

# 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.

It's a party, Nazarene style. Did you know that this October 5<sup>th</sup> the Church of the Nazarene will be celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary? That is right, on October 5<sup>th</sup> 1908, groups of churches dedicated to heart holiness gathered together at Pilot Point, Texas to form what is now called the Church of the Nazarene.

It took quite a while, but the process was begun because these independent groups from east, west, north and south, decided that they could accomplish more for the Kingdom of God if they worked together and pooled resources than if they continued to work as indi-



vidual isolated groups. Their common theme was holiness, a word that is packed with lots of baggage and implications. At its simplest, however a desire for holiness is not a desire for static perfection, but rather the desire to live a life totally and completely dedicated to loving God and loving others.

As we celebrate and talk about the 100 year history of the Church of the Nazarene, I do not want to celebrate merely to pat ourselves on the back and say, "hey good for us, our denomination has lasted 100 years." Rather, I would like us to take the time to celebrate a movement born out of the desire to unite together (something

we can learn from today) in the common goal of discipleship and ministry in God's kingdom. I would like us to celebrate and re-discover our heritage as a denomination, but more importantly, our heritage as Christians dedicated to loving God with all our heart, soul mind and strength and loving our neighbor as ourselves.

In its earliest form, the Church of the Nazarene was dedicated, not to lavish displays, or opulent churches, but to ministering to people wherever they could be found. Even more than that, the ministry of the early Nazarene church was to the outcast of society, the poor,

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## Children's Corner

Jennifer Yost Children's Ministry Coordinator

Sunday School / Discipleship  
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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!

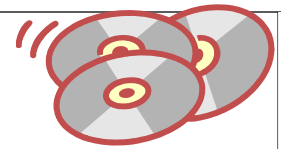


### Children's Church

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 Jenn Yost.

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 page 3 for more quizzing info.

See next months newsletter for more of the quizzing schedule.

Date	Dig Site/Page Numbers	Scripture Portion	Memory Verse*	Helper
Aug. 27	Kick Off Party / Introduction to	Genesis (Make map, time line, play games, memory verse)		Kinney
Sept. 3	Dig Site 1 – pages 2-5	Ex. 1:1-22	Ex. 3:7	Berndt
Sept. 10	Dig Site 2 – pages 6-9	Ex. 2:1-22	Psalm 7:10	Wohrle
Sept. 17	Dig Site 3 – pages 10-13	Ex. 2:23-3:22	Ex. 3:14	Carroll
Sept. 24	Dig Site 4 – pages 14-17	Ex. 4:1-21, 27-31	Ps. 9:10	Bearden
Oct. 1	Dig Site 5 – pages 18-21	Ex. 5:1-6:9	Ex. 6:5	Kinney
Oct. 8	Dig Site 6 – pages 22-25	Ex. 6:28-7:24	Ps. 24:1	Berndt
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	<b>QUIZ MEET</b> over Dig Sites 1-7 (Location TBA)			



## Ladies Ministry

Stacey Johnson—Ladies Ministry Coordinator

Sunday School / Discipleship  
Ministries International

### Vogel Shower

The ladies had a nice time of fellowship celebrating the birth of Baby Zeke, adorable son of Emily and Hans Vogel. Zeke scored on diapers as this was a Diaper Shower!

**Ladies Retreat in Seward** the last weekend in September 27-28. We hope you can attend this fabulous spiritual time with good fellowship.

### Ladies' Bible Study

Nancy Kinney will facilitate a Ladies' Bible Study this fall. It will begin on Tuesday September 16 from 10 – noon at the Kinney home.

### 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 time where you can come & go as needed.

It's a **shower for Angie Carnes** and their **baby boy** who's on the way! Please join us at ERCN **Sat. Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> at 12noon** for a lunch

celebration. Angie is registered at Baby Depot (Burlington Coat Factory). See Stacey J with questions or to go in on a group gift.



## *Sunday School*

*Nancy Kinney SDMI Superintendent*

## *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, 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 (694-9423) and she will get one to you.

### **Fall Festival**

The leaves are beginning to turn and fall is in the air.

Please be watching for more information about our community Fall Festival!!!



### **Children's Quizzing**

Nancy Wold will lead 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! We are in need of adult helpers on Wednesday evenings. Please see Nancy Wold or Nancy Kinney if you might be able to help once every six weeks or so. See Page 2 for a quizzing Schedule

### **Adult Sunday School Classes**

**Behind door number one**, you will find Warren Johnson teaching a four-week study that answers: 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. Come to Sunday School September 14

thru October 5 for a special class about the Growth of the Nazarene Church in celebration of 100 years as a denomination.

**Behind door number two**, Jeff Johnson will be teaching Christianity and Politics this fall quarter.

### **Home Groups**

**SPAN Home Group** is studying a book called "Chasing Daylight" They meet at 7:00pm at the Pickens' home, for more information 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 Kinney's. They will make sure you are invited and feel comfortable when you attend!!! Please plan to come to the Kinney's home on Friday, September 5 at 7 PM to be a part of the planning. Their phone number is 694-0833 and their address is 14217 Harold Loop.

# Church News

The church office will be closed on Monday, September 1st for the Labor Day Holiday.

Happy Birthday/Anniversary to...

*Sunday School Discipleship Ministries International*

## Financial Peace University

Cathy Spooner is facilitating this 13-week Biblically based financial class. It will meet from 6:30 – 8:30 at the church on Wednesday evenings starting September 10 and ending December 10. If you would like more information about the class, please see Cathy Spooner or go to [www.daveramsey.com/fpu/home](http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/home).

## Centennial Celebration Kick-off Breakfast– Fall Sunday School Emphasis

Warren Johnson will be our chef for the Fall Emphasis kickoff breakfast on Sunday morning, September 14 at 8:30 AM. Yes, it may be early, but there's great fellowship to be had by all while munching on Warren's biscuits and gravy! Also on his menu he is scrambled eggs, fruit and your choice of apple or orange juice, milk, coffee or tea. Hope to see you there!

## 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



## 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 Graves
- 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



If you have not noticed, the church campus has been re-keyed. If you need access to the church building see Pastor Mike, or Shawna for the door code. If you are going to be around during non-office hours and need a key to the office or garage, see Pastor Mike.

## Church Maintenance



Completed

- ◆ New Office Deck
- ◆ Church re-key

Future

- ◆ Nursery door window
- ◆ Sunday School Door Windows

- ◆ Garage Heat
- ◆ Electrical Work
- ◆ Switches for lighting
- ◆ Replace extension cords with correct wiring in conduit
- ◆ 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 10:00 AM—1:00 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 Benjamin King.

### History of Alabaster



Following World War II, the critical need for buildings and land in the world mission areas of the Church of the Nazarene was presented to the General NMI Council. The Council asked

Rev. Elizabeth Roby Vennum, a member of the group, to submit a plan that would generate giving for this need.

Rev. Vennum knew if God wanted those buildings, He would provide the plan. On the return trip from Kansas City, God gave her His plan of giving "love" gifts. It was modeled after the sacrifice of the woman who anointed Jesus' head with expensive perfume poured from an alabaster jar (Matthew 26:6-13).

The General NMI Council unanimously adopted the plan, and the first offering was received in 1949. Now, more than 50 years later, more than 7,300 projects have been purchased or built with more than \$79 million.

### What is Alabaster

The Alabaster Offering provides funds for property and buildings around the world. It gives a sense of permanence, the attitude that the Church of the Nazarene intends to "put down roots." Eighty percent of the money is used in world mission areas, and twenty percent goes to multicultural congregations in the United States and Canada. Alabaster funds help provide land for most Work & Witness projects. The entire offering goes toward the construction of churches, schools, medical facilities, and homes for missionaries and national workers.

### How Are Alabaster Offerings Received?

The Alabaster Offering gets to the mission field via several avenues. The most widely used is the Alabaster Box. Individuals are challenged to regularly contribute the cost of items they desire but do not need. The boxes also serve as reminders to pray for those people who will benefit from Alabaster buildings.

In September and February, the money is collected. Sometimes a "march offering" is received with individuals carrying their boxes to the

**Alabaster offering Sunday, Sept. 21.**

front of the church and pouring the money into a large offering container. The way an offering is received is as varied as the world areas in which the Church of the Nazarene has a presence; however, it is always accompanied with a spirit of rejoicing.

Many churches receive regular offerings throughout the year that are designated as Alabaster funds. (This is often a part of the Faith Promise plan for missions giving.) However, the semi-annual offerings should still be received, allowing opportunity for giv-

### Alabaster Offering

### Project Summary

**1949 - 2007**

Churches and Chapels	3,584
Bible Schools and School Buildings	372
Mission & District Centers	433
Hospitals and Clinics	36
Missionary Homes	357
National Workers Homes	1,024
Land	1,406
Miscellaneous	627
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,839</b>

### Offerings Summary

1949-2006	US \$86,152,650	2007 Offering	US \$3,108,915
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the sick and the lonely.

So as we celebrate, let us look back and praise God for what God has done through the Nazarene Church in the United States and throughout the world (our biggest representation is now outside of the United States). It is not wrong to celebrate. But we must also look back and learn from our past. We must learn and remedy the mistakes we have made. We must look back and ask ourselves if we have strayed from that

original dream of a complete devotion to loving God and loving others.

God willing, as we celebrate this big mile stone in the life of the Church of the Nazarene, we might be encouraged and compelled to move forward seeking to unite (in and across denominational boundaries) under the lordship of Christ that we might be a church dedicated to the coming Kingdom of God to the glory of God the Father.



**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



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