

# E-Newsletter for AK/BC Pastors and Supporters

June 2021

### It's Been A Busy Season!

What an eventful quarter we've had here in AK/BC! In April, we visited the Kenai Church and the Kodiak Church. We also visited with the Bethel Hispanic Church of God in May. In each church, we were greeted by warm and welcoming church families who made us feel right at home! Thank you Sis. Glenna MacDermaid, Pastors Shannon and Dawn Panthin, and Pastors Moyce and Sara Polanco for your invitation and hospitality.

In May, we held our first event: Summer Conference. What a wonderful time we had getting to meet many of you for the first time! We also enjoyed getting to know many of you better and receiving encouragement from our speakers and special guests. It was a great time of fellowship and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. May was also Youth Camp time at Little Beaver. Flashpoint did an awesome job each night! Our cabin leaders and camp staff worked together and made it so much fun for the campers. It was an amazing week!

So much has taken place, but we realize that there is still so much ahead. Thank you for your cooperation and participation in everything that has taken place so far. We're looking forward to connecting with you as we make our way through this next quarter.

Please know it's our sincere desire to serve you. If we can be of help in any way, please let us know. We are looking forward to what God has in store for us all!

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#### Summer Conference

What a wonderful time we had at Summer Conference! It was a pleasure to finally get to meet so many of you! The fellowship was amazing, the services were so encouraging, and we can't wait to do it again next year!



Recently Ordained Bishops were honored at Summer Conference. These include Rev. James Kinkead (N. Anchorage) pictured with wife Brittany, Rev. Andy Terry (Soldotna) pictured with wife Beth, and Rev. Shannon Panthin (Kodiak).

Congratulations to all!

We want to thank
Dr. R. Terrell Brinson, his wife Debbie,
and the team of supporters who travelled
with them to Alaska to bless our churches. These include Lee
and Teresa Miley, Terry Caldwell, Kathy Yancey, Keith, Melissa,
and Olivia Hawes. We love and appreciate them and are
grateful for their support! (Debbie Brinson not pictured).



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The Ocoee Church of God Team once again blessed AKBC by travelling all the way from Florida to minister to our children during the evening services. We love and appreciate Pastor Thomas Odom and his wonderful team of volunteers!

Missionary Evangelist Rev. Harold Hanks brought an amazing message Thursday evening. We appreciate the good word that he brought to the Summer Conference!



Our General Overseer, Dr. Tim Hill blessed us in song and in ministering the Word on Friday night.

We appreciate Dr. Hill taking the time to come and visit with and minister to us. We're blessed to have Spirit filled leadership and such a great source of support!



Mike and Beverly Nations, pastors of the Clyde Church of God and Directors of the Vital Initiative, were our guest speakers for the morning services. Mike introduced AKBC ministers to the Vital Initiative and how it would benefit our pastors and churches. Beverly spoke to our ladies on Thursday morning. Their ministry was such a blessing to everyone in attendance!

You will be hearing more about the Vital Initiative in the coming months. We plan to implement this program in the state to strengthen and support our churches. It is our prayer that The Vital Initiative will also provide ministers with much needed support and affirmation!

We thank Pastors Bobby and Linda Jones and the Eagle River Church of God for their hospitality during our Summer Conference. They made us all feel very welcome and provided for every need! Thank you for a wonderful time!











The Minister's Luncheon was not only beautifully decorated, but it was delicious as well! Again, we are so grateful for the Eagle River Church of God and the spirit of excellence put into this luncheon!





### Youth Camp

When we think of youth camp, many of us have happy memories. Youth camp is where many of us received salvation, experienced the power of the Holy Spirit, and accepted God's call on our lives. We believe many campers left camp this year with an experience such as this!

This year's Youth Camp theme was: "It's time to SHIFT." Each camper received a camp T-shirt with this theme emblazoned on the front. The message was emphasized each night in the worship service by the amazing Flashpoint team from Virginia. Led by Matt Temple, this dedicated group of young people led us in worship and the word, followed by powerful altar services.

We're so grateful for each and every volunteer. While there are too many to list, please know that each of you made a difference in the lives of so many children and young people. We give God praise for 24 young people that were saved, 16 that re-dedicated their lives to God, 10 that were sanctified, and 3 who received Spirit baptism!

Join us in continued prayer for each of our campers, that God would continue to direct their lives toward His will!













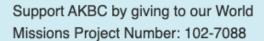












#### Thank You!

To all of our supporters, churches, and friends: thank you! We could not do what we do without your continued support. We are thankful for all you do for AK/BC! Together, we can do more!

Remember:
We are Vital
We are Visionary
We are Valued







### **New Zealand Project**

During Summer Conference 2021, we raised \$64,689.97 in pledges for Missions. Once all of the funds are received, half of this amount will remain in AKBC, with the other half going toward the Legacy New Zealand Project. Your continued support is appreciated!

Let's **PRAY**- we commit to pray for New Zealand, as well as, AK/BC's mission and ministry.

Let's PIONEER- we commit to pioneer with New Zealand and in return, believing that God will give us a pioneering spirit to continue to grow AK/BC.

Let's PARTNER- we commit to partner with New Zealand for a harvest and believe that God will give AK/BC a great harvest of souls as well!

## **Upcoming Events**



Price \$50 (Includes meals and lodging) Check in 3-5 pm Friday 9/24

 Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_
 Church\_\_\_\_\_

 Address:\_\_\_\_\_\_
 Registration PD\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone #:\_\_\_\_\_

Mail Registration to: 105 W. Redoubt Ave. Soldotna, AK 99669

email: churchoffice@ahopeforthefuture.org



Alaska/BC Church of God Women's Conference

SAVE THE DATE
SEPTEMBER
10-11

NORTH ANCHORAGE

1711 Bragaw Street, Anchorage AK 99508

**Silent Auction:** 

Bring whatever items you would like. It doesn't have to be a basket.

**WWAM Project:** 

The House of Cherith Please bring an offering to support this worthy cause!

GUEST SPEAKER rev. Miriam Humphries

