nurse in a country dominated by Islam. There she was able to feel closer to the Lord than she had in years. After nearly 10 years, she participated in another short-term missions opportunity.

"During this time, God reaffirmed His calling to build His kingdom in Christ for those who have not heard the good news and to share the gospel to unreached areas. I was afraid to submit to God fully, thinking that I was not qualified to be His servant," she said. But, armed with Genesis 28:15, she was reminded that God was with her and would lead her and fulfill His promises.

When she learned about the opportunities to go as a mission-

ary with the International Mission Board, she knew what God had been preparing her for. In December 2023, she embarked on a new journey, back to the land of her birth, to serve IMB workers across Asia while also engaging in local work.

When the IMB began talking with her, they told her she was just what they were praying for. She'll be supporting IMB missionaries in Korea and other Asian nations as they plant churches and make disciples. Her knowledge of the language makes her perfect for the job.

"I'm helping missionaries on the field and am an advocate for them. My role helps them stay longer," she said. She's

also already investing in international students, like the ones she met and connected with while taking care of some immigration errands. She knows she's also uniquely poised to understand their plight, because she once was an international student.

Your giving to the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering® supports missionary presence like Joo's across Asia.

Please visit [imb.org/asian-church-missions](http://imb.org/asian-church-missions) for more stories and resources to promote Asian church missions opportunities.

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Some names have been changed for security.

Myriah Snyder, former writer for the IMB, is now a corporate communications specialist at Lifeway.



Peace Joo pursued nursing school to reach out to save lost souls through the gospel and medical needs. IMB Photo

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**Executive Committee Actions  
approved between November 2023 and May 2024:**

1. On 12/4/2023, approved to grant Randy Covington sabbatical leave from January 15, 2024, through March 14, 2024. Due to health issues, the sabbatical leave was extended for an additional four weeks.
2. On 12/6/2023, approved to assign Northern Lights Mission as the second quarter 2024 2000 Club Call recipient to assist in constructing a multi-purpose building/Vocational Training Facility.
3. On 12/6/2023, approved to assign New Hope Baptist Church as the third quarter 2024 2000 Club Call recipient to purchase rechargeable flood lights, a 20-ft Conex container, and a generator.
4. On 12/6/2023, approved to allocate \$4,000 from Affinity Group Training Account 8330 to Northern Lights Missions to assist in constructing a multi-purpose building/Vocational Training Facility.
5. On 2/1/2024, approved to allocate \$3,800 from State-Wide Missions Funds Account 8196 to Sunset Hills Baptist Church to be specifically designated for airfare, housing, and necessities to sustain the church's ongoing ministry in Gambell, Alaska.
6. On 2/19/2024, approved to permit Restoration Church to repurpose the remaining funds of the awarded 2000 Club funds to upgrade the kids' ministry rooms at their new location.
7. On 3/15/2024, approved to send Whittier Christian Community Church \$3,000 from Account 8196 State-Wide Missions to upgrade its Youth Cabin.
8. On 3/15/2024, approved to grant \$7,500 of Account 8196 State-Wide Missions funds to University Baptist Church, Anchorage to assist with church parsonage renovations.
9. On 3/15/2024, approved to assign University Baptist Church, Anchorage as the fourth quarter 2024 recipient of the 2000 Club Call to support their renovation projects.
10. On 3/26/2024, approved ABC/ABRN to receive 3 acres of property and church building offered by Northern Life Church in Copper Center, Alaska for \$1.00 and gave authorization to proceed with the acceptance of this gift by securing a property title search from the First American Title Company and have them handle the transfer of property to the Alaska Baptist Convention (dba Alaska Baptist Resource Network).
11. On 3/26/2024, approved to invite Ogburn and White, LLC, an accounting firm in Montgomery, Alabama, to assess the 2023 ABRN and Alaska Baptist Foundation financial records.

**Summary of Board Actions from May 6-7, 2024,  
ABRN Executive Board Meeting:**

1. Approved the 2024-2025 Calendar of Events presented by the Administration and Personnel Committee to be printed in the next publication of the Book of Reports. A copy of the

calendar is located in the May 6-7, 2024, Executive Board Meeting master file.

2. Approved to repair and retain the cabin on five acres in Soldotna from the Gary Evans Estate to be used as a retreat center. It may also be used as a rental for tourists to generate revenue for the ABRN. The status of the real property will be reviewed in November 2026 to assess the viability of the proposed use.
3. Approved a new procedure for receiving membership into the ABC/ABRN group of affiliated churches. A copy of the new procedure is located in the May 6-7, 2024, Executive Board Meeting master file and will be included in the Policies and Procedures Manual Part I to replace the current procedure.
4. Approved sexual abuse reporting procedures for the ABRN Directors to be included in the Policies and Procedures Manual Part II. A copy of the reporting procedures is located in the May 6-7, 2024, Executive Board Meeting master file.
5. Approved the March 2024 Financial Report as presented. A copy of the report is located in the May 6-7, 2024, Executive Board Meeting master file.
6. Approved the 2025 Proposed ABRN Budget of \$910,280.00 which reflects a 1.5% cost of living adjustment for all employees and projected 2025 personnel transitions. A copy of the 2025 Proposed ABRN Budget is located in the May 6-7, 2024, Executive Board Meeting master file.
7. Approved to grant St. Johns Baptist Church \$10,000 from Account 8196 State-Wide Missions Funds to assist in church window replacement.
8. Approved grant of \$8,298.91 to First Baptist Church, Anchorage from Account 8920 Evangelism Designated Fund to assist with the Togiak village ministry project to install Starlink equipment, a TV, sound equipment, and streaming equipment.
9. Approved to grant First Baptist Church, Anchorage \$5,000 from Account 8196 State-Wide Mission Funds to cover airfare, supplies, and housing for a mission trip to Togiak.
10. Approved granting Foundation Church \$5,000 from Account 8196 State-Wide Mission Funds to purchase new chairs.
11. Approved granting Frontier Southern Baptist Church, Kodiak \$5,000 from Account 8196 State-Wide Missions Funds for Kodiak village mission work.
12. Approved the theme of the 2024 Annual Meeting to be "*Reaching Forward*" from Philippians 3:13b-14 "forgetting what lies behind and *reaching forward* to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." Also approved for the 2024 Book of Reports to be dedicated to Glen and Nancy Little.
13. Approved to adjourn this meeting and dispense with the reading of minutes. This postponed both sets of minutes to the next scheduled board meeting in November.



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**ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE**

SEPTEMBER 23-25, 2024

All events **EXCEPT THE PASTORS' CONFERENCE** are at the Valdez Convention & Civic Center (VCCC)

**Monday, September 23, 2024**

7:00 p.m. Impact Alaska Conference

**Tuesday, September 24, 2024**

7:30 a.m. Breakfast

9:00 a.m.

- Pastors' Conference at First Baptist Church, Valdez; Main Sanctuary
- WMU Annual Meeting

12:00 Lunch

1:45 Business Session

4:45 Supper

6:00 Vote on officers/Reports on our nation and the world

**Wednesday, September 25, 2024**

7:30 a.m. Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Reports on Alaska

12:00 adjourn

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# LAVERNE GRIFFIN CAMP

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## **Trailblazer Camp- May 26th – 30th, 2024 (Sun – Thurs)**

AK Native Youth co-ed entering grades 7th-12th  
\$250 (includes camp t-shirt) Registration ends May 16th

## **Pioneer Camp- June 2nd – 6th, 2024 (Sun – Thurs)**

Kids co-ed entering 2nd-4th  
\$250 (includes camp t-shirt) Registration ends May 23rd

## **Voyager Camp- June 9th – 13th, 2024 (Sun – Thurs)**

Kids co-ed entering grades 5th-6th  
\$250 (includes camp t-shirt) Registration ends May 30th

## **Pathfinder Camp- June 16th – 20th, 2024 (Sun – Thurs)**

Youth co-ed entering grades 7th-12th  
\$250 (includes camp t-shirt) Registration ends June 6th

## **JAM Camp (Jesus, Arts, & Music)- June 23rd-27th, 2024 (Sun – Thurs)**

Co-ed entering grades 5th-12th  
\$250 (includes camp t-shirt) Registration ends June 13th

### **STAFF NEEDED**

There are openings for one female and one male summer missionary staff.  
Please see the staff application link at [lavernegriffincamp.org/summer-staff/](http://lavernegriffincamp.org/summer-staff/). Must be 18 years or older!

Also needed are additional adult camp volunteers for the following camps.  
We would *really love it if* local Alaska folks would invest in summer camping at LGC!

June 16th – 20th : Pathfinder — Co-ed Youth, grades 7-12

June 23rd – 27th : JAM (Jesus, Art,& Music) — Co-ed Youth grades 5-12



**2024 Camp Baldwin  
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Camp Baldwin is a faith-based camp sponsored by the Tanana Valley Baptist Association, located in the suburbs of Delta Junction, Alaska.

Camp Baldwin is a traditional camp setting with Bible studies and activities. We have loving caregivers - trained summer missionaries who come to Alaska to serve the Lord. This is an overnight camp. We have bath houses, dining room/kitchen, recreational areas, bunk houses, etc.

**June 26 - 28 Children who have finished K-2 grade \$90.00**

**July 1 – 5 Children who have finished 3-4 grade \$110.00**

**July 8 - 12 Children who have finished 5-6 grade \$110.00**

**July 15 - 19 Children who have finished 7-8 grade \$110.00**

**July 22 - 26 Children who have finished 9-12 grade \$120.00**

**T-Shirts are \$10.00** and will be available to purchase at camp on the first day of attending camp.

**Snack Shop Fee: K - 2 is \$6.00**

**Grade 3 - 6 is \$10.00**

**Grade 7 - 12 is \$12.00**

Parents, please mark younger children's clothes with the camper's name.

Questions - call Sandy 907-378-6248

**PLEASE MAIL IN CAMP REGISTRTRION FEES TO: TVBA, PO BOX 60261, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA 99706 PLEASE PAY BEFORE CAMP STARTS. THANK YOU. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "TVBA"**

Availability to attend camp is taken by order of registrations submitted. Once a camp is full, all other registrations will be put on a wait will be notified if and when room is available.

# Not cliché when missionaries ask for ‘more workers’

By Sue Sprenkle

Ask David Lee and Zoey Kim about the one thing that can push their ministry in Madagascar to the next level. The International Mission Board missionary couple will answer in unison, “More workers.”

It might sound like a missionary cliché but Zoey contends the harvest is real and the workers are few.

“Madagascar is an open country. This means you can proclaim Christ anywhere,” the veteran missionary explains. “We pray every day at 10:02 for more people to join us. We are desperately asking churches to send more people.”



The Lee family serve as IMB missionaries in Madagascar. IMB Photo

especially outside the capital, Antananarivo. Travel is difficult from village to village. Education levels are low. The nation has one of the highest poverty rates in the world at 75%.

David and Zoey have found most people are willing to hear the gospel. In fact, government statistics list Madagascar as 50% Christian. The majority of those, however, are cultural Christians. The couple say about 2% are considered evangelical and understand the gospel message.

Due to the lack of education, many churches do not use a Bible. It’s hard to find someone who has read through the Bible. Many people will go to church their entire lives but do not know Jesus.

So, the couple’s team works with local churches to bring evangelism training to all parts of the island. They do this in a wide variety of ways — teaching seminary classes, medical work, trauma counseling, Bible studies and university work.

“We need leadership training,” Zoey says, pointing out one way U.S. churches can help. Even though the IMB team and national partners go out to share the gospel, there is no one equipped to disciple or lead a fellowship when they leave the area.

“We are focusing on young adults and university students and trying to cast a vision to study the Word of God,” she adds. “We want to teach them the calling of God, so they become a generation of leaders.”

Last year they hosted a young adult camp, inviting close to 350 university students and young adults. The majority had never heard a clear presentation of the gospel. By the end of the week, around 150 professed a faith in Jesus. Another camp is planned for this summer.

Students are encouraged to get involved in churches that teach the Bible. Many national partners help host the event and draw the

young, new believers in for discipleship, but there’s not enough.

This type of mentorship is an important step. Zoey remembers her home churches in South Korea, Canada and Texas teaching her how to do mission work and how important studying the Bible is. Now imagine, she continues, if you didn’t have that resource available. Without mentors discipling new believers or developing biblical leadership, how will the word of God take root and spread?

“That’s why we need U.S. churches,” she says, thanking Southern Baptists for their support, generous giving and prayers. “Without you guys, it’s impossible to do all of this. Please think about going one step further and join us.”



David Lee teaches the Bible in Ambalavola, Madagascar. The IMB missionary uses seminary classes and Bible studies to disciple and develop church leadership. IMB Photo



Eleven people were baptized at a recent gathering of two churches in Madagascar. Discipling new believers and developing church leadership is a big need in this African island nation. IMB Photo



*The IMB celebrates the rich contributions of Asians, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to the Revelation 7:9 vision. Please visit [www.imb.org/asian-church-missions](http://www.imb.org/asian-church-missions) for more stories and resources to promote Asian church missions opportunities.*



A group of young adults hold up Bibles they received during a Bible study in Madagascar. IMB missionaries say people can go to church their entire lives without ever seeing a Bible. The IMB partners with local believers to teach God’s word. IMB Photo



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## Six Practices of Disciple-Making

by Bill Wilks

Disciple-making is not a program; it's a lifestyle. This is a big truth. Jesus said, "Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men" (Matt 4:19). Clearly, this was no call to join a discipleship program but an invitation to a lifestyle of disciple-making. According to Jesus, this lifestyle is the supreme purpose of every believer. You cannot be a true follower of Jesus without becoming a fisher of men.

### Common Misconceptions

There are some common misconceptions in today's church about disciple-making. Some think it is merely evangelism. Certainly, evangelism is a vital part of disciple-making, but making converts is not the same as making disciples. You can do evangelism without being a disciple maker, but you cannot be a disciple maker without doing evangelism.

Others think disciple-making is merely doing Bible study. Again, Bible study is a vital part of disciple-making, but there is a problem. Many participate in great Bible studies and then want to know when is the next one and the next one and the next one. True disciple-making is not Bible study alone. We often find ourselves making great Bible learners but not reproducing disciple makers.

### Christ's Model

With no buildings or budgets, Jesus launched a disciple-making movement that exploded upon the world. In comparison, the church today has discipleship programs, but few disciple-making people. We must exchange our misconceptions about discipleship for Christ's model of disciple-making.

Jesus made disciples who made disciples; He didn't make any other kind. Apart from multiplication, there is no real discipleship. Multiplication is the key to reaching our world for Christ. However, most churches today lack a simple process for equipping believers to make and to multiply disciples. For the most part, we are attempting to reach the world by addition, and we simply cannot keep pace.

Jesus modeled six practices of disciple-making with His discipleship group. By following His example, anyone can lead a small discipleship group (D-Group) anytime and anywhere for: 1) fellowship, 2) teaching, 3) prayer, 4) ministry, 5) multiplication, and 6) accountability.

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Anchor of Hope Church, Kenai, AK  
Sunday, June 9 | 3:30 - 7:30 PM

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Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
Agape Fellowship	\$3,543.33	\$420.30	\$620.00	\$700.13	\$0.00	\$5,283.76
Alaska Iu-Mienh First Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Anchor of Hope	\$1,135.12	\$99.51	\$246.46	\$246.46	\$0.00	\$1,727.55
Aquillaq Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Big Lake Baptist Church	\$4,851.91	\$0.00	\$1,795.00	\$1,165.00	\$0.00	\$7,811.91
Bodenburg Butte Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Calvary Baptist Church	\$861.06	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$520.00	\$0.00	\$1,381.06
Christ Community Church	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,255.00	\$0.00	\$1,855.00
Clearwater Baptist Church	\$1,251.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,251.00
Cliffside Community Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Coffman Cove Community Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cold Bay Chapel	\$638.85	\$250.00	\$750.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$1,888.85
College Heights Baptist Church	\$9,429.04	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,045.00	\$0.00	\$23,474.04
Connection Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cottonwood Creek Cowboy Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cross Roads Baptist Church	\$4,902.00	\$0.00	\$385.00	\$2,011.00	\$0.00	\$7,298.00
CrossCountry Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Dillingham Bible Fellowship	\$3,863.57	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$4,663.57
Eagle River Korean Baptist Church	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Fairbanks Korean Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fairview Loop Baptist Church	\$14,840.42	\$3,028.50	\$0.00	\$4,359.50	\$0.00	\$22,228.42
Faith Baptist Church	\$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	\$1,406.71	\$0.00	\$7,193.00	\$2,095.00	\$0.00	\$10,694.71
First Baptist Church of Eagle River	\$13,324.82	\$0.00	\$2,928.00	\$5,202.00	\$1,578.00	\$23,032.82
First Baptist Church of Fairbanks	\$3,780.35	\$0.00	\$1,280.06	\$1,810.12	\$0.00	\$6,870.53
First Baptist Church of North Pole	\$1,506.00	\$0.00	\$2,440.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,946.00
First Baptist Church, Delta Junction	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,645.00	\$0.00	\$7,645.00
First Baptist Church, Juneau	\$3,396.00	\$295.00	\$375.00	\$405.00	\$0.00	\$4,471.00
First Baptist Church, Kotzebue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church, Palmer	\$2,675.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,675.00
First Baptist Church, Petersburg	\$12,005.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$15,505.50
First Baptist Church, Sitka	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
First Baptist Church, Soldotna	\$921.68	\$55.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$976.68
First Baptist Church, Valdez	\$7,903.41	\$0.00	\$2,045.00	\$4,479.70	\$0.00	\$14,428.11
First Baptist Church, Willow	\$1,892.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$825.00	\$0.00	\$2,717.35
First Hmong Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Korean Baptist Church	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$1,100.00
First Native Baptist Church	\$568.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$568.00
Foundation Church	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$281.77	\$220.00	\$0.00	\$1,301.77
FRF-Saturday Night	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Friendship Baptist Mission	\$2,034.14	\$800.00	\$500.00	\$450.00	\$0.00	\$3,784.14
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 Southern Baptist Church	\$3,979.19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,979.19
Gilead Ministries	\$1,946.47	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,946.47
Glacier Valley Baptist Church	\$8,196.80	\$2,289.00	\$0.00	\$5,772.50	\$0.00	\$16,258.30
Grace Life Community	\$1,628.27	\$260.00	\$500.00	\$1,450.00	\$0.00	\$3,838.27
Grandview Baptist Church	\$6,621.31	\$0.00	\$475.00	\$370.00	\$0.00	\$7,466.31
Greater Friendship Baptist Church	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,500.00
Hillside Baptist Church	\$5,342.10	\$2,568.53	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,910.63
Hoonah Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Iglesia Bautista Hispana Sunset Hills	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Immanuel Baptist Church	\$614.92	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,078.50	\$0.00	\$3,693.42
Journey Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Kasaan Fellowship	\$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 Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Korean New Central Baptist Church	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Liberty Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Lighthouse Community Church	\$918.83	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$918.83
Malamalama Fou (New Light) Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Misc. Contributors-Cash	\$0.00	\$12,854.67	\$100.00	\$230.00	\$140.00	\$13,324.67
Montana Creek Baptist Church	\$4,798.32	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,798.32
Moose Creek Baptist Church	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$350.00
Moose Pass Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Morning Star Baptist Church	\$4,424.03	\$0.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,465.00	\$0.00	\$6,989.03
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	\$1,397.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,397.00
New Birth Christian Church	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,300.00
New Grace Christian Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Hope Baptist Church	\$2,456.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,456.00
New Hope Fellowship	\$355.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$855.00
North Tongass Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Northern Lights Missions	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$225.00
Pathway Discipleship Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pioneer Baptist Church of Wasilla	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rabbit Creek Church	\$3,206.58	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,206.58
Rescate Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Restoration Church dba of Chugach Bible Church	\$3,115.68	\$2,995.68	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$0.00

# January-April 2024 Gifts from ABRN Churches

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
River In The Desert Community Church	\$1,030.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,030.00
Riverside Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Roots Family Church, Soldotna	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sabbath Peace Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Salcha Baptist Church	\$891.64	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$891.64
Sand Point Baptist Chapel	\$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
Settler's Bay Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Shannon Park Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
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	\$3,570.37	\$50.00	\$297.00	\$135.00	\$0.00	\$4,052.37
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$6,874.49	\$0.00	\$2,230.00	\$5,371.88	\$0.00	\$14,476.37
Tenakee Springs Community Church	\$446.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$446.50
Tetlin Community Church	\$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
Thorne Bay Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Togiak Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Transitional Ministries	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$35.00
True North Church	\$15,299.27	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,299.27
True North Church Girdwood	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
UBC-Chinese Fellowship	\$314.50	\$0.00	\$220.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$534.50
Unalaska Reformed Church	\$2,974.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,974.30
University Baptist Church, Anchorage	\$1,914.09	\$0.00	\$1,531.30	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,445.39
University Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$1,837.00	\$100.00	\$119.11	\$2,196.00	\$0.00	\$4,252.11
Valley View Baptist Church	\$3,490.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,653.90	\$0.00	\$5,144.40
Wasilla Korean Baptist Church	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,400.00
White Cliff Church	\$5,291.19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,291.19
Whittier Christian Community Church	\$375.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$625.00
Williwaw Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$120.00
	\$208,744.61	\$23,470.51	\$28,161.70	\$73,196.69	\$1,778.00	\$335,351.51
	2023	1Q 2024	2Q 2024	3Q 2024	4Q 2024	
2000 Club received through 4/30/2024	\$105.00	\$4,086.42	\$2,498.55	\$230.00	\$230.00	\$7,149.97
						\$342,501.48

*Thank you*  
 Because of your congregation's Cooperative Program giving through the Alaska Baptist Resource Network, in April 2024 **\$54,716.43** remained in Alaska for missions and ministries.

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

**\$2498.55**  
 has been received for  
 2nd Q 2024\*  
 \*as of 4/30/24

## Alaska Baptist Resource Network Cooperative Program Support

	2023		2022	
<b>April</b>				
CP Receipts	\$68,395.54		\$48,489.84	
CP Goal	\$70,156.33		\$63,541.17	
Variance	\$(1,760.79)	-2.51%	\$(15,051.33)	-23.69%
<b>Year-to-Date</b>				
CP Receipts	\$208,744.61		\$204,387.81	
CP Goal	\$280,625.32		\$254,164.68	
Variance	\$(71,880.71)	-25.61%	\$(49,776.87)	-19.58%

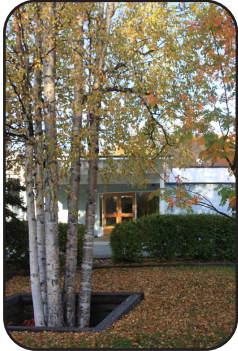
## — Upcoming Events —

### June

10 WMU National Annual Meeting  
10 SBC Pastor's Conference  
11-12 Southern Baptist Convention

### July

4 ABRN and ABF offices close for Independence Day



### GRACE LIFE COMMUNITY

formerly First Baptist Church, Wasilla,  
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If you are interested,  
contact Amber,  
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### FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST MISSION

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

Contact: Pastor David Joseph at 1-907-347-4746.

Email resumes to [alaskans34@gmail.com](mailto:alaskans34@gmail.com) or  
[friendshipbaptistmission@outlook.com](mailto:friendshipbaptistmission@outlook.com).

## Please Pray for our Pastorless Churches

Aquillaq Baptist Mission, Ambler  
Chinese Fellowship, Fairbanks  
Cross Roads Baptist Church, North Pole  
First Baptist Church, Juneau  
First Baptist Church, Kotzebue  
First Baptist Church, Sitka  
First Native Baptist Church, Anchorage  
Grace Life Community  
(formerly First Baptist Church, Wasilla)  
Riverside Chapel, King Salmon  
Shungnak Baptist Mission  
True North Church, Girdwood  
Valley View Baptist Church, Eagle River

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