



**ALASKA CONFERENCE  
OF SEVENTH-DAY  
ADVENTISTS**

## **FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK**

SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2009

### **CAMP MEETING 2009**



**Pastor Ken Crawford  
Conference President**

Another camp meeting, another year closer to the Lord's return. I must stop and give praise to our Father in heaven for the rich blessings of this last camp meeting. I was personally inspired and I keep hearing reports of the great blessing from the people. It was another record breaking attendance and the theme of "God of the Impossible" resonated in many hearts. The speakers were outstanding and the Holy Spirit was present.

I must give special appreciation to the Alaska pastors for their dedication and hard work, especially those who were new: Pastor Aaron Payne of Palmer and Pastor Bill Kasper of Fairbanks-North Pole for their excellent presentations and their untiring work with the youth and young adults.



**Missionaries need rest too!**



**The original "mobile home"**



**Pastor Aaron Payne**

### **TEACHER INSERVICE**

On August 4-6, Alaska teachers met to get acquainted with each other and get oriented for the new school year. Tom Maher, new interim Education Director for Alaska, met with the teachers and assisted with the meetings. Keith Waters, Associate Superintendent for the North Pacific Union, gave a presentation on the latest Value Genesis study and orientation on the new Pathways material.

This year we welcome five new teachers;

- Dane Bailey, Principal and Teacher Grades 7-9 at Amazing Grace Academy, was formerly the 5 & 6 grade teacher at Chico Oaks Adventist School in Paradise, California.
- Ferne Downs, Teacher Grades K-2 at Amazing Grace Academy, comes from Coldstream Elementary School in British Columbia where she taught music, computers and library.
- Jan Hansen, Principal for Anchorage Junior Academy, joining us from Grants Pass, Oregon, where she taught grades 5 & 6, music, and high school math for 14 years.
- Scott Parmele, relocating from Coos Bay, Oregon, teaching grades 1-4 at Golden Heart Christian School in Fairbanks.
- Melanie Stroud, Teacher Grades 1-8 for Sitka SDA School, returns to Alaska. She was previously the teacher for the Nome SDA School before moving briefly to Kalispell, Montana. Welcome back Melanie!

**AROUND THE CONFERENCE**



**Alaska Men's Retreat**

July 24 saw scores of men and their sons, making their way by ATV, mountain bike, airplane and on foot though 20 miles of challenging wilderness, to the Sandvik gold mine on the Caribou Creek watershed. Once again there was great attendance. Speaker Shawn Boonstra gave several presentations and an excellent spirit was felt by all.



Shawn Boonstra

**Copper River Basin Women's Ministry Retreat**

The first-ever Women's Ministry retreat in the Tok, Valdez and Glennallen area took place July 31-August 2, 2009. The retreat was held at the Red Eagle Lodge along the Chistochina river ([www.redeaglelodge.net](http://www.redeaglelodge.net)).



Thea Hanson

Twenty-three women met for a weekend of spiritual refreshing. Speaker Thea Hanson shared her journey after been diagnosed with a tumor in her head and two days before surgery lost her husband in a tree trimming accident. Her topics covered *Quest For Love; God's Love, Free Love, My Soul Thirsts for God, Those Who Seek Me Will Find Me, Seek The Lord....Evermore, Be Still And Know That I Am God, With God, All Things Are Possible, and He Put A New Song In My Heart.*



**Alaska Camps Hit By Swine Flu**

Another excellent summer youth camp season started with capacity crowds at Camp Tukuskoya. After the "Camp Tuk" sessions, camp staff helped with the youth divisions at camp meeting and then headed for Camp Polaris on Aleknagik Lake. The camp was well attended, however a number of children started getting sick. After five confirmed cases of swine flu among the children, camp was ended and all the directors and camp staff went home. (Luckily, no staff contracted the flu.) Camp Lorraine was to have camp the following week, but now there were no staff to run the camp. Watch for an upcoming article at [www.alaskaconference.org](http://www.alaskaconference.org) to witness the Camp Lorraine miracle.

**Summer Evangelism**

Last month the Anchorage Korean church held an evangelical series the week of August 23-29. Guest speaker was Pastor Il Kwon Yang, pastor for the Los Angeles Korean Faith of Today television program.

**Well Being 건강 세미나 초청**  
 원인치료 신드롬과 헬빙마법을 일으킨 알인권 박사의 특별강의에 알라스카 교인을 초대합니다.

2009년 8월 23일 - 8월 29일  
 SDA 앵커리지 한인 교회

□ **특별 건강 7일 세미나 특별의 견제**  
 23일: 원인치료 신드롬과 헬빙마법 소개 (10:00-12:00)  
 24일: 헬빙마법 소개 (10:00-12:00)  
 25일: 헬빙마법 소개 (10:00-12:00)  
 26일: 헬빙마법 소개 (10:00-12:00)  
 27일: 헬빙마법 소개 (10:00-12:00)  
 28일: 헬빙마법 소개 (10:00-12:00)  
 29일: 헬빙마법 소개 (10:00-12:00)

□ **건강 상담을 해드립니다.**  
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Average daily attendance was 60-70 participants. Each evening, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., the church provided a health check-up and consultation program. When the series concluded Sabbath afternoon, 11 people were baptized!



## PASTORAL TRANSITIONS

Wrangell Church welcomed their new pastor, Howard Williams. He and his wife, Charleen arrived just in time for South East Camp Meeting.

**Wrangell Tragedy:** Just as Pastor Dave and Eunice Brown were preparing to retire and move to Oregon, their daughter, who was living in a mobile home not far from them in Wrangell, died in a house fire. Somehow her mobile home caught fire and she was unable to get out. Her ex-husband, who was visiting, died also. Two of her three children were visiting friends at the time. Her third child was away visiting in Bethel. Please keep Pastor Dave and Eunice in your prayers.

The **Kenai-Homer District** is now conducting a search for a new Pastor. Pastor Brad Traxler accepted a call to North Dakota. Please keep them in your prayers.

**Juneau** pastor, Gary Waterhouse, retired after 38 years of service. Congratulations Gary!



Howard & Charleen Williams

## HEALTH MINISTRIES

### Alaska State Fair

Cheryl Dunn organized a booth for the Alaska State Fair held Aug 27 – Sept 7 at the Palmer fairgrounds. The booth highlights the Health Ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. At last report, daily attendance has seen 60-80 people receive health screenings.

### Health Ministries Weekend Training Event

Dr. Butch Palmero has been hard at work raising the community's awareness of the Adventist presence here in Alaska. One of his efforts is the upcoming Health Ministry Conference, September 11 & 12. Betty Campbell, NPUC Regeneration Ministries Coordinator, along with co-presenter Katia Reinert, RN, MSN, FNP, FCN, Family Nurse Practitioner, Public Health Clinical Nurse Specialist and who serves as a Health Ministry/ Faith Community Nurse Coordinator for Adventist HealthCare, are the featured speakers.

The conference is an excellent opportunity to sensitize our brothers and sisters who have difficulty in coping with compulsive and addictive behaviors. If your church feels the need to reach out to a struggling member or loved one about substance addiction and abuse, this ministry will help provide a healing environment and spiritual strategies in dealing with recovery. It is hoped that individual churches will try to send representative members to the conference to bring back and share this valuable knowledge. Contact Butch at 907-346-1004 for more information.

Dr. Butch has been also been preparing a new website as an outreach tool, [www.alyeskahealthquest.org](http://www.alyeskahealthquest.org), offering service and health advocacy tools. Please use this as a resource for both your church and community outreach.

## YOUTH OUTREACH

The Last Frontier Youth Summit (LFYS), sponsored by Adventist Community Services, will be held October 30 and 31, 2009 at the Anchorage Junior Academy gymnasium. The purpose of the rally is to inspire the youth of Alaska to get involved in their own salvation, make contacts with other youth in the state and talk about issues that confront them every day. The age range will be 13-34, but all who are young at heart are encouraged to come.

Highlighted speakers are Alaska Governor Sean Parnell and Barak Muganda, General Conference Youth Director. Please pray for the success of the LFYS. If you would like to lend support in other ways, the donation of airline miles for some of the speakers that will be traveling from the "Lower 48" is needed. Also, if you are able to open your home to folks traveling far distances during the summit, it would be a great help. Any other assistance is greatly appreciated, monetary or otherwise. If you can help, please contact Butch Palmero at 907-346-1004 or by email at [butch.palmero@ac.npuc.org](mailto:butch.palmero@ac.npuc.org) or Steve Lewis at [slewis423@gmail.com](mailto:slewis423@gmail.com) or phone at 907-317-7614.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### September

- 7 Office Closed: Labor Day
- 11-12 Healing & Wellness Seminar

### October

- 29 AK K-10 Education Board
- 30-31 Last Frontier Youth Summit

### November

- 1 Executive Committee
- 26 Office Closed: Thanksgiving

### December

- 24 Office Closed: Christmas Eve

For the complete 2009 calendar, visit [www.alaskaconference.org](http://www.alaskaconference.org)

## OFFERING SCHEDULE

### September

#### Family Life Month

- 5 Local Church Budget  
Men's Day of Prayer
- 12 Fall Mission Appeal
- 19 Local Church Budget
- 25 YES

### October

#### Adventist Heritage Month

- 3 Local Church Budget  
Children's Sabbath
- 10 Voice of Prophecy
- 17 Local Church Budget  
Spirit of Prophecy Sabbath
- 24 YES  
Pathfinder Sabbath
- 31 General Conference Session

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