



# ALASKAWANA



APRIL 2013

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### Nickeldimus had Cents

Geraldine and I were able to share about John chapter 3, and the conversation Jesus and Nicodemus had in 7 churches this past year. Making our way to Nenana, Fairbanks, North Pole, Eielson AFB, Wasilla twice, Birchwood, and of course Anchorage. Next year, Lord willing, we hope to make a Kenai Peninsula circuit and likewise to the Southeast Panhandle.



NHC (Nickeldimus had Cents) is a very fun game that follows or leads into very applicable scripture applications. Even in our game time we can reinforce the Gospel and Scripture. Dan really, really, enjoys sharing this one also!

### Extravaganza

Three packed hours started with Games competition; 4 teams that whirled through 10 games in less than 50 minutes. Speaker Jon Halk was forthright with a message of encouragement and the Gospel. Bible Quizzing in both Trek and Journey was the wrap near 1 PM. Pizza and soda, then awards and placements for all competitors. Wow!, what a day!

We thank The Crossing at Birchwood for the use of their wonderful facility. We would sure like to include those other churches that complement their community with Trek and Journey. We are hoping to hold separate events for each age group and make it very easy to participate by blending, cutting, and pasting teams together. Memories are made here! These groups were present and are to be commended in their effort are: ChangePoint, Hillside Baptist, Eagle River Grace, Scenic Park Bible, and Dimond Blvd. Baptist.

### Sparks-A-Rama & AwanaGames

March 2<sup>nd</sup> @ Anchorage Baptist Temple and March 23<sup>rd</sup> @ North Pole Middle School; all those attending had a great time. We have had both Sparks and T&T perform in a somewhat different format these past two years. It has worked out beautifully in many different ways. We played 6 Sparks games and 10 T&T games that alternated events and heats with great results. Congrats to those who helped make this a very successful day. After the 6<sup>th</sup> Spark game was completed, we shared the gospel with all kids sitting on the floor and mostly adults in the bleachers. Pastor Garry Loeffler of Anchorage and Andy Lipina of North Pole were timely and distinct, particularly with sharing the Gospel. Feedback was most pleasing in seeing results of the power God has through His Word. Check out [www.alaskaawana.org](http://www.alaskaawana.org) or page 2 for feedback info.

Here are the participating churches: Hillside Baptist, Anchorage Baptist Temple, The Crossing at Birchwood, Eagle River Grace, Faith Bible Fellowship, Anchorage Grace, Lake Clark Bible, ChangePoint, Dimond Blvd. Baptist, and Scenic Park Bible. Additionally we had these in the Interior: Eielson AFB Protestant Chapel, Community Baptist, Denali Bible Chapel, and Shannon Park Baptist.



### What's coming and What's new

Effective this June, Basic Training will be known as **Getting Started**. As we developed Hitting the Mark, it became necessary to update the current Basic Training Orientation training, which gave us the opportunity to re-name BT. We believe that the name Getting Started is more welcoming and user-friendly while still accurately describing the training that the participant is attending. It also communicates that this will prepare me to begin in my new role in club but implies that this isn't the only training that I will receive as I grow and develop in my ministry role. Getting Started training is heavier on the "how-to's of running club" than the current BT Orientation. We have our targeted training dates set for August 8,9,& 10. It will be at Hillside Baptist Church.

### TruthSeekers

An alternative curriculum tailored for Alaska. Chronological, Christological, and non-traditionally oriented. Leadership numbers, expense, and consistently retaining Awana uniqueness all play into the *Roots of Faith* series that is rolling out and being trained now. Home School and Community registrations are now available through missionary and online communication.

### Bible Quiz

Interior in February and South Central in April. We were able to quiz in all 4 handbooks in each location. Hiding God's word with comprehension held for future reference. Bible Quiz enhances a Biblical world view for all participants. All facets revolve around learning, reciting, and understanding the scriptures. I Timothy 4:7 & 8, best sums up the worth of Bible Quiz....."It's everything good about Awana". Thank you Community Baptist in North Pole, and Eagle River Grace for hosting Bible Quiz this year.



### Commander College 101

Nine leaders were sequestered at the Sunset View Lodge on Big Lake for 2 1/2 days in late January. They left challenged, enlightened, and driven to serve our Savior with confidence and great passion in children and youth ministry. The backwards 5 count will forever serve as a reminder of key points they will implement in serving the rest of their days. Five Hats: Administrator, Advocate, Shepherd, Communicator, and Leader. Four Pillars: Equipping Church, Nurturing Home, Shepherding Adult and Biblical Worldview. Three Big Rocks: Calendar, Budget, and Policies. Two Elements: Evangelism and Discipling. One Message: Gospel. Impassioned by being part of the equation of "What Is", and "What Should Be"; these leaders will never be the same in their endeavors regarding those whom they live with in their home, church, and community.



**“We have work to do!  
The greatest work a  
man can do!!”**

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## Event and Training Calendar for 2013-14



Mark it down !! September 21,.....AMC.....at ChangePoint. Any children's or Youth leader of any capacity at any church will benefit from this day. 'Where life begins'. THE GOSPEL.....STAND....

August	8,9,10	Getting Started (Basic Training)	Hillside Baptist
	15	PCDL (Pastor Commander Director Leader)	TBA
September	21	AMC (Awana Ministry Conference)	ChangePoint
January	10, 2014	South Central Coaches & Judges training	Scenic Park Bible
	9 - 12	CC 201	Oregon
February	7	YM Extravaganza	TBA
	21	Interior Bible Quiz & Interior SAR & AG Coaches and Judges training	TBA TBA
	28 or 3/1	SC (South Central: ER, MatSu, Anc) SAR & AG (Sparks-A-Rama & AwanaGames)	Anchorage Baptist Temple
March	28 or 29	Interior SAR & AG	North Pole Middle School
April	4	SC Bible Quiz	Eagle River Grace



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### Seed planting

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To the right here are some feedback results from the South Central and Interior Sparks-A-Rama and Awana-Games held in March. These were handed in by adult spectators. Sewing seed is our first and foremost goal. These results were relayed to those churches indicated by the respondents.



"Whose goal is to reach boys (men) and girls (women) with the Gospel of Christ and train them to serve Him"

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My kids LOVE AWANA !!!  
Please help me with the following:

You guys do a great job!

