



E-Newsletter for AK/BC Pastors and Supporters

September 2021

Changing Seasons

Happy Fall Ya'll! With the recent snowfall, it's difficult to discern whether Alaska has a Fall season. It seems that we went from spring straight to winter! But, there are no complaints here- we are excited for more snow.

Changing seasons are sometimes difficult to navigate. As we have seen, seasons change so quickly sometimes. We can often be unprepared and ill-equipped to handle sudden transitions. Scripture reminds us that regardless of the season of life that we're in, God can make it beautiful.

At our recent Women's Conference, the scripture focus was Ecclesiastes 3:11, "He has made everything beautiful in its time." Regardless of our circumstances, God is always there. Even in the worst of times, God's presence and His Spirit will abide with us. In fact, it is only through the power of the Spirit that we can endure through the challenges that are sure to come our way.

Whatever your situation, 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!

Jeff and Barbara ("JB")



Jeff and Barbara McGirt
Administrative Bishop
Women's Ministry Coordinator

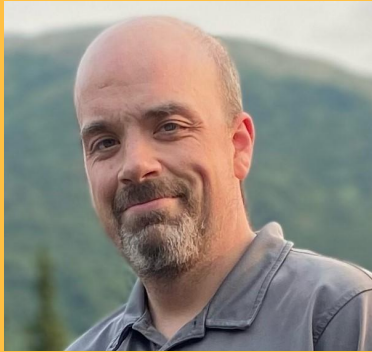
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AKBC Ministers Advance

Congratulations to the following ministers for their advancement in the credentialing process:



Jason Brown of the Harvest Christian Fellowship Church in Eagle River has reached the rank of Exhorter.



Mark Pliska of the Delta Junction Church of God advanced to the rank of Ordained Minister.



Jane and Wayne Cowart of the Kotzebue Church of God both advanced to the rank of Ordained Ministers.



Daniel White of the Harvest Christian Fellowship Church in Eagle River advanced to the rank of Exhorter.

Happenings Around the State



We had the great pleasure of visiting with the Oden's at North Pole Church of God in August. What an amazing service we had! We appreciate Pastors Jeff and Jen Oden and their ministry in North Pole!



We visited with Dr. Priscilla Fulford of the Pathway to Heaven Mission in Wasilla at the end of June. Dr. Fulford and her husband Dale have a wonderful ministry that is reaching many for Christ!



We visited the Valley of Blessing Church of God in Fairbanks at the end of August. Pastor Joe and Carol Perez have a wonderful congregation and a beautiful church. They are doing an amazing job in their community and we're so thankful for the great work they are doing!

Men of Action

The Men of Action visited Alaska in August. During their visit, they painted the parsonage, re-stained the decks, and painted the storage shed. We appreciate their hard work in helping us maintain the AKBC property!



Destiny Conference

The Soldotna Church of God held its annual Destiny Conference in July. Dr. McGirt and Sis. McGirt were invited speakers. The conference was a huge success and all were blessed by attending. Thank you Pastor Andy and Beth Terry for your leadership in conducting this tremendous conference!



Pastor Shannon Panthin from the Oceans United Church of God in Kodiak was a guest speaker at the Destiny Conference, as was Rev. Alan Humphries, former pastor of the Soldotna Church of God. Pastor Brandon and Tonya Scott of the Kenai Church of God provided praise and worship for the event.

Craig Church of God Miracle!

For several months many of you have been helping the Craig Church of God with their roof replacement in Craig Alaska. We are delighted to report to you that with the Leadership of James Jolin and the Men/Women of Action from Alaska along with 17 others, pictured below, the roof work at Craig was completed in 8 days. There were several days that it continued to rain, but that did

not stop this dedicated group of individuals from completing the job. We are very grateful for all their hard work. Pastor's Jeremy & Kerin Crews along with the AKBC State Office are very grateful for your prayerful and financial support. We could not do all that needs to be done without YOU!



Women's Conference: Seasons of Life

We had a wonderful Women's Conference on Sept. 10-11th at the North Anchorage Church of God. Sis. Fredda Shook, Brittany Kinkead, and the women of the North Anchorage church were amazing hostesses. Their hospitality and support were a huge part of the success of the conference.

We averaged about 80 women on Friday and Saturday. We were all blessed by the Word brought by Miriam Humphries, as well as, the praise and worship brought by North Anchorage and Bethel Hispanic. God truly showed up! Many were strengthened and encouraged by the presence of God!

On top of that, these awesome women brought in over 20 auction items and raised over \$5000 for the WWAM project, The House of Cherith. To God by the glory!





Men's Conference: Kingdom Connections

The AK/BC Men's Retreat was held September 25th and 26th at the Alaskan Christian Retreat in Soldotna. It was a huge success! Attendance was 26 in total even though the weather was a bit treacherous that weekend. On Friday night, our State Bishop talked to us on the topic of "Communicating with God." The Saturday morning service was led by Pastor Mike Mendenhall from the Pentecostal Church in Soldotna. During that service there were several men who came down for prayer and God moved in a powerful way. It was a great weekend of fellowship and we are very grateful to Pastor Andy Terry of the Soldotna Church of God and his team for putting this event together and making it a great weekend with men from all across AK/BC.





Upcoming Events



Happy Thanksgiving

We have much to be thankful for. Foremost, is our thanks to God for your service to Him and to your congregants in this great state. It is our sincerest prayer that each of you receive God's continued blessings and favor. We wish everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

Christmas Banquet

We hope you'll make plans now to attend the Ministers Christmas Banquet to be held on Thursday, Dec. 2nd at 6:30 p.m. This year it will be held at the Captain Cook Hotel. Pastors/spouses, retired ministers/spouses and credentialed ministers/spouses are invited to attend. More information to come soon!



Support AKBC by giving to our
World Missions Project Number:
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New Zealand Project

During Summer Conference 2021, we raised \$64,689.97 in pledges for Missions. Once all of the

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:
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We are Visionary
We are Valued

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!