

# 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.

I have got to tell you that I do not know that much about prayer. I know that we are supposed to do it. I know that the disciples did it. I know that Jesus did it. I know that Moses, Elijah and every other person of note in biblical history were those who communed with God often. Daniel prayed a lot, as a consequence he was thrown into a den of lions and subsequently delivered (through the power of prayer).

I also know there are various types of prayer. We pray to signify our love of God (adoration). We pray for others in times of need (intercession). We pray for specific requests to be fulfilled (supplication). We pray in order that we might be forgiven when we fail to live and love in the way God has intended us to do so (confession).

I guess you could say, I know about what prayer it, but what I do not know is how or why it works. I know God hears us. I know God answers us. But I am not sure if God listens to us and responds, or if prayer is the way in which we align our-

selves so that God has the ability to work in and through us. I think sometimes God moves despite. That is, contrary to our actions and sometimes our desires God moves in powerful ways (see for example I Samuel 19:23-24). That being said, I believe that when God moves most powerfully in a particular place, it is because that group (or a significant portion thereof) is fervently seeking God in prayer (see Acts 4:23-32).

While there is much I do not know about prayer, there are two things I do know. One: we should do it. Two: we will never be the people or the church God desires us to be unless we pray. I truly believe that we cannot be the church God desires unless we are people of prayer. I believe that we should not be a church that prays, but a praying church. I believe that prayer should not be just a part of what we do, but the center of what we do. That is, I believe that everything we do should

come out of deep and fervent prayer before God the Father. I believe we pray at our church. I believe that you, those who make up the church, pray. But I wonder if we are more of Christians who pray, rather than praying Christians. I do not write this to make you feel guilty. In fact, I am writing this to ask each and every one of you to rally. I am writing this because I truly believe God longs to do something amazing with this rag-tag body of believers. So I am asking you if you will pray with me. Pray with me for God's direction for the church. My prayer (and I hope you share my sentiments) is not that God will give ME direction for the church. My prayer is that God will give US direction for the church. Ok, now that being said please take note of a couple of things. First, we do continue to have a prayer service here at the church. Every Saturday morning at 8:30 – 9:30 AM (I know it is early for me too) the church is open for corporate prayer. Sometimes

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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

July 27 Destination Unknown

July 30 Going Away Party (Interns)

August—TBA

**Children's Corner**

Jennifer Yost Children's Ministry Coordinator

Sunday School / Discipleship  
Ministries International**Children's Sunday School**

Our children's Sunday School is in need of a few teachers and helpers. We will be dividing the teaching responsibilities into quarters. We need a teacher and a helper for each 12-week quarter. Listed below are the topics that will be taught for each quarter.

**First Quarter – September/October/November****Kindergarten – Second Grade Topics:** *God's Shepherd King, Pray Like Jesus, and Elijah Sees God's Faithfulness***Third – Sixth Grade Topics:** *Lord of the Kings, The Prayer That Keeps Going and Going, and God's Megaphones.***Second Quarter – December/January/ February****Kindergarten – Second Grade Topics:** *Jesus...God's Good News, Jesus Prepared, and Man of Miracle***Third – Sixth Grade Topics:** *Move Over, Santa!, And Then They Met Jesus, and When Three Equals One***Third Quarter – March/April/May****Kindergarten – Second Grade Topics:** *Jesus' Journey of Love, Jesus, Our Forever Savior, and God's Church is Born***Third – Sixth Grade Topics:** *Sacrifice for Sin, Shout for Joy!, and The Baby Church*

Please pray asking God how He might use you to bring our children to know Him. Maybe a husband and wife team could teach a quarter or maybe two good buddies could team up and minister to our children. Please contact Jenn Yost or Nancy Kinney as soon as possible.

**Children's Church**

Our Children's Church is now being taught through a rotation schedule. Donna Malone, Stacy Pickens, Julie Wohrle and Jenn Yost are sharing this responsibility. Thank you ladies!

## Hello Parents of kids grades 1-6 or anyone interested in helping with Kids Quizzing:

Quizzing will be starting up again soon, and we will be going over the book of Exodus.

There will be a BRIEF quizzing meeting on Sunday, August 17 immediately following the morning service. If you are interested in kids' quizzing or want more information, please attend the meeting. If you're interested but unable to attend, please let me know what your level of involvement will be.

If you don't have kids in quizzing, but would like to assist on Wednesday nights during Quiz Practice please join us on 8/17 or contact me.

Thank you in advance for your time. If you have any questions, please let me know at [nwold@mtaonline.net](mailto:nwold@mtaonline.net) or by phone at 688-8744.

In Him,  
Nancy Wold  
Kids Quiz Coach



## Ladies Ministry Events:

Pete & Katie's Wedding  
August 3rd, 3:00 PM @  
Bayshore Clubhouse



## *Sunday School*

*Nancy Kinney SDMI Superintendent*

## *Sunday School Discipleship Ministries International*

### **Kids' Day**

Thanks to Bev and all of our volunteers who made Kids' Day a wonderful day for the community. Chief Alex Park housed our Kids' Day on June 28. Although there were many activities going on around Eagle River, Elmendorf and Anchorage, God brought 417 people into our lives at the park. There were 192 people from unchurched homes and of those 120 were children. There were 191 folks from area churches. Many people took time to thank different volunteers for making this event possible for their children. They found it hard to believe that it was a free, fun afternoon just for them.

83 children joined Stacey Pickens at "The Tent" where she did an object lesson to show them how sin can make a "yucky" mess in their lives, but Jesus is the living water who can clean them right up and wash away that sin. Four children gave their hearts to Jesus that day. We were amazed with how many parents stayed and were quite attentive at the tent as well. We pray that seeds were planted in their lives as well.

Four children from those indicating they had no home church received scholarships to attend Children's Camp. They all attended and reports back were that they had a great time!

### ***KIDS' DAY 2007 IMPACTS A FAMILY***

This past Monday, Pastor Mike received a letter from a woman who had attended Kids' Day 2007 with her children. She mentioned that for several days she felt the Lord instructing her to write Pastor Mike. This particular day she was driving to her doctor's appointment in Anchorage talking to the Lord about her day. As she was waiting at the doctor's office she wished she had paper to write that letter to Pastor Mike. Because she was so early, she was directed to speak to a clerk at the appointment desk. She said that she was almost in complete shock when she saw Pastor Mike and Jenn standing in front of her. She said she didn't have the courage to speak at that moment but told the Lord she would write the letter.

In the letter, this woman told that her husband had been arrested in front of their children and taken to jail. She described herself as being full of despair and heartbroken. She said that she had heard about Kids' Day (2007) and decided to take her kids to do something nice for them and to take their minds off the arrest. She had no idea it was a Christian event. Her son went to "The Tent" and accepted Jesus into his heart that day. Her younger children received Bibles that day. She continued on to tell about how she considered herself a Christian, but hadn't attended church in a long time. She said that she began reading the Bibles to the children. She started attending Al-Anon. She confessed to Jesus that she was completely broken. She repented and asked Him to come back into her heart. She wrote about how her life started shifting. She said it was subtle at first but soon she could see Him working. She felt compelled to enroll her son in a Christian school. She listened to an evangelist she had never heard of before but found herself starving for what he had to say about God. Shortly after that she woke up one Sunday with a voice in her head telling her to put God first. She packed up the kids and went to church where her son goes to school. She said she had not been to church for seven years.

The church welcomed them with open arms. She is now active in this church and says that she is the happiest she has been in years. Her husband is in recovery. He accepted Jesus as his Savior and was baptized not too long ago. She ended the letter saying that she really didn't understand why God wanted her to write this letter. "But I have this sense deep in my heart that he wanted me to let you know that even though we don't attend your church, you and your members brought a family to Christ through the heart of a child. God bless you all."

***HALLELUJAH!!! We just want to thank you God, for allowing us the opportunity and the resources to reach out to our community through Kids' Day. You are sooooo good!***

### ***Adult Sunday School Classes***

**Faith Connections!** taught by Greg Wohrle is studying *Great Themes in Romans*. Meet in room 1 downstairs.

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

Dale will be returning from Africa this week. Mosaic of Faith will resume August 3 in room 2 downstairs.

***Our Sunday school teachers, Greg, Dale, Jenn and Bev, spend many hours in prayer and preparation for each Sunday's lesson. PLEASE let them know how much you appreciate their ministry and PLEASE pray for them diligently. We would appreciate your prayers for the children's Sunday School teachers/helpers. God knows who He wants for this awesome opportunity to minister for Him. May we pray that those He's calling will listen and be obedient to His voice.***

### **Home Groups**

Most home groups are not meeting consistently over the summer. If you would like more information regarding home group, please contact Nancy Kinney 694-0833 or [knkinney@mtaonline.net](mailto:knkinney@mtaonline.net)

### **Adult Ministries Meeting**

Those who are teaching and leading the adult ministries will meet this Monday evening for a time of prayer and discussion regarding the adult ministries at ERNC. Would you please pray for this team? We are all in prayer this week seeking God's will and guidance for this area of ministry.

# Church News

## Happy Birthday/Anniversary to...

### August

- 1 Warren & Betty Johnson
- 3 Charles Short
- 9 Joanna Daisy Short
- 10 Nancy Lyman
- 11 Kim & Dale Collins  
Rachel Hanson
- 12 Hadley Sheaffer  
Shannon Wold
- 14 Joe & Paulette Lanham  
Julia Smith
- 15 Sandy Hunyor
- 17 Andrew Lanham
- 18 Joe Lanham
- 19 Keith & Donna Malone  
Debbie Smith
- 21 Rick Bearden & Christie  
Contrael  
Ben & Shawna King  
Kris & Nancy Kinney
- 22 Tim Hunyor  
Chris Scott
- 23 Clark & Billie Hemphill
- 27 Jessica Vargo  
Clark & Kyong Woodward  
Sarah Woodward
- 28 Blake Contrael
- 29 Bryce Scott
- 30 Joshua Wiese

### September

- 1 Joe Anne Vanover
- 2 Audrey Hill
- 3 Tom Walker
- 5 Hope & Phillip Reeve
- 9 Tim Scott
- 11 Marshall Pickens
- 12 Mark Kaufman
- 14 Eli Vogel
- 15 Melia Case
- 17 Doug Sheaffer
- 19 Brianna Wold
- 20 Valerie Sheaffer
- 21 Dale & Bev Whitman
- 23 Paulette Lanham
- 26 Lindsay Ralph
- 29 Stephanie Lightle



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

### NEW BABY!



Isabelle Elise King born 5:26 am on May 30, 2008  
6 lbs 14 oz 20 inches long

Thank you church family, for all your thoughts and prayers for Isabelle and I, while I was on bed rest and in the hospital. Ben and I really appreciated it, and all your visits to see us at the hospital. It was wonderful to see how everyone pulled together to support us when we needed it.  
Benjamin, Shawna,  
and Isabelle King

### Church Maintenance



- ◆ Remodel job is continuing: window's and carpet in stairwell.
- ◆ 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

The first person to reply to Pastor Mike (via email) with 'I saw it' in the subject line will win a \$5 Starbucks gift card. Pastormike@mtaonline.net

### 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

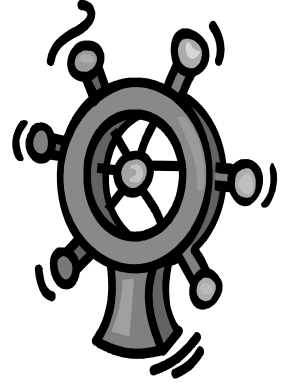
We need HELP with maintaining the church. If you can help out in this area please see Benjamin King.



# Planning for the Trip!

Our Captain has given us the direction in Matthew 28:19, "go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Okay, we've got our direction dialed in, CHECK! So.... What does that REALLY mean for us, as individuals, and as a church!?!?

A little over a year ago Pastor Mike started talking about that verse being the goal of what we do here at ERCN. We've been pondering HOW do we make disciples? That is different for each of us. For Kim, the church can help me do my part of the Great Commission by teaching me, praying for and with me, giving me an opportunity to worship and obey God's commands. And it also is a place I can bring my 'nation' to so they can hear about God and be around people who have the same peace, joy and hope I have, and, God willing, find that for themselves.



What God asks of your life, and what you need from your church, is different for each of us. The great thing is, we are all part of the same body, with the same Holy Spirit. With guidance and direction, our church, while it may not be all we WANT, it can be all we NEED.



So the question for you is — How can we as a church help meet your needs, to help with what God has called you to be and to do? We're asking for input of any kind you would like to share. It can be something simple, like you need an empty trash can on Sunday morning to put your used coffee cup into. Or something huge and complex like God has brought to mind a group here in Eagle River that you would like us to minister to, and some ideas of how to go about doing it. Nothing is too insignificant or too big. Consider this your opportunity to give us the list of things we need on our journey to the destination.

At the next Town Hall Meeting on September 7th, we will share the responses we have had. Together we can talk about those things we as a group need for our trip. And in the meantime, please join us in praying for God's direction and His strength to accomplish what he lays before us! Thanks for your time.

-Kim Collins and Pastor Mike

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What do you need from the church, to be, and to do what God has called you to?



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Place in suggestion box in foyer, or give to Pastor or Kim Collins.  
Or you can e-mail your ideas to kdhc@aol.com. Thank you!



*~From The Pastor's Desk Continued...*

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we pray silently, sometimes we pray aloud, but every time we are there, we are glad we came. Second: over the past six months I believe God has placed a burden in my heart for prayer and more specifically, focused intentional prayer. With that desire in my heart, I have had the desire to begin a 24-7 prayer room at our church. This room is designed, initially, to be a kickoff for prayer in our church. My desire is to have at least two weeks where there is someone praying in that room every hour of every day.

I don't know why I have had this burden so long. I don't know what God wants to do. God may want us to align ourselves with God's plans and purposes through prayer so God can do a huge work in and through ERCN. God may just want us to come in humble submission to listen. I do,

however, feel that God wants us to pray, intentionally and fervently.

Please, let me know what your thoughts are. How do you feel? Has prayer been a burden on your heart? Do you think I am crazy in my desire to have a 24-7 prayer room? What has God been saying to you during your own prayer times?

Last month we sent out a survey with the newsletter. To date (July 23, 2008) we have had zero response. Please look that over again and feel free to use that space to write your thoughts about this particular idea of prayer.

I love and cherish each and every one of you. I hope and pray that God will continue to bind us together in prayer that we might truly be the full-functioning body of Christ God has called us to be.

**Church Staff**

Michael Yost—Pastor  
Shawna King—Admin. Assistant

**Church Board 07-08**

Frank Clemens—Board Secretary  
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**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



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