

# 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.

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,<sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."  
Matthew 28:18-20

What does it mean when Jesus commands his disciples to "make disciples of all nations?" Since this is at the core of what it means to be a church, it is beneficial to reflect on what it means for us.

If our church exists for the sole purpose of making disciples, we should consider what this means. Often in our culture and particularly in western culture, so much emphasis is placed on the moment of salvation, that the 'what do we do now' is deemphasized or ignored. For me, this brings up the idea that one can be in the church (and 'saved' for that matter) and not be a disciple. We call people to come to a moment of salvation in which they 'give their hearts to Christ,' but we stop there without really discussing what that means beyond being saved from sins and hell.

So what does it mean to be a disciple? In the gospels, the word used to describe 'disciple' means a learner. That is, the disciple learns the teacher's business. That seems to be Jesus point when he says, "make disciples of all nations baptizing them...and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." Baptism, in the earliest church was the sign of salvation, but salvation was only the beginning. As such, baptism was only the beginning of a life devoted to learning what Christ had commanded his disciples to do and be. Thus the Christian life is not just being saved, but committing to be like Christ and act like Christ acted.

Jesus taught repentance, but he also taught compassion. He taught that to follow him, one must do what he did. Even more than that, Jesus taught his disciples to be like him in character, particularly in his love. Remember Jesus' command to the disciples to 'love one another as I have loved you...' So to be a disciple, which is the call for each person who is 'saved,' is to emulate the character and actions of Christ.

Thus, our mission as a church ought to be stated as "to be and make disciples." Our call is to help one another along the path of

discipleship as we study scripture together in formal and informal settings, and as we worship together. But our call is also to be a church that makes disciples. We are a church who is equipped, empowered and sent, into our communities, our schools and our work places, to proclaim the message of Christ. In short, as disciples we are called to make disciples as well.

It is a circular pattern. Here we are formed into disciples as we study the word and worship together. And are sent to call others to repentance and to join us as we continue to learn together to be disciples.

Everything this church is about ought to be a product of being and making disciples. In this newsletter there is a survey asking you what you need from this church in order to be disciples, and to make disciples. I encourage you to pray and think deeply about that question and provide feedback so that we can talk together about being disciples of Christ. From there we can in turn, look at how we as a church can better go about making disciples in our world.

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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

June 29 Destination Unknown  
July 6 Destination Unknown  
July 13 Destination Unknown  
July 14-19 Jr. High Camp  
July 21-27 Sr. High Camp

July 27 Destination Unknown  
July 30 Going Away Party (Interns)

## Children's Corner

*Sunday School Discipleship  
Ministries International*

### Children's Sunday School

The Children's Sunday School has a new look through August. We have combined the K – 6 classes 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.

### 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!

## Kids' Day

Thanks, Bev, for coordinating a wonderful Kids' Day! Also, thank you to the many volunteers who made Kids' Day a success! More information to come in the August newsletter.

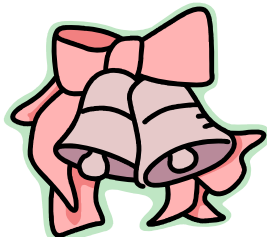
# Thank You!

## Ladies Ministry

Stacey Johnson—Ladies Ministry Coordinator

*Sunday School Discipleship  
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### Ladies Ministry Events:



Stephen & Angie's Wedding  
July 12th, 1:30 PM @ Peter's Creek Park

Martin & Ashten's Wedding  
July 19th, 2 PM @ Eagle River Church of the Nazarene



# Sunday School

Nancy Kinney SDMI Superintendent

*Sunday School Discipleship  
Ministries International*

July 2008

**Do you pray for our Sunday School – the children, the teens and the adults? It's this intimate, small group time that most folks come to know Christ. I would ask that you pray for this significant area of ministry. My prayer has been that God would provide people. That may sound like I am asking Him for workers, which I am, but I am earnestly seeking His will and perfect timing for more people to attend ERNC who need to know Christ. Isn't that what we are all about?**

**Sunday School is not just for kids, but our kids are going to need more teachers and helpers for the fall. Although many people feel that if they volunteer they will be drafted for a lifetime, that's not the case. Consider teaching or helping for a short amount of time – 3 months, 12 weeks, one quarter.**

**Sunday School is also for adults! If there is a topic or study that you would be interested in participating in, please let me know. Also, if there is a person whom you feel would do a great job teaching an adult Sunday School class, would you please let me know. IF you are someone interested in teaching a short-term (3 months, 12 weeks, one quarter) adult Sunday School class please let me know.**

**Surprise me! Make my day! (Seriously, please prayerfully consider these opportunities.) Contact Nancy Kinney at 694-0833 or [knkinney@mtaonline.net](mailto:knkinney@mtaonline.net).**

## Adults

### Adult Sunday School Classes

#### 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.

Our class is look at the mosaic of our faith or a composite picture of our 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 are looking 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 are look-

ing at the what, where, when, why, and how of your story.

Dale will be going to Africa July 4th through the 27<sup>th</sup>. Mosaic of Faith will resume August 3 in room 2 downstairs.

Let's be in prayer for his travels as well as asking the Lord to provide him with opportunities to share Christ.

**Faith Connections! taught by Greg Wohrle** is studying *Legacies of Faith: Genesis*. Greg is diligently helping us understand the cultural reasons for behaviors and actions of Abraham and his descendents. Then he brings us back to 2008 and discusses the significance of those behaviors and actions in today's world and in our personal lives.

Meet in room 1 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.*

## 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)

# Church News

## Happy Birthday/Anniversary to...

### July

- 1 Drew & Christie Vandendries
- 2 Silas Vogel
- 9 Laura Wold
- 11 Jody Lanham
- 12 Stephen & Angie Carnes  
Dan & Linda Wiese
- 13 Bonnie King  
Gary & TaeJa Stafford
- 16 Susanne Carnes
- 19 Martin & Ashten Glaves
- 20 Emma Rose Short
- 21 Noelle Fleischmann
- 25 Pete & Cona Carroll
- 26 Sean & Julie Case  
Ira Malone
- 29 Sean Case
- 31 Jon & Lindsay Ralph



### 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

### All Summer Camps

\*July 2-6  
*Family Camp*  
\*July 7-11  
*Children's Camp*

\*July 14-19  
*Jr. High Camp*

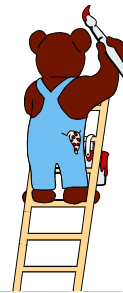
\*July 21-26  
*Sr. High Camp*

The 2007 newsletters are now on the church website, past and future newsletters coming soon.  
[www.eaglerivernazarene.org](http://www.eaglerivernazarene.org)

Thank You to everyone who helped put my Baby Shower together! I could not be more pleased with how wonderful it turned out, Benjamin and are so blessed that so many friends came to share in our joy, thank you everyone for being there with us.  
Shawna and Benjamin King

Thank You to my church family for the wonderful ways you remembered me on my Birthday and Secretaries Day. The balloon full of money was fantastic, and the most inventive way I have ever been given money. The cards, flowers, and phone calls I received topped it off, making it a very special week for me, and I appreciate everything and everyone so much. Thanks Again.  
Shawna 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

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

### General Office Hours for

### Administrative Assistant \* Shawna King

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

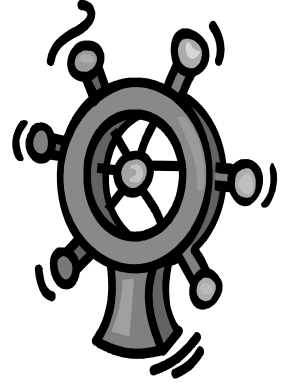
If you need to contact me my email at the church is  
[ernazs@mtaonline.net](mailto:ernazs@mtaonline.net) or you may call the church at  
694-9423. Thank you, Shawna



# 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!



# 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 / Treasurer  
Lois Munson—Trustee / NMI  
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

May is Missionary Health Care Month the following testimony is from Natalie Ward, a former LINKS Missionary of Eagle River Church of the Nazarene.

### “Be Still and Know That I Am God” By Natalie Ward, Missionary currently serving in Singapore

“Be still and know that I am God...” Those are the precious words God gave me as I was in bed, suffering from severe neck and back pain. And then, as I had to be flown to Cairns, Australia from Papua New Guinea (PNG) for an MRI and consultation with a neurosurgeon, both of which are not available in PNG where my family and I have served for 20 years.

As the radiologist secured the harness on my head and straps on my arms....he said, “Now I am going to

need you to **be still!**” I heard again God’s reminder to me that He was in control and that He was in the details! “Be still and know that I am God.”

That reminder came again as I saw the medical bills pass through my hands, knowing that God had already worked in the details of this moment, as His precious servants gave faithfully and generously to the NMI Medical Plan. God’s provision for me resulted from those who believe in the mission of the church and in helping provide for the medical needs of missionaries. We have a great church, one that believes in the value of offering peace and hope to those in need. I am forever grateful for those who gave, so I could “be still”.



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