

# Eagle River Naz News



## ~From The Pastor's Desk~

**Loving Jesus, Loving People means:**  
 The Eagle River Church of the Nazarene, as a member of the international Christian community, desires to be a holy people, anchored in God's Word for the purpose of worship, praise and the glorification of our Lord and Savior. We desire to reach the lost for Jesus Christ, establish and nurture new relationships, and assist in the discipling of all Christians.

Why didn't anyone tell me that Alaska got so cold? I would like to wish all of you a happy and frigid new year! As I sit here at my computer writing this, the thought has hit me that Jennifer and I have been in Alaska for almost one full year. Where has the time gone? I suppose that I am not the first person to ask that question, but still, I wonder. After all, this is the first year of my life that has not been conspicuously marked by the rhythms of the school year. Perish the thought that I did not get a 3 month summer vacation!

What is it about the New Year that makes us so keen to reflect? Possibly it is because, indeed, another year of our lives has passed and we are forced to look back and ask ourselves "what did I accomplish in 2006?" Personally, I would rather not reflect on the past year quite yet. For me, I still desire to

bask in the warm glow of the Christmas season. It would seem that with the new year falling so close to Christmas, that no sooner have we celebrated the birth of Jesus



Christ than we are in a panic of taking down Christmas decorations, planning new year's parties and making resolutions to make ourselves better

this next year. It is not that those things are bad, but that in all the shuffle, I wonder if Christmas gets lost.

In the season leading up to Christmas, we take time to reflect on how we might prepare ourselves anew for the presence of Christ in our world. On Christmas we celebrate the birth of Christ and the consummation of God's promise to Israel of a messiah. But it seems that after Christmas, we put Christ in a closet until Easter time. That is to say, we get so lost in the 'newness' of

2007 that we neglect to take time to sit in awe and wonder and ask, "what does it mean to have the presence of Christ dwell in and with us?" Honestly, when is the last time you stopped in amazement and said, "I live in a world permeated and dominated by the presence of God almighty?"

Personally....I do not let that thought cross my mind nearly enough, nor do I reflect nearly enough what implications God's presence, in Christ, and now in the HOLY SPIRIT, has on the way I live my life. This new year I do not want to be too hasty in moving past Christmas. I would encourage each of us to take some time to reflect again, what it means to live in a world fundamentally changed in the birth of Christ. Let us reflect on what it really means to have God with us.

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# NYI News

## Ongoing Events:

- \* Wednesday night Teen Group, Marshall is currently teaching on the armor of God.
- \* College & Career Bible study on Wednesday night at Pastor and Jenn's
- \* Afterglows every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Jan 14 Afterglow

Jan 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> – Winter Retreat

Feb. possibility – Faceless concert and teen speaker open to public

## AFTERGLOWS

*Anyone who is interested in hosting a teen afterglow  
(whether you have a teen in the youth group or not)  
please contact Cheryl Vargo.*

**NYC 2007** — This is a conference to be held in St. Louis, Missouri July 10-15, 2007. There will be speakers, bands, and an environment to encourage spiritual growth, along with a service opportunity. If your teen is interested in this trip, please contact Cheryl ASAP, registration deadline (\$450 Due) is December 15th.

## ~Prayer Requests~

Wed. night Bible study

Continued prayer for more teen workers

Prayer as nominating committee meets to nominate positions for 07-08 NYI council

### NYI Youth Event Calendar

#### January 2007

Wed 17, Youth Group @ Whitehouse  
Wed 24, Youth Group @ Whitehouse  
Fri 26-Sun 28, Winter Retreat  
Wed 31, Youth Group @ Whitehouse

### NYI Youth Event Calendar

#### February 2007

Wed 7, Youth Group @ Whitehouse  
Wed 14, Youth Group @ Whitehouse  
Wed 21, Youth Group @ Whitehouse  
Wed 28, Youth Group @ Whitehouse

## Children's News

### Noah's Ark Winter Carnival! Sunday, February 18.

We need volunteers for: **Registration** - Would like two--kids register with \*\*name, address, costume type.

**Photographer** - To take pictures of the kids in costume.

**"Bag" person** - Hand out bags for treats with names on them.

**Face Painting** - Would like two. (Have Christian \*\*"tattoos" to put on vs. face painting if you prefer.)

**Balloon Animals** - will have all the supplies including a PUMP.

**Game booth** - Need about a dozen people to "man" (to reset & re-supply) games and hand out the candy.

**Prize booth/cache person** - Need 2 to help kids exchange \*\*candy for prizes.

**Help with decorations and make game parts** - will determine \*time when volunteers are known.

**Set up** - LOTS of help is needed moving tables, chairs and \*things plus setting up/decorating on Thursday afternoon and \*evening. (Some items can be done Wed. or Thurs.)

**Clean Up** - Clean the area and put back like it was before.

**If you can help please see Nancy Wold or the insert in you Bulletin**

#### Quizzing Schedule—Jan—Feb

\*\*\* **JAN. 13 – QUIZ MEET (Lessons 8-14)**

@ **Eagle River Nazarene 10 AM**

Jan. 17 – Lesson 15 – Sonna Hanson

Jan. 24 – Lesson 16 – Christy Contrael

Jan. 31 – Lesson 17 - Donna Malone

Feb. 7 – Lesson 18 – Sheila van Weel

Feb. 14 – Lesson 19 – Cona Carroll

Feb. 21 – Lesson 20 – Terri Berndt

Feb. 28 – REVIEW 18-20 – Donna Malone

#### Quizzing Schedule—Mar—April

March 7 – REVIEW 15-17 – Julie Wohrle

**MARCH 11 – QUIZ MEET (Lessons 15-20)**

– **Location TBA 10 AM**

March 14 – REVIEW 16-20 – Sonna Hanson

March 21 – REVIEW 11-15 – Christy Contrael

March 28 – REVIEW 6-10 – Leslie Lowrie

April 4 – REVIEW 1-5 – Cona Carroll

**APRIL 7 – FINAL QUIZ MEET**  
(over the whole book) @ **Jewel Lake Nazarene**

April 11 – End of Quiz Party! ☺

The January 13th quiz meet took place after the printing of this months newsletter, look for the results of that quiz in the February Newsletter.

# Thank You!

Donna Malone did a great job directing our kids in the Christmas Play that was done on December 17. We really enjoyed the production and all the hard work that was put into it. A Thank You goes to everyone involved.

### Kids Day!

Volunteers are needed for several different committees for Kid's Day. We also need men that are willing to build booths, a good winter project! There will be a meeting for anyone interested on January 29th at 7:00 PM.....Questions?? [bevwl130@hotmail.com](mailto:bevwl130@hotmail.com)

Those interested in these areas.....Food, booths, games, prizes, skits, advertising, building, and anyone interested in just helping out. Let's make this a Kid's Day to remember.....I'd like to see a huge turnout on January 29th, come and be part of an exciting adventure. It will be an old fashioned carnival in the park where we can share the word of Jesus.....See you in January!!

# Church News

Happy Birthday/Anniversary to...

## January

2 Hope Reeve  
6 Sterling Johnson  
7 Dave Boss  
11 Karsten Kroener  
14 Aubrie Scott  
Caitlin Kroener  
15 Samuel Wold  
18 Katrina Wold  
Megan Scott  
Mary Ann Tipton  
19 Kelby Nicholas Kinney  
23 Sherry Bradley  
25 Robert & Carolyn  
Clemens  
30 Jon Bradley  
31 Carroll Freeman



## February

3 Stacey Johnson  
6 Madison Collins  
Erin Kuklis  
7 Calen Wohrle  
9 Kathy Freeman  
10 Steven Szewc  
15 Kim Kuklis  
17 Craig Hanson  
19 Larry & Sherry  
Bradley  
20 Kerry & Cathy  
Spooner  
24 Jamie Shoup  
Nancy Walker  
25 Kees van Weel  
26 Jared Lanham  
Tony Vargo  
Pastor Michael Yost  
Bruce Rodman  
Pamey Bearden  
28 Marissa Lee

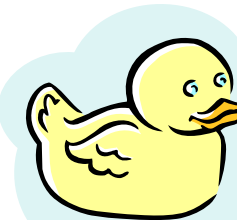
## Women of Purpose:



**\*Baby Shower\***  
for Andrea Allen and  
their upcoming  
arrival.

Come help celebrate  
at Jitters coffee shop  
meeting room.

Saturday,  
February 3rd,  
10:30am.



Nursery  
theme:  
Duckies

### General Office Hours for Administrative Assistant \* Shawna King

Monday—9:00 am—1:00 pm  
Tuesday & Wednesday—9:45 am—11:45 am  
Thursday—9:45 am—1:45 pm  
Friday—10:45 am—1:45 pm  
Saturday & Sunday—Day Off

If you need to contact me my email at the church has not changed it is [ernazs@pobox.mtaonline.net](mailto:ernazs@pobox.mtaonline.net) or you may call the church at **694-9423**. Thank you, Shawna

### Church Maintenance



#### Completed:

- ◆ 2 water tests for 2006
- ◆ Door with window purchased for Pastor's office

#### In Progress:

- ◆ Plumbing needed in Furnace Room
- ◆ Thank you Bob Clemens for fixing the electrical work in the annex basement
- ◆ Thank you Jenn Yost for continuing the fix up work on the annex basement

## *NMI News*

### **January NMI Emphasis is Volunteer Opportunities**

#### **Volunteer Opportunities**

The Church of the Nazarene offers many opportunities for volunteering. In fact, the Church of the Nazarene is the second largest of all the volunteer sending agencies in the United States. Thousands of people of all ages volunteer their time and talents for missions around the world. The main avenues of volunteer ministry through the Church of the Nazarene are:

- [Work & Witness](#)—a ministry for all ages providing construction, evangelism, medical work, office work, or other services needed in a world mission area—approximately two weeks.
- [Mission Corps \(formerly Nazarenes In Volunteer Service\)](#)—allows individuals from every age group and background to use a variety of skills and abilities in a world area. Opportunities vary from a few weeks to one year, depending on the need and the individual's availability.
- [Nazarene Medical Organization](#)—Nazarene Health Care Ministries (NHCM) provides a link between the need and the response.
- [Youth In Mission](#)—a summer program that provides short-term mission and ministry opportunities for individuals between the ages of 18 and 30. Programs include:
  - Contact—ministering to North American children
  - Mission to the Cities—a ministry to selected North American cities
  - International Student Ministries—an opportunity to witness in various world areas and to work with missionaries and/or local leaders
- [YouthServe](#)—provides opportunities for Nazarene youth with mission participation, helping them develop a global perspective and facilitate mission awareness
  - Grateful Heart—raises mission awareness and mobilizes youth in supporting missions—1-2 days
  - Near to Here—offers hands-on experience for youth in reaching out to others in a local or district setting—1-5 days
  - Touch the Nation—youth serve others and are examples of Jesus to a specific national community—1-5 days
  - Go Global—students travel to another country and experience cross-cultural ministry—1-3 weeks
- [Local and District Opportunities](#)—possibilities for ministry close to home, allowing all ages to take part
  - Community Service Projects
  - Compassionate Ministries Centers
  - Good Samaritan Churches
  - Special Needs Groups—within local churches
- Prayer—those involved in volunteer ministries are in need of intercession. Through prayer, everyone may participate
- [Crisis Care Kits](#)—A cooperative effort between NMI and Nazarene Compassionate Ministries, Crisis Care Kits (CCKs) contain a variety of hygiene materials to assist disaster victims or others in need.
- [School Pal-Paks](#)—provide students in Nazarene primary schools with the supplies they need to facilitate learning, such as pencils, scissors, etc.

Please visit [www.nazarene.org/missions](http://www.nazarene.org/missions) for more information on these Volunteer opportunities.

## Eagle River Nazarene web site

The domain name for the church's web site will expire in January 2007. If you have experience and are interested in taking over management of the site, please contact Thom for additional information. The hosting fees are paid for the next 8 months and if there is interest in continuing the internet presence, the domain renewal fee will be paid.

Currently the web site is constructed using Dreamweaver software. It can be done in several other software programs but would require some minor rebuilding to manage with a different package. Training is available for the person that has a strong desire but limited experience using Dreamweaver. Realistically, updating the site takes 2-3 hours per month but can take as much time as the web master is willing to invest.

## Church Staff

Michael Yost—Senior Pastor  
Shawna King—Administrative Assistant

## Church Board

Terri Berndt—Steward  
Frank Clemens—Steward  
Dale Collins—Board Secretary  
Benjamin King—Trustee  
Kris Kinney—Trustee  
Nancy Kinney—NMI President  
Marshall Pickens—Steward  
Cheryl Vargo—NYI President  
Greg Wohrle—Church Treasurer

**Church  
Elections are in  
February**

**More Details to  
Come in the  
February  
Newsletter**



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