

Eagle River Naz News



From the Pastor's Desk

About three years ago I came to a decision. That decision was that I seriously needed to consider the mission of our church. Truthfully, I did not know the mission of the church (as it had been before I came here). I knew it was on the bulletin and I knew it was on the website, but if you were to ask me, I could not have told you. I have no doubt a lot of work went into developing that statement. I have no doubt that is was good. But I do know that it had ceased to become the driving force behind what we did as a church. So I began to ask myself and God for a mission. I began to pray and seek God to tell me (and us) what exactly we were here in Eagle River to do.

After a while, I felt impressed that our mission as a church should not be any different than the mission on which Christ sent his disciples before he ascended. That is, our mission as a church, as it is with every church, is to "Go and make disciples of all nations." If I was looking for marching orders, they do not get much simpler than that. We had our mission. But while I

talked about it, and preached about it, it never really "caught on."

So here we are, 2011. Last week the board and I went away for a day to talk about our church, our direction and our mission. While I felt no immediate need to change our mission statement, it came up during the meeting that perhaps there was too much 'baggage' with discipleship language and that we needed, perhaps, to come up with something which better explained what we meant by "Be disciples and Make disciples." There was a desire and an excitement by the board to flesh out the meaning of our mission statement.

We talked. We talked a long time about what language we might use to put some flesh on what it means to be engaged in discipleship. And here is what we came up with "WALKING WITH JESUS – LIVING, LOVING, SERVING." It's catchy!

We believe that primarily, as Christians, we are disciples with Jesus called to walk as he walked. Moreover, Jesus would often teach his disciples as they walked on the road from one place to another.

They walked with him, he walked with them, disciples and master together.

While that was a good start, we decided to take it further. Walking with Jesus is good, but we felt it necessary to remind ourselves that discipleship is something which calls for every part of who we are as people. Thus, our lives lived in our community of faith and in our world ought to display our commitment to walking with Jesus.

The way we show love ought to display our commitment to walking with Jesus. Our service, to one another and to our world, ought to display our commitment to walking with Jesus.

Thus, or mission is not a destination, but a journey. Our mission is not to 'arrive' but to learn and give along the way of life.

A mission is only as good as the actions that arise from it. And we have some action planned as a board. But this ought to be our guiding principal as we 'do church.' This is accountability for those of us in elected leadership

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NMI News

Nancy Lyman NMI President

Peru Pledges—Did you make a pledge to buy Foam Blocks for chapels in Peru? If you have your pledge mark it "Peru Pledge" and put it in the offering plate.

World Evangelism Fund

What Is the World Evangelism Fund?

The World Evangelism Fund is the cooperative genius of the mission enterprise of the Church of the Nazarene. It is based on the concept that we can do more working together than could ever be done working alone.

Why do we have World Evangelism Fund?

Missions in the Church of the Nazarene is a large enterprise. To accomplish the Great Commission—spreading the gospel and the message of holiness around the world—requires money.

In "faith-based" missions, missionaries must spend valuable time raising financial support. They conduct services, take offerings, receive pledges of support, and then pray the amount raised covers living expenses. Sometimes if the money runs out, missionaries are forced to return home.

In this type of support, churches do not always share equally in the mission work. Larger churches are sometimes visited by more missionaries than they could possibly help, while some smaller churches are overlooked.

The World Evangelism Fund was created to allow missionaries to work more effectively and to encourage all churches to support missions.

The World Evangelism Fund goes directly toward accomplishing the mission of the Church of the Nazarene, to make Christlike disciples in the nations. The World Evangelism Fund is the funding that operates the Church of the Nazarene and its entire mission effort, from the operation of the Global Ministry Center to districts and churches around the world.

How does the World Evangelism Fund work?

Full-time missionaries (excluding vol-

unteers) in the Church of the Nazarene receive a monthly paycheck based on a standard amount plus a cost-of-living adjustment.

Missionaries also receive medical insurance (see Missionary Health Care) a pension provision, and other items (such as housing and travel costs).

The World Evangelism Fund comes from the generosity of Nazarenes around the world. Each church is challenged to contribute an assigned apportionment, but many, seeing the effectiveness of the world mission enterprise, choose to overpay.

How is the World Evangelism Fund collected?

Traditionally, it has been through two large offerings a year—the Thanksgiving and Easter offerings. Some churches continue to successfully raise their entire fund this way.

Faith Promise is a plan based on mission giving at systematic intervals rather than just twice a year. Through Faith Promise, people pray about the amount they should give for missions (over and above their tithe). The amount is often given weekly, biweekly, or monthly. Over time, churches find they raise their mission support and often go over their goal through this giving plan.

The Benefits of the World Evangelism Fund

Missionaries—They receive a regular paycheck, freeing them from the added worry of raising finances. Missionaries still write letters and conduct deputation services to inform people of happenings in their field of service; however, such activities do not consume a large portion of their time on the mission field.

Churches—Regardless of size, each church has the opportunity to take part in the global mission endeavor. Also, just as individuals are blessed by God when they commit a portion of their resources for His kingdom, so

Nazarene Missions International

International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church

Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

Hebrews 13:3

The International Day of Prayer (IDOP) is always the second Sunday of November (this was determined by World Evangelical Fellowship, who started IDOP).

November 13, 2011

Nazarene Missions International (NMI) encourages Nazarenes to join Christians around the world in prayer on November 13, 2011. The International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (IDOP) provides opportunity for Christians worldwide to focus on those suffering for their Christian faith.

Pray for Persecuted Christians
View the latest prayer request for those being persecuted. On the Open Doors web site you will find specific and different ways that you can pray. Day by Day, Weekly Prayer Alert, and Monthly Prayer Calendar
<http://www.opendoorsusa.org/pray>

churches are blessed when they allocate funds to help reach the lost around the world.

What is a Church of Excellence?

A Church of Excellence is a church that gives at least 5.7% or \$1,500 above 5.5% of current income for the World Evangelism Fund.

In an effort to encourage further giving to World Evangelism Fund, the Board of General Superintendents, at the suggestion of the General NMI Council, approved that "All moneys overpaid by the local church toward the World Evangelism Fund are used to explore and enter new world areas." (Handbook and Constitution)

Ladies Ministry
Stacey Johnson—Ladies Ministry

Sunday School Discipleship
Ministries International

“Because You’re Worth It”

Women’s Guest Speaker: Joanne Wallace
Monday Nov. 7th, 6:15 pm Eagle River Nazarene

Award winning speaker * Best selling author * Radio personality



Joanne is from Washougal, WA. She has been speaking and writing for Christian audiences for almost 30 years. Joanne desires to equip women with practical, Biblical solutions for their daily struggles.

Consider joining us for a powerful evening!

(*Note: No childcare this evening. Just bring yourself!)

“He that began a good work in you will continue and complete His work in you.”
Phil 1:6

Men’s Ministry
Contact—Jeff Johnson

Sunday School Discipleship
Ministries International

Men’s Prayer
Breakfast

The men’s prayer breakfast is starting up on Saturday November 5, 2011 at 9:30am. We will meet in the fellowship hall for a time of fellowship, prayer, and devotion as we learn how to be the men God called us to be. Over the

course of the next year (first Saturday of each month) we will study scripture and the book 'The Resolution for Men' as we dig deeper into the following resolution.

THE RESOLUTION

I DO solemnly resolve before God to take full responsibility for myself, my wife, and my children. I WILL love them, protect them, serve them, and teach them the Word of God as the spiritual leader of my home.

I WILL be faithful to my wife, to love and honor her, and be willing to lay down my life for her as Jesus Christ did for me.

I WILL bless my children and teach them to love God with all of their hearts, all of their minds, and all of their strength.

I WILL train them to honor authority and live responsibility.

I WILL confront evil, pursue justice, and love mercy. I WILL pray for others and treat them with kindness, respect, and compassion.

I WILL work diligently to provide for the needs of my family.

I WILL forgive those who have wronged me and reconcile with those I have wronged.

I WILL learn from my mistakes, repent of my sins, and walk with integrity as a man answerable to God.

I WILL seek to honor God, be faithful to His church, obey His Word, and do His will.

I WILL courageously work with the strength God provides to fulfill this resolution for the rest of my life and for His glory.

As for me and my house, we will serve the LORD
Joshua 24:15



Church News

Happy Birthday/Anniversary to...

November

3 Clarke Hemphill
 9 Parker Collins
 Christie Bearden
 10 Amelia Collins
 12 Lydia Kop
 15 Jon Gaige
 Keith Malone
 16 Dale Collins
 Eden Rylee Daniell
 17 Sam Fleischmann
 20 Carolyn Clemens
 22 Claire Joy Yost
 23 Nancy Welch Rodman
 30 Bev Whitman



December

2 Julie Wohrle
 4 Jordan & Melissa Kop
 Jared & Elyssa Lanham
 8 Elyssa Lanham
 10 Drew VandenDries
 12 Angela (Angie) Carnes
 Frank Clemens
 13 Rick Bearden
 Kris Kinney
 15 Lois Munson
 20 Pastor Mike & Jenn Yost
 21 Piet van Weel
 25 Matt Allen
 28 Destiny Berndt
 Trisha Wold
 29 Jacob Hegland



Church Potlucks

November 6
 December 4
 January 1—Theme
 Your Best Holiday Leftover Meal
 Potlucks will be in the Fellowship hall
 after the church service.
 Please bring a dish to share.

NUU/UAA Volleyball Game

Thursday, Nov 3, 7 PM
 UAA Wells Fargo Sports Complex.
 Ice-cream Social at Jewel Lake
 after the game.

Animals are to be kept
 outside of church buildings
 and play-ground due to
 health and
 liability
 issues.



- ◆ The Church office will be closed on November 24 and 25 for the Thanksgiving holiday.
- ◆ The Church office will be closed on December 26 and 27 for the Christmas holiday.

Sunday School

SDMI President—Betty Johnson

Sunday School Discipleship Ministries International

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for each person who attends this church ought to be able to ask us, "what are you doing to follow our mission?" Our mission ought to guide our programming, our worship and our financial commitments. But this is also accountability to our community. We want people to be able to walk in our doors for the first time and see what we are about...in speech, in life and in action. Let us, therefore, be accountable to this mission...to walk with Jesus – Living, loving and serving.

Praise God! It was exciting to have all the Sunday School rooms full of kids and adults on Oct. 23rd. The nursery was even full of children.

It was the first Sunday of the Parenting Class using the book, "If Jesus was a Parent" by Hal Perkins. I want to thank Stacey Johnson and Nancy Lyman for offering to teach this class.

The Quizzers are busy getting ready for their first quiz meet on Nov. 12 at 9:30 at the Wasilla Church of the Nazarene. Thank you Kris and Nancy Kinney for working with the quizzers every Sunday. And, Angie Carnes is busy working with the teen quizzers each Sunday evening.

Also, I want to thank Connie Myers for offering to be our Children's Director. Connie is busy working on a Children's Christmas Program which will be put on in December. More information will be coming soon.

October 30, 2011 - December 10, 2011

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Weekly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Oct 30</i> 6:00 PM 5th Sunday Sing @ Chapel of the Cross	<i>Oct 31</i>	<i>Nov 1</i> 6:30 PM SPAN Home group	<i>Nov 2</i> 7:00 PM That the World May Know Home Group	<i>Nov 3</i> 7:00 PM NNU VS UAA Womens Volleyball Game @ Wells Fargo Sports Complex Icecream Social to follow at Jewel Lake	<i>Nov 4</i>	<i>Nov 5</i> 9:30 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast Teen Quiz Meet
<i>Nov 6</i> 6:00 PM Sunday Night Bible Study	<i>Nov 7</i> 6:15 PM Women's Ministry Special Speaker Joanne Wallace	<i>Nov 8</i> 6:30 PM SPAN Home group	<i>Nov 9</i> 7:00 PM That the World May Know Home Group	<i>Nov 10</i>	<i>Nov 11</i>	<i>Nov 12</i> Kid's Quiz Meet
<i>Nov 13</i> 6:00 PM Sunday Night Bible Study	<i>Nov 14</i> 7:00 PM Board Meeting	<i>Nov 15</i> 6:30 PM SPAN Home group	<i>Nov 16</i> 7:00 PM That the World May Know Home Group	<i>Nov 17</i>	<i>Nov 18</i>	<i>Nov 19</i> 11:00 AM -5:00 PM Palmer Church Holiday Bazaar
<i>Nov 20</i> 6:00 PM Sunday Night Bible Study	<i>Nov 21</i>	<i>Nov 22</i> 6:30 PM SPAN Home group	<i>Nov 23</i>	<i>Nov 24</i>	<i>Nov 25</i>	<i>Nov 26</i>
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<i>Nov 27</i> 6:00 PM Sunday Night Bible Study	<i>Nov 28</i>	<i>Nov 29</i> 6:30 PM SPAN Home group	<i>Nov 30</i> 7:00 PM That the World May Know Home Group	<i>Dec 1</i>	<i>Dec 2</i>	<i>Dec 3</i> 9:30 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast
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Bake a Pie—Make a Quilt... for Life!

While you are baking your pies for your Thanksgiving celebration, please consider baking an extra one for our Third Annual Community Thanksgiving Quilt and Pie Pick-up! Quilt donations are also appreciated.

Pies or quilts can be dropped off on Tuesday, November 22 as early as 6:00am at the Eagle River Elks Club (right next door to Heart to Heart).

Encourage your friends to stop by for a pie and / or a quilt to help support Heart to Heart Pregnancy Resource Center.

For more information or to sign up call 694-1747 or email events@h2hprc.org.

Thanksgiving Blessing Project!

It's that time again and our church is collecting Cans of Yams.

Our Goal: 350 Cans!

If you our shopping for groceries think about picking up some cans of yams and bring them to the church on Sunday.

Thanksgiving Blessing Project giveaway is Monday, November 21. All our donations need to be turned in by Sunday, November 13 so they can be dropped off to the event site during that week.

This is a Love INC sponsored event and the food donated goes out to those people in the community who need the extra help.

Church Staff

Michael Yost—Pastor
Shawna King—Admin. Assistant

Church Board 11-12

Jeff Johnson—Board Secretary
Cathy Spooner—Treasurer/Steward
Frank Clemens—Steward Chair
Matt Allen—Steward
Benjamin King—Trustee Chair
Kris Kinney—Trustee
Clark Woodward—Trustee
Betty Johnson—SDMI President
Nancy Lyman—NMI President

Ministry Directors /Coordinators

Ladies Ministry Coordinator—
Stacey Johnson

Children's Ministry
Coordinator – Position Open

See Pastor Mike to volunteer

Nursery Coordinator—Jenn Yost

2011-12 Children's Quizzing
Director – Kris Kinney



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