

Welcome Franklin Graham!

President and CEO of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association and Samaritan's Purse



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



BABY & CHILD DEDICATION SUNDAY July 16, 11 A.M.

For parents who wish to dedicate their newborn babies to the Lord, ABT is planning a Baby Dedication Service. We will also dedicate children 12 and under for parents who have not had an opportunity to do this with their children. Every child will receive a gift Bible from Pastor Prevo and you do not have to be a member of ABT to participate. Please feel free to invite friends and neighbors with a formal invitation located at the Connection Center.



CAMP AUG 7-11

INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION IN THE LOBBY

No 6 p.m. Service Tonight!

Since this is a holiday weekend and in order to give our many volunteers in the nursery, TV ministry, and other ministries a break, there will not be a service this evening.

Church offices will be opened 8 a.m. - noon on Mon., July 3 and closed Tues., July 4 in honor of Independence Day.

OFFERING ADMONITION

We give, not according to what is right in our own eyes, but in obedience to God. Because of this, we are blessed.

HAVE YOU BEEN BAPTIZED?

Today, 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.

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



Please return your signs and stands. Thank you for displaying them!

Remembering the Fourth



Anually, on May 1, the former Soviet Union would parade its armaments before its people. Their missiles, tanks, and troops were the symbols of their strength. The late columnist Erma Bombeck saw America's celebration somewhat differently.

"You have to love a nation that celebrates its independence every July 4, not with a parade of guns, tanks, and soldiers who file by the White House in a show of strength and muscle, but with family picnics where kids throw Frisbees, the potato salad gets iffy, and the flies die from happiness. You may think you have overeaten, but it is patriotism." America is unique in that way. America, unlike other nations, was established from the bottom up, not the top down. It was the individual, the family, the local community that formulated the building blocks of our great nation. It wasn't a government project that began the first powered flight nor made a light bulb; it was God-given opportunities and individuals willing to risk their time, efforts and wealth into exploiting those opportunities.

We are a nation that saw power as an invitation for corruption. We gave our government checks and balances, creating three separate and co-equal branches. We are a nation of, for, and by the people and hold that governments are instituted to protect the rights of the people, not subjugate the population under the hand of unlimited power. Our forefathers, through practice and confirmation from the Scriptures, understood the nature of man and proceeded to construct a constitution that would preserve human rights and prevent a tyrannical takeover. I don't think they could have understood the generations that would follow them.

Today, almost half of all marriages end in divorce. Four out of every ten children born in this country are in fatherless homes. Local schools are forbidden to encourage prayer and Bible reading but are encouraged to teach "safe sex," how to get an abortion, and the virtues of homosexual, bisexual, and transgender lifestyles. Beyond that, we have a government that is on the verge of bankruptcy, both financially and morally.

In December of 1991, the powerful Soviet Union was crushed beneath its own weight after only 69 years of existence. Today we celebrate our 241th birthday. The Fourth of July celebrations that Erma Bombeck enjoyed may still be with us, but its preservation may be waning.

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" Psalm 33:12.

ISRAEL

TRAVEL DATES: NOV. 13 - NOV. 22

49 People are signed up!

Informational brochures are available at the Welcome Center.

Email holyland@ancbt.org or go to

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.

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.

SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMP

**JULY
24-28**

Only \$80 which includes the camp and lunch every day.
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Call the church (333-6535), register online (ancbt.org) or in the lobby.

For Boys and Girls!

Tony Eubanks



Coach Tony Eubanks is a former professional athlete playing basketball overseas. He's been the chaplain for Clemson

University and the University of Georgia. He has spoken at national conferences on youth, discipline, and evangelism.

Every Attendee also receives a T-shirt and a Bible at the end of the week!

Basketball Skill development, Games, and a Tournament

All 3rd -12th Graders welcome to attend!



Because of the Independence Day holiday, there will be **NO Parkapalooza this week**. Join us next week at Williwaw Park and Turpin Park on Monday and Tuesday NEXT WEEK!

July 10 & 11 Williwaw Park 12-2pm
Turpin Park 6-8pm

SING IN THE ABT WORSHIP CHOIR!

That's right, you can sing in the ABT Worship Choir for the summer. Many of our regular choir members will be out of town this summer so we need YOU to fill their place.

Choir rehearsal is on Sundays, 5 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. and Wednesday evenings, 7 p.m. to 7:25 p.m. **PLEASE NOTE: No rehearsal tonight!**

Please attend this Wednesday in the choir room, located behind the Auditorium platform. High School and older are invited to attend.

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!

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

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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

ANNIVERSARIES

07/03	Chris & Rhoda Carter	07/07	Jesse & Corinne Martin
07/04	Steve & Maria Hamilton		Tanner & Danielle Worosher
07/05	Arvid & Betty Severson	07/08	Jerry & Nancy Green
	Ed & Marcia Tisdell		Todd & Vicky Kelley
07/06	Gary & Donna Warmath		Pablo & Mary Rodriguez

BIRTHDAYS

07/02	Rosalynn Lasley	07/06	Betty Gray
	Yon Norup		Steven Edmonds
	Richard Ames	07/07	Sue Hilton
	John Shipton		Loretta Railing
07/03	Marylou Comer		Greg Dickey
	Tresa Neece		Keith Milbourn
	Dan Heitman		Keenan Zerkel
	Edward Luther	07/08	Sydney Bathery
	Ioane Semeatu		Debra Bronson
	Tim Woodall		Lori Kaupp
07/04	Liliana Colin		Ernestine Nasholm
	Rodney Torgerson		Jackson Mata
07/05	Olga Guillory		David Shea
			Ed Tisdell


GOD GIVES THE INCREASE

Saved During VBS.....	187
Saved This Year	368
Total Baptized 2017.....	58
Total Joined 2017	74

Joined by Letter

Larry Johnson, Sandra Johnson


IF YOU ARE LOOKING TO USE YOUR TALENTS IN OTHER AREAS OF OUR CHURCH, stop by the Connection Center.



RECOVERY ALASKA

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

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



365 RIDERS!

TOP SIX BUS ROUTES OUT OF 15

Route	Team Captain	Riders
21B	Gilbert	45
17	Lin	36
14	Brown	34
4	Felesi	32
21A	Brandon	32
19B	Dickerson	30



JUNE 25, 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
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STAY CONNECTED



Facebook.com/ancbt
Facebook.com/PastorPrevo



A video of each message is available on our website (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
 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.



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WHY ME LORD?

July 2, 2017

HOW TO RISE ABOVE THE TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS OF LIFE

Everyone has trials and tribulations in life. From macro (big) trials to micro (small) trials. No matter how much we wish it to be true, life is not always sunshine and roses. Jesus taught that life was not a cake walk but a faith walk. Believers are not exempt from the common problems and difficulties all people face. They also face persecution for their faith from the hostile world system.

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)

HOW DO WE RISE ABOVE THE TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS OF LIFE SO THAT WE CAN STILL BE HAPPY?

I. EVERYONE MUST LEARN HOW NOT TO LET PROBLEMS GET THEM DOWN.

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)

II. EVERYONE MUST LEARN TO APPROACH ALL PROBLEMS AND TRIALS AS OPPORTUNITIES FOR GREAT JOY AND GROWTH IN THE LORD.

III. YOU SHOULD CONTINUE TO _____ THE LORD BECAUSE NOTHING CAN EVER _____ FROM THE LORD'S LOVE FOR YOU AS A CHRISTIAN.

A. Life is uncertain and things happen to us for a number of reasons.

1. Sometimes it's our own _____.
2. Sometimes it is just an _____.
3. Sometimes it is just a part of God's _____ for our lives.

Phil. 1:12-14, "And I want you to know this, dear brothers: Everything that has happened to me here has been a great boost in getting out the Good News concerning Christ. For everyone around here, including all the soldiers over at the barracks, knows that I am in chains simply because I am a Christian. And because of my imprisonment, many of the Christians here seem to have lost their fear of chains! Somehow my patience has encouraged them, and they have become more and more bold in telling others about Christ." (TLB)

Rom. 8:35, 37-39, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?...Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (KJV)

B. When we doubt God's love for us, here are some of the results.

1. _____ - _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____ - _____
6. _____

C. Christ loves us even in the _____ of circumstances.

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

JULY 2 - JULY 8

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



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.

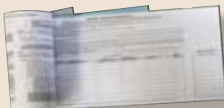
Come see us for a free gift, meal vouchers for your visitors, and opportunities to get connected.

MEN'S BASKETBALL FELLOWSHIP IS CANCELLED THIS WEEK DUE TO THE 4TH OF JULY HOLIDAY!

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.

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!

For Notes

Sunday, July 2, 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).

Rom. 8:35-37, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: 'For Your sake we are killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.' Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us." (NKJV)

- D. God says that no matter what comes your way, you _____ from His love and you can continue to put your faith and trust in Him regardless of the circumstances.
- E. _____ yourself of Christ's love is the thing that will carry you through the most extreme experiences and pains of life.
- F. There is _____ in the universe that can separate you from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord. You can be fully persuaded of this glorious fact.
- G. Why then do these things happen to us sometime?

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)

- 1. They are working together for _____.

What are you going through right now that is making it hard for you to be happy?

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.

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.

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 or talk to an assistant pastor.

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EVERYBODY'S STATION

We're all about Redeeming the Time!

"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."
2 Chronicles 7:14