### **Other Upcoming Specials**

Sr. High Finals Finale: Friday, February 18th CEFC Basement After School gets out! Bring your own lunch!

Girl's All Nighter—
Monday—Tuesday, December 28th-29th
CEFC Youth Room
6:30 pm –9 am
Bring your favorite game, Sleeping stuff, a snack
to share and \$5.

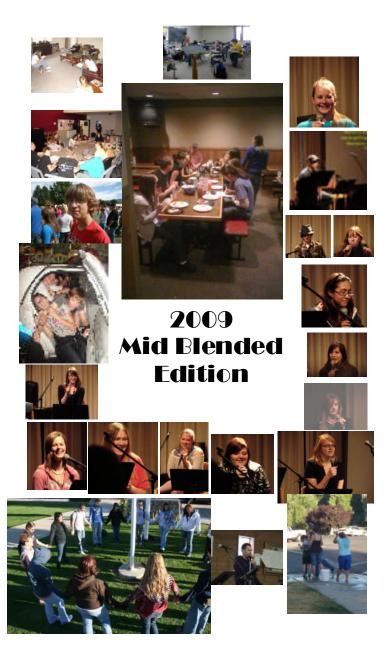
### **Luncheon Student Auction**

Sunday, January 31st 2009
Time: 1 pm
Location: CEFC Youth Room

This is a great way to raise \$ for upcoming events, to connect with other people in our community and pick up some great skills!

Sign ups will be available at the beginning of January. Check out cefcyouth.com for details.

#### C.E.F.C. Student Ministries Newsletter



#### December 2009

This year has been crammed packed with all sorts of activities and options. I think that some times life has been so hectic, we sometimes forget what we are doing and why.

I wanted to thank everyone for their perseverance and all of their hard work and even sacrifices to keep things moving along so that all of these things can come together.

This upcoming year there will continue to be numerous options, but I want to encourage you to maximize your time and make extra time to spend with family and loved ones.

Praying that you would have an incredible Christmas and a wonderful new Year,

Jackson

Jackson Fong CEFC Student Ministries Pastor

## Save the Dates!

College Young Adult Winter Retreat January 8-10

Sr. High Winter Retreat February 19-21

Jr. High Winter Retreat March 12 14

Registration Forms will be available online By December 20th 2009

### Help Available!!!!

If you are in need of a tutor, a babysitter, a handy man or someone just to do odd Jobs, contact the youth ministry office. We have a large number of students who would love to help!



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# College and Young Adult Thanksgiving Potluck





This is where the January Calendar is *supposed* to go.

Due to the intensive number of accidents and additional unforeseen life complexities, there is no January calendar in this this Student Ministries Newsletter.

However, there will be a January. :)

There will also be a number of Student Ministries Events, Studies and more.

For additional details, please check out the Student Ministries Website CEFCYouth.com or the Church newsletter for additional specifics. CEFChurch.com

# Jr. High Winter Retreat By: Encouragement

Jr. High Winter Retreat was an interesting experience. It was 2 ½ days long, loaded with night games and daily devotions. There was also a hilarious speaker with many stories of his love life. The band was from Redding as well as the other group of Jr. Highers. All there is to say about this unique experience is that I'm not supposed to blend in, or conform, but to transform into a God-loving person, to become my own person. All in all, it was fun with an inspiring mood to ensure self-confidence.

# Camping to the Extreme By: Coma

Hello fellow friends. Coma, here, writing to you all about the Guys' Extreme Camping. This little escapade was so that guys could be guys without the embarrassment of the girls watching. The Jr. and Sr. High guys had so much fun lighting fires, using explosives, and being themselves. It was great. We went in the time of year where there was still snow and the weather was still freezing cold, but we all manned it out. Jackson and Dan were in charge [Lord help us] for the most part, but really all they did was lead us out there and showed us "men" what it's really like to be a male. It was an awesome experience and can't wait to do it again, but next time, we can do without the snow. Besides, we need more chances to exclude the girls. If you have any ideas, let Jackson, or anyone on leadership, know. Have a great year!

### **Sunday School**

Jr High and Sr High 9 am Sundays



Jr High and Sr High Regular Fellowship Groups

**REFUGE -**Tuesdays 6-8 pm

EPIC -Wednesdays 630-845 pm

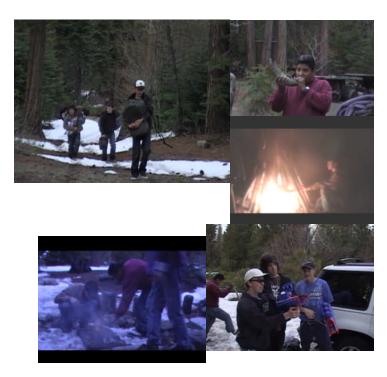






Sr High Awana Journey Thursdays 3:30-5:30 pm





2009 Student Auction



# **College Young Adult Winter Retreat 2009**



Save the Date!
January
8-10th
2010











Sr. High All Nighter By Megan Murphy and Kayla Henriksen

The All nighter this year was amazing! From chasing cop cars around town, to playing video games all night, there was something fun for everyone! We started off the evening at Happy Garden, where we all stuffed out faces full of delicious chow mien, hung pao chicken, and much, much more food! From there we split into teams and started an adventurous picture scavenger hunt. During this we took pictures with employees around town, inside of random shopping carts, and even in the back of a squad car. After the hunt, the rest of the night was filled with video games down stairs, movies upstairs, of course a few games of trash can, and much more. Don't forget the amazing skit about Joshua and the walls of Jericho put together by Abi Laine. It was definitely a night to remember!









See You At The Pole Rally 2009





See You At The Pole 2009





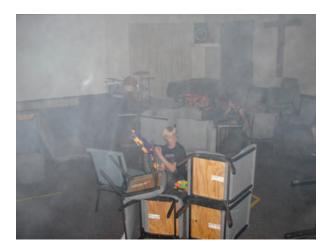
### JR. HIGH NERF WARS



#### Nerf Wars

By: Agent 003

Earlier this year, E.P.I.C. / R.E.F.U.G.E. hosted one of their famous Nerf Wars. It was a blast. So many games were played and many wars were lost. Which Jackson leading and Drew Laine co-supervising, no one was safe. I died on more than one occasion but I went down with honor. We were able to make forts, grow closer together, become more dependent on one another, and still have tons of fun. The youth groups hope to host another one this fall, but everything's "undecided" right now. There's no good way to tell you the fun and excitement that goes on at Nerf Wars unless you go to one of them. So, I hope to see a lot more of you there at the next one! This is Agent 003, signing out.



### E.P.I.C. Prom By: Sandra

The word "prom" brings mixed emotions to many minds. A typical prom consists of formal evening wear, dancing, corsages, deathly high heels..."the works." But we all know our youth group—nothing traditional stays traditional. E.P.I.C. likes to add a little more spice into things. E.P.I.C. Prom was completely different and a memorable experience. E.P.I.C. Prom was a laid back, Hawaiian-themed event and it was a night full of laughter and excitement. There were games, food, music, Karaoke, and the crowning of the King and Queen.

[Congratulations are in order for King Joshua Murray and Queen Sandra Cardenas]



## Fall Concert Series



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Janesville Bible Camp 2009

















#### Joshua Fest 2009











#### Serve Susanville 2009

By: Encouragement

Serve Susanville inspired everybody who participated in it as well as the people the team met. The Serve Susanville Team was a mix of people from our very town, and four people from Sacramento. Rob, Joe, Brianna, and Glenn came up to help our team organize the event and participate in Serve Susanville. All of us grew close over our quick week of living together and enjoyed our time in service. Though, no one could forget the chili cheese machine. We all joined at either the same time or later on in the week. The team worked at the Indian Church, Janesville Bible Camp, the fairgrounds, M.A.M.A.'S Crisis Pregnancy Center, and hosted Family Fun Day. F.F.D. was equipped with rides, games, snow cones, lots of prizes, face painting and, Jackson's favorite, a bounce house, and love, right from our hearts. Not only did we grow closer to each other in this experience, but we also grew closer to God.



### Serve Susanville 2009 By: Avalon

Serve Susanville was great for me this year. I got to work out, eat great food, make lots of friends and grow closer to the ones I already had. God was constantly opening my eyes to His wondrous powers and showing me His constant compassion. As I was running around like a chicken with its head cut off, friends had to constantly, silently remind me to breathe, eat, and trust God to do His job. The group did a great job when it came to the manual labor and eating the food. Although an abundance of food was made by Jennifer Ubury and Co. there was a grand selection of pancakes left over. The whole week was filled with multiple opportunities to truly shine God's light. Serve Susanville 2009 did a great job of moving rocks, picking up trash, scraping and painting the fair grounds, setting up a yard sale at Mamma's, and racing duckies over at Hobo Camp. Although the guest's duck won, each and every one of the racers was very proud of their ducks. Especially my "Gangster D" who came in second place. Tricks were played, books were read, dice were rolled, speed was won, peanut butter was eaten and Dr. Pepper was stolen at Serve Susanville 2009. All of it a grand opportunity that I cannot wait to do all over again. I hope to see everyone at Serve Susanville 2010!! It's totally worth it! Go to < www.servesusanville.weeply.com> if you do not believe me!



#### Sr. High Leadership Retreat (Continued) By Syndey Bowman

On September 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> some of our leadership group went down to William Jessup University for the Student Leadership Training Day being held there. The night we arrived we all got to sleep in the school's dorm rooms, giving us a taste of what it would be like to attend this Christian college. The next day we attended the conference in which we each were able to decide what classes we would go to, learning about things from how to lead small groups, to dating in high school, to having time alone with God. The time we spent there at the college learning was great, but so was the time we all just spent together having fun. I think everyone who went on this leadership retreat would agree that we were able to connect with each other in so many ways, and that we look forward to more opportunities like this.





#### Sr. High Leadership Retreat By Sandra Cardenas

On September 11, 2009, our very own leadership team went to William Jessup University in Rocklin, California for a leadership conference. It was pretty much the highlight of my last days of summer and it was a great way to kick off the dreaded school year. The six of us who went had an amazing time together and bonded in a great way we could have never imagined. We listened to a sweet worship band and an inspiring speaker; we broke up into several elective classes. The classes ranged from topics like dating to spending more quiet time with God. It was fun to get to know other Christians and listen to people's experiences. In my opinion, the best part was the prayer room on campus where we talked and let go of all the confusion, the issues, and pressure in our lives. It was an indescribably awesome time and I can't wait for next year.







# THE NAME By Avalon

"What is in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet" Juliet says as she contemplates the fact that it was Romeo she kissed that evening. But I ask you, what's truly "in a name?" A name is something that each of us live by, it defines us. Every name has a different meaning, such as "Abigail" is "bringer/father of Joy" or "Samuel" is "Because I asked the Lord for him." Throughout the bible you see names and their meaning and what characteristics are bestowed upon that person because of their name, so I ask again, "what is in a name?" Webster's 1986 Dictionary says that a name is "a title, a fame, a family, or a reputation." How would you like the name or reputation of "Nabal" which means "fool?" Or the name "Ishmael" meaning "outcast." No, I do not believe those names would be fitting for any of you. To tell the truth, I am in need of a new name. The newsletter presented to you can no longer go by the name of "CEFC Youth Newsletter," no, it needs a new title. One that does it justice. We need a name that holds its reputation, it's fame. It should be honorable and true. If you have any ideas as to a title for this newsletter, please, I implore you to share it on the youth group web site. The names given will then be placed in a list and voted on by the population of the youth groups. Please help us in this quest for a new name.

#### Just a Quicky Review from the Summer

In past review, E.P.I.C. / R.E.F.U.G.E. have done a lot since the turning of the New Year. From an awesome winter retreat in January, to an amazing week of Vacation Bible School in early July. They had a chance to go out in the community and Serve Susanville will manual labor and love gifted from Above, also chances to relax and cool off at Water Wars.

With so much going on, it was easy to forget about the "quarterly" newsletter. The Newsletter staff wishes to apologize for the delay, and request your prayers and assistance so that we do not get this deferred again. We are anxious for the next bountiful schedule of events and ask that if someone could spare a moment, write a paragraph or two about the occasion. If you are interested in a job with the newsletter please talk to the Student Editor and Chief, Abigail Laine.

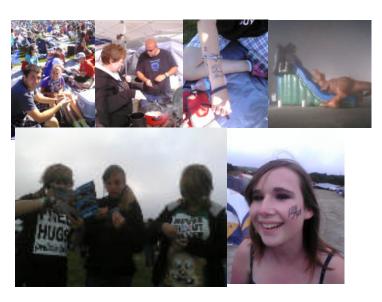
Updates on youth events and schedules can be found at <<u>www.CEFCYouth.com</u>>. Also monthly calendars are offered at the beginning of the month at both youth groups. If there are any questions on events or scheduling, please check the web site or contact Jackson at the church. This past week has been eventful within itself with Fair and working the Indian Taco Booth. Many students showed to assist in the events and all ran remotely smooth for the group. Our very own Francisco Fong entered a drawing of one of his famous maps in the fair and achieved a blue ribbon, Congratulations Frankie! Many other students from both EPIC and REFUGE showed their talent at the fair, from drawings to showing horses. Each one did exceptionally well in their listings.

Spirit West Coast is just around the comer as are several other activities such as the EPIC Lake Day and Joshua Fest this come autumn. School is sneaking up on us and the students will for summer to last a little longer. School is only remotely looked forward to by the students studying under Jackson.

As this letter comes to a close, the CEFC Youth Newsletter Staff wishes everyone a blessed end of summer and a wonderful school year.

#### Spirit West Cost By: Coma

This year was the most enjoyable year at Spirit West Coast (SWC). There were lots of great bands such as David Crowder, Jeremy Camp, Kutless, Old Man Shattered, Family Force 5, Toby Mac and so much more. Brock Gill, Brad Bell, and the main speaker Nick Vujicic... all spoke at SWC and were inspirational to all. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves, met new people, joined up with old friends, and consumed tons of good food, provided by Walter and Stacy Kirklin. I recommend that everyone at least go once. I can guarantee that they will not regret it. If you want to learn more about Spirit West Coast talk to anyone that was there of anyone in leadership or Jackson. Thanks!



Tons more pictures can be found at CEFCyouth.com