

STAND
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76th Annual Meeting
Alaska Baptist Resource Network

STAND FIRM AND

you will win life. Luke 21:19

*Win
Life*

Monday-Wednesday, September 27-29, 2021
First Baptist Church, North Pole

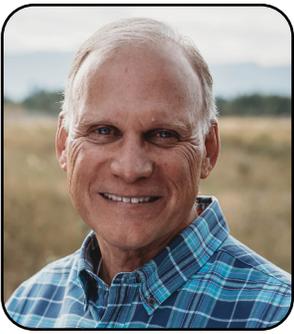
Meeting Hotel:

Hotel North Pole; phone: 907-488-4800
\$115-125

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[MEAL REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR ALL ATTENDEES](#)



Randy Covington, Executive Director

Stand Firm — Win Life

One of the key questions that was constantly on my lips as a new missionary in a foreign place was, “What’s it going to take?” I often uttered this question about day-to-day activities such as buying food, taking a bus to a new part of town, or communicating with a local official about visa issues. But, I also found myself praying and asking God, “What’s it going to take to get the gospel into the hearts and minds of the people He called me to serve?” “How do I overcome seemingly insurmountable cultural obstacles in order to present an effective gospel witness?”

I have now been back in America for five years and find myself asking this same question in a culture with which I am familiar. What once was familiar is now foreign to me. I grew up thankful to be living in “one nation under God” where religious expression was normal. Even among those who did not embrace some form of faith in a higher being, Christian life was not just tolerated, but to some extent admired by non-believers. Unfortunately, we live in a different society today that is antagonistic toward people of faith. So, once again, I find myself asking God, “What’s it going to take?”

Before Jesus left earth to return to his Father in heaven, He knew His disciples would be facing difficult times because of their faith. In the 21st chapter of Luke’s Gospel, Jesus is preparing His followers for a time of opposition and even intense persecution. He is very descriptive in verses 9-12 of all the things they will face. I’m sure they were thinking in their own minds,

“What’s it going to take to survive this onslaught?” But then, Jesus offers words of comfort and encouragement.

- v. 8 – Don’t follow false messiahs;*
- v. 9 – Don’t be frightened;*
- v.13 – you will bear testimony to Me;*
- v.15 – you will be given words of wisdom;*
- v.18 – you will not perish;*

And then Jesus makes a powerful promise to His followers in verse 19: **Stand firm, and you will win life! (NIV)**

Ultimately, that’s the same answer to the question as to what it’s going to take today in the 21st century to endure: **Stand firm; win life!** This is the theme we have embraced for our 76th annual gathering of the Alaska Baptist Resource Network in North Pole September 27-29.

We may still be recovering from a global pandemic that stopped the world in its tracks. We may still be experiencing the effects of a divisive election. We may not know the final outcome of crises in Afghanistan and Haiti and we may not think we will overcome popular ideologies such as socialism, anarchy, CRT, LGBTQ+, and other humanistic approaches to life. However, we can embrace the promise of Luke 21:19 that says if we stand firm, we will win life! May Alaska Baptists stand firm in the midst of the storm.

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Jae McKee, State Director of Missions and Church Planting

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I was born in the fall. I like to hunt and fish in the fall. I like the coolness and the crispness of the air. I like the bounty of the harvest of the garden in the fall. I like the berries that we pick in the fall. I like seeing the snow appear and creep slowly down the mountains. I like that the days are getting shorter and football season begins in the fall. I like to watch the fireweed transition from its fuchsia bright blooms to blowing cotton. I like the colors of the leaves as they turn from green to yellow, red and orange. I especially enjoy the sights and the sounds of the flocking geese and cranes as they fly overhead making their annual migration.

Scripture teaches in Ecclesiastes 3:1, “To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven.” Often transitions are unexpected, undesired, and unwelcomed. But like the seasons, they are necessary. Transitions can be scary, they can be intimidating and they can be painful. Transitions also provide opportunities for new beginnings, new adventures, and new relationships.

Churches in transition have the opportunity to refocus, revision, and revitalize their purpose, place, and mission in their respective community. Celebrating the past, while dreaming

about the future can energize congregations and provide opportunities for members to take a more active role in ministry. Transitions can help congregations move from a “doing” church model to a “being” church model.

As individuals we go through transitions as well. Where do we begin, pre-school, kindergarten, elementary school, middle school, high school, college/military/trade school, newlyweds, new parents, empty nesters, grandparents, life is full of transitions. Not to mention careers, conflicts, and colonoscopies.

The uncertainties of transition provide us the opportunity to increase our trust and faith in Almighty God and His provision, protection and providence. Spending time in prayer and in His word, listening for His voice and seeking His will are some of the best ways for us to face and focus upon new realities. As we increase our dependence upon God and His ways we can decrease our apprehension, and resistance to potential change.

As we enter this fall with high hopes and expectations of how God will work in, around and through us, may we do so with the anticipation and faith that the transitions God brings us to and through will result in fruit for His kingdom and His glory.

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Valeria Sherard State Mission Offering Emphasis

DATE CHANGE

The Valeria Sherard State Mission Offering Emphasis kicks off at the ABRN annual meeting, Monday, September 27. The emphasis week begins the following Sunday, October 3 and runs through Sunday, October 10. The Prayer Calendar is posted on our website [here](#). Other resources will be posted to the website, alaskabrn.com, as they become available.



Monday Evening, September 27, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

Impact! Alaska

Finger Food Fellowship Follows

7:30 a.m. Breakfast Provided in Fellowship Hall
Sponsored by GuideStone Financial Services

9:00 a.m. Pastors Conference
Fellowship Hall

9:00 a.m. WMU annual meeting
Sanctuary
registration begins at 8:00 a.m.

12:00 p.m. Lunch Provided in Fellowship Hall

1:45 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon, September 28, 2021

Presiding: Tom Hoffman President

Registration (opens at 12:45 p.m.)

Welcome From Host Church	Jeff Ling
Scripture and Prayer	Jeff Ling
Registration Report	Shirley Bearce
Adoption of Program	Tom Hoffman
Second Vote on Changed Articles of Incorporation	Tom Hoffman
Executive Director/Treasurer	Randy Covington
Evangelism and Church Development Report	Jimmy Stewart
Church Planting and Missions Report	Jae McKee
Presentation and Adoption of 2022 Budget	Eugene Williams

RECESS

Birchwood Behavioral Health Report	Jae McKee
Alaska Baptist Foundation Report	Randy Covington/Adam Long
WMU Report	Angela Jones
Alaska Disaster Relief Report	Randy Covington
Committee On Boards Report, Committee On Committees Report,	
Time, Place, Preacher Committee Report	Shannon Midkiff
Miscellaneous Business	Tom Hoffman
Nominations for President	Randy Covington
Nominations for Vice Presidents	Randy Covington
Nominations for Recording Secretary	Randy Covington
Announcements and Adjournment	Tom Hoffman
Prayer/Benediction	Matt Clark

4:45 p.m. Supper Provided in Fellowship Hall

6:00 p.m. Tuesday Evening, September 28, 2021

Presiding: Robert Scott, First Vice President

Worship through Music	Alaska Worship Pastors
Scripture and Prayer	Jeff Sulfridge
Updated Registration Report	Shirley Bearce
Balloting	Randy Covington
Executive Committee of the	
Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) Report	Ronnie Floyd
Worship through Music	Alaska Worship Pastors
Introduction of New Personnel to the State	Randy Covington
Presentation from Lifeway Christian Resources	Ben Mandrell
Presentation from International Mission	
Board (IMB) Missionaries	Tim Kunkel (Chile)
Presentation from NAMB	Rick Curtis
Worship through Music	Alaska Worship Pastors
President's Message	Tom Hoffman
Announcements and Adjournment	Robert Scott
Benediction	Ted Swezey

7:30 a.m. Breakfast Provided in Fellowship Hall
Sponsored by Alaska Disaster Relief

9:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning, September 29, 2021

Presiding: Keith Longo, Second Vice President

Worship through Music	Alaska Worship Pastors
Scripture and Prayer	Eric Jones
Updated Registration Report	Shirley Bearce
Faith Recovery Fellowship	Scott Thompson
Gateway Seminary	Jeff Iorg
California Baptist University	John Montgomery
Alabama State Board of Missions	Rick Lance
Greetings from Mosaic Ministries	Scott Belmore
Wayland Baptist University	Eric Ash
State Mission Emphasis	Jae McKee
Valeria Sherard State Mission Offering	
Worship through Music	Alaska Worship Pastors
Annual Sermon	Grady Cox
Officer Election Results	Randy Covington
Installation of New Officers	Randy Covington
Recognition of Guests	Randy Covington
Announcements and Adjournment	Keith Longo
Benediction	Earl Midkiff

MEALS PROVIDED, REGISTRATION REQUIRED

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR MEALS](#)

Volunteer cook team is from the South Carolina Baptist Convention

2nd Vote

**Proposed amendments to the
Governing Documents
of the**

Alaska Baptist Convention Inc.; Alaska Baptist Family Services Inc.; Alaska Baptist Foundation Inc.

Rationale: The constitution and bylaws of the Alaska Baptist Convention and its agencies were changed last year to authorize electronic meetings to conduct business. Changes to the Articles of Incorporation require an affirmative vote in two consecutive annual meetings. These proposed changes were approved at the 75th annual meeting. This 76th annual meeting requires an affirmative vote for the change to be permanent.

2nd Vote

**Proposed amendment to the
Articles of Incorporation
of the
Alaska Baptist Convention Inc.**

Article VI Meetings

Remove existing sections of Article VI Meetings and replace with:

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED LANGUAGE
SECTION 1. The Convention shall meet annually; the dates and places of the annual sessions are to be approved by the Convention. SECTION 2. Special meetings of the Convention shall be called by the Convention in session or the Executive Board according to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Convention.	Regular and special meetings of the Alaska Baptist Convention and all associated committees shall occur as set forth in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Alaska Baptist Convention.

2nd Vote

**Proposed amendment to the
Articles of Incorporation
of the
Alaska Baptist Family Services Inc.**

Article VII Meetings

Replace existing Article VII Meetings with:

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED LANGUAGE
The Board of Directors shall have at least two meetings each year as determined by the Board. The first meeting shall be within sixty (60) days of the election of new directors by the Alaska Baptist Convention in session.	Regular and special meetings of the Alaska Baptist Family Services and its committees shall occur as set forth in the Bylaws of the Alaska Baptist Family Services.

2nd Vote

**Proposed amendment to the
Articles of Incorporation
of the
Alaska Baptist Foundation Inc.**

Article VII Board of Directors, Section 2

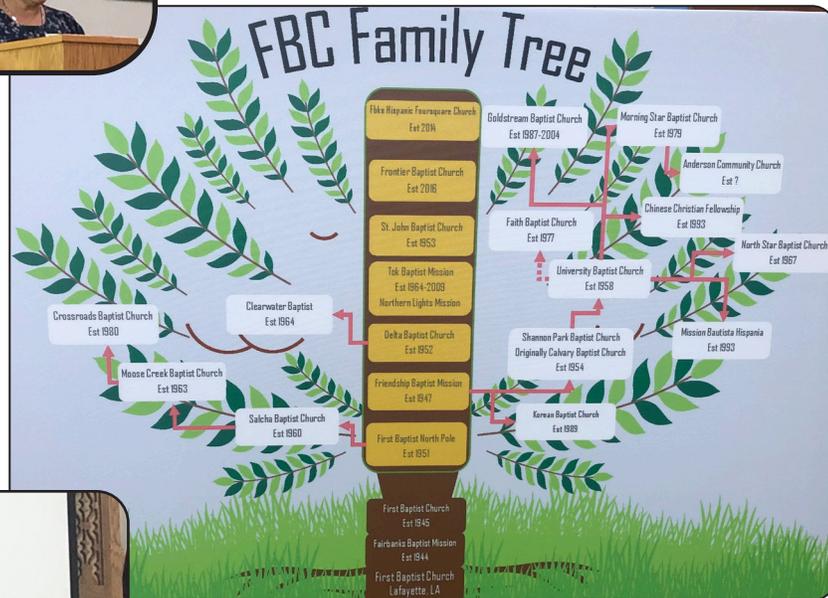
Remove existing Section 2 and replace with:

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED LANGUAGE
SECTION 2. The Board of Directors shall meet at least two (2) times a year and at other times as determined by the Board.	SECTION 2. Regular and special meetings of the Alaska Baptist Foundation and its committees shall occur as set forth in the Bylaws of the Alaska Baptist Foundation.

First Baptist Church, Fairbanks

75th Anniversary Jubilee

After two years of planning, First Baptist Church, Fairbanks, celebrated their 75th Anniversary Jubilee on Sunday, August 22. The afternoon service included several pastors and churches from the interior regions of the state. Dr. Lawrence Ellison brought the message from Mark 4:26-29 about “Sowing the Right Seeds.” The theme for the celebration was “Planting Seeds in the Interior.” Visitors included Luther Burney and his sons, Mike and Chris, from First Baptist Church of Lafayette, LA, which planted the church in Fairbanks on September 17, 1944. Other guests were members from St. John Baptist Church, Fairbanks Hispanic Foursquare Church, Frontier Baptist Church, New Birth Christian Church, First Baptist Church, North Pole, First Baptist Church, Delta Junction, University Baptist-Fairbanks, and Faith Baptist Church, Fairbanks. First Baptist Church, Fairbanks, has assisted with establishing 14 Southern Baptist churches in the interior of Alaska. Mark Howdeshell is the current pastor.



MILEPOST MOMENTS

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Transitional Ministries, in partnership with Cold Bay Chapel, First Baptist Wasilla, Frontier Fellowship and Sunset Hills Baptist, provided over 300 contemporary English version Bibles and New Testaments to children and youth at Solid Rock Bible Camp.

— Upcoming Events —

September

- 6 ABRN and ABF offices closed for Labor Day
- 18 Disaster Relief Recruitment Picnic
- 27 IMPACT! Alaska Conference
- 28 WMU annual meeting/Pastor Conference
- 28-29 ABRN annual meeting

October

- 3-10 Valeria Sherard State Mission Emphasis

November

- 4 ABF Trustee meeting 10:00
- 8-9 ABRN Board Meeting

Please Pray for our Pastorless Churches

Aquillaq Baptist Mission, Ambler
Chinese Fellowship, Fairbanks
Cold Bay Chapel
CrossCountry Church, Wasilla
First Baptist Church, Kenai
First Baptist Church, Wasilla
Ketchikan Filipino Baptist Mission
Montana Creek Baptist Church, Talkeetna
Riverside Chapel, King Salmon
Shungnak Baptist Mission

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go online to
sbcworkspace.com

login is the same as
your ACP login

for assistance
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New Missions Curriculum for Children



Pick up your
free sample issue
at the
76th annual meeting
of the
Alaska Baptist Resource
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Find it at the WMU table.

<https://wmu.com/missionsjourneykids/>

<https://thealabamabaptist.org/new-wmu-missions-curriculum-debuts/>



**YOUR ENDOWMENT
AT WORK FOR
ETERNAL PURPOSES.**

The
Alaska Baptist
Foundation, Inc.
is the trust agency of
the Alaska Baptist
Resource Network.

The purpose of the
Foundation is to raise,
invest and manage
endowment funds; in so
doing, to provide income
for the support of Alaska
and Southern Baptist
agencies, institutions,
and causes.

Visit our website to find
information on steward-
ship, estate planning, and
planned giving.

www.abf.foundation

January-June 2021 Gifts from ABRN Churches

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
Agape Fellowship	\$2,481.00	\$0.00	\$650.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$3,431.00
Alaska Iu-Mienh First Baptist Church	\$56.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$56.00
Aquillaq Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Big Lake Baptist Church	\$8,749.08	\$0.00	\$915.00	\$1,445.00	\$0.00	\$11,109.08
Bodenburg Butte Baptist Church	\$696.71	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$696.71
Calvary Baptist Church	\$2,381.34	\$960.00	\$1,150.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,491.34
Christ Community Church	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,200.00
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	\$460.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$460.00
Cold Bay Chapel	\$844.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$844.10
College Heights Baptist Church	\$23,740.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,130.00	\$0.00	\$27,870.30
Cottonwood Creek Cowboy Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cross Roads Baptist Church	\$11,699.00	\$0.00	\$2,420.00	\$751.00	\$0.00	\$14,870.00
CrossCountry Church	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,475.54	\$0.00	\$2,225.54
Dillingham Bible Fellowship	\$7,166.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,703.00	\$0.00	\$8,869.95
Eagle River Korean Baptist Church	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church	\$1,449.73	\$0.00	\$550.00	\$720.00	\$0.00	\$2,719.73
Fairview Loop Baptist Church	\$16,094.21	\$1,100.00	\$85.00	\$6,500.00	\$0.00	\$23,779.21
Faith Baptist Church	\$13,733.53	\$1,845.00	\$2,640.00	\$3,260.00	\$200.00	\$21,678.53
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	\$5,118.08	\$10.00	\$3,252.50	\$2,645.00	\$0.00	\$11,025.58
First Baptist Church of Eagle River	\$18,194.78	\$600.00	\$1,442.00	\$850.00	\$300.00	\$21,386.78
First Baptist Church of Fairbanks	\$4,242.37	\$144.00	\$1,253.33	\$962.00	\$0.00	\$6,601.70
First Baptist Church of North Pole	\$13,740.00	\$0.00	\$1,020.00	\$1,505.00	\$0.00	\$16,265.00
First Baptist Church, Delta Junction	\$17,088.80	\$7,016.75	\$4,772.91	\$8,511.75	\$0.00	\$37,390.21
First Baptist Church, Juneau	\$6,108.08	\$733.19	\$1,996.01	\$734.00	\$0.00	\$9,571.28
First Baptist Church, Kenai	\$2,794.02	\$0.00	\$495.67	\$1,615.67	\$0.00	\$4,905.36
First Baptist Church, Kotzebue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church, Palmer	\$2,975.00	\$0.00	\$1,606.43	\$1,498.00	\$0.00	\$6,079.43
First Baptist Church, Petersburg	\$6,282.00	\$0.00	\$3,070.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,352.00
First Baptist Church, Sitka	\$4,991.98	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$607.00	\$0.00	\$5,598.98
First Baptist Church, Soldotna	\$910.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$899.00	\$0.00	\$1,809.00
First Baptist Church, Valdez	\$10,371.81	\$0.00	\$2,244.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$12,715.81
First Baptist Church, Wasilla	\$4,253.95	\$0.00	\$2,800.80	\$2,653.98	\$0.00	\$9,708.73
First Baptist Church, Willow	\$3,053.69	\$0.00	\$2,429.40	\$2,625.00	\$0.00	\$8,108.09
First Hmong Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Korean Baptist Church	\$1,050.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$1,550.00
First Native Baptist Church	\$1,316.00	\$0.00	\$827.00	\$878.00	\$0.00	\$3,021.00
Friendship Baptist Mission	\$3,231.51	\$250.00	\$2,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$8,981.51
Frontier Baptist Church	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Frontier Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Frontier Native Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Frontier Southern Baptist Church	\$5,046.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,046.60
Gilead Ministries	\$646.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$646.00
Glacier Valley Baptist Church	\$6,645.34	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,645.34
Grandview Baptist Church	\$17,250.44	\$20.00	\$2,189.00	\$2,140.00	\$0.00	\$21,599.44
Greater Friendship Baptist Church	\$8,410.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,410.00
Hillside Baptist Church	\$9,871.85	\$3,400.78	\$0.00	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$13,972.63
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	\$898.59	\$0.00	\$546.00	\$957.29	\$0.00	\$2,401.88
Journey Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Juneau Korean Church	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$620.00
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 Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Korean Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Korean New Central Baptist Church	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,200.00
Liberty Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Lighthouse Community Church	\$1,283.32	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,283.32
Malamalama Fou (New Light) Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Misc. Contributors-Cash	\$0.00	\$10,509.41	\$150.00	\$2,000.00	\$150.00	\$12,809.41
Montana Creek Baptist Church	\$8,664.05	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,874.00	\$0.00	\$10,538.05
Moose Creek Baptist Church	\$1,610.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,610.00
Moose Pass Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Morning Star Baptist Church	\$3,359.36	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,359.36
Mount Pleasant Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mount Redoubt Baptist Church	\$487.63	\$0.00	\$950.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,437.63
Mountain View Community Church	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Muldoon Road Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
New Birth Christian Church	\$1,750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,750.00
New Grace Christian Church	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
New Hope Baptist Church	\$5,877.00	\$0.00	\$1,300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,177.00
New Hope Fellowship	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$525.00
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
Northern Lights Missions	\$575.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$575.00
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

January-June 2021 Gifts from ABRN Churches

Organization	CP	SMO	AA	LM	WH	Total
Rabbit Creek Church	\$4,243.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,243.30
Rescate Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
River In The Desert Community Church	\$2,077.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,077.00
Riverside Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Roots Family Church, Soldotna	\$1,225.00	\$350.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,725.00
Sabbath Peace Fellowship	\$840.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$840.00
Salcha Baptist Church	\$947.23	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$947.23
Sand Lake Fellowship	\$1,500.60	\$250.10	\$250.10	\$250.10	\$0.00	\$2,250.90
Sand Point Baptist Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Set Free Church-Anchorage	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Set Free Church-Kenai	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Settler's Bay Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,816.57	\$0.00	\$2,816.57
Seward Bible Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Shannon Park Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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	\$4,209.22	\$0.00	\$580.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$4,889.22
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$12,273.07	\$0.00	\$2,650.00	\$3,268.20	\$0.00	\$18,191.27
Tenakee Springs Community Church	\$756.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$756.00
Tetlin Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
The Crossing @ Birchwood	\$2,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,800.00
Thorne Bay Baptist Church	\$599.48	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$599.48
Togiak Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Transitional Ministries	\$35.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$35.00
True North Church	\$14,003.59	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,003.59
True North Church Girdwood	\$2,550.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,550.00
UBC-Chinese Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Unalaska Reformed Church	\$2,076.93	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,076.93
University Baptist Church, Anchorage	\$3,945.41	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,545.41
University Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$6,674.00	\$0.00	\$2,711.98	\$3,410.00	\$0.00	\$12,795.98
Valley View Baptist Church	\$5,003.25	\$0.00	\$310.00	\$410.00	\$0.00	\$5,723.25
Wasilla Korean Baptist Church	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$700.00
White Cliff Church	\$11,191.56	\$125.00	\$525.00	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$12,066.56
Whittier Christian Community Church	\$667.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$717.00
Williwaw Church	\$544.00	\$136.00	\$147.00	\$181.00	\$0.00	\$1,008.00
	\$356,955.84	\$27,450.23	\$53,029.13	\$72,151.10	\$750.00	\$510,336.30
	1Q 2021	2Q 2021	3Q 2021	4Q 2021		
2000 Club Call receipts as of 7/31/2021	\$3,188.25	\$4,298.75	\$2,803.25	\$170.00		\$10,460.25
						\$520,796.55

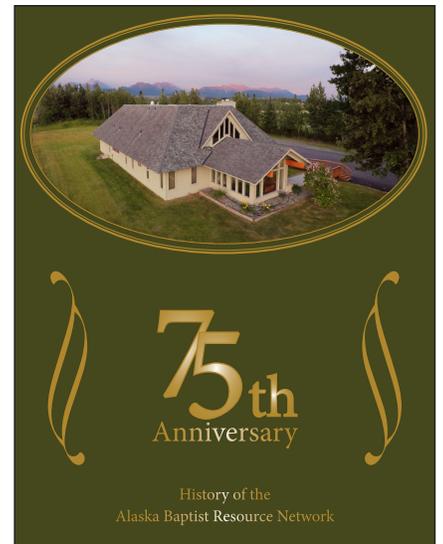
Legend:
 CP: Cooperative Program
 SMO: Valeria Sherard State Mission Offering
 AA: Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
 LM: Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
 WH: World Hunger

Alaska Baptist Resource Network Cooperative Program Support

	2021		2020	
July				
Receipts	\$56,235.99		\$42,554.53	
CP Goal	\$56,320.42		\$58,421.92	
Variance	\$(84.43)	-0.15%	\$(15,867.39)	-27.16%
Year-to-Date				
Receipts	\$356,955.84		\$322,514.88	
CP Goal	\$394,242.94		\$408,953.44	
Variance	\$(37,287.10)	-9.46%	\$(86,438.56)	-21.14%

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Riding the rails at 50 mph, IMB missionaries circle the city in prayer

By Caroline Anderson

Have you ever been to a prayer meeting that went 50 miles an hour? International Mission Board missionaries in Japan go to one every Tuesday morning.

The train doors open, releasing a cool swath of air into the summer humidity affecting not just Olympic athletes, but missionaries, Japanese believers and Christians from other organizations who are also feeling the heat as they minister outdoors.

Missionary teams step through the train doors and begin riding the JR Yamanote Line that makes 30 stops on a loop around Tokyo as part of prayYamanote, an interdenominational prayer activity that takes place every Tuesday.

The trip takes a little more than an hour.

Christians developed a prayer guide that explains what each neighborhood at each stop is known for and gives corresponding prayer requests.

Carlton and Cornelia Walker led this week's prayYamanote event. The Walkers, IMB missionaries in Tokyo, have been deeply invested in prayer ministry for many years.

Each week, the team exits the train at one stop to pray specifically for the neighborhood around that stop. This Tuesday, the missionaries prayed at the Uguisudani station.

Historically, this neighborhood was known as a literary hub for authors and poets. However, missionaries say it's become a major center for the sex industry. Infamous 'love hotels' line the east side of the train station.

The Lord guided missionary Tara Rice's prayers as she took part in prayYamanote.

"The conviction that the Lord laid on my heart today was just the understanding that we pray to the God of the impossible. Do I always pray believing that God can do anything? Do I truly believe that God can use those sex workers and transform them into workers for the kingdom? I do. I have seen Him do more miraculous things even than that," Rice said.

"With that in mind, my prayers should be God-sized. I should be asking God to do what only He can. Today was a good reminder of that. So I prayed for those involved in sex work — workers and patrons alike. I prayed that God would call them to Himself and use their testimonies to draw even more people into the Kingdom.



That's something only God could do," Rice continued.

After the missionaries finished, they shared the gospel with people they met. Missionaries Pierce and Yae Hite, Scott and Julie Bradford, Jessica Wagner, Natalie Nation and Josiah Oldham joined the Walkers and Rice on this week's prayYamanote prayer meeting.

The invitation to join their team via Zoom extends globally. Virtual participants join for the opening time of devotion and then pray as the team travels around the line, rejoining the team when they get off at one of the stops to pray for the specific area around the station.

People who regularly participate virtually include former volunteers and Japanese living in the U.S. During restrictions and lockdowns, more people are joining online from Tokyo.

Scott Bradford said virtual participants "are committed to praying for the city and asking and pleading before God to intercede and open doors and hearts to the gospel."

Bradford said their prayers as they circle the city remind him of Joshua marching around the city of Jericho.

"We're praying for the spiritual walls that are holding people captive to break down so that the truth of the gospel can come in and penetrate their hearts," Bradford said.

Eight people virtually attended this week's prayYamanote event and 12 people attended in person.

Join IMB missionaries in prayer as they ride the rails again on Aug. 3.

"We desperately need you to pray for us, and here's why," Carlton Walker explained. We're in a very public place on a very public train, and so we want to be able to be on-site with insight, to be on the scene, without creating a scene."

Walker invites you to pray with their team.

- Pray as the team travels through 30 different stations, that their eyes will see each neighborhood surrounding the station as uniquely as God does.
- Pray for those participating, that they will gain a deeper understanding as well as a passion to pray against the spiritual barriers that hold back the megacity of Tokyo from coming to Christ.
- Pray others will join the IMB missionaries and Christians to pray on the train.
- Pray that the Father will send His light on the megacity of Tokyo through this time of intercession.
- Pray for natural conversations with people on the train rides.

Caroline Anderson writes for the IMB from Southeast Asia

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