

## 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.

## 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!**



## CAMP AUG 7-11

For Children entering 2nd - 6th grades. Cost is \$230 which includes T-shirt and snack shop. INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION IN THE LOBBY or online at [ancbt.org/Ministries/Kids\\_camp](http://ancbt.org/Ministries/Kids_camp) or scan qr code. Contact Pastor Chris or Pastor Tim-333-6535.



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

## OFFERING ADMONITION

We have worked and now we are giving. God Who is no respecter of persons, will both recompense and reward us.

## Dandelions!



**T**araxacum is a large genus of flowering plants. These little chrysanthemum-wanna-

be's decorate your yard with the contrasting yellow flower against the green lawn, many times signaling the arrival of spring (personally, I just prefer seeing a robin!). Don't let their

flower-like beauty deceive you; they are villainous weeds with only one goal: to conquer any field, any lawn or dominate any patch of dirt. They are the dreaded dandelions!

One of the dandelions great strength is to grow deep roots, so simply cutting off their tops with the lawn mower will only delay their predatory instincts. They also disguise themselves as little fuzzballs that spark the young child's curiosity, as they wonder if they can blow every reproductive seed with a single breath. If you ignore them long enough, they turn your finely landscaped lawn into a perennial "weed-a-torium."

Sin, similarly, has all the beauty of the blessings of uprightness, it just has a very fast expiration date. Be it a lie, theft, immorality or paganism, sin conquers you will the way dandelions conquer an unkempt lawn. What starts as one or two quickly multiplies into a habit.

The best way to destroy dandelions is to either uproot them or make the conditions unbearable with a series of applications of weed killer. Paul uses a similar process for dealing with sin. In Colossians 3:5, we are told to "put to death your members which are on the earth; fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desires, and covetousness, which is idolatry." The process is urgent since "because of these things the wrath of God is coming" (v.6). The saved person doesn't suddenly wake up one morning and is no longer compelled to practice old sinful habits, but must discipline himself or herself in a concerted effort to mortify the sin in their lives.

Sin, like dandelions, can be dealt with using an environmental change as well. Day by day we must "put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him" (v.10). "Put on tender mercies, humility, meekness, patience, bearing and forgiving one another and put on love" (v.12-14). "Let the peace of God rule in your hearts" (v. 15). "Let the Word of God dwell in you richly" (v.16).

Just like destroying intruding weeds for the sake of wanting a beautiful lawn, our Christian walk goes hand-in-hand with forsaking one's sin while wanting to be more like Jesus.

# 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.

# FUSION ALASKA

Registration now open at  
fusionalaska.com

Special ABT Rate of only  
\$80 a person

Featuring: Colton Dixon, We Are Messengers, KB, Gawvi, Jared Hall, and Eric Samuel Timm.

## 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.

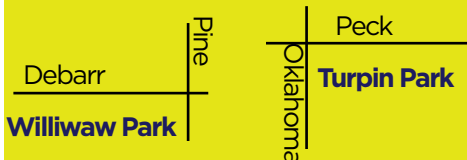
Remember, if you can sing, it's because God gave you that talent!



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

July 12 Williwaw Park 12-2pm

Come as a guest or help us in the many activities involved with Parkapalooza!  
FREE HOT DOGS and REFRESHMENTS!



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.

# 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

07/11 VJ & Leah Maisonet	Denny & Melody Wood
07/12 Tim & Bethany Brandon	07/13 Larry & Edith Lee
Richard & Mary Willis	07/15 Dennis & Barbara Jokela

### BIRTHDAYS

07/09 Joann Thayer	Michael Kordus
Rudy Colin	07/12 Antoinette Johnson
James Hamilton	07/14 Joyce Maines
Bill Leight	Carol Prevo
James McCoy	Lawrence Galvan
07/10 Naomi Bahnke	Steve Wells
Denise Brandon	07/15 Bob Baker
Crystal Hoffman	Jerry Green
Charles Scott	Clyde Seawood
07/11 Jana Gogain	

## GOD GIVES THE INCREASE

Saved this Week ..... 3  
 Saved This Year ..... 371  
 Total Baptized 2017 ..... 64  
 Total Joined 2017 ..... 78


### Joined by Baptism

Diego Marquez, Marion Anderson  
 Hannah Kim, Maya Harrison  
 Alexandria Brimhall, Felice Mikes

### Joined by Statement

John Brinley

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



**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 WOMEN:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drug and Alcoholism</li> <li>• Partners in Process</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 YOUTH:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compulsory Behavior</li> </ul>
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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.recoveryabt.org](http://www.recoveryabt.org).



**287 RIDERS!**

**TOP TWO BUS ROUTES OUT OF 15**

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**JULY 2, 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?

July 9, 2017

HOW TO RISE ABOVE THE TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS OF LIFE

*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)*

**Here's what we've learned in the last two lessons entitled, "Why Me Lord?"**

## I. EVERYONE MUST LEARN HOW TO NOT 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 TRUST THE LORD. LET NOTHING EVER CAUSE YOU TO FEEL LIKE GOD DOES NOT LOVE YOU ANYMORE.

**Even when God rebukes us and chastises us, He does it because He loves us.**

*Rev. 3:19, "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten." (NKJV)*

*Today, we are going to see how God uses trials and tribulations to produce "GOOD" in our lives.*

## IV. WE MUST REMEMBER THAT GOD WORKS ALL THINGS OUT FOR GOOD! EVEN TRIALS, TRIBULATIONS AND SUFFERING FOR THOSE WHO \_\_\_\_\_ HIM.

A. Why do bad things happen?

1. We must remember that we live in a \_\_\_\_\_ world.

B. We must have \_\_\_\_\_ in God and take Him at His \_\_\_\_\_ that He will work things out for good.

*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)*

**Look closely at four details in this verse:**

1. The words "all things" go \_\_\_\_\_ the great events of this world.

2. The words "work together" mean to create and \_\_\_\_\_, place and replace, connect and \_\_\_\_\_, interrelate and intermingle, control and guide.

3. The words "work together" are also \_\_\_\_\_ tense, which means that all things are daily working together for your good.

*God says in Jer. 29:11, "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope." (NKJV)*

4. The word "good" signifies the \_\_\_\_\_ good.

5. When we are in the midst of a trial or tribulation in life we can't \_\_\_\_\_, but God can.

C. The promise to work things out for good are for \_\_\_\_\_ "who love God" who are the called.

1. You cannot reject and disobey God and \_\_\_\_\_ Him to work out life issues for you.

D. How do we know we love God?

*John 10:27, "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me." (NKJV)*

# 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 9 - JULY 15

### MONDAY

#### PARKAPALOOZA

Noon-2 p.m. | Williwaw Park  
6 p.m.-8 p.m. | Turpin Park

#### MENS BASKETBALL FELLOWSHIP

7 p.m. | Turpin Park

### TUESDAY

#### PARKAPALOOZA

Noon-2 p.m. | Williwaw Park  
6 p.m.-8 p.m. | Turpin Park

### WEDNESDAY

#### WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICE

7:30 p.m. | Auditorium

### THURSDAY

#### PARKAPALOOZA

Noon-2 p.m. | Williwaw Park  
RECOVERY

7:00 p.m. | Room 207



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.

## 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 9, 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).**

## Here is a check list to see if you love God and can expect Him to work all things together for good.

1. When one loves God, he has a \_\_\_\_\_ for the Lord.
2. When a person loves God, he will \_\_\_\_\_ what the Lord says.
3. When a person loves God, he will have a sense of \_\_\_\_\_.
4. When a person loves God, he will be sensitive to what God \_\_\_\_\_.
5. When a person loves God, he will not like to see God blasphemed or \_\_\_\_\_.
6. When a person loves God, he will love the \_\_\_\_\_.
7. When a person loves God, he will \_\_\_\_\_ his brothers and sisters in the Lord.

1 John 4:20-21, "If someone says, 'I love God,' and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also." (NKJV)

John 13:35, "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." (NKJV)

8. When a person loves the Lord, he will have a strong desire to keep His \_\_\_\_\_.

John 14:21, "He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me." (NKJV)

### Are you loving the Lord?

## 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.

## FAITH BIBLE INSTITUTE IS STILL ENROLLING!



Registration for fall is open. Classes will begin in August. **YOU CAN STILL REGISTER!** 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 on line. These college level courses are at reasonable prices.

### 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 whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him."*

*1 John 2:5*