

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.

Change. Change is scary. Change is often unexpected. Change is, most times, unwelcomed. Truth is, most of us fear change, at least change that we were not expecting. Often times, we react to change with fear and trepidation because it places circumstances beyond our direct control.



So, I hate to say it, but change is coming at Eagle River Nazarene. And unfortunately, this change is beyond our direct control. After 3 years of leading worship here at ERCN, Donna Malone is stepping down from that position. Donna has had a difficult, time consuming and stressful position of leadership. She has been 'up front' and out there pouring her heart out before God. But change comes. We hate to see her go, but as she steps down, we say 'thank you' and 'God bless you in whatever minister God leads you to from here.'

Change has come. Many of us do not want change such as this forced upon us. And yet it is here. As I talked to a friend about this situation, wonder what we were going to do here at ERCN, he told me something that has stuck in my mind. He reminded me that though this will be difficult for us (Donna did a great job) change gives us the opportunity to see what God will do. That is, every change in our lives gives us the change to anticipate what God might do in our midst and where God may take us from here.

So for the first time in my short ministry, I am approaching this change, not with fear (though sometimes I still worry) but with anticipation. If there is one thing

I believe about the church and this local embodiment of the church, it is that this church does not belong to me, but to Christ. That is, when change comes, I need not worry, because God cares more than I do what happens here. Even more than that, it is God's responsibility, not mine, to 'fix things.'

Let me unpack that last statement. Anticipation is not closing your eyes and stopping your ears. That is to say, anticipation does not mean we sit on our hands and hope God does something. Nor does it mean that I immediately rush out and do exactly what I want and expect that God will go along with everything I do.

Anticipation for God to work, as I see it, asks the question 'where does God want to take us' and listens to the ideas swirling around in our heads. Anticipation

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Children's Corner

Jennifer Yost Children's Ministry Coordinator

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Are you someone who likes to clean and as a little time on your hands? The nursery is in need of a caring person (s) who is willing to come and sanitize the toys at least once a month. This can be done any time and takes about 2-3 hours. Please talk to Jenn Yost if this person can be you!



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!

Children's church is looking for a volunteer to teach one Sunday a month during the months of Dec, Jan, and Feb while Jenn is busy with a new baby. If you would like more information on the curriculum that is used, please see



Do you have CD's that your children have out grown? The nursery could use new music and if you have one, please drop it by the nursery.

Quizzing – 2008-09 Book of Exodus

See next months newsletter for more of the quizzing schedule.

Date	Dig Site/Page Numbers	Scripture Portion	Memory Verse*	Helper
Oct. 1	Dig Site 5 – pages 18-21	Ex. 5:1-6:9	Ex. 6:5	Berndt
Oct. 8	Dig Site 6 – pages 22-25	Ex. 6:28-7:24	Ps. 24:1	Yost
Oct. 15	Dig Site 7 – pages 26-29	Ex. 7:25-8:32	Ps. 4:3	Wohrle
Oct. 22	Dig Site 8 – pages 30-33	Ex. 9:1-35	Prov. 21:2	Carroll
Oct. 29	REVIEW ~ Dig Sites 5-7			Bearden
Nov. 5	REVIEW ~ Dig Sites 1-4			Kinney
Nov. 8	QUIZ MEET over Dig Sites 1-7 (Location TBA)			
Nov. 12	Dig Site 9 – pages 34-37	Ex. 10:1-11:10	Ex. 15:6	Berndt
Nov. 19	Dig Site 10 – pages 38-41	Ex. 12:1-42	Ex. 15:2	Wohrle
Nov. 26	<i>OFF for THANKSGIVING</i>			



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Nancy Wold is leading our children through the book of Exodus. If your child is first through sixth grade and not involved in quizzing, we would love to have them!

Ladies Ministry

Stacey Johnson—Ladies Ministry Coordinator

Sunday School / Discipleship
Ministries International

Ladies' Prayer Time

Some of our ladies are meeting at the church on Thursdays from 11:30 – 3 for prayer. All are welcome. It is a flexible time where you can come and go as needed.

Ladies' Bible Study

Nancy Kinney is facilitating a Ladies' Bible Study this fall. They are studying *Bad Girls of the Bible and What We Can Learn From Them*. Ladies

are meeting at the Kinneys' home on Tuesdays from 10 – noon. Please plan to join us. Call Nancy for directions at 694-0833

Knitting Night and Crafty Conference!

For ladies and teen ladies, Friday October 10th, 6-9pm come-n-go. Bring your latest scrapbook, cross-stitch, stamping or crochet project to Stacey Johnson's house in Peters Creek. Andrea Allen will be instruct-

ing knitting for beginners, too! Dinner provided.

Baby Shower for Jennifer Yost!

Monday, October 27, 2008
Time is to be announced Jenn is registered at Target
For More Info see Stacy Pickens



Sunday School

Nancy Kinney SDMI Superintendent

Sunday School Discipleship Ministries International

Children's Sunday School

Praise the Lord for obedient laymen! Our children's Sunday School class will be taught by Jenn Yost and Kyong Woodward the months of September through November. Warren and Betty Johnson will teach them December through February. March through May, the children will be taught by Bev Whitman. She is in need of a helper for that time period. If you are willing to help, please contact Bev, Jenn or Nancy Kinney. Thank you, Dolly, for your faithfulness to our littlest one!

Christmas Musical Rehearsal Replaces Children's Church

Christmas is two and a half months away and I feel the excitement I get every year as we take a closer look at what Christmas is really about—Jesus Christ. I will be committed to volunteering my time for the next few months for our Christmas play, *The Bethlehem Project*. Children in grades K-6 with assistance from teens and adults will be the stars of this wonderful recollection of that Holy night.

Practice for the play will begin Sunday, October 5. We will rehearse every Sunday morning until the performance on Sunday evening, December 21 at 6 PM. There will be a slight change to the typical Sunday morning routine in that the children will remain downstairs after Sunday School and through the entire worship service. A snack and restroom break will be provided for the children and then musical practice will begin!

A couple of weeks into our rehearsals, there will information sent home on what materials, props, supplies, and costumes will be needed. Adults and teens, please consider volunteering your time to make this play a great success for all. Each and every one of us has something special to offer. We could not do it without you and want to thank you in advance for all of your time and help.

Let us rejoice in our Savior for He is King! Christine Contrael

Fall Festival/ Harvest Party

You are invited to our Harvest Party Friday night, October 31st from 7-9 PM. The purpose of our Harvest Party is to be an outreach to our community. We will purposefully reconnect with children who we met at Kid's Day this past summer and let them know our church loves them. Information will be given out on our upcoming children's activities including our Sunday School, our quizzing program, the Christmas musical and dates for our VBS. Everyone is welcome and do not forget to invite the kids in your neighborhood. Some of the activities we are planning will be games, crafts, cookie decorating, Pumpkin Theatre, bobbing for apples and lots and lots of CANDY!

Adult Ministries

Adult Sunday School Classes

In Room 1, Warren Johnson is teaching the Centennial Celebration Sunday School class which is looking into the answers to: Who are the people called Nazarenes? What do they believe? Why another denomination? I don't believe in denominations; I'm a Christian and that is all that matters. Sunday, September 28 will be the last special class about the Growth of the Nazarene Church in celebration of 100 years as a denomination.

Sunday, October 5, Greg Wohrle will be teaching on the study of Exodus in Room 1.

In Room 2, Jeff Johnson will begin a class entitled Christianity and Politics.

Financial Peace University

Cathy Spooner is facilitating this 13-week Biblically based financial class. It meets at the church on Wednesday evenings. If you would be interested in participating in a class like this one, please talk to Nancy Kinney or Cathy Spooner.

Cornerstone Counseling Phone # 522-7080

Cornerstone Counseling provides a reduced rate for their services for members and friends of the Eagle River Church of the Nazarene. Should you find that you would benefit from their services, please just mention that you were referred by Eagle River Church of the Nazarene to receive the special rate.

Centennial Celebration Kick-off Breakfast a Hit!!!

Thank you, Warren Johnson, our resident breakfast chef for the wonderful Fall Emphasis kickoff breakfast you prepared. It was absolutely yummy! Keith Malone is ready for another breakfast soon so that you can make him grits!

Home Groups

The SPAN Home Group is studying a book called "Chasing Daylight". They meet at 7 PM on Tuesday evenings at the Pickens' home. For more information or directions, please call Jenn at 351-7100.

The Kinney Home Group is organizing and gearing up for the fall. If you have wanted to be a part of a home group, but have been too shy to attend, please tell the Kinneys. They will make sure you are invited and feel comfortable when you attend!!! Our next gathering is a potluck on Tuesday, September 30 at 6:30 PM. We will gather at the Clemens' home. Please call Carolyn or Bob for directions at 694-2276.

Church News

Happy Birthday/Anniversary to...

New Hope News

Compassionate Ministries Center

New Hope on the Last Frontier is your local compassionate ministry center, an extension of your church's outreach ministry. New Hope runs a food pantry, clothing room, and counseling ministries to help our neighbors who are in need. We can only do this with help from volunteers. New Hope has a volunteer opportunity for you to get involved in this exciting ministry. We are in need of some people who would enjoy answering our phones and directing people to our resources Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 10:00am to 2:00pm. The whole time or just a couple of hours would be great! If you're interested in helping, please contact Mike @ 529-2742 or 274-2745.

NYI News

Madison Collins NYI President

TEEN QUIZZING IS HERE!!!!
 This year your teen quizzers are studying the book of Luke. There are two quiz teams consisting of 4 quizzers each. The quiz leadership team consists of Dale Collins, Donna Malone and Julie Wohrle. The first quiz meet is Oct. 4th w/ the location TBA. They will compete the first Sat. of each month through March. They practice each Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 7:00. Please be praying for them as they study and put God's Word in their hearts and minds. Feel free to offer a word of encouragement to these kids as they put in hours of committed study to represent the Eagle River church in these District meets.

October

- 1 Tim & Sandy Hunyor
- Mikayla Jo Lanham
- 4 Trisha Lanham
- 10 Dolly Hansen
- 13 Piet & Sheila van Weel
- 14 Shelia van Weel
- 15 Emily Vogel
- 16 Kaden Lanham
- 17 Martin Glaves
- 18 Keith & Susanne Carnes
- 19 Craig Lightle
- 23 Cheryl Vargo
- 24 Kim Collins
- Edna Cross
- 25 Patty Frazier
- 27 Sarah Hanson
- 31 Tim & Chris Scott

Children, Youth, and Elderly Safety Policy and Applications

If you work with our children and/or our youth and have not submitted your **Children, Youth, and Elderly Safety Application**, please do so as soon as possible. The Church Board voted to have this policy implemented by January 2008. We need to have all children and youth worker applications on file to be in compliance. Thank you so much! If you need another copy, please give Shawna a call and she will get one to you.

General Office Hours for Administrative Assistant Shawna King

I will be in the office Monday through Friday from 10:00 AM—1:00 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

November

- 1 Sonna Hanson
- 3 Macaela Carnes
- Clarke Hemphill
- 5 Sam Lightle
- 9 Parker Collins
- Christine Contrael
- 10 Amelia Collins
- 13 Cona Carroll
- 15 Keith Malone
- 16 Dale Collins
- 17 Sam Fleischmann
- Colton Vargo
- 19 Vince & Patty Frazier
- 20 Carolyn Clemens
- 21 Mark & Jill Kaufman
- 22 Nate & Debbie Smith
- 23 Nancy Welch Rodman
- 30 Bev Whitman



Church Maintenance



Completed

- ◆ New Office Deck
- ◆ Church re-key

In Progress

- ◆ New Hot Water Heater for the church

Future

- ◆ Garage Heat

- ◆ Nursery door window
- ◆ Sunday School Door Windows
- ◆ 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.

Mission Priority One

Why Mission Priority One?

God’s mission to draw all people to Himself is our mission, too. When we are lovingly and intentionally living in that mission every day, we are being obedient to Christ.

Sometimes, though, we need direction and ideas for how to live a mission-centered life. We need clear and realistic goals that help us, in concrete ways, to carry out God’s mission.

That’s where Mission Priority One (MPO) comes in.

While there are countless ways to share Christ’s message of hope with those who haven’t heard, NMI has selected certain goals that help churches do two practical things:

1. Increase church members’ passion for God’s mission through

raising awareness.

2. Assist churches in taking the message of Christ to the world.

What is Mission Priority One?

NMI has set four mission objectives in which every local church can participate: Praying, Discipling, Giving and Educating.

We offer suggested mission activities based on these goals, which help you ensure your church is involved in the full scope of God’s mission in the world.

If you send a report to NMI’s office at the end of the church year, you will be certified as a Mission Priority One church for that year.

By making the mission of the church a priority, your church sends the message that it is passionate about and obedient to God’s call to mission. Churches that are involved in mission attract people who want to be part of something bigger than themselves.

Why do we strive for these goals each year?

Mission Priority One certification is one way a local church can develop a concrete action plan toward engaging in God’s mission. NMI bases this plan on its four-fold purpose to mobilize the church in praying, mission education, mission giving and discipling new believers and new generations in real life mission experiences.

Through the activities suggested for MPO standing, a church and its members effectively extend Christ’s message around the world: Pastors are educated; mission workers are supported; new believers come to Christ through the power of prayer on their behalf; and children, youth and adults hear God’s call to become full-time mission workers.

The Mission Priority One plan helps us all get involved in God’s mission.

The following is the Mission Priority One Informational Booklet (Continues on Page 6)

**MISSIONS MUST BE IMPOR-
TANT IF THE WORLD IS TO BE
WON**

Mission Priority One (MPO), based of the four objectives of NMI, is a “measuring stick” to ensure missions as a priority for Nazarenes. The MPO program has been adapted so it is attainable for any church, allowing Nazarenes to understand their importance in building God’s kingdom around the world.

The following provides the objectives of NMI, the requirement assigned to each objective through MPO, and suggestions for achieving these requirements.

PRAYER

Objective: To encourage people to pray for all efforts of global evangelization.

Requirement: The church will pray for missions.

Helpful Ideas:

- ◆ Provide regular prayer requests to the church. Possible sources are [Prayer Mobilization Line](#) (call 816-444-pray or via e-mail subscription or the NMI Web site), missionaries' newsletters, worship folders, handouts, pastoral prayer,

announcements, etc.

- ◆ Emphasize prayer and fasting.
- ◆ Establish specific times for prayer and/or form a prayer chain/network.
- ◆ Plan church-wide participation in World Day of Prayer, Nazarene World Week of Prayer, Prayer for the Persecuted Church, 10/40 Window, and JESUS film.



GLOBAL AWARENESS

Objective: To inform people of the world's needs and what the church is doing to meet those needs.

Requirement: The church will use missions resources and participate in activities to develop global awareness.

Helpful Ideas:

- ◆ Use global awareness resources: adult mission education, youth mission education, children's mission education, and/or International Mission Education Journal.
- ◆ Make NMI missions books/tapes/CDs available to the congregation.
- ◆ Participate in missions service projects (such as Work & Witness, Youth in Mission, Youthserve, CAUSE, NCM centers, Good Samaritan churches, community projects, etc.) and/or hands-on missions activities (Crisis Care Kits, School Pal-Paks, relief shipments, LINKS packages, unofficial LINKS, etc.)
- ◆ Schedule one or more services with a missions speaker (local, zone/area, district, and/or regional events; faith promise) and/or provide interaction with a missions speaker (district teen/children's camps, missions events, district NMI convention, missions workshops, etc.)
- ◆ Use multimedia missions resources (such as World Mission DVD, missions Web sites, videos, Nazarene Communications News, etc.), and/or utilize missions publications and communications (such as Mission Connection, Global Glimpses, Nazarene Compassionate Ministries magazine, Holiness Today, missionaries' newsletters, regional newsletters, etc.)

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Objective: To challenge children and youth to learn about and participate in the mission of the church and to respond to God's call.

Requirement: The church will provide opportunities for the children and youth to experience missions and to respond to God's call.

Helpful Ideas:

- ◆ Provide global awareness with Children's Ministries, NYI, Sunday School, etc., using children's and youth missions resource materials.
- ◆ Use pages from Mission Connection.
- ◆ Plan for visiting missionaries to interact with children and youth.
- ◆ Encourage them to sacrificially give to missions, especially to World Evangelism Fund, Alabaster, and Nazarene Compassionate Ministries.
- ◆ Involve them in faith promise events.
- ◆ Participate in Crisis Care Kits and School Pal-Paks projects.
- ◆ Cooperate with zone and district missions projects and activities.
- ◆ Enlist youth for summer ministries-local, district, and general levels.
- ◆ Participate in special missions emphases at camps, retreats, etc.
- ◆ Plan a commitment service for children/youth.
- ◆ Encourage children and youth who sense God's call to missionary service to contact the local and district Mission Call Coordinator.

GIVING

Objective: To raise funds for missions outreach.

Requirement: The church will pay World Evangelism Fund in full.

Helpful Ideas:

- ◆ Plan an effective faith promise event.
- ◆ Promote Easter and Thanksgiving offerings.
- ◆ Pay World Evangelism Fund on a 10-month plan.

LOCAL CHURCH MISSION PRIORITY ONE REQUIREMENTS

1. The church prayed for missions.
2. The church participated* in each of the five global awareness categories that follow:
 - a. Global awareness resources (curricula for adults, youth, and/or children)
 - b. NMI missions books/tapes/CDs
 - c. Missions service projects and/or hands-on missions activities
 - d. Missions speakers
 - e. Multimedia missions resources and/or missions publications/communications
3. The church involved children and youth in missions.
4. The church paid World Evangelism Fund in full.

* "Participate" is defined as involvement in one or more activities in each category.

MPO is a program with a purpose. Billions of people around the world who have not accepted Christ as their Savior are dependent on our:

- ◆ Prayer—bringing them to God's throne daily
- ◆ Global Awareness—learning about events around the world and how they affect eternity
- ◆ Children and Youth—being willing to participate and serve at any age
- ◆ Giving—providing resources to tell them about God's love

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means exploring and looking at options. Anticipation means trying new things. I do not think we should get stuck in a holding pattern. Sometimes God reveals God's direct will, sometimes God asks us to act on our best understanding of what God wants.

In this particular instance, we have the opportunity to stop for a minute or two and once again ask the deep questions; 'what does it mean to worship God?' 'Why do we worship?' 'What does God desire our worship to look like?'

In the upcoming months, I hope we will have the opportunity to explore various avenues of worship. We will still sing, but there might be days when we do not. We might

try some things that make you uncomfortable. We might do some things that are different from what you are used to. We have the unique opportunity to be creative because we have to be.

My prayer is that we approach this time with anticipation, not fear. My prayer is that when we try something a little different, you will give it a try. My prayer is that as we move forward together, we might together; discover the creativity, the action and the power of God in our midst as we open ourselves in anticipation to what God might do!

Remember, change is rarely easy, but change can be an open door into a future that we had never imagined. Such is the power of God.

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