

November 12th, 2009

Dear Parents,

Last month our students enjoyed time at our college game night, our Sr High Nerf Wars and our Jr High Theme night. We also were blessed to have had Vice President of William Jessup University, Jim Jessup, stop by to share about dealing with fears and anxieties regarding the future. We also had a great time not only hearing from him, but also hearing about the University as well as future possibilities.

This month we are sending a group of girls to the Revolve Tour in Sacramento, for details on that, you can check out the girl's page on the youth website, or check with Tiffany McCabe for additional specifics. For the girls that cannot make the Sunday girl's group, Tiffany will be starting up a second girl's study mid week. Please check online for upcoming options. Our College / young adult group will be having a game/activity night Friday, November 13th and a Thanksgiving potluck Monday, November 16th. We will be holding our 4th annual Thanksgiving Potluck of Praise service Wednesday, November 18th from 6 pm – 9 pm. We will also be holding our 4th annual Flag Football tournament Sunday, November 22nd after the Church Luncheon. Additional details are available online. Friday, November 13th, Students have been encouraged to participate in the "TWLOHA" Worldwide Movement Day. It's a simple free way to express love and to bring awareness and understanding in regard to depression, self hurt, suicidal tendencies, and personal anguish. By the time you get this, Friday will have come and gone, but you can still check out some of the details online. We've been talking about Thankfulness, ways to do it better and dealing with when we don't want to and when we can't see how. Due to all that goes on over Thanksgiving break, we will not be having any fellowship groups the week of Thanksgiving.

Next month we'll be "Focusing on the Heart of Christmas". In our world today, there is so much hurt, fear, fatigue, depression, distraction, and loneliness, but especially during the Christmas season, God desires for us to have those needs met. We'll be taking the beginning of the month to look at that. With so many things on the horizon, we've slowed down a bit in the month of December. The Jr High Christmas party gift exchange will take place on Tuesday, December 8th. The Sr High Christmas party gift exchange will take place on Wednesday, December 16th. All are welcome to join our Primetimers ministry for a potluck and Christmas Caroling Sunday, December 19th @ 1pm in the youth room. December 28th, the girl's group will be hosting a girl's all nighter. For the last two weeks of December, we will be taking a break so that you and your students will have more time available to just love on each other. December we will also be taking deposits for Winter retreats. (\$20 deposits for the first student, \$10 for each additional ones.) Details and dates will be made available online.

I cannot express my gratefulness enough to our staff, our volunteers, the leaders, the students, and YOU as parents and guardians. With so much going on and so many students to connect with, there is no way that I could accomplish as much as I do without all of your input, assistance and support. It brings this passage to mind.

²Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ³I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.
(Philippians 1:2-6 NIV)

May you have an incredible Thanksgiving and my God fill your lives with things and people to be grateful for.

Grateful for YOU and your students,

Jackson Fong
CEFC Student Ministries Pastor

If you missed a parent letter/calendar or you just want to check out more details on what is going on, please check out the Student Ministries website. Things are added multiple times a week. www.CEFCYouth.com
If there is ever a specific need or issue that pops up, please don't hesitate to let us know! The more we know, the better we can serve you!