



## E-Newsletter for AK/BC Pastors and Supporters

December 2021

### Merry Christmas!

It is definitely the most wonderful time of the year here in AK/BC! There's no more beautiful sight than seeing snow covered evergreens! The stillness in the air creates such an atmosphere of calm and peace. It is certainly a time of wonder and reflection.

At our recent Christmas Banquet, we talked about the importance of 'remembering.' The last few years have been the most trying in recent memory. However, we must remember what we've learned through it all, including the importance of prayer, our need for one another, and the value of the Christian community.

Keep a record of what you're thankful for, of your blessings, and even of your struggles. These records serve as reminders to us that God is faithful. A prayer or a 'thankful' journal also reminds us of our great need for God. We hope you adopt this habit if you haven't already!

We hope that you remember that no matter your situation, it is our sincere desire to serve you. If we can be of help in any way, please let us know.

Wishing you and yours a very Merry Christmas!

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## Happenings Around the State



Lakeside Church of God

Bishop McGirt and District Overseer, Pastor Bill While, visited Metlakatla on October 3rd. Charlie Dundas was appointed as a Lay Minister to the Lakeside Church of God. Charlie and his wife Elane have been doing a great work there for over a year now. Souls are being saved and the church is growing! Let's continue to pray for this vital work in Metlakatla!



Mat-Su Christian Center

We enjoyed visiting with Pastor Ledbetter and the congregation of the Mat-Su Christian Center on December 5th. Pastor Nations delivered a wonderful sermon on "Peace." Thank you Pastor Ledbetter for your gracious hospitality!

Lake Harvest Church of God

We visited the Lake Harvest Church of God in Huntersville N.C. on Sunday, Nov. 7th. Pastors Matt and Kim Lewis are gracious supporters of AK/BC. We had a wonderful time of fellowship with them and their beautiful congregation! Thank you Matt and Kim for all you do for God and His kingdom!



Kotzebue Church of God

What a pleasure to visit with Pastor's Wayne and Jane Cowart and the congregation of the Kotzebue Church of God on Dec. 11-12th. We were able to participate in their food give-away where 17 families were served. It was a privilege to present The Cowart's with their Ordained Minister's Credentials during the Sunday service. Keep this wonderful church family in your prayers as they serve and minister in Kotzebue!





### Beacon of Light Church of God

Ralph and Esther Juan have been meeting in their home with fellow Filipino brothers and sisters for a while now. They are expected to officially plant "Beacon of Light" church in February. We were privileged to visit with the Juan's and their lovely congregation on Dec. 10th and enjoyed a time of worship and fellowship.

Be in prayer for this new work in AK/BC!



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## AK/BC Minister's Christmas Banquet

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The AK/BC Minister's Christmas Banquet was an awesome event! We had 41 pastors/spouses/ministers who attended. The fellowship was much needed and you could feel the love and friendship from every corner of the room. Pastor David Matthews (Barrow) read us the Christmas Story, we enjoyed some fun Christmas games, Pastor Brandon Scott (Kenai) led us in singing Christmas Carols, and Pastor Fred Ledbetter (Mat-Su Christian Center) provided a stirring benediction! The meal was fabulous and we can't wait until next year to do it all again!

We want to thank those who made this special night possible:

Bruce and Wanda Rabon, South Carolina  
Dr. David Ramirez, Covenant Ministry Team Leader  
Pastor James Sears, Mt. Olive Ministries, Cleveland, T.N.  
Pastors Matt and Kim Lewis, Western N.C.  
Dr. Ken Bell, Western N.C. State Office





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## In Remembrance

First Lady of the Jesus is Lord Church in Anchorage, Uila Asaivao, was laid to rest in late October. It was such an honor to be a part of her life celebration and remembrance. The memories shared, the stories told, and the many songs sung, all pointed to what an amazing Christian, wife, mother, and friend Uila was. Continue to pray for Pastor Will Asaivao and the *Jesus is Lord* Church family.



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## Congratulations to Tonya Scott



Tonya Scott graduated earlier this month with a Master's of Arts Degree in Ministry Studies with an emphasis in Leadership from Lee University. Tonya serves along with her husband Brandon at the Kenai Church of God in Kenai, Alaska.

Tonya, we are all so proud of your accomplishments and pray that God will continue to direct your path!

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## Calendar of Events

February 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> – Arctic Fest – Little Beaver/Big Lake, AK

- Speaker: Pastor Russell Hall, Admin. Pastor, Mt. Olive Ministries, Cleveland TN
- Musical Guest: Mackenzie Hall and Pastor Brandon Scott

February 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> – Southeast Winter Conference – Lighthouse COG, Ketchikan AK

- Speakers: Ben Warrick - Associate Pastor of Go Church, Atlanta, GA and Bishop Jeff McGirt

May 3<sup>rd</sup> – 11:00 AM – State Council Meeting – North Anchorage COG

May 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> – Summer Conference, North Anchorage COG, Anchorage AK.

- Morning Speaker: Pastor Michael Nations, Senior Pastor of Clyde Church of God, Clyde NC and Director of the Vital Initiative
- Evening Speaker: Dr. David Ramirez, Covenant Ministry Team Leader and Third Assistant General Overseer, and David Smith, Pastor Oak Park Church of God, Mobile

June 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> – Youth Camp, Little Beaver

- Speaker: TBD

July 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> – COG General Assembly – San Antonio Texas

September 29 – 30<sup>th</sup> – AKBC Ministry Workshop for Credentialed Ministers/Spouses and Lay Leaders. North Anchorage COG, Anchorage AK

- Presenters: Art Rhodes, Dennis Watkins, Dr. Tim Maness, et.al.

December 1<sup>st</sup> – Credentialed Minister/Spouse and Retired Minister/Spouse Christmas Banquet, the Hotel Captain Cook

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### **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!