

## Getting to know - "the Answer" Youth & Family Ministry at Hope

### What does it mean to be "united"? - part 2

Toward the end of January, our high school youth participated in United Winter Camp. Well, it was quite an experience. We are UNITED and we went to CAMP and there was no doubt that it was WINTER.

For those of you who weren't a part of this trip, here's a brief, or should I say "15 minute" (that's an inside joke), recap of our weekend. We wanted to join together with Christians from all over the Fresno/Clovis area for a time to come together as the body of Christ. We had gathered around the words of Jesus, recorded in John 17 (remember this number, it was significant). Jesus prayed that we as Christians would "be brought to complete unity" (John 17:23). We just didn't realize how long it would take. Gathered at Peoples Church on Friday afternoon, there were youth, leaders and pastors from 17 (again 17) or so local churches. There were more than 400 people on 9 charter buses. We left the church at about 4:00 pm. We were happy, we were excited, we were warm and we were ready (at least somewhat) for what God had in store.

Our trip went along great and as we neared camp and approached the snow line, all the buses stopped to put on chains or cables to give the tires extra traction. We were hoping to arrive at camp in time to start an evening worship service around 9pm, but those were just *our plans*. At this point, I'll give you the very brief version from my perspective as your Youth Director: Tires slipping, buses sliding, kids making the most of it, cold outside, warm on the bus, amazing starry sky, buses stuck in the snow, worried parents texting, minimal cell phone signals, tow truck driver working, CHP sitting, bus wouldn't start, half mile night hike up hill in the snow with luggage, kids NOT complaining, snow plows, sand-

ing the road, sleeping on the bus, morning snowflakes, 7am snowball fights, more waiting, more plowing, more sanding of the roads, arrive at camp, ready for breakfast - UNITY. We arrived at Old Oak Ranch Camp around 9am (if you do the math, that's a 17 hour trip).

We had an incredible weekend at camp, full of worship, friendship, SNOW, dodgeball, great messages, God's spirit, SNOW, stories to share and an understanding of what it is to be the body of Christ. We were gathered in Unity, called to Prayer and Worship and sent forth to live out our faith through Evangelism and works of Social Justice.



Here's what two youth had to say about the trip:

"The trip was amazing. It ranged from snowballs flying everywhere, an attempted igloo, and an injury here and there. But the most significant for me was my makeshift confirmation. I would describe it, but I don't remember much. I was just in the moment, but I want to thank all the youth group for supporting me and I am sure that if I ever need help, I will be able to count on them."

"I just have to say that honestly after that bus ride, I kinda thought the weekend was gonna be a bust ... but Saturday night made it worth it. I got to watch one of our group members give his life over to Jesus and I didn't realize what a powerful experience that would be. It was seriously about as powerful as when I actually did it myself. Before this trip, we talked a lot about what we thought the word "unity" meant. Well during worship I discovered it. Looking around at everybody worshipping around me; everybody's hands raised or faces lifted to the Lord and all of our voices rising as one...that was unity to me."



← Still smiling and ready to go home!

# MARCH 2010

## Hope Lutheran Church

Extending hope in Jesus!

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 Primetime—LENT	4	5 Acquire the Fire	6
7 Sunday School "the Life" - Youth Group	8	9	10 Primetime—LENT	11	12	13
14 Sunday School "the Life" - Gym Night	15	16	17 Primetime—LENT	18	19	20
21 Sunday School "the Life" - Youth Group	22	23	24 Primetime—LENT	25	26	27
28 Sunday School - - - BREAKAWAY -- Spring Break Mission Trip - - -	29	30	31	<div data-bbox="787 777 1144 871" data-label="Text"> <p>For more information on any scheduled event you can check the online calendar at <a href="http://www.hlcyouthfresno.org">www.hlcyouthfresno.org</a></p> </div>		

**Regular Schedule**  
*Sunday School 10:00am*  
*the Life 6:00-8:00pm*  
*Primetime 5:30-7:45pm*

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*the Way ~ 4th-6th grade*  
*the Truth ~ 7th-8th grade*  
*the Life ~ 9th-12th grade*

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Fresno—March 5-6, 2010  
 Fri 5-10pm/Sat 8am

THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR JR.HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH.

**WHAT:** THIS IS A CHANCE TO DEEPEN YOUR FAITH AND EXPERIENCE GOD IN AN EXCITING WAY. THERE WILL BE GREAT SPEAKERS AND ENGAGING SESSIONS. THE BAND "THOUSAND FOOT KRUTCH" IS ALSO SCHEDULED TO PERFORM. THIS WILL BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR LEARNING, WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP

**WHERE:** AT PEOPLE'S CHURCH.

**HOW MUCH:** THE COST IS \$50 WHICH WILL COVER THE 2-DAY EVENT. SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE, PLEASE TALK WITH ADAM.

WE HAVE A LIMITED NUMBER OF SPOTS AVAILABLE FOR THIS EVENT, SO PLEASE SIGN-UP SOON. PARENTS ARE ALSO WELCOME TO REGISTER AND ATTEND.



### BREAKAWAY Spring Break Mission

March 28-April 1

This is an opportunity for Jr.High and High School youth.

**What:** We will be coming together, here in Fresno, with other churches from around California for a week of worship, service and fellowship. Learn what it feels like to be a part of the body of Christ and to live, laugh, serve, love and pray alongside brothers and sisters over the course of several days.

**Where:** Here in Fresno.

**How Much:** The cost is \$150 (if you register by March 15), this includes meals from Sunday dinner-Thursday dinner, a t-shirt and necessary accommodations. Included as part of this experience is the Rock and Worship Roadshow Concert. Scholarships available; please talk with Adam. This will be a great experience, don't miss out. Talk to Adam and get registered for this life-changing event!

### THE ROCK & WORSHIP ROADSHOW

OK, so you like Christian music, but it's expensive to catch your favorite band in concert; here's an opportunity you won't want to miss:

Thursday, Apr 1 -7pm @Savemart Center

Right here in Fresno you'll be able to catch MercyMe, David Crowder\*Band, Family Force 5, Francesca Battistelli, Fee, Remedy Drive & Sidewalk Prophets all in concert for just \$10. Tickets are only available at the door. For more info you can check it out at :

[www.therockandworshiproadshow.com/](http://www.therockandworshiproadshow.com/)

A great event for families to attend, especially families with Jr.High and H.S. youth - get READY TO ROCK!