

Eagle River Naz News



~From The Pastor's Desk~



The calendar for the Christian year is cyclical. Year after year we celebrate, in succession, the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. While it is good to remember, sometimes it can be a distraction as we think "ok, we celebrated Christmas, now we start to prepare for Lent and Easter." Sometimes we can be distracted so that we do not stop to consider the 'good news' of each event. And this is especially true for the Christmas season.

It seems we spend an awful amount of

energy decorating and preparing for Christmas. We wrap gifts, throw parties, send Christmas cards, open presents, assemble toys and eat way too much. But for so many of us, the day after Christmas is the biggest let down of the year. With all the energy we have expended we feel more relief that the craziness has ended, than joy and happiness at the event we have just celebrated (that is if we even thought about Jesus Christ on Christmas day).

This year I want to offer you a challenge. Celebrate Christmas sure, but after Christmas day, in the weeks following, let's celebrate and rejoice in the fact that the Word has be-

come flesh and made its dwelling among us. Let us take time to be happy. Let us take time to consider the hope fulfilled. Let us take time to be joyful, to be excited and to be amazed.



Rejoice, people of God, because, "The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood. We saw the glory with our own eyes, the one-of-a-kind glory, like Father, like Son. Generous

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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.

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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!



VBS is coming!

Mark your calendars for Feb. 16-20th.

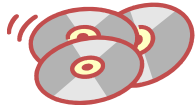
Join us as we learn about the mystery of God's Great Plan with Museum@12627. Look for more details next month.

Children's Sunday School

Warren and Betty Johnson will teach the children's Sunday school class January and March, April, and 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 ones!

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.



The Bethlehem Project

A HUGE thank you goes to Christine Contrael for the work she has done with the children over the past several months to prepare for the Christmas musical, *The Bethlehem Project*. The children worked well with her as they practiced each Sunday. She gave of herself willingly and sacrificially as there were several practices beyond Sunday morning. Her desire was only that God be glorified as the story of the birth of our Savior was told through this childlike story. Please be sure to thank Christine for her tireless giving! We would also like to thank Leslie Lowrie for her assistance with the musical as well. She practiced with the children each week and supported them as one of the characters during the performance. Thank you Leslie! Several others assisted Christine throughout the fall, days before the performance and the day of the performance. Thank you to those of you who helped. Without extra hands, the musical would not have been such a success!

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
Jan. 7	REVIEW Dig Sites 8-14			Wohrle
Jan. 10	QUIZ MEET over Dig Sites 8-14 @ ERCN at 10 AM			
Jan. 14	Dig Site 15 – pages 58-61	Ex. 24:1-18	Ex. 20:7-8	Carroll
Jan. 21	Dig Site 16 – pages 62-65	Ex.25:1-22	Ex. 20:12	Bearden
Jan. 28	Dig Site 17 – pages 66-69	Ex. 25:23-28:5; 30:1-10, 17-21	Ex. 20:13-16	Kinney
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)			



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Eagle River Church of the Nazarene is hosting the January 10th Children's Quiz meet! We need help providing the snacks for all the kids. There is a list that we have to stick to, if you are willing to help out, please see Nancy Wold for the sign up sheet.

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

All adults will be meeting together December 21 and 28. 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*.

Stacey Johnson will be teaching a new class in **January and February** based on the book "Less Stress" The class will be about de-stressing your life and de-cluttering your Heart.

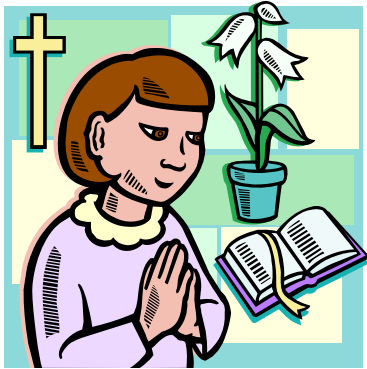
Note: this class will be different from Stacey's last class, "De-cluttering your home"

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.

New Hope is not distributing gifts this year, therefore we won't be doing our BIG women's ministry cookie exchange. New Hope is partnering with 5 Anchorage distribution centers to do a food/gift handout like the Thanksgiving Blessing Project – only there will be a second one for Christmas. There will be another women's ministry activity to assemble stockings during December. There will be more details in the church Sunday bulletins.

NYI News

Madison Collins President



December 6th
Teen Quiz
results:

Boys team took
overall first place!!!

Congratulations boys!

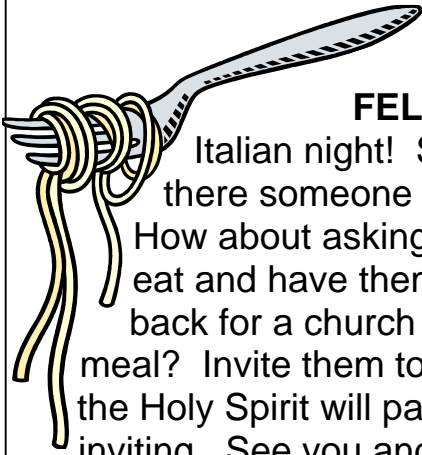
#1 in Memory Marathon:
Ira Malone
#2 in Memory Marathon:
Samuel Malone

#1 in Top Ten:
Samuel Malone
#3 in Top Ten:
Samuel Wold

Quiz practice is cancelled the
week of
Christmas.

December 31st practice is ex-
changed for
December 29th
(Monday). Time TBA....

Church News



FELLOWSHIP DINNER Sunday, January 4th 6:00 p.m.

Italian night! Spaghetti, salad, French bread, and a special dessert. Is there someone you've been wanting to invite to church, but never did? How about asking them to come for a dinner? You can visit while you eat and have them meet others who go to our church, and we will invite them back for a church service. Or is there someone you know who could use a meal? Invite them too! Kim would be happy to cook for a full house. Pray that the Holy Spirit will pave the way for the invitation, and all you have to do is the inviting. See you and your guests there!

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!

In January!

Eagle River Naz News is a monthly Email!

The format and deadlines will stay the same but the snail mail will stop!

If you don't have email, and you still want a paper copy of the newsletter~

Don't Worry! Just let me know and I will mail one to you. Here is your chance, if you want to continue getting a newsletter in the mail, call Shawna at the church office at 694-9423, and provide a current mailing address. Do you want to make sure you are on or off the newsletter email list? Just email me at ernazs@mtaonline.net

Thank you, Shawna King—Church Office Administrative Assistant

Church News

NMI News

Lois Munson NMI Contact

The January Emphases for Nazarene Missions International is volunteer Ministries.

So you want to DO something. But what?

OK. Look at the list below. We've done the footwork and put together a smorgasbord of ideas for ways you and your church can get involved in mission through the Church of the Nazarene.

- ◆ Mission Candidate Opportunities
- ◆ Work and Witness
- ◆ Youth in Mission
- ◆ Nazarene Compassionate Ministries
- ◆ JESUS Film Harvest Partners
- ◆ Nazarene Secular Campus Mission
- ◆ RV's on a Mission (ROAM)
- ◆ One Heart Many Hands

For more information on this list go to www.nazarenemissioninternational.org/GetInvolved/topic.aspx

Take Work & Witness, for instance. You can organize a team of volunteers to go almost anywhere in the world for a few weeks. Your group will pool your skills and resources to work on a desperately needed project, while sharing Christ's love and building relationships with local Nazarenes and their neighbors.

Or look at LINKS. Talk about practical. Missionaries and churches are paired up for two-year sessions to develop a personal relationship. Through praying, sending letters, e-mails, and packages your church supports the missionary family. You send a powerful message that even though they are out of sight, they are not out of mind. Or out of your prayers.

Happy Birthday/Anniversary to...

January

- 2 Hope Reeve
- 6 Sterling Johnson
- 7 Dave Boss
- 8 Liam Pickens
- 14 Aubrie Scott
- 15 James Lyman
James & Nancy Lyman
Samuel Wold
- 18 Megan Daniell
Katrina Wold
- 19 Kelby Nicholas Kinney
- 25 Robert & Carolyn Clemens



February

- 3 Stacey Johnson
- 6 Madison Collins
- 7 Calen Wohrle
- 8 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

Christmas Eve Service
December 24 at 6 PM

Office Closed
December 25 and 26 for
the Christmas Holiday

Office Closed January 1 for
the New Years Holiday

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

Church Maintenance



Completed

- ◆ New Hot Water Heater for the church
- ◆ 5 Year Water Sanitary Survey

In Progress

- ◆ Quarterly Water Test

- ◆ 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

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December 21, 2008 - January 31, 2009

Jan 2009						
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Weekly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Dec 21</i> 6:00 PM Children's Christmas Play January Newsletter Out Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Special Offering	<i>Dec 22</i>	<i>Dec 23</i> 4:00 PM King / Palmer Wedding at Camp Maranatha 7:00 PM SPAN Home Group	<i>Dec 24</i> 6:00 PM Christmas Eve Service	<i>Dec 25</i> Office Closed Christmas Holiday	<i>Dec 26</i>	<i>Dec 27</i>
<i>Dec 28</i>	<i>Dec 29</i>	<i>Dec 30</i> 7:00 PM SPAN Home Group	<i>Dec 31</i> 5:30 PM -7:00 PM Teen Quiz Practice 7:00 PM Children's Quiz Practice	<i>Jan 1</i> Office Closed New Years Day	<i>Jan 2</i>	<i>Jan 3</i> Teen Quiz
<i>Jan 4</i> 6:00 PM Fellowship Dinner	<i>Jan 5</i>	<i>Jan 6</i> 7:00 PM SPAN Home Group	<i>Jan 7</i> 5:30 PM -7:00 PM Teen Quiz Practice 7:00 PM Children's Quiz Practice	<i>Jan 8</i> 9:30 AM Ladies Prayer Time in the Sanctuary	<i>Jan 9</i>	<i>Jan 10</i> 10:00 AM Children's Quiz Kids' Quiz Meet at Eagle River Nazarene
<i>Jan 11</i>	<i>Jan 12</i>	<i>Jan 13</i> 7:00 PM SPAN Home Group	<i>Jan 14</i> 5:30 PM -7:00 PM Teen Quiz Practice 7:00 PM Children's Quiz Practice	<i>Jan 15</i> 9:30 AM Ladies Prayer Time in the Sanctuary	<i>Jan 16</i>	<i>Jan 17</i>
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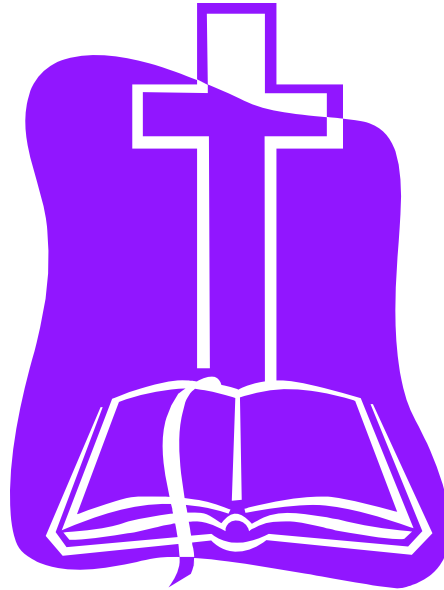
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inside and out, true from start to finish.” (John 1:14, *The Message*).

The prophet Isaiah says “Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.” (60:1-2, *NRSV*). Christmas is the season of hope, everything afterward is the season of joy. After all, when the word became flesh, when the True Light entered into the world, everything changed.

“But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God...” (John 1:12 *NRSV*)



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See Jenn Yost to volunteer
2007-08 Children's Quizzing
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