

EAGLE RIVER CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE



ANNUAL REPORT
MARCH 6, 2011

Statistical Information

Last 5 Years

	05/06	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11
Membership	132	134	138	124	123	117
A.M Worship	81	88	81	72	65	60
Sunday School	47	50	50	40	37	35
Amount Raised	\$155,667	\$195,546	\$199,000	\$202,539	\$209,155	\$193,725

February 21, 2011
Pastor's Annual Report

What a year! I know it is somewhat cliché but it seems like this year has flown by faster than I ever could have imagined. This year has been quite busy for me and a dramatic one for the church and the church board. So here are a few of the more significant events of this past year.

First Parish Project – Over the past 2 years I have been enrolled in a Lilly Endowment funded project called the First Parish Project. This group endeavor is specifically designed for Pastors less than 5 years out of seminary who are serving in churches of smaller membership. The purpose of FPP is to engage young ministers and to aid in the transition from seminary into ministry by giving solid instruction, by forming relationships with fellow ministers in a similar situation and by providing a structure for mutual learning, mutual spiritual growth and mutual accountability.

Thus far I have traveled to Hayesville North Carolina 5 times for FPP. While in North Carolina we have the opportunity to receive top rate instruction in various aspects of the pastoral ministry. My personal favorite session was with Dr. Fred Craddock who, quite literally, wrote the book on preaching. We also have the opportunity to worship with, and minister to one another. Additionally, we get to have fun and relax in the beautiful mountains of North Carolina.

I am grateful that the church has allowed me the opportunity to engage in the First Parish Project. I have learned a great deal, I believe, that has helped my ministry in overt and subtle ways and has provided me times of much needed rest. Additionally, I have made friends who are partners in prayer and ministry.

NYI President- Last March I was officially elected to be the Alaska District NYI president a position to which I was appointed in May of 2009. This has been a challenging and wonderful experience for me. As many of you know, I sometimes struggle with administrative detail. This position has allowed me much-needed growth in that area as I am now ultimately responsible for the direction of NYI on our district.

In addition to the growth, I have enjoyed spending time with teens. Through the first 3 years of my ministry here, I had the opportunity to attend camps, retreats and accompany district teens to Regional Main Event in Nampa, ID. As district president I get to witness, first hand, the ways in which God has been moving among the teens in Alaska. God has done mighty things through our camps, retreats and events this year and there are teens making life-changing decisions for Christ!

My term as NYI president ends in March of 2012 so in this next year I will have the opportunity of accompanying the teens of Alaska District to Nazarene Youth Conference in Louisville, KY.

Again, I thank the church for allowing me to have the time away for all the meetings and events that accompany my position as NYI president.

Church Board – the board has been up to some very exciting activities this year. As has been my focus for the past 3 years, the board has spent a great deal of time discussing discipleship and what it means for us, as a church, to live up to the call of Christ to be disciples and to make disciples.

Most recently the board has been in discussion about the health of our church. Many on the board have felt led to have a serious and frank discussion about the areas in which our church is strong (in reference to making disciples) and where our church is weak. We even held a town hall meeting in which we discussed this very issue with the congregation at large. We engaged in this bout of self-reflection as a matter of trying to better understand where God is calling us and to find some of the areas in which we may be missing opportunities.

I am excited because the board is working in ways which go beyond making lists of what we do well and where we struggle to attempting to implement activities and programs whereby the process of discipleship is moved forward. Just in the past few months we have started a couple new home groups and a men's prayer breakfast.

Next year I hope to build on the momentum which has begun in the board and in the church that we might continue to move forward under the leading and direction of Jesus Christ that we might continually discover and live into the mission to which we have been called.

Prayer Room- While we do not have a regular schedule for the prayer room, we have engaged in three weeks of concentrated prayer over the past year. Three weeks we have come together to intentionally seek God's guidance for Eagle River Nazarene and the church around the world. While the benefits of such an exercise are rarely tangible and quantifiable, I would say that God honors those who devote time to seek after God's face. I believe as we continue to do so, through organized prayer in the prayer room or through our own prayer ministries in our homes, God will honor that time and draw us closer to God and to one another.

Moving Forward – This year has been hectic. This year has been, at times, chaotic. I firmly believe that there are good days ahead for Eagle River Church of the Nazarene. As has been my focus for these past years, I will continue to focus with the board and the church on the issue of discipleship. While this year has been, to a large degree, a focus on the internal workings of our church, next year I hope to spend time looking at how we can engage with and in our community to let the light of Christ shine through our love, our faith and our good works.

My push this year will be to ask the question of how we, as a local church, might engage our community of Eagle River with the love of Jesus Christ. I what ways can we share the gospel of love, salvation and hope with the people here where we live? In what ways can we share the love of Christ and give glory to the Father through our acts of service?

WE are called to preach the gospel, with words and with actions. My hope is that this year we can develop a plan to do both in our community. Perhaps it may be through existing events, such as Kids Day that we can use to show God's love to our community. Perhaps God is stirring the imagination of people in this church to ways in which we can be a conduit of Christ's love.

I urge you to get involved. Be a part of what is going on. You do not have to serve on the board or be a Sunday school teacher to engage in ministry with this church. You may find your niche working in our food pick-up ministry on Sunday morning. You may find an interest in operating the sound board. You may choose to invite your friends and neighbors over for dinner and invite them to church. You may be a vital part of ministry at Eagle River Nazarene through prayer. There are no unimportant callings in life. Each of us is called and gifted for ministry in the life of Christ's church. Your contribution is vital!

I give thanks to God that I have been allowed such a marvelous opportunity to minister with such amazing people here at Eagle River Nazarene. Truly it is an honor to be called your pastor! It is all of you who make this church what it is, please continue to seek after Jesus Christ, his kingdom and continue to minister in the power of God's Holy Spirit!

Grace and Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Yost". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with some loops and flourishes.

Rev. Michael Yost

Trustee Annual Report
February 16, 2011

March –The Annual Report for 09/10 was presented to board.

April – The trustee budget was given to the board.

June – Flowers were planted and fencing plans are in progress.

July - MEA is coming to cut brush by electric poles.

September- David Watson will finish the carpet. The playground will be fenced and split rail fencing has been ordered for the front.

October - Fencing the yard is in progress.

November – There is a clip on the garage for a sign, the back yard fence is done, gates were put up in the nursery, repairs are needed at the rental, and a projector unit was purchased.

December – Sanding will be done as needed (when we call) and plowing church grounds is contracted for the winter. Brooks loop maintenance: Northern Heating inspected furnace, temporary fix needs to be made permanent during the summer, and furnace room needs attention paid to the leaky roof.
Sanding Brooks Road was done at their request and was donated.

January - Projects to do: Replace light in fellowship hall, Faucet in L. Bathroom, Sheetrock the furnace room.

February - The Tax Exempt Status has been renewed.

Water Tests - All coliform tests passed and the yearly Nitrate test passed.

Purified Drinking water was donated to the church.

Stewards Committee Annual Report-2010-2011 Eagle River Church of the Nazarene

The Stewards Committee is comprised of Board members who assist the Pastor and congregation in a variety of tasks and services. The Stewards for 2010-2011 were Nancy Lyman, Chair, Frank Clemens and Betty Johnson. In addition to our regular duties, we added the responsibility of supporting the home groups and Men's and Women's ministries in the absence of an SDMI President. This report highlights events and accomplishments over the past year in several categories. It has been our privilege to serve God and the Eagle River Church of the Nazarene this year.

Ministry to Membership/Staff and Special Celebrations

- Volunteer Celebration Catered Dinner; presented certificates of services and church mugs
- Easter breakfast prepared by the Johnson families
- Birthday, Christmas and Anniversary presents: Pastor Mike, Jenn and Claire Yost
- Birthday, Christmas and Administrative Assistant's Day presents: Shawna King
- Pastor and Spouse's Retreat financial support
- Providing Baby Dedication Bibles and Flowers
- Mother's Day Celebration
- Father's Day Celebration
- Sending Flowers for births and deaths
- Sending Cards and Notes for support and encouragement for church members experiencing difficult life events and circumstances
- Preparation of communion elements
- Assistance with special services: "Hanging of the Greens" (Advent) and the Nativity Service (Christmas Eve)
- Selecting Ushers for each service
- Coordinating Church Elections
- Coordinating Pastor Appreciation Month events and purchasing gifts
- Coordinating meals for new parents and those recovering from medical procedures

Outreach

The Stewards supported the development of two new home groups this year:

- **Eagle River Patriots:** Facilitated by Jeffrey Johnson, this group explores the role of Christianity in the founding of this nation and application of founding documents to modern life and current political events. Meetings are held in the church annex.
- **Johnson Home Group:** Pastor Warren and Betty Johnson welcome participants to their home in Chugiak every Wednesday evening. The current study is a video series from "Focus on the Family" called "That the World May Know." Child care is available.

Men's Ministries

Jeff Johnson and Ben King are coordinating a Men's Prayer Breakfast every Friday morning at 6:30am at the Eagle River MacDonald's restaurant.

Women's Ministries

Stacey Johnson has continued to serve as the Coordinator of Women's Ministries for our church. These are the highlights from this year:

- 1/30/2010-Grandma Brunch honoring Cathy Spooner at Johann's Restaurant
- 3/27/2010-Baby Gunnar and Stacey Johnson's Shower at Kyong Woodward's home
- 5/17/2001-Spring Clean Swap
- 6/12/2010-Alaska run for Women
- 7/19/2010-Angie Carnes' Baby Shower at Kim Collins' home
- 10/2010-Jenn Yost's baby shower at Christie VandenDries' home
- 10/22/2010- Megan Daniell's Baby Shower at Kim Collins' home
- 11/27/2010-All church Christmas Decorating
- 12/1/2010-Melissa Frazier Bridal Shower at Kim Collins' home
- 12/14/2010-Wrapping Presents Marathon at Cathy Spooner's home
- 1/21-23/2011-Women's Retreat at Camp Maranatha with Palmer and West Valley Churches; ten women from ERCN attended. Scholarships were provided to all from Stewards funds.

Service Opportunities

Opportunities available to church members this year coordinated by the Stewards included the following:

- Food pickup (garage) ministry, coordinated by Keith Malone
- Thanksgiving Blessing
- New Hope food drive
- Serving as ushers in church services
- Participating in the "Hanging of the Greens" service
- Participating in the Nativity (Christmas Eve) service

Supporting Christian Community Action and Service Organizations

Financial support is provided to the following organizations from congregational tithes and offerings:

- New Hope
- Crisis Pregnancy Center
- Love, Inc.
- Eagle River Ministerial Association

Nancy E. Lyman
Chair, Stewards' Committee
February 17, 2011

NYI annual report

This was a hard year for our church's NYI. Our number shrunk and for a time it seemed that the youth group would fold up all together. Normal things had taken place at their normal times of course. Things like summer camps, etc. But other attempts at activities were short lived because of lack of participation all summer long. For example: a camping trip was planned for the youth group as a kind of stay at home missions trip, but only one person signed up for it.

Because of the leadership of Pastor Yost, consultations with the youth, and with their parents some changes were made. It was decided to change the day of youth group meetings from Wednesday to Sunday so that there would be no conflict with school activities. This helped to stabilize the attendance. Also the leadership of Sunday nights was given over to the youth with the hope that by having them do it they would feel more connected to it. (As a side note it was attempted to get the kids and parents to sign letters saying they would be committed to the leading and furthering of the youth group, and none agreed to sign).

At the present time there are not enough NYI members active in our church to have an active NYI counsel. On the very bright side of this year in the NYI there have been many members who have asked about helping with the NYI.

Please all be in prayer for the future of this group, because the health of the youth is the health of the future of the church.

Marshall Pickens
NYI President

Nazarene Missions International
Eagle River Church of the Nazarene
February 16, 2011

2010

May – Missionary Health Care - Special prayer emphasis given verbal during service

June – World Mission Broadcast offering taken

July – International Ministry, Bible School & Seminaries

August – Links – Support Mike & Diane Chapman Papua New Guinea,
The Hane Family of Singapore

September – Alabaster Taken

October – Mission Priority One, Prayer emphasis posted on bulletin

November – Thanksgiving Offering taken, International Day of Prayer

December – Compassionate Ministries

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January – Volunteer Ministries – Kodiak and Papua New Guinea

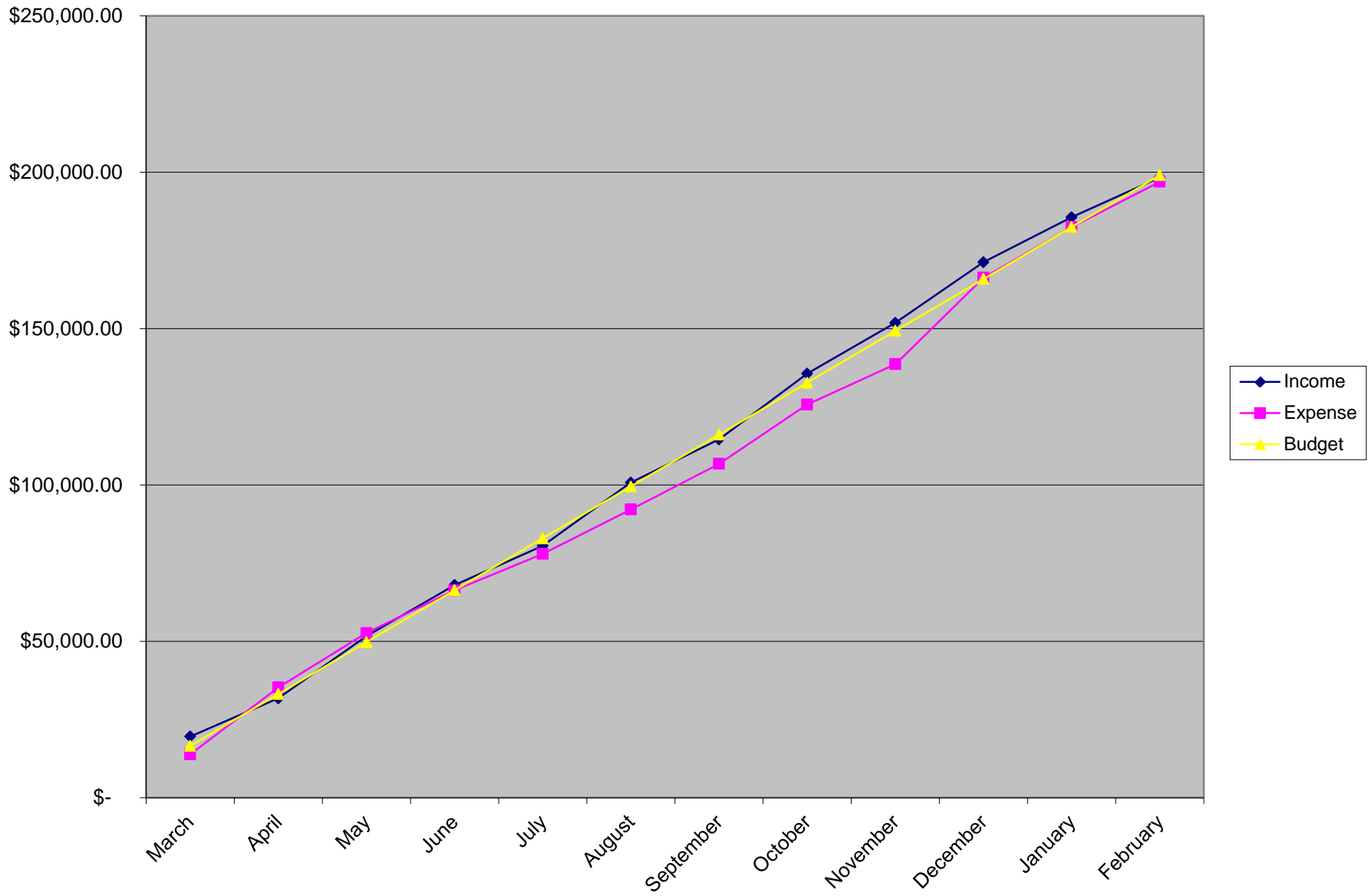
February – Alabaster taken

NMI President
Lois Munson

Church: Eagle River Church of the Nazarene - Eagle River, AK	Church #:	Fiscal Year: 10/11
Pastor: Michael Yost	District: Alaska	
Financial Chart		

	TOTAL	a Church	b Sunday School	c NYI	d NMI
AMOUNT RAISED FOR ALL PURPOSES (A)	193725	185568	169	2712	5276
Local Interests					
Buildings and Capital Expenditures/Equipment (1a)	5252	5252	0	0	0
Pastors' Actual Cash Housing (1b)	26000	26000	0	0	0
Health and Hospitalization Exclusion Allowance (1c)	4848	4848	0	0	0
Indebtedness on Property (2)	0	0	0	0	0
Pastors' Cash Salary (3a)	20982	20982	0	0	0
Pastors' Employee Benefits (3b)	12482	12482	0	0	0
Associate Pastors' Cash Salaries (4a)	0	0	0	0	0
Associate Pastors' Employee Benefits (4b)	0	0	0	0	0
Local Church Expense/Reimbursements (5a)	125	125	0	0	0
Local Church Expense (5b)	26760	26760	0	0	0
Local Departmental Expense (6)	19500	15429	1948	149	1974
Other Benevolences (Local) (7)	475	445	0	0	30
Total: Local Interests (8)	116424	112323	1948	149	2004
District Interests					
District Ministries Fund (9)	15330	15330	0	0	0
Designated Projects/New Church Starts (10)	0	0	0	0	0
District Center (11)	0	0	0	0	0
District Departmental Expense (12)	864	739	0	0	125
Other Benevolences (District) (13)	0	0	0	0	0
Total: District Interests (14)	16194	16069	0	0	125
Educational Interests					
Region College/University (15)	4017	4017	0	0	0
Nazarene Bible College (16)	0	0	0	0	0
Nazarene Theological Seminary (17)	0	0	0	0	0
Total: Educational Interests (18)	4017	4017	0	0	0
General Interests					
World Evangelism Fund (19)	8838	0	0	0	8838
Approved Specials (Not in W.E.F.) (20a)	6491	0	0	0	6491
Point to Point Cash Gifts (20b)	0	0	0	0	0
Point to Point Non-Cash Gifts (20c)	0	0	0	0	0
Pensions and Benefits Fund (21)	3214	3214	0	0	0
Other Benevolences (General) (22)	0	0	0	0	0
Total: General Interests (23)	18543	3214	0	0	15329
Grand Total (25)	155178	(25) 135623	(26) 1948	(27) 149	(28) 17458

	Compute 10 percent Giving:	
(W)	Total Paid for all Purposes (Item 24)	0
(X)	Sum of Items 10, 16, 17, 19, 20a, 20b and 20c	15329
(Y)	(W) - (X) (This is the Net Base for 10% giving)	-15329
(Z)	10% of "Net Base Figure" (Y)	-1533
	Are you a 10 percent church?	Yes



Eagle River Church of the Nazarene Financial Report 2010/2011

	Cumulative											
	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>
Income	\$ 19,584.02	\$ 31,793.56	\$ 51,677.80	\$ 68,016.55	\$ 80,565.85	\$ 100,791.58	\$ 114,599.54	\$ 135,613.50	\$ 151,870.38	\$ 171,253.94	\$ 185,626.94	\$ 198,368.88
Expense	\$ 13,859.36	\$ 35,276.97	\$ 52,667.90	\$ 66,340.24	\$ 77,986.56	\$ 92,195.84	\$ 106,780.74	\$ 125,746.36	\$ 138,647.92	\$ 166,300.75	\$ 182,493.74	\$ 196,982.04
Budget	\$ 16,590.66	\$ 33,181.32	\$ 49,771.98	\$ 66,362.64	\$ 82,953.30	\$ 99,543.96	\$ 116,134.62	\$ 132,725.28	\$ 149,315.94	\$ 165,906.60	\$ 182,497.26	\$ 199,087.92
Monthly Break Down												
	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>
Income	\$ 21,309.02	\$ 12,209.54	\$ 19,884.24	\$ 16,338.75	\$ 12,549.30	\$ 20,225.73	\$ 13,807.96	\$ 21,013.96	\$ 16,256.88	\$ 19,383.56	\$ 14,373.00	\$ 12,741.94
Expense	\$ 13,860.36	\$ 21,268.61	\$ 17,390.93	\$ 13,672.34	\$ 11,646.32	\$ 14,209.28	\$ 14,584.90	\$ 18,965.62	\$ 12,901.56	\$ 27,652.83	\$ 16,192.99	\$ 14,488.30
Budget	\$ 16,590.66	\$ 16,590.66	\$ 16,590.66	\$ 16,590.66	\$ 16,590.66	\$ 16,590.66	\$ 16,590.66	\$ 16,590.66	\$ 16,590.66	\$ 16,590.66	\$ 16,590.66	\$ 16,590.66

Treasurer
Christopher Cox