



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.

Are you ready? How is that for a loaded question? "Ready for what?" you may be asking. That is an excellent question and I am glad that you asked. Are you ready for the summer? For many that is probably a stupid and pointless question. We are all ready for summer. Yes, even I am ready for the warmth to return. I am ready for fishing and camping and hiking and climbing and mountain biking and camps and the midnight sun. After all, our summer activities are part of what makes Alaska famous. But that is not exactly what I am talking about.

This summer is going to be very exciting for our church. Along with all the usual summer stuff like camps and District Assembly and Kid's Day (oh...that is exciting), we have two interns who are going to be here with us over the summer. They are coming up to specifically work with the youth of our church, but I have a feeling their ministry will extend a bit further than that. I know that Amber Smith is looking to hone her skills as a preacher. That is exciting for me because I love talking to people about preaching. In fact if you ask me about preaching you might just get more than you bargained for. I love to talk about and to teach preaching. Can you tell I am excited?

In the interests of helping you get to know these two interns a bit better, I asked them to send me a brief biography to us of things they want us to know about them. My hope is that their words about themselves will help us to know them better.

Cory Writes:

Hello! My name is Cory and I am a senior at MNU. So far I am on track to graduate before I see Eagle River, but keep your fingers crossed. I am 22 years old and plan to attend Nazarene Theological Seminary after I spend the summer with all of you. I love to play sports and games, pretty much anything outside. I also enjoy playing play-station 3, eating, and listening to music. I can't wait to meet you all and have a jam packed summer of fun.

Amber Writes:

My name is Amber Smith. I was born in Anchorage, Alaska and lived in Soldotna until I was six months old and my family moved back to Spokane, Washington where my mom (Pauline Smith) grew up. I have a twin sister named Christina and two younger sisters, Brenna (21) and Nicole (17). We moved to Richland, Washington

when I was seventeen where my dad (David Smith) took a job as the youth pastor for the Nazarene Church there. When I graduated from high school in 2003 I attended community college for two years and then took a year off and then went to Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa, Idaho where I am currently a junior in the ministry program. I will graduate next year with a major in Christian Ministry and a minor in Youth Ministry and look forward to what God has planned for my life and for this amazing ministry that He has laid on my heart. I like playing sports, listening to music, playing games, watching movies, and trying new things. I like being outside and spending time with friends and family especially the newest addition to the family Taylor (my niece) who was born January 6.

I hope that you all will join me in praying for Amber and Cory as they finish up their schooling this year and prepare for a summer here in Eagle River with us. My hope is that we can minister to them just as they will minister to us and our youth.

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NYI News

Madison Collins NYI President

Nazarene Youth International

NYI Calendar of Events

Wednesdays 7-8:30 p.m. Youth Group
Sundays 9:30-10:30 a.m. Sunday School
Wednesday, April 16, Parent/Teen Meeting 7-8:30 p.m.

April 18-20 Regional Main Event, NNU
June 2-7 Resurrection Trail
June 28 Kids' Day in the Park
July 14-19 Jr. High Camp
July 21-27 Sr. High Camp



NYI Annual Meeting - NYI Council Elections 2008-2009 church year

President Madison Collins
Vice President Stacy Pickens
Sec./Treas. Amelia Collins

Representatives:

Parker Collins
Chris Cox
Ira Malone
Morgen Wohrle
Katrina Wold
Samuel Wold

District NYI Convention Representatives March 2008:

Madison Collins
Parker Collins
Ira Malone
Samuel Wold

Children's Corner

Jennifer Yost Children's Ministry Coordinator

Sunday School Discipleship Ministries International

Kids' Day Planning Meeting

Kid's Day is just around the corner and we are in need of many volunteers. There are lots of jobs to be covered and at this time, we also need people to head up several areas. Please pray about this community ministry and where you feel that you can help out. We will have another planning meeting on May 5th, at 7:00pm, please try and set aside this time to get involved with Kids' Day. June 28th from 11-3, see you there!



Children's Sunday School

The Children's Sunday School will have a new look for the months of May through August. We will be combining the K – 6 classes. Jenn is preparing a combined curriculum for the students that should prove to be quite appealing. Jenn, Bev and Nancy will be rotating the teaching throughout the summer. If this sounds like a ministry you would like to be involved in, please be sure to speak to Jenn or Nancy Kinney.

Quizzing – 2007-08 Book of Genesis Quiz Meet Results from March 1 at Wasilla Lake.

Blue Level – 2nd Place Team Ribbon
Destiny Berndt – 1st place ribbon
Macaela Carnes – 1st place ribbon
Samuel Malone – 2nd place ribbon
Sara Wold – 1st place ribbon
Blue level quizzers took turns at team captain and saying verses.

Red Level – All said at least one verse, most said all 6 verses*
Blake Bearden – 4th place ribbon
Faith Carroll – 3rd place ribbon
Emilia van Weel – 2nd place ribbon
*Kelby Kinney – 2nd place ribbon
*Laura Wold – 1st place ribbon
*Landen Wohrle – 1st place ribbon
*Logen Wohrle – 1st place ribbon
*Nichole Bearden—Only perfect score medal!!



Final Quiz Meet ~ Jewel Lake Church of the Nazarene on Saturday, April 5 starting at 9:45 AM. Last quiz meet will cover the whole book of Genesis. Look for the quiz results in the May Newsletter.

End of Quizzing Party ~ Wednesday, April 9 at the church starting at 7 PM.

Children's Church

The children's department is looking for at least 4 teens/adults to rotate once a month in children's church as a "second adult" supporting the teacher. This would be a six month commitment. See Jenn for more details.



Ladies Ministry

Stacey Johnson—Ladies Ministry Coordinator

Sunday School Discipleship Ministries International



Ladies Ministry Events:

Baby Shower for Benjamin and Shawna King
Sunday, April 27, 2008
3-5pm at the church

For more information, see Bev Whitman or Nancy Kinney

Bridal Shower for Megan Scott

Saturday, May 24 at 1pm at the church (More information in the May Newsletter)

Sunday School

Nancy Kinney SDMI Superintendent

Sunday School Discipleship Ministries International

As we begin a new church year, it is good to reflect upon the mission and purpose of our SDMI.

The mission of Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries International (SDMI) is to carry out the Great Commission to children, youth, and adults in preparation for a lifetime of Christian holiness.

Our purpose is to:

- (1) Teach the Word of God until pupils are sanctified wholly and maturing in Christian discipleship.
- (2) Help Christians mature spiritually by involving them in soul-winning ministries, reaching and teaching others to be disciples and make disciples of Jesus Christ.
- (3) Identify and visit unchurched people, inviting them to enroll in a small group and attend regularly.

A Discipleship Summit is coming near you in 2008.

Those encouraged to attend are pastors, staff, and all SDMI ministry leaders of the local church. The Summits are an opportunity for ministry leaders - pastoral and lay - to explore together discipleship in the 21st century. This summit will be taking place on Tuesday, May 27, 2008 at Jewel Lake Church of the Nazarene.

Adult Sunday School Classes available this Spring

***Mosaic of Faith* taught by Dale Collins**

Do you have a story? As some of you know Pastor Yost has proposed an initiative to provide you with the opportunity to capture your Christian story throughout the year of 2008. I suspect that we all have a story. However, sometimes we may need some encouragement, guidance, a forum and perhaps direction when looking at how we got where we are in our Christian life.

Nancy Kinney has asked me to facilitate a class that will look at the mosaic of your faith or a composite picture of your personal Christian development. What is it based on? Who influenced you? Who taught you what you base your faith on? How have you applied your faith throughout life? Have you struggled?

Have you prospered? Why? How? When? These are just a few questions that will be discussed in this upcoming class. Using the Nazarene Dialog Series as a guide we will look at some of the most influential people and their theology that has contributed to the past 2000 years of Christian faith development.

Simply put we will look at the what, where, when, why, and how of your story. Hope you will consider sharing.

Mosaic of Faith will begin Sunday, April 13 in room 2 downstairs.

Faith Connections! taught by Greg Wohrle are studying *Believe and Live Abundantly: John* and will move into *Shapers of Our Holiness Tradition*.

Thank you, Stacey Johnson, for a wonderful, well-thought-out study of Too Much Stuff! Your class truly appreciated the Biblical foundation that you provided as well as the practical, hands-on "assignments" that were completed! Thank you for helping them to simplify, prioritize and organize! One of your students said that the timing of your class was perfect! With the new year starting, it was a good time to apply the class learnings to her life. Someone else said that you need to keep your notes and teach it again next year about the same time. They may need to hear it again! Seriously, Stacey, we do appreciate your servant's heart as we know that time spent preparing for class was a sacrifice. May God bless you abundantly!

(Children's Sunday School - See Page 2)

Church News

Happy Birthday/Anniversary to...

April

5 Morgen Wohrle
 6 Tom & Nancy Walker
 7 Cole Spooner
 9 Pete Carroll
 10 Dylan Case
 11 Emilia van Weel
 15 David & Bonnie King
 16 Nancy Wold
 19 Leslie Lowrie
 21 Billie Hemphill
 23 Shawna King
 25 Craig & Sonna Hanson
 Christian Whitman
 26 Marvin & Cheryl Kroener
 27 Faith Carroll
 Jeff Johnson



May

2 Andrea Allen
 Nicole Carroll
 4 Julie Case
 6 Dale Whitman
 13 Emily Wood
 15 Keith Carnes
 17 Stephen Carnes
 Robert Clemens
 18 Greg Wohrle
 20 Marshall & Stacy Pickens
 24 Christie VandenDries
 26 Benjamin King
 27 Rebecca King
 Samuel Malone
 29 Krista Wold



Thank You Susanne Carnes and Nancy Kinney for helping out in the office while I was away on vacation.

I really appreciate all your help. Shawna

The 2007 newsletters are now on the church website, past and future newsletters coming soon.
www.eaglerivernazarene.org

Home Groups

Contacts:

SPAN Group – contact Pastor Mike at 351 -7101 – meets Tuesday evenings. This group is studying minor prophets, and will either meet at the Pickens or Yost home.

Kinney Home Group – contact Kris Kinney at 694-0833 – Revelation Study – Meets on Wednesday evenings at 7 PM in various locations.

Family Life Marriage Conference Weekend to Remember Anchorage Alaska April 11-13 Sheraton Hotel Anchorage

Registrations can still be received for the conference at full price. If you decide to attend you can register by phone at:
 1-800-FL-TODAY (358-6329) or on line at: familylife.com/weekend
 Please use our group code: 15510

An excellent conference for engaged, newlyweds, and long time married couples!

Pick up a brochure in the foyer to learn more, about dates, times, ways to register, military appreciation, and conference schedule.

Church Maintenance



- ◆ Remodel job is continuing: window's and carpet in stairwell and teen class room.
- ◆ Nursery door window
- ◆ Sunday School Door Windows
- ◆ Church Keyless Entry installation and Grounds Re-Key
- ◆ Garage Cleanout and Heat
- ◆ Electrical Work
- ◆ Switches for lighting
- ◆ Replace extension cords with correct wiring in conduit
- ◆ Lighting removed or replaced by sanctuary platform

General Office Hours for

Administrative Assistant * Shawna King

I will be in the office Monday through Friday from
 9:30 AM—12:30 PM

If you need to contact me my email at the church is
ernazs@mtaonline.net or you may call the church at
694-9423. Thank you, Shawna

We need HELP with maintaining the church. If you can help out in this area please see Benjamin King.

NMI News

Lois Munson NMI Contact

Sunday School
Discipleship Ministries
International

Church Staff

Michael Yost—Pastor
Shawna King—Admin. Assistant

Church Board 07-08

Frank Clemens—Board Secretary
Kim Collins—Steward Chairman
Betty Johnson—Steward
Nancy Lyman—Steward
Benjamin King—Trustee Chairman
Chris Cox—Trustee
Lois Munson—Trustee
Nancy Kinney—SS Superintendent
Madison Collins—NYI President

Ministry Directors /Coordinators

Music / Worship Director
Donna Malone
Ladies Ministry Coordinator
Stacey Johnson
Children's Ministry
Coordinator – Jenn Yost
Nursery Coordinator
See Jenn Yost to volunteer
2007-08 Children's Quizzing
Director – Nancy Wold

Why Mission education?

Knowledge is key to involvement. With an understanding of the needs of the world and what the church is doing to meet those needs, we are more likely to commit to the support of missions through prayer, giving, communication, and going.

How Does Mission Education Take Place?

Learning takes place in a variety of venues. Experiences, listening to and reading stories, and getting to know missionaries on a personal level enhance mission awareness. Your local NMI president or mission education secretary can tell you of the many exciting opportunities for mission education.

- Use of age-appropriate curricula and NMI reading books/tapes provide learning opportunities and activities designed to engage people of all ages in missions.—Children's Mission Education—Youth Mission Education—Adult Mission Education

- For multicultural congregations, the *International Mission Education Journal* is a curriculum piece that includes mission education lessons for adults and children. It is produced in English,

Missionary Books and CD's are available. There is a poster chart for the kids books, and when the kids read all six books they can win special prizes.

French, Spanish, and Portuguese. Churches should contact their district NMI president for more information on this resource.

- The hands-on experiences of Volunteer Opportunities programs often provide opportunities for people to see missions firsthand.

- Audiovisuals offer people the ability to "see and hear" missions. Each church receives an annual audiovisual catalog.

Deputation services, Faith Promise conventions, district-sponsored events with a missionary speaker, and the presence of missionaries-in-residence at youth and children's camps allow for interaction between missionaries and the people who support them through their giving and prayers.



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