

YFC MONTHLY NEWS



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YFC ENGAGES LOST TEENS IN CHRIST-SHARING RELATIONSHIPS

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: I look back at 2024 and marvel at what God has done, working through the awesome staff and volunteers of YFC to contend for our youth. Campus Life clubs, pizza lunches, chats around the firepit; bowling and putt-putt and movies; mechanical bulls, water wars, Dutch Bros and summer camp. **All designed to build relationships centered on Christ.** And we are winding-up to do it all again in 2025! Your support at the end of last year will allow us to hire two additional part time (or possibly one full time) staff! That's exciting, because we always want to expand what we are doing - more communities, more schools, more kids. We go as the Lord leads and we go with your support!

COFFEE WITH ANNETTE: Annette Seeber was one of the first staff members I met when I signed on with YFC Sacramento back in 2022. She was instrumental in helping me get my feet on the ground as the new Executive Director. Her knowledge of our events, partners, donors, and volunteers was crucial in helping me plug in and get connected. Well, it's now official: Annette has "pretty much retired" as of December 31. This means she will help us only occasionally, with events such as the golf tournaments and the Campus Life Legacy BBQ in May. Near the end of the year she asked, "Is there anything else could I do for the cause on my way out?" I said, somewhat flippantly, "Take a great donor out to coffee". Well...she took me quite literally and went on a donor thank-you/adios tour! She had a lot of fun, and here are the photos to prove it! (The sign says: "Having coffee with a great donor".) **Relationships make this ministry go forward.** We feel (and we need) your prayers and support in every way. Though we won't



see Annette around as much, she is still part of the YFC family and we'll always roll out the red carpet for her. And it's probably a red carpet that she rented for an event! We love you Annette - God bless you and keep you!"

CARRIN AND MCCLATCHY CLUB: "Campus Life was recently invited to take a club photo for the high school yearbook. I can't say I was entirely surprised when most of the students said they did not want to be in the yearbook. Our Campus Life Club at McClatchy has always consisted of overlooked students—they are hard to get focused, most are underachievers, and **they don't fit in anywhere - except at this Jesus Club that loves non-believers.** These are kids who, when given a day off school, would love to spend it sleeping and playing videogames. I, on the other hand, wanted to 'get credit' for my work and hoped to

get a photo of my outcasts on record in the yearbook! The Campus Life Club president, one student who is on the dance team, and I tried to persuade the Campus Life students into taking a photo but it looked like it was going to be just the three of us. When the day for the yearbook photo arrived, there were 15 of us having lunch together and I asked our president if we were going to go take the photo - just the three of us. She told all the others what was happening and (to my great surprise) they all stood up and followed us to get our photo taken. It's a small thing, but I think it shows how their camaraderie has grown and how **they now feel accepted and even loved** in this little Jesus club. Please keep these kids in your prayers; most of them graduate this year and will have to leave the safe haven we have built through the Campus Life club to start something new at work or college."



GOLD COUNTRY CAMPUS LIFE: Nathaniel and Kendra started ministry back up again January 6th,

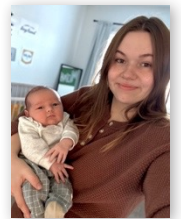


after Christmas break, with a house-full of Campus Life kids. Then they took a group of 11 teens to teach them how to snowboard. They connected with another 10 kids they knew from club, who were just skiing for the day on their own! Then they took a small group of girls to the musical "Hamilton" after getting a group discount on the tickets. There is no shortage of activity for kids in the Auburn / Grass Valley area, and no shortage of opportunity to get closer to Jesus!

STAFF CHANGES: **Sophia McCarty** left our staff, and a week later, baby Marshall Kane McCarty came into the world! Congrats, Sophia and Gerod!



Bella Ferrante has replaced Sophia as a part time staff member/intern at the Sayonara Center. Welcome, Bella!



UPCOMING EVENTS: Mark your calendar now! **The Campus Life/Rob Maxey Legacy BBQ** will be held on Thursday, May 8th, at the Campus Life Barn! Details to follow.

From everyone on our team, and on behalf of our youth...

Gratefully,



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