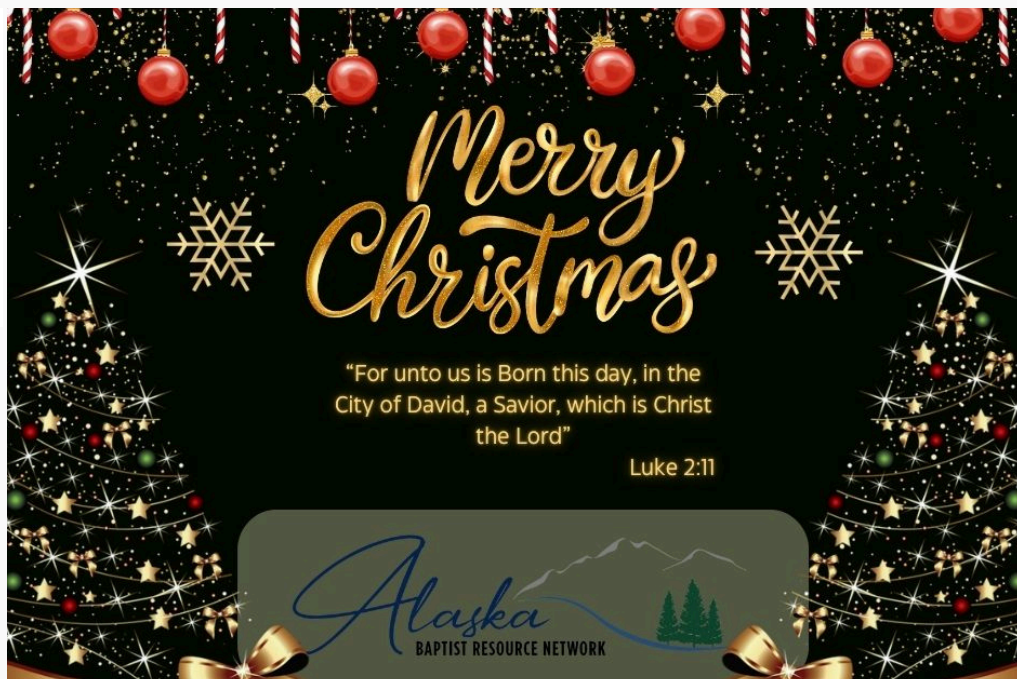


# ALASKA BAPTIST RESOURCE NETWORK

# MILEPOST



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## CHRISTMAS GREETING

“For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” – Isaiah 9:6

As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, we rejoice in the hope and peace that only He can bring. This Christmas season, we are thankful for our churches, pastors, and ministry partners across Alaska and lower 48 who faithfully shine His light in their communities.

May the joy of Christ fill your hearts and homes this season, and may His love guide you into the New Year.

With gratitude and blessings,

The Alaska Baptist Resource Network Staff



## Wisemen Still Seek Him

Randy Covington, Executive Director

One of the timeless Christmas carols of the season of Christ's birth is "We Three Kings of Orient Are." It has been sung each year for more than a century. While there are many miracles and mysteries surrounding the Nativity, the visit to Bethlehem by these men from the East is shrouded in mystery. Were there three of them? Were they kings, wisemen or magi? What is a magi? Where did they come from? How did they know about the impending birth of Christ? How do you follow a star? When did they find the Christ child?

Christian folklore has attempted to answer some of these questions. Suggested names have been given to three of them: Caspar – a young man from the continent of Europe; Melchior – an older man with a white beard from the Asian continent; and Balthazar, a middle-aged man of African descent. Attempts have been made by some to explain the symbolic meaning of the gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh and their intrinsic value to this pivotal event in history. However, most of the questions surrounding these men remain a mystery to us today.

What can we learn from the actions and attitudes of these characters who have been memorialized in most artistic nativity scenes that we see today? I once heard the statement that "wisemen still seek him." I have contemplated that thought many times to understand what it takes to be a wise man. Here are some things that I have learned from the passage we find in Matthew 2:1-16.

1. Wise men seek diligently to know Christ! These were learned men. Whether they were kings, wisemen, or priest-sages, it appears evident that they spent a lot of time studying manuscripts and written sources of knowledge of their day. They most likely studied astrology and the natural sciences and appeared to be familiar with Jewish prophecy. It is ironic that they seemed to know more about the prophecy of the birth of a Messiah than the king of the Jews.
2. Wise men seek the abundant joy of knowing Christ! There was great expectation for what they would find. Verse 10 tells us that when they found the place where the child was, they were full of joy. The fact that their investigation of this promised birth compelled them to travel such a great distance is evidence of an urgency to observe this historic event in person. The valuable gifts they brought to honor this new king demonstrates hope for a momentous life and reign.
3. Wise men seek to worship the Christ of the ages! These men's response to an unknown king is, perhaps, the most intriguing aspect of the story. What more did they know to cause them to bow down and worship this young child? (v 11) What could they possibly know about his future impact on the history of mankind? This one truth I know: When wise men seek diligently to know Christ and the joy that can be found in that knowledge, the only response is to worship Him!

That's what Christmas is about for those who have encountered the Christ child in a personal way. We know Him intimately! We know the joy of his transforming grace in our lives! We have the privilege of worshipping him and gifting our lives in service to Him. My prayer for you during this blessed season is that you will encounter Him in a fresh way and celebrate the greatest miracle ever brought forth on the earth. Worship Him, for He alone is worthy.

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## **Jimmy Stewart** **Director of Evangelism and Church Development**

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One of the greatest privileges in my ministry has been to work with a strong structure of missions and cooperation through leadership at the local church, association, state, national and international entities. This is the structure of the Southern Baptist Convention. It is my opinion that when Jesus said, “whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things” that networks like associations and state conventions that exist to support the local church are “greater things.” We cooperate with one another because of the mission even though we may have differences and uniqueness in each church. I have seen Alaska Baptist do great things in my 23 years of working in our state.

My hope for our convention is that you will continue to build upon this strong foundation and work in the future to do greater things with churches, associations and other partners working to reach and disciple the residents of Alaska. Here is a statement you may have heard people say, “we do things better together.” Jesus never intended for Christians to be in isolation. It is better to be involved with and relate to the body of believers. I am not an independent Baptist because I believe in this principle of working and doing missions with other believers and churches. Here are a few opportunities I want you to be aware of are the result of churches working together to do something bigger and better to support local churches in their ministry. The youth leaders in the Anchorage area have had a great history of meeting and doing things together. In Anchorage, January 4, there will be a Youth Worker’s Training event. This is for all youth leaders and their helpers. The location and leadership team is TBD so look for upcoming information on our website and through the Info Blast. This same training is to be held in the Fairbanks area January 11. On January 20, the Anchorage Youth Leader Network will host a “Dodge Ball” competition at East High School. Each team will compete for prizes and enjoy the fun of being with young people around the area. It is an opportunity to bring unchurched youth to an event where they will hear the Gospel. Later this spring we are hoping for more activities for our youth and the workers. The leaders meet once a month for fellowship and do a little planning. Have your youth leader contact me for information.

At the beginning of every year the Alaska Baptist Resource Network has offered an evangelism conference that has been an emphasis on preaching, teaching, worship and training. February 10-11 will be our State Evangelism Conference. It will be held at First Baptist Church, Anchorage. This year, we will start the conference with a pre-event training on D-Life Disciple training for churches. Dr. Bill Wilks will lead the training and then preach at our conference. He is the author of D-Life. He pastors NorthPark Baptist in Trussville, Alabama, and has started a nationwide discipleship movement that is now in several states using this strategy. I want to invite you to join us from noon till 4 pm for this training and introduction to D-Life. Our State Evangelism conference will start that evening. We will go through Tuesday evening. Our guests include worship with Clay Scott and others on his team. Clay is a worship leader at Liberty Baptist in the Birmingham area. Ric Camp is the Associational Mission Strategist for the Shelby Association in Alabama and will be one of the presenters. Jarmin Leatherwood is pastor of House and Hope of Restoration in Huntsville and will join us. Finally, Tim Dowdy, VP of Evangelism for NAMB will be our guest, as well. He was pastor of the great church in Eagles Landing, Georgia, before going to NAMB. I believe this conference will be very exciting and I hope you will join us and bring a group from your church. Look on our website for more information and for info on special rates for hotels.

On February 1, the leaders of men’s group here in Anchorage will be doing a BOLD conference for men. Brothers on the Line of Defense is a conference to challenge men to live daily for Christ and seek to evangelize others. Look for more information and the list of speakers through the Info Blast and our webpage. Hope to see many of you in the days ahead and enjoy the holidays.

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## A note from the Alaska Baptist Foundation by Adam Long



Christmas is a celebration of the “Ultimate Gift” of God to humanity – Jesus Christ. Through His death Jesus assumed the penalty of sin and by His resurrection, overcame its consequence of death. In the acceptance of this Ultimate Gift lies the assurance of a restored relationship with God and the benefit of eternal life with Him.

The single greatest thing we can give others is our testimony of what the Ultimate Gift means to us and the benefits of accepting the gift. So often we become ensnared with the worldly trappings of Christmas. Because we are human, we tend to perceive everything from a temporal mindset which drives the desire for immediate gratification and personal enrichment. Worldly ideology is masterful at exploiting this self-focused aspect of human nature. Using the mythological concept of Santa Claus as a marketing technique in furtherance of this concept.

Giving and receiving material gifts is not wrong, but we cannot lose sight of the real value of the Christmas season. The true and permanent gift of Christmas is Jesus Christ. While not everyone is receptive to the gift of salvation, the gift has no restrictions based on physical distinctions. Rather, it is available to every variety of race, ethnicity, or culture of humanity (Revelation 7:9).

Obedient Christians provide testimony to the gift for which they possess as they live out their lives in service to God. The true gift of Christmas is understanding that the unifying love, joy, and hope of salvation finds its beginnings in the birth of Christ but not its ends. Jesus was God’s means of distributing salvation for humanity throughout time.

Receiving gifts is usually associated with the celebration of one’s birth. However, Jesus’ birth is unique in the sense we are the ones receiving the gift, as He is the gift. God through His infinite grace and mercy has allowed us the privilege of both receiving and giving. First, we need to be sure we accept God the Father’s gift of Jesus Christ.

Second, we demonstrate the good works prepared for us (Ephesians 2:10) by exhibiting the Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23). While not exhaustive, listed below are ways Christians display the fruit of the spirit in their lives. They involve service and financial support of ministries such as:

- The Local Church
- Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
- World Hunger Fund
- Birchwood Behavioral Health
- Community Pregnancy Center
- Other Christian benevolence programs
- Financial Support through a Donor-Advised Charitable Trust Fund

Remember, and take to heart, the words of the familiar saying, “Jesus is the reason for the season!” Having the understanding that the season should never end but continue with us in the power of the Holy Spirit who is the validation of the Ultimate Gift received.

Merry Christmas from the Alaska Baptist Foundation.

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## A Season of Reflection Birchwood Behavioral Health Alaska Baptist Family Services

As we approach the end of another year, our hearts are full of gratitude for the countless ways you have made a difference in the lives of the children, families, and communities we serve. Your generosity, whether through time, resources, or prayers, has been a testament to the beauty of community and the power of God's love in action.

**"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." – Galatians 6:9**

This year has been nothing short of extraordinary. Because of your faithful support, Birchwood Behavioral Health (Alaska Baptist Family Services) has experienced incredible moments of hope and healing. Together, we've witnessed:

- 5,113 meaningful touchpoints with youth, each one an opportunity to invest in their future.
- 12 mission teams from across the Lower 48—Alabama, Mississippi, South Carolina, North Carolina, Texas, and more—who have poured time, talent, and resources into transforming our facilities into safe, welcoming spaces where seeds of hope can be planted.
- Beautiful, tangible gifts like handmade quilts from Coffman Cove Baptist Church, wrapping our youth in warmth and love.
- The unwavering commitment of 10 partner churches and many individuals who sustain our mission through monthly financial support.
- Faithful volunteers like Kathleen Godsoe and First Baptist Anchorage, who weekly pour into the lives of our children, bringing the light of Christ into even the hardest situations.
- One youth Baptized another wanting to be.

Through these acts of kindness, we are building bridges to healing and creating safe spaces where bravery blossoms and brokenness begins to mend. Each quilt, every hour of service, and every prayer whispered for our youth is a reminder that God designed us for community—because together, we reflect His love.

**"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ." – Galatians 6:2**

This holiday season, as you gather with loved ones, we ask you to hold our youth in your prayers. Many of them do not have the privilege of family gatherings or traditions. Pray for their hearts to find peace, for their minds to embrace healing, and for their spirits to know they are deeply loved by God.

Pray also for our incredible staff and clinicians who meet their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs daily. They are the hands and feet of Christ in our mission. Finally, lift up the families of our youth, that they may find restoration and wholeness through God's redeeming power.

Your presence in this ministry is a reflection of Jesus' call to love one another. Thank you for being our community.

Thank you for partnering with us to bring hope, healing, and the promise of a brighter tomorrow.

May your holiday season be filled with the joy and peace of Christ.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Birchwood Behavioral Health  
Alaska Baptist Family Services

**"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you." – Numbers 6:24-25**

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## Motions Passed at the 79th Annual Meeting of the Alaska Baptists

September 2024



1. The Credential Committee's report of 123 registered messengers from 38 churches and 28 guests making a total of 151 in attendance was approved.
2. The 79th Annual Meeting Program was approved as printed.
3. The Alaska Baptist Resource Network Financial Assessment Report of 2023 was adopted.
4. The 2025 ABRN Proposed Budget was approved.
5. The 2023 Alaska Baptist Foundation Assessor's Report was adopted.
6. The Annual Committee recommendation of candidates was approved:

### **Constitution and Bylaws Committee:**

- Grady Cox, pastor of University Baptist Church, Fairbanks
- Henry Couser, layperson of Rabbit Creek Church, Anchorage, to serve as the committee's chair.

### **ABRN Executive Board candidates with terms expiring in 2028:**

- John Bills, pastor of Moose Creek Baptist Church, North Pole
- Tracy Simmons, pastor of Christ Community Church, Anchorage
- Jack Sherman, layperson of Agape Fellowship, Wasilla
- Jeff Milton, layperson of Glacier Valley Baptist Church, Juneau

### **BBH Board of Directors candidates:**

- Mike Shumock, layperson of Cold Bay Chapel, Cold Bay, first term expiring 2027
- Heather Dominguez-Tomlinson, layperson of First Baptist Church, Soldotna, second term expiring 2027
- Matt Clark, layperson of Montana Creek Baptist Church, Talkeetna, second term expiring 2027
- Kathleen Godsoe, layperson of First Baptist Church, Anchorage to replace Matt Derr's term expiring 2027

### **ABF Board of Directors candidates:**

- Marge Cutting, layperson of First Baptist Church, Eagle River, second term expiring 2027
- Shane Osowski, layperson of Rabbit Creek Church, Anchorage, first term expiring 2027

### **Time, Place, Preacher Committee recommended the following:**

- Wilbert Mickens, pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, Anchorage to serve as preacher for the 2025 Annual Meeting at First Baptist Church, Palmer, and Roy Phillips, pastor of Foundation Church, Soldotna to serve as alternate pastor
- The 84th Annual Meeting of the ABRN be held at Glacier Valley Baptist Church, Juneau in September 2029

7. The revised and amended Articles of Incorporation of the Alaska Baptist Convention (dba Alaska Baptist Resource Network) were approved for the first vote.

8. The revised and amended Articles of Incorporation of the Alaska Baptist Family Services (dba Birchwood Behavioral Health) were approved for the first vote.

9. The revised and amended Articles of Incorporation of the Alaska Baptist Foundation were approved for the first vote.

10. The elected officers for the ABRN for 2024-2025 were: Dr. Bruce Rowell, President (pastor of First Baptist Church, Palmer); Alan McElroy, First Vice President (pastor of White Cliff Church, Ketchikan); Kyle McGee, Second Vice President (associate pastor of First Baptist Church North Pole); and Lorie Pierce, Recording Secretary (member of Montana Creek Baptist Church, Talkeetna).



**Bruce Rowell**  
President



**Alan McElroy**  
First Vice President



**Kyle McGee**  
Second Vice President



**Lorie Pierce**  
Recording Secretary



## Obituary of Marianne Colvert Rollins

Marianne Colvert Rollins of Stafford, Virginia went home to be with her Lord and Savior on November 6, 2024. Born in Little Rock, Arkansas, in 1932, she graduated from Little Rock Central High in 1950 and was a member of Second Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 45 years, Donald J. Rollins, as well as her parents, Osie and Elizabeth Colvert, and her only brother, Jim Colvert.

Working in Vacation Bible Schools in Jackson and in the Delta of Mississippi in 1953, she graduated with a B.S. in Education from Blue Mountain College in 1954. Employed by the Anchorage School District of Alaska, she taught first grade and there met her husband, Don, at Calvary Baptist Church. They returned to Mississippi where she taught at Raymond and Van Winkle, Mississippi. In 1958, she and Don taught in a two teacher school in Ruby, Alaska, and then moved to Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, where Marianne taught in the pre-school division while Don completed his Master's Degree in Theology. Appointed by the North American Mission Board in 1961, they moved to Ft. Yukon, Alaska, and served in villages there and in the King Salmon area until Don was appointed as director of the Alaska Baptist Native School of Theology in Anchorage. Marianne was his ministry assistant in the school and churches where Don pastored.

Marianne maintained a home in Alaska in places stretching from the top of the Aleutian Chain to areas within the Arctic Circle, raising three children as her husband traveled often to other villages. Upon their retirement in 1993, they moved to Shalimar, Florida, where Marianne continued to live for two years after her husband's passing. Moving to Chez Elan Apts., she continued to be active at First Baptist Church, FWB, where she and her husband had been members since 1993. She worked in the Special Education Dept as well as the Grief Share Group and Current Missions there. In 2009, she moved to Fredericksburg and then Stafford, Virginia, to be close to her daughter, son-in-law, and grandchildren, who made her life rich and full. Marianne suffered from aggressive dementia in her final years and still maintained the sweet disposition she held her entire life.

She is survived in death by her three beloved children: Stephen Rollins and his wife Donna, of Homer, Alaska; Donna Simmons and her husband, Bryan of Stafford, Virginia; Bryan J. Rollins of Yamba, New South Wales, Australia; as well as her four precious grandchildren: Jonathon, Braden and his wife Hannah, Benjamin, and Bekah Simmons; her great-grandchild Flynn; her cousin Rebecca Harrison; her sister-in-law, Ann Colvert; her niece and nephew Jann Stilly and Scott Colvert; her brothers and sisters in law: Frank Ellis, and Cy and Diane Rollins.

Memorial services will be held at 10:30 AM on Friday, November 22nd, at First Baptist Church, Ft. Walton Beach, Florida, with a private family burial at Barrancas National Cemetery in Pensacola. Memorial gifts may be given to the Don and Marianne Rollins Foundation for Native Training c/o Alaska Baptist Convention, 1750 O'Malley Rd, Anchorage, AK 99507; or to Missions Outreach, First Baptist Church, 126 Harbeson Ave SE, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

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## January- October 2024 Gifts from ABRN Churches

<u>Organization</u>	<u>CP</u>	<u>SMO</u>	<u>AA</u>	<u>LM</u>	<u>WH</u>	<u>Total</u>
Agape Fellowship	\$6,715.43	\$420.30	\$620.00	\$700.13	\$0.00	\$8,455.86
Alaska lu-Mienh First Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Anchor of Hope	\$3,051.45	\$99.51	\$725.54	\$725.54	\$0.00	\$4,602.04
Aquillaq Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Blg Lake Baptist Church	\$12,580.87	\$0.00	\$1,795.00	\$1,165.00	\$0.00	\$15,540.87
Bodenburg Butte Baptist Church	\$3,761.36	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,761.36
Calvary Baptist Church	\$1,789.06	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$520.00	\$0.00	\$2,309.06
Christ Community Church	\$1,200.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$1,255.00	\$0.00	\$3,055.00
Clearwater Baptist Church	\$4,170.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,170.00
Cliffside Community Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Coffman Cove Community Baptist Church	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
Cold Bay Chapel	\$1,092.10	\$250.00	\$750.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$2,342.10
College Heights Baptist Church	\$36,188.27	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,045.00	\$0.00	\$50,233.27
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	\$11,307.00	\$970.00	\$2,070.00	\$2,011.00	\$0.00	\$16,358.00
CrossCountry Church	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Dillingham Bible Fellowship	\$6,815.19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$8,815.19
Eagle River Korean Baptist Church	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
Fairbanks Korean Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fairview Loop Baptist Church	\$27,101.24	\$3,028.50	\$3,630.31	\$4,359.50	\$0.00	\$38,119.55
Faith Baptist Church	\$6,132.79	\$0.00	\$1,007.55	\$578.25	\$0.00	\$7,718.59
Filipino Bible Church	\$2,625.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,625.00
First Baptist Church Anchorage	\$3,813.85	\$646.00	\$8,872.00	\$2,145.00	\$0.00	\$15,476.85
First Baptist Church Eagle River	\$41,293.10	\$0.00	\$4,328.00	\$5,202.00	\$1,578.00	\$52,401.10
First Baptist Church Fairbanks	\$9,843.28	\$0.00	\$1,280.06	\$1,810.12	\$0.00	\$12,933.46
First Baptist Church North Pole	\$4,898.00	\$0.00	\$2,440.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,338.00
First Baptist Church Delta Junction	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,645.00	\$0.00	\$13,645.00
First Baptist Church Juneau	\$10,188.00	\$655.00	\$1,100.00	\$696.00	\$0.00	\$12,639.00
First Baptist Church Kotzebue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church Palmer	\$7,175.00	\$1,270.00	\$4,436.00	\$2,080.00	\$0.00	\$14,961.00
First Baptist Church Petersburg	\$16,973.46	\$1,090.00	\$2,520.00	\$7,041.00	\$0.00	\$27,624.46
First Baptist Church Sitka	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
First Baptist Church Soldotna	\$5,672.99	\$55.00	\$558.00	\$272.00	\$0.00	\$6,557.99
First Baptist Church Valdez	\$16,991.59	\$4,272.75	\$2,045.00	\$4,479.70	\$0.00	\$29,210.04
First Baptist Church Willow	\$4,397.46	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$825.00	\$0.00	\$5,222.46
First Hmong Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Korean Baptist Church	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
First Native Baptist Church	\$568.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$568.00
Foundation Church	\$1,800.00	\$0.00	\$531.77	\$220.00	\$0.00	\$2,551.77
FRF- Saturday Night	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1000.00
Friendship Baptist Mission	\$5,426.17	\$1,000.00	\$700.00	\$450.00	\$0.00	\$7,576.17



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Frontier Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
Frontier Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Frontier Southern Baptist Church	\$11,533.69	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,533.69
Gilead Ministries	\$1,946.47	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,946.47
Glacier Valley Baptist Church	\$18,513.01	\$2,289.00	\$4,593.00	\$5,772.50	\$0.00	\$31,167.51
Grace Life Community	\$3,486.63	\$410.00	\$500.00	\$1,450.00	\$0.00	\$5,846.63
Grandview Baptist Church	\$16,706.09	\$50.00	\$500.00	\$421.00	\$0.00	\$17,677.09
Greater Friendship Baptist Church	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,500.00
Hillside Baptist Church	\$6,144.14	\$3,049.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,193.89
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	\$1,227.99	\$0.00	\$430.00	\$3,078.50	\$0.00	\$4,736.49
Journey Church	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
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	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Liberty Church	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00
Lighthouse Community Church	\$2,403.92	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,403.92
Malamalama Fou (New Light) Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Misc. Contributors - Cash	\$0.00	\$15,104.67	\$105.00	\$230.00	\$385.00	\$15,824.67
Montana Creek Baptist Church	\$17,369.29	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$17,369.29
Moose Creek Baptist Church	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$350.00
Moose Pass Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$220.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$320.00
Morning Star Baptist Church	\$8,328.23	\$0.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,465.00	\$0.00	\$10,893.23
Mount Pleasant Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mount Redoubt Baptist Church	\$1,902.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,902.80
Mountain View Community Church	\$3,150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,150.00
New Birth Christian Church	\$2,100.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,700.00
New Hope Baptist Church	\$6,772.07	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,772.07
New Hope Fellowship	\$530.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$1,030.00
North Tongass Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Northern Lights Missions	\$675.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$675.00
Pathway Discipleship Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pioneer Baptist Church Wasilla	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rabbit Creek Church	\$7,322.03	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,322.03
Rescate Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Restoration Church	\$4,600.19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$4,720.19
River In the Desert Community Church	\$2,790.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,790.00
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

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<u>Organization</u>	<u>CP</u>	<u>SMO</u>	<u>AA</u>	<u>LM</u>	<u>WH</u>	<u>Total</u>
Salcha Baptist Church	\$1,623.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,700.00	\$0.00	\$3,323.40
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	\$200.00	\$930.00	\$0.00	\$2,885.00	\$0.00	\$4,015.00
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	\$8,807.02	\$200.00	\$372.00	\$135.00	\$0.00	\$9,514.02
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$16,632.96	\$2,713.69	\$2,480.00	\$5,371.88	\$0.00	\$27,198.53
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	\$334.66	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$334.66
Togiak Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Transitional Ministries	\$55.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$75.00
True North Church	\$25,365.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25,365.75
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	\$4,161.09	\$25.00	\$2,056.60	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$7,242.69
University Baptist Church - Fairbanks	\$3,967.00	\$225.00	\$244.11	\$2,196.00	\$0.00	\$6,632.11
Valley View Baptist Church	\$6,981.00	\$0.00	\$163.00	\$1,653.90	\$0.00	\$8,797.90
Wasilla Korean Baptist Church	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
White Cliff Church	\$6,026.22	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,026.22
Whittier Christian Community Church	\$850.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$1,100.00
Willawaw Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$120.00
<b><u>Year to date:</u></b>	<b>\$484,861.61</b>	<b>\$43,364.17</b>	<b>\$53,992.94</b>	<b>\$84,324.02</b>	<b>\$3,444.00</b>	<b>\$669,986.74</b>

	<u>2023</u>	<u>1Q2024</u>	<u>2Q2024</u>	<u>3Q2024</u>	<u>4Q2024</u>	<u>Total</u>
2000 Club Received through 10/31/2024	\$105.00	\$4,301.42	\$4,043.55	\$4,600.00	\$1,840.00	<u>\$14,889.97</u>

### Legend:

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

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### Alaska Baptist Resource Network

	<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>	
<u>October</u>				
CP Receipts	\$60,284.33		\$65,889.27	
CP Goal	\$70,156.33		\$63,541.17	
Variance	\$(9,872.00)	-14.07%	\$2,348.10	3.70%
<u>Year-to-Date</u>				
CP Receipts	\$484,861.61		\$492,709.50	
CP Goal	\$701,563.30		\$635,411.70	
Variance	\$(216,701.69)	-30.89%	\$(142,702.20)	-22.46%

October 2024 CP Dollars that stayed in Alaska for the Lord's Work: \$48,227.46



### December 31 Day Scripture Writing Plan

Each of the scriptures below takes ten minutes or less to copy out. Commit to spending ten minutes each day listening to God's voice as you simply copy these texts out of your Bible.

- Day 1-Isaiah 7:14-17
- Day 2-Isaiah 9:6-7
- Day 3-Isaiah 11:1-5
- Day 4-Isaiah 11:6-10
- Day 5-Isaiah 40:1-5
- Day 6-Isaiah 52:7-10
- Day 7-Jeremiah 33:14-16
- Day 8-Psalm 72:1-7
- Day 9-Psalm 72:8-14
- Day 10-Psalm 72: 15-20
- Day 11-Psalm 95:1-7
- Day 12-Malachi 3:1-3
- Day 13-Matthew 1: 18-20
- Day 14-Matthew 1: 21-25
- Day 15-Matthew 2: 1-6
- Day 16-Matthew 2: 7-12
- Day 17-Luke 1:26-29
- Day 18-Luke 1: 30-34
- Day 19-Luke 1:35-38
- Day 20-Luke 1:46-50

- Day 21-Luke 1: 51-56
- Day 22-Luke 2: 4-7
- Day 23-Luke 2: 8-12
- Day 24-Luke 2: 13-16
- Day 25-Luke 2:17-20
- Day 26-Galatians 4:4-7
- Day 27-Philippians 2: 5-8
- Day 28-Philippians 2:9-11
- Day 29-James 1:16-18
- Day 30-Titus 3:3-7
- Day 31-Choose your own verse



Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.  
Psalm 119:18

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**Zephaniah 3:17 ESV**

*[The Lord your God] will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.*

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## Upcoming Events


### December 2024

- Week of Prayer Lottie Moon IMB Christmas Offering  
December 1- 8, 2024
- Chosen Road in Concert at The Wendy Williamson  
Auditorium December 1st 6:30pm
- ABRN and ABF Offices closed for Christmas Holiday  
Tuesday December 24-Sunday January 5



Please Pray for our Pastorless Churches

Aquillaq Baptist Mission, Ambler  
Chinese Fellowship, Fairbanks  
First Baptist Church, Sitka  
Montana Creek Baptist Church, Talkeetna  
Riverside Chapel, King Salmon  
Shungnak Baptist Mission  
True North Church, Girdwood



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

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

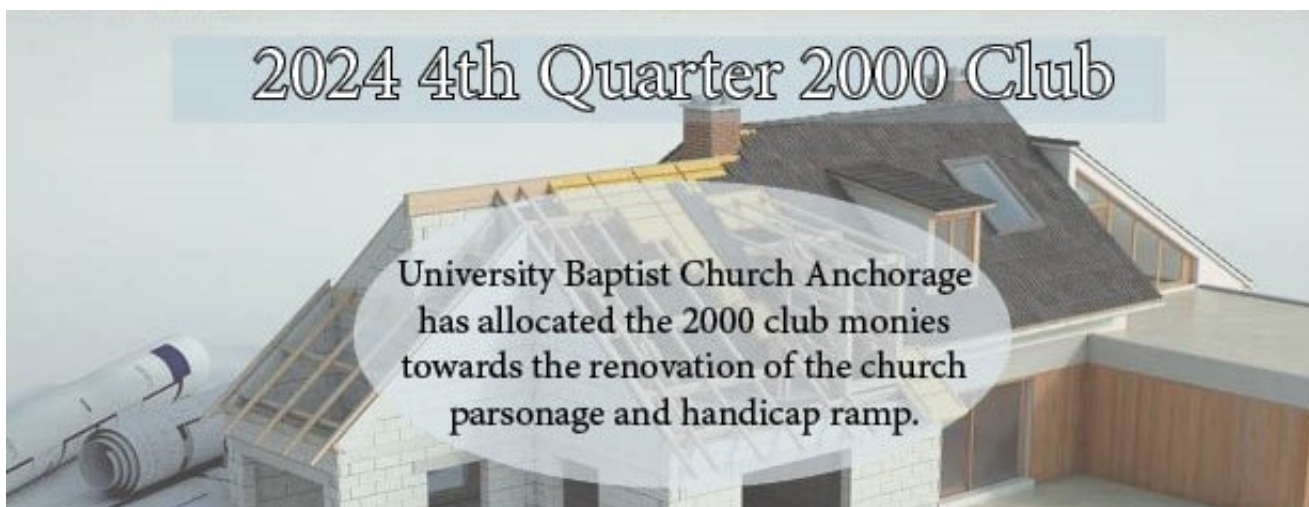


## Montana Creek Baptist Church

Talkeetna, Alaska is seeking pulpit supply. Contact Lorie Pierce if interested [mljpierce@yahoo.com](mailto:mljpierce@yahoo.com)



**Sunset Hills Baptist Church** is looking for a Worship Leader. This is currently a part-time position and more details are available by contacting Pastor Don Shannon at [don@sunsethills.org](mailto:don@sunsethills.org)



**2024 4th Quarter 2000 Club**

University Baptist Church Anchorage has allocated the 2000 club monies towards the renovation of the church parsonage and handicap ramp.