



## Community Evangelical Church of Susanville Student Ministries

110 North Gay St.  
Susanville Ca 96130  
530-257-2924

CEFChurch.com

CEFCYouth.com

July 2010

Dear Parents

Last month we started off with Jr High Grad Night. It was a lot of fun and it was good not only to have students participate, but also parents and other family members.



Even though we did not have students participate in the Janesville Bible Camp work a thons, we did have several of our high schoolers participate in this year's Sr High Summer camp at JBC. Being our second year leading the group after the Sr High segment had taken a thirteen year break, and as we've been reformatting the program and the structure, God is slowly bringing things together. A large majority of the group made decisions. This month we'll be mailing follow up material to them.

Both our Jr Highers and our Sr Highers enjoyed "All Nighters" last month. Thanks to all the adults who either came to help, donated food, or stayed for a while to help chaperone.

One thing that was a blessing at both all nighters was the opportunity to celebrate birthdays. It was a simple but a great way to start out the summer.



This last month we also held our 4<sup>th</sup> Serve Susanville Program. Six churches sent individuals to participate during the 6 and three day programs, though some only came for a day or part of a day to connect with an individual project. The concept of Serve Susanville consists of 4 parts:

- To connect Christ focused churches
- To serve and minister to the local community
- To train and grow believers
- To encourage and connect believers.

The Serve Susanville Project is partnered with Serve Partnerships Unlimited, a Ministry that was birthed from Youth For Christ more than 15 years ago. The Executive director of Serve Partnerships was very flexible with us and reshaped the program and the cost to better minister to us as a community. Most Mission trips cost over a thousand dollars. Most Mexico Mission trips costs hundreds of dollars. Most Ministry and Service trips in the United States cost over \$400 per person plus food and travel expenses. Typically Serve Susanville costs between \$100-175 per person. This is also less expensive than most 6-8 day Camps which normally run \$250-\$500 per person. This year, The Executive Director of Serve Partnerships set up a humongous deal for us and brought the cost down from \$175 to \$50 per person for the 6 day program. We had to decrease some of what we could offer to the community and not include rides / bounce houses this year for the family fun day, but still, more than 115 people attended the free Family Fun Day at the park. As the week was shortened to accommodate, the lower cost, we had to cut out several work projects. Though we still did projects through Crossroads and MAMA's Crisis Pregnancy Center, there were a number of things we still could have done more. Some intensive physical labor and counseling could have been done by Parents and College Students.

Real  
Biblically Based

Relevant  
Christ Centered

Relational  
Personally Practical



## Community Evangelical Church of Susanville Student Ministries

110 North Gay St.  
Susanville Ca 96130  
530-257-2924

CEFChurch.com

CEFCYouth.com

I share these things with you because even though we are still in the middle of summer, projects like this one require a great deal of planning and preparation. In order for this program to continue, we will need 10 adults to commit to participate for 2011 year. Regardless of which church in town they attend, we need adults to help with the following:

Connect with local ministries and projects

(MAMA's, Crossroads, Parks and Rec, Retirement Centers, Local Schools, Indian Reservation, Janesville Bible Camp)

Assist in Food Collection and Team Meal Prep

Assist in Collecting Equipment for the Work Projects

(Rakes, Brooms, Weed Eaters, Lawnmowers, work Gloves, Paint brushes, etc)

Assist With the family Fun Day

(Registration, Game Tables, Games, Signs, Rides, Food Prep, etc.)

Finances

(Scholarships, and funding of special projects.)

Donation Collection

Photo and Video Production

Please pray for the possibilities and for your connection with this program. Without the proper support and preparation for this program and ones like it, we may need to close down this opportunity.



A beautiful thing about this program is that as great as it is for Jr High, High School and College Students, it is also a great time and opportunity for family bonding, regardless of being parent and child, sibling to sibling, between spouses, or family wide, this program reveals new things about family as well as connects intergenerationally. If this interests you, or you would like additional information on this program please check out the Serve Susanville website –

[www.servesusanville.weebly.com](http://www.servesusanville.weebly.com) We're still in the midst of uploading pictures and videos (Not just of Serve Susanville but all our activities and programs.)

This month, Ted will be starting a new series with our Sr High Sunday School class on Bible Characters and Godly Characteristics. Due to VBS and Taco Booth, the Sr High program will not meet officially mid week in order to pour into these other programs as well as to provide a time of rest for several of the leaders. However, the Sr High group WILL meet July 28<sup>th</sup>. John will be returning to Jr High Sunday School to teach on additional characters of the Bible. Michelle Jennifer and Abi will be continuing the Jr High Fellowship study on Trusting God for who He is and what that means for

Real  
Biblically Based

Relevant  
Christ Centered

Relational  
Personally Practical



## Community Evangelical Church of Susanville Student Ministries

110 North Gay St.  
Susanville Ca 96130  
530-257-2924

CEFChurch.com

CEFCYouth.com

us. There will be a number of various programs that will be available this summer. Due to a lack of interest, we will not be taking a group to Mexico this year. Our College Young adult group will be starting a brand new series Monday Nights on Maintaining and Keeping your faith in the Midst of Life. The College Group will also have several events including a BBQ and Game Night (Friday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 6 pm Riverside Park) and Lunch and Water Wars (Friday, July 30th) They will also be preparing for a Camping Trip August 20-22.

Our leadership team will be meeting Sunday Evening July 11<sup>th</sup> to plan through the next several months. Please keep our leaders in prayer as we make changes and adjustments for the future.

As a new concept, in the midst of a pretty hectic timeframe, we are taking a night to try something a little different. Sunday night, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 5 pm in the youth room, we will be taking some time for worship and prayer. Students are encouraged to bring their instruments, favorite worship songs and themselves for a simple time of connecting with God. There won't be any game or a heavy message. We'll just take that time to connect with God through worship and prayer. Depending on how that goes will help us determine how often we will do that again.

This month is again time for our largest fundraiser of the year. Taco Booth is pretty intense, but can be an incredibly fun time as well as a blessing. This year we are again in charge of it, but we will be partnering up with Grace Fellowship. Our shifts will be Tuesday (9-3), Wednesday (4-5 or 4-12), Friday(4-5 or 4-12), Saturday (4-12), and Sunday Late night (9pm-1 am) You can sign up for shifts through the church office, in the bulletin, on online at [www.CEFCyouth.com](http://www.CEFCyouth.com) I hope you can join us.

Blessed by how God has worked and provided,

Jackson Fong  
Student Ministries Pastor  
CEFC Susanville

Here are the major highlights for this month and the rest of the summer:

### July

2 College BBQ and Game Night

5-9 VBS

11 Leader Meeting

18 Night of Prayer and Worship

20 –25 Taco Booth (This is a prime opportunity to raise money for the youth group and for upcoming events. Please save the dates!)

27 Jr High Theme Night

30 College Lunch and Water Wars

### Aug

4 Sr High Water wars

11 SH BBQ @ the Park

Joint Lake Days and Water Park Day – **we still need Drivers and Boats!**

20-22 – College Summer Camping Trip

Real  
Biblically Based

Relevant  
Christ Centered

Relational  
Personally Practical