

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.

Each week on Tuesday afternoon, we meet together to pray, to keep each other accountable and to discuss a chapter from a book we have chosen to read. We have read books by Brian McLaren, a leader in the emergent church movement. We have read spiritual classics such as *The Dark Night of the Soul* by St. John of the Cross. Recently we picked up a book called *The Divine Conspiracy* by Dallas Willard.

Our selection method is anything but scientific; we scan the religion section at Barnes & Noble until something strikes our fancy. While I had read bits and pieces from Willard, I was not familiar with his work. So as we began to read I did not know what to expect. I was pleasantly surprised.

His insights aren't new per se. He does, however, have the ability to take concepts

and put them in words that are accessible and striking in ways that make you sit up and say 'aha.' The basic concept of *The Divine Conspiracy* is to be an in depth discussion of discipleship and the Kingdom of God. His basic premise (as I understand it) is that the kingdom of God is what orients disciples of Christ on how to live. To put it in his lan-



guage, the world is flying upside down, but has nothing to orient it, nothing to show it right side up. The Kingdom of God is the way of living which orients us and shows how we might fly right side up in a world turned upside down.

His largest portion of discussion comes from the Sermon on the Mount. Willard explains that Jesus is not attempting to give a new law, but rather giving illustrations (albeit very comprehensive ones) of what it looks like to live by the kingdom. Thus, they are not lists of rules (give to the poor, turn the other cheek, etc) but rather the actions which flow from a heart devoted to God and devoted to loving God and neighbor. As such, he makes this statement about the Sermon in particular, but ethics in general, "In every concrete situation we have to ask ourselves, not "Did I do the specific things in Jesus' illustrations?" but "Am I being the kind of person Jesus' illustrations are illustrations of?" (pg. 180).

Now, this may sound like a book report or a special spot on *Reading Rainbow* (is that

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Children's Corner

Jennifer Yost Children's Ministry Coordinator

Sunday School / Discipleship
Ministries International

Are you someone who likes to clean and has 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!

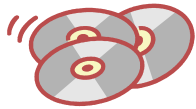


Winter VBS is coming soon!

Mark your calendars for Museum 12627: The Mystery of God's Great Plan, February 16-20. Dinner will start @ 5:30pm with VBS continuing until 7:30pm. We are looking for teens and adults to sponsor a night or the whole week. Opportunities include, tour guides, crafts, dinner helpers, opening and closing lead, and registration. See Jenn or Nancy K. with any questions. Of course we can always use prayer for this outreach ministry.

Children's Sunday School

Warren and Betty Johnson are teaching the children's Sunday school class for the winter quarter. The children will be taught by Bev Whitman, in the spring. She is in need of a helper for that time period. If you are willing to help, please contact Bev, Jenn or Nancy Kinney.



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

Date	Dig Site/Page Numbers	Scripture Portion	Memory Verse*	Helper
Feb. 4	Dig Site 18 – pages 70-73	Ex. 32:1-30	Ex. 20:17	Berndt
Feb. 11	Dig Site 19 – pages 74-77	Ex. 34:1-32	Ex. 34:6	Wohrle
Feb. 18	Dig Site 20 – pages 78-81	Ex. 40:1-38	Ex. 34:10a	Carroll
Feb. 25	REVIEW Dig Sites 15-20			Bearden
Feb. 28	QUIZ MEET over Dig Sites 15-20 (Location TBA)			*~*~*~*~*~*
March 4	REVIEW Dig Sites 16-20			Kinney
March 11	REVIEW Dig Sites 12-15			Berndt
March 18	REVIEW Dig Sites 8-11			Wohrle
March 25	REVIEW Dig Sites 4-8			Carroll
April 1	REVIEW Dig Sites 1-3			Bearden
April 4	FINAL QUIZ MEET over ALL Dig Sites (Location TBA)			*~*~*~*~*~*
April 8	END of QUIZZING PARTY (and Awards)			Berndt



Quizzing Results for January 10 at ERCN

Blue Level – Team: 2nd Place Ribbon (Score: 955)

(First Place was 980; Third Place was 910)

Destiny Berndt – 1st place ribbon
Nichole Bearden – 1st place ribbon
Sara Wold – 1st place ribbon
Laura Wold – 1st place ribbon

(All 4 girls rotated as team captain saying the memory verses.)

Red Level

Kelby Kinney – Perfect Score Medal (said 7 verses)
Landen Wohrle – 1st place ribbon (said 6 verses)
Logen Wohrle – 2nd place ribbon (said 7 verses)
Aurora Berndt – 3rd place ribbon (said 6 verses)
Brianna Wold – 4th place ribbon (said 5 verses)
Blake Bearden – 4th place ribbon (said 2 verses)

Note of Thanks! Thanks to everyone who brought snacks, who set up, who took down, who cleaned up, and who came to cheer on our quiz kids. It's very much appreciated!!

Next Quiz Meet is at 9:45 AM on Saturday, February 28 over Dig Sites 15-20 (current location: Wasilla Lake Church of the Nazarene but might change to Jewel Lake to quiz at same time as teens).

Sunday School

Nancy Kinney SDMI Superintendent

Sunday School Discipleship Ministries International

Home Groups

The SPAN Home Group is between studies. They meet at 7 PM on Tuesday evenings at the Pickens' home. For more information or directions, please call Jenn at 351-7100.

Adult Ministries

Adult Sunday School Classes

The **Less Stress** Sunday School class continues to be impactful! Come join us at 9:30 in Room 2 downstairs. Recent studies have included our true motivations for being successful, how to keep up with an ever changing world, and how to diffuse work pressures.

Greg Wohrle is teaching *The Gospel in the Old Testament: Isaiah* through the end of January in Downstairs Room 1. February will bring a study of *The Cross and Holiness*.

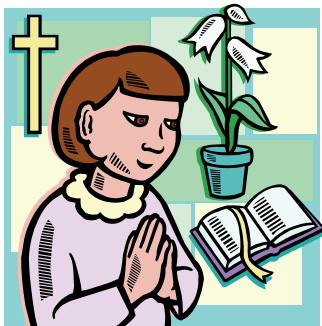
Ladies Ministry

Stacey Johnson—Ladies Ministry

*Sunday School
Discipleship
Ministries International*

Men's Retreat Report

Bruce Hardesty



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.

The men's retreat for February 2009 has been cancelled. The SDMI board made the final decision Saturday. We regret any disappointment to your men.

We have not ruled out a retreat next year, however we need a new Men's Retreat Director. Discussion concerning Men's retreat focused on the possibility of having local or regional retreats for men, ie. The Kenai Peninsula, The Anchorage Bowl, the Fairbanks area and so forth. We welcome your thoughts on the matter. In times when the economy is in turmoil we want to meet needs and not run programs that we have always run. If you have ideas, send me an email. I will report to the SDMI board at our next meeting.

Again, I am sorry for any inconvenience that you may have experienced.

NYI News

Madison Collins President

Feb 7th is a home quiz meet. Our quizzers invite YOU to come and cheer the home team on! Stop by anytime between 9:00 and 3:00.

Please consider marking your calendars for this event. Our teens need to know that their church family support them.



Church News

Your 2008-2009 Church Directory Updates

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Stephen & Angie Carnes

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Talon Keith Carnes—
October 27, 2008

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Mailing Address
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Chugiak, AK 99567
Ph: 317-0779
Birthday: February 8

Benjamin & Shawna King

Isabelle Elise King—
May 30, 2008

Becky King Changes

Craig & Becky Palmer
Craig's Cell: 242-0370
Craig's Birthday: May 22
Becky & Craig's Anniv.—
December 23

Mike & Jenn Yost

Claire Joy Yost—
November 22, 2008



Creative Media Opportunity!

Here is an opportunity for all of you creative types out there. As you may know, we use different backgrounds for our Media Shout presentations each Sunday. We are wondering if any in the church would like to use their artistic talent in this area. Backgrounds can be drawn, painted, or photographed. Horizontal pictures work better, but can use solid color in the background if they'd like to use vertical ones. They need to be high enough quality not to look pixilated when projected.

Here are the categories we could use pictures for:

- ◆ Fall/Thanksgiving
- ◆ Christmas
- ◆ Winter
- ◆ Scenic
- ◆ Worship (like the ones with arms raised or praying)
- ◆ Seasons (spring, summer, winter, fall)
- ◆ Holidays (New Year's, Valentine's, Easter, 4th of July, Mother's Day, Father's Day, & above, etc)
- ◆ Christian symbols (crosses, church, altar, communion, etc)

Really light colored ones *can* be used, but are harder to see on the screen with the projector we have. Ones that work well have a darker area (bottom or side) and then a lighter picture or scene above it. The words can be moved to bottom or justified on right or left. If you are interested, burn a CD or put the picture on a thumb drive and bring it to Nancy Wold or pastor Mike. Images must be in .jpg or .bmp format. Thanks!

Church News

Camp Meeting 2009
February 1-4

Sunday @ 6:00 PM

Monday—Wednesday @
6:30PM

Guest Speaker:
Dr. Ron Benefiel
Current President,
Nazarene Theological
Seminary

Jewel Lake Church of the
Nazarene
4025 W. 88th Avenue—
Anchorage

Nursery provided
(Birth-age 3)
Children's Ministries with
Leann Welker from age 4
through 6th grade.

Worship Led by
Jennifer Linnell

Happy Birthday/Anniversary to...

February

3 Stacey Johnson
6 Madison Collins
7 Calen Wohrle
8 Abe J. Harms
Warren Johnson
9 Hans Vogel
17 Craig Hanson
Jill Kaufman
18 Brian Metzger
19 Kyong Woodward
20 Jeff Hunyor
21 Kerry & Cathy Spooner
24 Nancy Walker
25 Kyla Allen
Kees van Weel
26 Jared Lanham
Bruce Rodman
Tony Vargo
Pastor Michael Yost

March

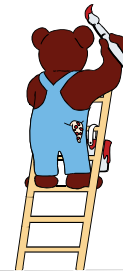
5 Gary Stafford
Jeremy Wiese
Jennifer Yost
9 Donna Malone
12 David King
14 Nichole Contrael
15 Sara Wold
16 Lydia Hanson
17 Nancy Kinney
24 Haydn Carroll
31 Landen Wohrle
Logen Wohrle



**The Office will be
closed on
February 16 for
Presidents Day Holiday**

**There will not be a
Fellowship Dinner in
February Due to Camp
Meetings.**

Church Maintenance



Completed

◆ Oct-Dec Quarterly
Water Test

In Progress

◆ Sanctuary Electrical
Bid

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.

**General Office Hours for
Administrative Assistant Shawna King**

I will be in the office Monday through Friday from approx.
10:30 AM—1:30 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

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.



**Alabaster offering
Sunday,
Feb. 22**

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 February and September, the money is collected. Sometimes a "march offering" is received with individuals carrying their boxes to the 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 giving by those not participating in other ways.

Alabaster should be well-publicized. All ages are encouraged to participate with leaders educating local churches as to the need for centers of holiness evangelism around the world.

Alabaster Offering

Project Summary

1949 - 2007		2007	
Churches and Chapels	3,584	Churches and Chapels	138
Bible Schools and School Buildings	372	Bible Schools and School Buildings	12
Mission & District Centers	433	Mission & District Centers	48
Hospitals and Clinics	36	Hospitals and Clinics	0
Missionary Homes	357	Missionary Homes	11
National Workers Homes	1,024	National Workers Homes	18
Land	1,406	Land	34
Miscellaneous	627	Miscellaneous	6
Total	7,839	Total	261

Offerings Summary

1949-2006 US \$86,152,650 2007 Offering US \$3,108,915

Jan 2009						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

January 25, 2009 - March 07, 2009

Weekly Planner

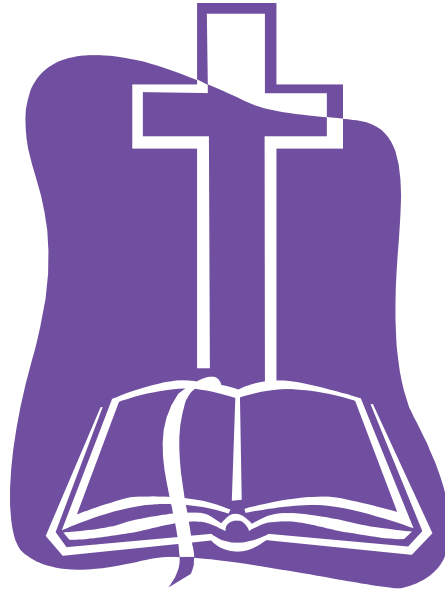
Feb 2009						
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Jan 25</i>	<i>Jan 26</i>	<i>Jan 27</i> 7:00 PM SPAN Home Group	<i>Jan 28</i> 5:30 PM -7:00 PM Teen Quiz Practice 7:00 PM Children's Quiz Practice	<i>Jan 29</i> 9:30 AM Ladies Prayer Time in the Sanctuary	<i>Jan 30</i>	<i>Jan 31</i>
<i>Feb 1</i> 6:00 PM Camp Meetings at Jewel Lake There will not be a fellowship dinner tonight due to the camp meeting	<i>Feb 2</i> 6:30 PM Camp Meeting at Jewel Lake	<i>Feb 3</i>	<i>Feb 4</i> 5:30 PM -7:00 PM Teen Quiz Practice 7:00 PM Children's Quiz Practice	<i>Feb 5</i> 9:30 AM Ladies Prayer Time in the Sanctuary	<i>Feb 6</i>	<i>Feb 7</i> Teen Quiz @ Eagle River
<i>Feb 8</i>	<i>Feb 9</i>	<i>Feb 10</i>	<i>Feb 11</i> 5:30 PM -7:00 PM Teen Quiz Practice 7:00 PM Children's Quiz Practice	<i>Feb 12</i> 9:30 AM Ladies Prayer Time in the Sanctuary	<i>Feb 13</i>	<i>Feb 14</i>
<i>Feb 15</i>	<i>Feb 16</i> Office Closed Presidents Day	<i>Feb 17</i> 5:30 PM -7:30 PM Winter VBS at the church February 16-20	<i>Feb 18</i> 5:30 PM -7:00 PM Teen Quiz Practice 7:00 PM Children's Quiz Practice	<i>Feb 19</i> 9:30 AM Ladies Prayer Time in the Sanctuary	<i>Feb 20</i>	<i>Feb 21</i>
<i>Feb 22</i> Alabaster Sunday	<i>Feb 23</i>	<i>Feb 24</i>	<i>Feb 25</i> 5:30 PM -7:00 PM Teen Quiz Practice 7:00 PM Children's Quiz Practice	<i>Feb 26</i> 9:30 AM Ladies Prayer Time in the Sanctuary	<i>Feb 27</i>	<i>Feb 28</i> 10:00 AM Children's Quiz
<i>Mar 1</i> 6:00 PM Town Hall meeting and Meal	<i>Mar 2</i>	<i>Mar 3</i>	<i>Mar 4</i> 5:30 PM -7:00 PM Teen Quiz Practice 7:00 PM Children's Quiz Practice	<i>Mar 5</i> 9:30 AM Ladies Prayer Time in the Sanctuary	<i>Mar 6</i>	<i>Mar 7</i> Teen Quiz @ Eagle River

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show still on?) but I do have a point in all of this. One is to point you to a great book on discipleship (which I think all of us could learn from) but also to point out that discipleship in the Kingdom of God is not about obeying a list of rules. We do abide by rules, yet at the same time, we are not made righteous by following rules. Rather we are righteous as we pursue love, and most importantly, as we pursue the source of love. As we pursue love, we, as Peter states, end up following all the rules (fulfilling the law and the prophets) because we are seeking One who is the source of love and goodness.



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

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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