

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 heard a sermon not too long ago by a preacher named Rob Bell. Rob Bell is the founding pastor of the Mars Hill Church in Michigan and an amazing preacher. As I was listening to him preach it was as if he was saying all of the things I had been thinking in the past few months.

In fact, a couple of months ago I wrote an article in the newsletter having to do with hearing each other's stories. As I listened to Rob speak, he made me aware of something quite profound. His point in the sermon was to help us remember our story. That is, he urged his congregation to remember what God had rescued them from. His sermon text was from the book of Deuteronomy (by the way a book most preachers tend to shy away from). In Chapter 26, God is giving the people instructions for worship, specifically for the feast of the first fruits.

Israel had, until they settled in the Promised Land, a wandering people. Wandering people do not have the opportunity to plant vineyards and eat of the fruits.



As such, when the people settled and stopped living a nomadic lifestyle, they were to celebrate the possession of the land by bringing an offering of the first fruits of the land each year. What is fascinating (what Rob Bell brought up) was that when they brought their offerings to the priest they were to recite this phrase; "My father was a wandering Aramean..." and then recite the story of how God had brought them out of slavery

into the land of Canaan that had been promised to Abraham.

Rob then goes on to tell of how the people had ceased the practice of reciting the phrase at the sacrifice. In short, he tells of how the people had forgotten what God had done for them.

The main point is that when we forget our story, we lose sight of the God who has delivered and sustained us, and go in a thousand different directions. Thus, when we forget what God has done, we lose the excitement of a powerful God who does powerful things. When we lose that excitement of what God has done in our individual and collective past, we are no longer motivated to introduce others to this great and amazing God we serve.

I say all of that to remind you that you have a story. You have (as Rob Bell put it) a "my father was a wan-

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NYI News

Kim 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
- Sundays 12:55-1:30 p.m. Quiz Practice
- February 9 6-9 p.m. childcare fundraiser
- February 10 Annual NYI Meeting, Elections
 **Note this was originally scheduled for
 February 3rd, moved to the 10th.
- March 14-16 District Main Event, Fairbanks
- April 18-20 Regional Main Event at NNU

Valentine's Fundraiser

Babysitting available

Time with just you and your sweetie!

Saturday

February 9

6-10 p.m. at church



(previously planned banquet is cancelled)

NYI ANNUAL MEETING INFO

- Sun., Feb. 10, 2007, 5:00 pm ****DATE CHANGE****
- Dinner provided!
- All youth from age 12 up to young adults age 25, as well as parents and youth volunteers welcome
- Annual NYI report
- Elections for upcoming church year
- Planning for 2008
- Update on summer interns
- Your input and feedback on past, present and future!

Children's Corner

Jennifer Yost Children's Ministry Coordinator

Sunday School Discipleship
Ministries International

Quizzing – 2007-08 Book of Genesis

Date	Dig Site/Page Numbers	Scripture Portion	Memory Verse*	Helper
Feb. 6	Quiz Practice Rescheduled for Sunday Feb. 10 (No Practice due to VBS)			
Feb. 10	Dig Site 18 – pages 70-73	Gen. 43:1-15, 23b-32; 44:1-18, 33-34	Eph. 4:32	Kinney
Feb. 13	Dig Site 19 – pages 74-77	Gen. 45:1-46:7	Gen. 45:7	Yost
Feb. 20	Dig Site 20 – pages 78-81	Gen. 46:26-32; 50:14-26	Gen. 50:24b	van Weel
Feb. 27	REVIEW			
March 1	QUIZ MEET over Dig Sites 15-20			

There were 7 teams and competition was fierce. I'm very proud of our kids and what they did in quizzing. Wasilla Lake had 3 teams. One took first, another took third, and Chapel took second. Congratulations to all the kids on their ribbons!! They did a great job!

Thanks goes to all the adult volunteers that help me on Wednesday nights. I couldn't do it without you. Your ministry and help are greatly appreciated.

PRACTICE CHANGE: There will NOT be any quiz practice on Wed., Feb. 6 due to VBS. We will go over Dig Sight 18 during the same time as the teen quizzers on Sunday, Feb. 10! Please note this change on your calendars!

NEXT QUIZ MEET: The next quiz meet will be held at Wasilla Lake at 9:45 AM on Saturday, March 1. They will be quizzed over Dig Sight 15-20. (Scripture quizzed over from Genesis chapters 37, 40-43, 45-46, and 50.)

Red Level (grades 1-3)

Blake Bearden
4th place ribbon
Emilia van Weel
3rd place ribbon
Faith Carroll – 2nd place ribbon
Logen Wohrle
2nd place ribbon
Landen Wohrle
2nd place ribbon
Laura Wold – 2nd place ribbon

Kelby Kinney
1st place ribbon
Nichole Bearden
PERFECT score medal

Blue Level (grades 4-6)

Samuel Malone
4th place ribbon
Macaela Carnes
2nd place ribbon
Destiny Berndt
1st place ribbon

Sara Wold
1st place ribbon (missed one)

**Jan. 12
Quiz
Results**

Kids' Day Planning Meeting

Anyone interested in helping with Kids' Day 2008 please meet at the church on Monday, March 3 at 7 PM. Questions contact Bev at 696-8395 or bev1130@hotmail.com

Ladies Ministry

Stacey Johnson—Ladies Ministry Coordinator

Sunday School Discipleship Ministries International

Ladies Ministry Event:

Ladies Brunch and Fellowship Time.

Johann's Restaurant. 11901 Old Glenn Hwy, Eagle River.

Saturday February 23rd, 10:30am.

Come for coffee, come for omelet's, bring a friend or just yourself!



"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - His good, pleasing and perfect will!" Rom. 12:2

Where does the renewing of the mind begin? Ask God in prayer to change your heart. Read the Bible, absorb his Word. Spend time with Him in a quiet corner of your home and pray.

In these long winter months, take time to firm up a deeper relationship that God is desiring with you. He knows the hairs on your head. His perfect will includes *you!* Rest, grow, learn, and commune with Him.

Sunday School

Nancy Kinney SDMI Superintendent

Sunday School Discipleship Ministries International

Adult Sunday School Classes for January 13 – February 24

Faith Connections! taught by Greg Wohrle will be studying *Holy Nation, Royal Priesthood: 1 and 2 Peter.*

Stacey Johnson will continue to facilitate **TOO MUCH STUFF!** – At one time or another, we have all probably experienced the overwhelming feeling and realization that we are housing too much stuff – physically and spiritually. Stacey is using a Biblical foundation of how to simplify your life – all compartments! During this study accompanied by hands on application, Stacey is working with participants on simplifying, prioritizing and organizing to free us up for true servant hood.



WINTER VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS begins Monday, February 4 through February 8, 5 PM – 7:15 PM.

Please be in prayer for this time to minister to the children. An invitation to accept Christ will be given to the children each evening. We can always use more helpers, so please come and join in the fun!



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Nancy Kinney SDMI Superintendent

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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.

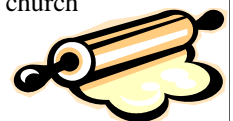
Kinney Home Group – contact Kris Kinney at 694-0833 – Revelation Study – Meets on Wednesday evenings at 7 PM in various locations.

Wohrle Home Group – contact Greg Wohrle at 696-5770

The Care Team

The group continues to meet Monday evenings at 6 PM in the annex upstairs. Please join us! This group identifies the visitors and those absent from regular attendance. There is prayer for the folks who will receive cards or phone calls as well as prayer for those sending or calling. Then the card writing and phone calling begins.

We would like to have folks who would deliver warm bread or cookies to our visitors to welcome them into our church family. Please let Pastor Mike or Nancy Kinney know if you would be interested in either baking or delivering.



Church News

Happy Birthday/Anniversary to...

February

- 3 Stacey Johnson
- 6 Madison Collins
- 7 Calen Wohrle
- 17 Craig Hanson
- 24 Nancy Walker
- 25 Kees vanWeel
- 26 Tony Vargo



Pastor Michael Yost

March

- 5 Gary Stafford
- Jennifer Yost
- Jeremy Wiese
- 9 Donna Malone
- 11 Thom & Mirjam Jennings
- 12 David King
- 14 Nichole Contrael
- 15 Sara Wold
- 16 Lydia Hanson
- 17 Nancy Kinney
- 24 Hayden Carroll
- 31 Landen & Logen Wohrle

Pastor's New Email:

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Shawna's New Email:

ernazs@mtaonline.net

Baby News!

Congratulations
Stacy and Marshall Pickens!

Liam Pickens was born on
Tuesday, January 8, 2008
at 10:28 PM
weighing in at 8 Lbs 14oz



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

Registrations received at least 18 days before the conference start date—
(by March 23)— will save \$80 per couple, see Shawna for the group code.

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.

New Hope News

*Compassionate Ministries
Center*

Chris Scott New Hope on the Last Frontier Director 274-2745

Royal Family Kids' Camp

Recruitment begins for Cousins (counselors) for Royal Family Kids' Camp. Please consider giving a week of your time to children who are in the foster care system. June 13-15 is training and June 16-20 is camp. A Cousin is responsible for two children and loving them unconditionally. Consider applying today. Contact Chris at royalfamily@newhopeak.com

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

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

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Church Maintenance



- ◆ Remodel job is continuing: window's and carpet in stairwell and teen class room.
 - ◆ Garage Cleanout and Heat
 - ◆ Electrical Work
1. Switches for lighting

2. Replace extension cords with correct wiring in conduit
3. Lighting removed or replaced by sanctuary platform

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

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dering Aramean..." in your past. You have a story of the mighty and sustaining hand of God! Do you remember your story? Did your story take place so long ago that you are no longer excited about what God has done? Has your story become lost so that you no longer have the excitement of how God has and does work powerfully in our lives? Has your story become lost, so that you cannot remember why you started on this road in the first place?

My hope is that we will remember our story. My hope is that we will seek God's face in prayer and ask that God remind us of our own "my father was a wandering Aramean..." that we might regain the joy of our salvation, and the excitement and wonder of a God who would choose to rescue us, and

have relationship with us.

In the coming months I am going to provide opportunities for us to re-discover our stories, but also tell and share those stories. I pray that God will remind you of your own, "my father was a wandering Aramean..." that you might again know the joy and excitement of remembering the place from where God has led you!



Church Staff

Michael Yost—Pastor
Shawna King—Admin. Assistant

Church Board

Terri Berndt—Steward
Frank Clemens—Board Secretary
Kim Collins—NYI President
Benjamin King—Trustee
Kris Kinney—Trustee
Nancy Kinney—SS Superintendent

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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