

# Eagle River Naz News



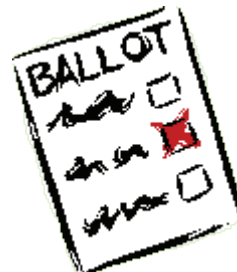
## ~From The Pastor's Desk~

**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.

Get ready for some super exciting news!!!!!! Ok, I do not really have 'super exciting news.' Truth be told, I was trying to get your attention because this article might be even a little less exciting than you may be used to. This is, however, a "newsletter" which, by definition is for the spreading of news...not all of which is of the incredibly exciting variety.

As you may or may not know, normally I offer a little meditation or sermonette for your enjoyment and edification (which oddly enough does not meet the standard definition of newsletter fare). However, as we are coming up on a new Church year (beginning in March) I thought I might give a little information about the upcoming elections. Early in January the nominating committee met to start the process of nominating individuals to run for the church board. As we dis-

cussed nominations, there was a general feeling that there is not a wide-spread knowledge in our church (or any church for that matter) of how the process actually works. As such, I will take the time in this article to briefly inform you, the



reader, of that process.

First off, not every person in the church is asked to serve on the church board. To serve on the church board, one must be a member of Eagle River Church of the Nazarene. No one NEEDS to be a member of this church, but according to our system of church government, one must be a member to serve on the church board.

Not only is not every

person in the church asked, but not every member is asked either. The purpose of the nominating committee is to take the whole of the church members and select a few as potential board members. As such, not all members are asked to serve on the church board in any given year. The nominating committee prayerfully seeks God's direction on who might be a good fit for the board in any given year and presents those names. This is an important part of the process. We do not take the whole list of members and say 'who shouldn't serve' but rather we try to ask the question 'who might God be leading us to nominate?'

After a list of names is compiled, a letter is sent to each nominee asking whether or not they would allow their name to run on a ballot that will come before the church membership at the church elections. Those

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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
- January 25-27 Winter Retreat
- January 29 7 p.m. Council Meeting @ Collins'
- February 3 Annual NYI Meeting, Elections
- February 9 6-9 p.m. childcare fundraiser
- 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

- Sunday, February 3, 2007, 5:00 p.m.
- 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
Jan. 2	Dig Site 14 – pages 54-57	Gen. 37:1-36	Ps. 34:18-19	Berndt
Jan. 4	REVIEW Dig Sites 12-14			Kinney
Jan. 9	REVIEW Dig Sites 8-11			Wohrle
Jan. 12	<b>QUIZ MEET</b> over Dig Sites 8-14 @ ERCN			
Jan. 16	Dig Site 15 – pages 58-61	Gen. 40:1-23	Prov. 2:6	Carroll
Jan. 23	Dig Site 16 – pages 62-65	Gen. 41:1-57	Gen. 41:16	Carnes
Jan. 30	Dig Site 17 – pages 66-69	Gen. 42:1-38	Gen. 28:15	Berndt
Feb. 6	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			Malone
May add an extra review time for this one...have a QNO somewhere....I'll keep you posted!				
March 1	<b>QUIZ MEET</b> over Dig Sites 15-20			
March 5	REVIEW Dig Sites 16-20			*~*~*~*~*
March 12	REVIEW Dig Sites 12-15			Wohrle
March 19	REVIEW Dig Sites 8-11			Kinney
March 26	REVIEW Dig Sites 4-8			Carnes
				Berndt

Are you looking for a way to keep your kids active during the long winter months? How about Winter VBS? Feb. 4th-8th from 5-7:30p your kids will enjoy a yummy meal, craft time and wonderful bible lessons. Come be a part! Your help is needed in the areas of serving dinner, crafts, crowd control and publicity in the community. If this is something you are willing to give a whole one week commitment for, please talk to Jenn Yost or Nancy Kinney.

# SDMI News

Nancy Kinney SDMI Superintendent

## Sunday School Discipleship Ministries International

### Thanks to all working in SDMI

As this new year is upon us, please take a moment to thank those serving in our church. We are all volunteers for the Lord! I would like to publicly thank all those who are ministering in SDMI. So many are working behind the scenes, which makes our church function without our knowing.

Our children's department has fine leadership from Jenn Yost. Jenn and Christine Contrael teach the 3-6 grade Sunday School class while Bev Whitman teaches the K-2 and Dolly Hansen teaches the Preschool/Toddler class. Leslie Lowrie is a frequent helper for the Nursery/Toddler/Preschool age during Sunday School.

During our Sunday worship service, our children have the opportunity to learn more about our Savior and living Christian lives in Children's Church (K-6). Jenn teaches them every Sunday

with the exception of Mission Sunday, which is taught by Stacy Pickens.

Also while we are worshipping, Matt and Andrea Allen, Bonnie King, Madison Collins, Cathy Spooner, Jeff and Stacey Johnson, Leslie Lowrie and Amelia Collins care for our precious little ones. Thank you, everyone, for creating a loving and caring learning environment for all to glean an understanding of our Lord and Savior!

Did you know that Kim Collins and Kris Kinney teach our teens every Sunday morning? With the teens in the White House, sometimes we are unaware of what's happening in their lives. Kim and Kris, thanks for bringing the Word to the teens. Thanks for being Jesus to them.

Our Adult Sunday classes have been

well taught by folks who commit time and dedicate their lives to ministering to others through God's Word. Greg Wohrle teaches our year round adult class while Keith Carnes, Pastor Mike, Dale Collins and Frank Clemens have offered varying topics this past year. Thank you, guys, for your willingness to serve. I would be amiss if I did not thank Warren Johnson, Dale Collins, and Kris Kinney for being our "subs" for the adult class.

Have you enjoyed our ladies' gatherings? Thank you, Stacey Johnson, for your time and dedication in planning and facilitating these opportunities for us!

Our church appreciates you! Thank you for your willingness to serve and for making yourself available to minister for Jesus!

### Adult Sunday School Classes for January 13 – February 24

**Faith Connections!** taught by Greg Wohrle will be studying *Matthew: This is the Messiah!* (Dec/Jan) and *Holy Nation, Royal Priesthood: 1 and 2 Peter* (Jan/Feb).

**Stacey Johnson** will 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 will use a Biblical foundation of how to simplify your life – all compartments! During this study accompanied by hands on application, Stacey will work with participants on simplifying, prioritizing and organizing to free us up for true servant hood.

# Church News

Nancy Kinney SDMI Superintendent

## Sunday School Discipleship Ministries International

### Home Groups

#### Contacts:

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

**Kinney Home Group** – contact Kris Kinney at 694-0833 – Revelation Study – Begins meeting again on Wednesday, January 9. This group meets Wednesday evenings at 7 PM in various locations.

**Wohrle Home Group** – contact Greg Wohrle at 696-5770 - Currently not meeting due to scheduling conflicts.

### 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...

### January

- 2 Hope Reeve
- 6 Sterling Johnson
- 7 Dave Boss
- 14 Aubrie Scott
- 15 Samuel Wold
- 18 Katrina Wold
- Megan Scott
- Mary Ann Tipton
- 19 Kelby Kinney
- 25 Bob & Carolyn Clemens



### February

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



### Pastor's New Email:

[pastormike@mtaonline.net](mailto:pastormike@mtaonline.net)

### Shawna's New Email:

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**Thank You Susanne Carnes** for filling in for me at the office, while I was away for Christmas. I really appreciate everything that you did to help me out.—  
Shawna

### A Big THANKS to the teen group!

I greatly appreciate all the work you did to help clean up all the construction dust and mess in the church office. You did a Wonderful Job! And the teen room construction and painting looks great! I am excited for the day it gets finished.  
- Shawna

## New Hope News

Compassionate Ministries  
Center

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

### Life Skills Classes

Life Skills AK continues to grow. Please see the class list below and encourage participation. This is a life changing program.

#### Anchorage

- Jan 7-28 day women's class 9:30-2:00
- Jan 10-28 week men's class 6:30-9:30 pm
- Jan 10-28 week women's class 6:30-9:30 pm
- Gloria Sinnett at 907-274-4673

#### MatSu

- January dates to be determined men's class and women's class
- January - Palmer prison 2 classes
- Tom Watkins at 907-745-5661

#### Homer and Seward

- January dates to be determined men's class and women's class
- January - Seward prison
- Homer: Cindy Bedingfield at 907-399-0552
- Seward: Andrea Van Horn at 907-224-2278

### 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](mailto:royalfamily@newhopeak.com)

The 2007 newsletters are now on the church website, past and future newsletters coming soon. The first person to read this and Email Pastor Mike (at the address above) wins a \$5 Starbucks card. Put "I read it" in the subject line.

[www.eaglerivernazarene.org](http://www.eaglerivernazarene.org)

## 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

### 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](mailto: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 Kris Kinney.



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who say 'yes' are placed on the ballot and those who say 'no' are not.

Lastly, in March or late February, we hold our annual church elections. Voting for the church board is open to all church members who are 15 and older.

I know this is not the most 'exciting' information in the world, but it is good to know how things work so that we are all on the same page. If you would like more information on the nominating procedure or any other church 'polity' issue there are several options for more information. You are invited to attend the 'introduction to the church of the Nazarene' class offered once or twice a year, ask pastor, or pick up a copy of the church Manual from pastor.

## 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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