

## FRANKLIN GRAHAM

ABT GOD AND COUNTRY DAY SERVICE  
SUNDAY, JULY 2 11 A.M.

**NEXT SUNDAY!**



Yard signs - in the lobby

## WELCOME!

I am so glad that you chose to be with us today! If you are looking for a church family, we would love to be yours. Here at ABT we have something for everyone in your family and I hope your time at ABT is encouraging and welcoming. If this is your first time visiting, at the end of the service please stop by our VIP Room so that I can personally meet you.

- Pastor Prevo

Franklin Graham hardly needs any introduction; He is a national figure carrying out a family tradition of proclaiming the Gospel of Christ. His recent call to prayer in every state capital will enhance our God and Country Day Service on Sunday, July 2. Please invite everyone you know to this special event! It will be a glorious celebration of our Great God and our Great Country!

## VBS Results

Thank God for a Great Week of VBS

- Total Attendance.....3660
- Total Saved .....173
- Average/night..... 915
- Total Bus Riders..... 2192

Thank You to all the volunteers who helped make our 2017 VBS such a great success!



## OFFERING ADMONITION

By our giving of tithe and offerings, we are doers of the Word. Our way is being made prosperous and successful.

## HAVE YOU BEEN BAPTIZED?

**Next Sunday**, after the message during the 11 a.m. service, every believer who has not been baptized is invited to make a public profession of their faith in Jesus Christ.

We have everything you will need - private dressing rooms for men and women, baptismal robes, towels, and hair dryers - so that you can quickly change back into your street clothes and go on your way.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING BAPTISM, please talk to one of our pastors or call the church office during the week at 333-6535.

**"WHY ARE YOU WAITING? ARISE AND BE BAPTIZED..." ACTS. 22:16**

## That Little Bugaboo called "Worse"



**T**oday, marriage commitments seem to have expiration dates. Two people, totally desiring the lifelong hand of each other, enter marriage with a full belief that the vows they utter on that special day are as written in stone as any other level of integrity they possess. Nonetheless, I hope the concept of "worse" stimulates you to carefully consider exactly to what you are committing. Marriage is far more involved than clicking the "accept" box on a new program.

The vow includes "for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer." The "better" part is easy for all of us. Who doesn't want to believe at their wedding that what they are entering is just going to get better. Pragmatically, it doesn't work that way. Fifty percent of all married couples will attest to that, since about half of all marriages today end in divorce. Apparently, things get "worse."

What the future holds is unknown to us. Nonetheless, we have a God who has already ordained the future. He is sovereign in every way and has worked all things in consistency with His glory and His will. So, whatever happens is not the onslaught of chaos from God's perspective, only ours.

Also, if "faith is the substance of things hoped for and the assurance of things unseen" (Hebrews 11:1), then a proper discourse with God would be to trust His character to provide those assurances that He reveals in His Word. This is how the "worse" becomes manageable. Marriage, like anything else in life, is to hope for the best but prepare for the worse.

Jesus used this same thought when He talked about following Him. "But don't begin until you count the cost. For who would begin construction of a building without first calculating the cost to see if there is enough money to finish it?" (Luke 14:28). We succeed by planning ahead with realistic expectations.

The one thing the "worse" brings out in people is irrational decisions based on emotions rather than objective thinking. Those things that make relationships enduring, such as sacrifice, forgiveness, edification, and community are put on the back burners while personal satisfaction and immediate gratification are brought to the forefront, turning a difficult situation into a devastating one.

We all deal with this bugaboo called "worse"; it's just that some are better prepared to deal with it than others. It starts with commitment.

*Pastor Peter*

# ISRAEL

TRAVEL DATES: NOV. 13 - NOV. 22

## 49 People are signed up!

Informational brochures are available at the Welcome Center.  
Email [holyland@ancbt.org](mailto:holyland@ancbt.org) or go to [www.ancbt.org](http://www.ancbt.org) for a link to the Israel Trip website.



## ENROLLING NOW!

### Anchorage Christian Schools

2017-2018 **K-12**

*"Where God reigns in the entire educational process."*

Anchorage Christian Schools also offers: Nursery, Preschool, Kindergarten, and Summer Programs.

For more information, call (907) 337-9575 or [www.acsedu.org](http://www.acsedu.org).

*Add Some Excitement to your Child's Summer!*

## Explorer PROGRAM



Hiking, Biking, Outdoor and Indoor Activities, plus an Arts and Crafts Program. We will also have Reading, Math, and Ice Skating for Students along with Bible lessons.

### SIGN UP TODAY!

For more information, contact Mr. Rich Ames at 269-3855, Option 3. Open to children entering 1st grade - 6th grade.

# MUNICIPAL INITIATIVE PETITION 2017-2

This is a petition to get a referendum on the April 2018 ballot that will limit access to public facilities, such as locker rooms and restrooms, on the basis of sex at birth, not gender identity. This is common sense protection for ALL Alaskans! No one, including the City of Anchorage, should expect young girls to undress and be exposed to a member of the opposite sex in intimate settings like restrooms, showers or locker rooms and government should not be allowed to force private businesses and religious institutions to comply to such improprieties.



We are encouraging registered voters in Anchorage to sign the petition, copies of which are available in the church lobby!

# WHY ME LORD?

## HOW TO RISE ABOVE THE TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS OF LIFE

We are going to take the next several weeks and look into God's Word to see how He wants us to Biblically respond to the trials and tribulations in our lives. Join us in one of our many Adult Bible Fellowship classes!



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PARKING LOT

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to those adults who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week!

### ANNIVERSARIES

06/25 Jason & Michelle Hofacker	06/29 Andy & Linda Fox
Olin & Elsie Race	Lewis & Eileen Hollman
06/26 Rodney & Alyson Torgerson	Scott & Jennifer McKinnie
06/27 Jon & Rhea Notestine	06/30 Stephen & Ruth Johnson
Skip & Sandra Sanford	07/01 Jerry & Jennifer Howard

### BIRTHDAYS

06/24 Nathan Ward	Fred Nolan
06/25 Karen Dickerson	James Ross
06/26 Melvin McMillan	06/29 Vivian Roberts
David Bronson	06/30 Erin Mankel
Selah Ketcham	Linda Perkins
06/27 Mariah Kile	Ryan Veach
06/28 Mailkya Kaiser	07/01 Sandra Fuller
Daniel Henegar	Gail Schubert

## GOD GIVES THE INCREASE

Saved This Year ..... 181  
 Total Baptized 2017..... 58  
 Total Joined 2017 ..... 70

If you receive a **FREE Trash Dump Certificate** from the Municipality and are *not* going to use it, please consider donating it to the church... **WE CAN USE IT!** Please contact Pastor Glenn.

**IF YOU ARE LOOKING TO USE YOUR TALENTS IN OTHER AREAS OF OUR CHURCH**, stop by the Connection Center for more information. There are more opportunities in the B/W section.




## RECOVERY

ALASKA

<p><b>FOR MEN:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drug and Alcoholism</li> <li>• Sexual Addiction</li> <li>• Anger Resolution</li> </ul>	<p><b>FOR MEN AND WOMEN:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DivorceCare</li> <li>• GriefShare</li> <li>• Depression</li> </ul>
<p><b>FOR WOMEN:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drug and Alcoholism</li> <li>• Partners in Process</li> </ul>	<p><b>FOR YOUTH:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compulsory Behavior</li> </ul>

Thursdays, Rm. 207 (7 - 9 p.m.) Contact Pastor Don Barnhart at 333-6535 or [dbarnhart@ancbt.org](mailto:dbarnhart@ancbt.org) or go online to [www.recoveryabrt.org](http://www.recoveryabrt.org).




# 232 RIDERS!

## Keeping the Bus Ministry Rollin'

### TOP FOUR BUS ROUTES OUT OF 15

Route	Team Captain	Riders
8	Krichbaum	42
21B	Gilbert	40
4	Felesi	35
17	Lin	32



## JUNE 18, 2017

## WORSHIP SERVICES

### SUNDAYS

10 A.M. Adult Fellowship Classes  
 11 A.M. Main Worship Service  
 6 P.M. Evening Service

### WEDNESDAYS

7:30 P.M. Mid-Week Service

### STAY CONNECTED



Facebook.com/ancbt  
 Facebook.com/PastorPrevo



A video of each message is available on our website ([www.abtfive.org](http://www.abtfive.org)) and via iTunes.

## THERE ARE FIVE WAYS TO GIVE AT ABT:

1. In Person through a tithe envelope
  2. Online at [www.abtgiving.com](http://www.abtgiving.com)
  3. At a Kiosk in the back of the lobby
  4. Through the SecureGive Mobile app
  5. By texting 1-855-628-GIVE (4483)
- For more information, pick up a brochure at the Connection Center or go online to [www.ancbt.org](http://www.ancbt.org).



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# WHY ME LORD?

June 25, 2017

HOW TO RISE ABOVE THE TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS OF LIFE

## I. \_\_\_\_\_ HAS TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS IN LIFE.

A. Jesus taught that life was not a cake walk but a \_\_\_\_\_ walk.

*John 16:33, "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." (NKJV)*

## II. EVERYONE MUST LEARN HOW NOT TO LET PROBLEMS GET THEM \_\_\_\_\_.

*James 1:2-4, "Dear brothers, is your life full of difficulties and temptations? Then be happy, for when the way is rough, your patience has a chance to grow. So let it grow, and don't try to squirm out of your problems. For when your patience is finally in full bloom, then you will be ready for anything, strong in character, full and complete." (TLB)*

## III. EVERYONE MUST LEARN TO \_\_\_\_\_ ALL PROBLEMS AND TRIALS AS OPPORTUNITIES FOR GREAT JOY AND GROWTH IN THE LORD.

A. You are going to face many problems \_\_\_\_\_.

B. If you believe God, however, and \_\_\_\_\_ Him to work in your life, He will use them for a good and beneficial purpose.

*Rom. 8:28, "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose." (NKJV)*

C. "Work together for good" because God can take the experiences you go through and make you a far stronger person, both in your \_\_\_\_\_ behavior and in your \_\_\_\_\_ of others.

1. When you walk \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ like the Scripture says, through the problems and trials of life, you become stronger - more focused, more determined, more steadfast, more confident.

2. Thus, you can be trusted to persevere, to be \_\_\_\_\_, and to fulfill your duties.

3. When you rise above trials instead of allowing them to get you down, you become a more \_\_\_\_\_ person humanly and spiritually.

4. When you rise above problems and hardships, you become a dynamic \_\_\_\_\_ for Christ.

5. When you rise above problems and hardships, you \_\_\_\_\_ to others the presence and power of Christ in your life.

a. You show that God does \_\_\_\_\_, and that you can do all things through Him.

## IV. EVERYONE MUST LEARN TO FACE TRIALS AND SUFFERING WITH A \_\_\_\_\_.

*James 1:2, "Dear brothers, is your life full of difficulties and temptations? Then be happy." (TLB)*

### **Let's look at the ways to face trials and temptations with a spirit of happiness:**

A. You have to change your way of \_\_\_\_\_! How?

1. You need to know that the testing of your faith during trials \_\_\_\_\_ patience.

*James 1:3, "Knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience." (NKJV)*

2. You need to let patience, which is \_\_\_\_\_, develop within you.

a. Perseverance \_\_\_\_\_ that you endure and keep on enduring, never giving up and never giving in.

3. When you will look at these troublesome, challenging, and sometimes painful times as \_\_\_\_\_, you can begin to face them with a joyful spirit.

B. By realizing you are going to be a \_\_\_\_\_ after you endure the trial.

*James 1:3-4, "Knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing." (NKJV)*

**What is going on in your life right now that has robbed you of joy?**

**Hopefully this lesson will help you to have joy in spite of it.**



# TAKE YOUR VISITOR TO DINNER

This month we have partnered with two local restaurants - Pizza Studio and Red Robin - because we want to treat you and your visitors to a free lunch or dinner. Free lunch/dinner coupons will be available in the lobby for everyone who brings a visitor to any of our church services. If you bring one adult visitor, you will receive one free lunch for you and one for your guest. If you bring two or more adult visitors, you will receive one lunch coupon for yourself, one for your spouse, and one for each of your visitors. *Beverages and gratuity are not included.*

**IMPORTANT:** Visitors must be 18 years of age or older who have not attended ABT in the last two months; are prospects for our church; not regularly attending another church of like faith; from the Anchorage – Eagle River area; and are not out-of-town visitors.

You and your visitor(s) **must** register your attendance, in person, at our visitor check-in center to receive your FREE meal coupons. You must register before leaving the service you are attending. During Sunday morning services our visitors check-in center will be in the VIP room and it will be at the **Connection Center** in the church lobby for all evening services.

Contact any Pastor if you have questions about our "Take Your Visitor to Dinner" program. We hope you will use this tool to help yourself carry out our Lord's request.

## THIS WEEK

JUNE 25 - JULY 1

### MONDAY

**MEN'S BASKETBALL FELLOWSHIP**  
7 - 9 p.m. | ACS BIG GYM

### WEDNESDAY

**WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICE**  
7:30 p.m. | Auditorium

### THURSDAY

**RECOVERY**  
7:00 p.m. | Room 207  
**SPIRITUAL FREEDOM**  
7:00 p.m. | Room 110

## Faith Bible Institute

Registration for fall is now open. FBI begins in August. Early registration deadline is July 1 (SATURDAY!). Brochures are available at the **Connection Center** in the church lobby or go online to [faithbibleinstitute.com](http://faithbibleinstitute.com) for more information. We will be meeting this fall on Thursdays 6:00-9:00 p.m. in room 121. Registration is easy online. These college level courses are at reasonable prices.

## ADULT FELLOWSHIP CLASSES (10 A.M.)

Pastor's Auditorium Class	Auditorium	L.I.F.E. Class	VIP Room
Ambassadors	Rm. 111	Marriage Matters	Cafeteria
Faithbuilders	Rm. 212	Pathfinders	Rm. 208
FIRST Class	Rm. 119	Real Life	Rm. 210
Frontline	Rm. 207	Senior Saints	Rm. 117
Kingdom Seekers	Rm. 110	Spanish Class	Rm. 209
Korean Class	Rm. 113	NextGen (Jr. High)	Mini Gym
Ladies For Christ	Rm. 118	HSM@ABT (Sr. High)	Youth Chapel

# For Notes

**Sunday, June 25, 2017**

*Additional note paper is at the right end of the pew.*

**If you've been blessed by today's sermon, visit our Tape Table in the lobby at the end of the service and order a copy for yourself or a friend. Past services are also available on DVD (\$10) or CD (\$4).**



**The Connection Center** in the auditorium lobby is a place for new and regular attenders to get better connected at ABT. We want to get to know you and help you plug in to Adult Fellowship Classes and places to

serve that match your abilities and interests.

At the Connection Center, people seeking a church home can find out about small groups, ministries geared toward women, men, singles, and young adults or volunteering. We are available to answer your questions, help you register for ministries and events and give you more information on how to connect, grow, and serve at ABT.

Come see us for a free gift, meal vouchers for your visitors, and opportunities to get connected.

## NEW TO ABT?

With a church of this size, we don't want you to go unnoticed. Attending an Adult Fellowship Class is a great way to get connected. Stop by the VIP Room after the 11 o' clock service to meet the pastors and their wives and find out which class is right for you!



## WAYS TO CONNECT BEYOND SUNDAY!

There is always something going on at ABT! Below is just a few of the many ministries that we offer.

### MEN

Basketball Night- is for all adult men every Monday night in the Big Gym from 7-9 p.m.

### WOMEN

Prayer groups, Women's Bible studies, 907 Moms (w/preschoolers), and Widows' Connection will be gearing up this fall.

### PRISON MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES!

Downtown Anchorage Correctional Center  
 ABT members are needed to conduct Bible Studies at the new ACC Faith module. Early afternoon and evening time slots are available. For more information, please speak with or call: **Pastor Barnhart** or **Pastor Dunfee** at 333-6535; **Mike Paulsen** at 229-2833 or **Rudy Bosley** at 884-6044.

### PRISON MINISTRY

Department of Corrections (DOC) has added a new Faith module at several prisons and the Anchorage jail. There are several opportunities to serve in the Prison Ministry. (Bible studies, Visitation, etc...)

For more information, contact **Bryan Dunfee** at 333-6535 or [bdunfee@ancbt.org](mailto:bdunfee@ancbt.org).

### KIDS

ABT offers interactive, age-appropriate programs for your kids to enjoy while you are attending services in the main auditorium. From infant through high school, we have a program that builds your child's relationship with Jesus Christ! Ask an usher or greeter to help you locate those programs.

### RECOVERY ALASKA

Our recovery program offers classes for men, women, and youth on Thursday nights from 7-9 p.m. in room 207. Classes: Drug & Alcoholism (B), Sexual Addiction (M), Anger Resolution (M), DivorceCare (B), Depression (B), GriefShare (B), Partners in Process (W), Compulsory Behavior (Y). For more information, contact Pastor Don Barnhart, 333-6535 or [dbarnhart@ancbt.org](mailto:dbarnhart@ancbt.org).

M-men, W-women, B-both, Y-youth

**TO LEARN MORE** about the ministries listed above and other ministries we have at ABT, visit [www.ancbt.org](http://www.ancbt.org) or talk to an assistant pastor.

*"But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive."*

*Genesis 50:20*