This year’s Feb Camp was again held at Camp Tuolumne, high in the beautiful Yosemite mountains. Rev. Jesse Kearns told the kids how we are all in relationship with God, the spark inside you. Just like Katy Perry’s song “Firework” says that there is a spark in you, ignite the light and let it shine. The song also says it is always inside you and it is time to let it through. Jesse also told us his faith story and how he tries to find a community of God with many different ages and that we value community and how we can disagree with each other and still exist. Later we talked about what a new church would look like. They agreed that it does not take a building to worship. Also during the weekend we viewed Katy Perry’s movie “Part of Me”. This is an aspiring story of her life in the music business. From the beginning singing gospel music to becoming a very popular music singing star. If you have not seen it, I would highly recommend it. We also took a trip and had lunch in the high elevation at Yosemite where snow could be found. This was a refreshing break in the weekend. After eating lunch and drinking hot chocolate, some of the kids (continued below)
From shoes to new kitchens.

**Psalms 34:8**, Open your mouth and taste, open your eyes and see—how good God is. Blessed are you who run to him.

**Colossians 3: 15**, Let the peace of Christ keep you in tune with each other, in step with each other. None of this going off and doing your own thing. And cultivate thankfulness. Let the Word of Christ - the Message - have the run of the house. (The Message)

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**Katy Perry inspired......**
rode down the snowy hill on a metal saucer. Thank goodness no tree or rock was hit by the kids twisting and turning along the way.

These and the worship services, times of reflection, and just plain sharing time together, made the weekend worth every penny.

**Some service ideas......**

1. Volunteer to help at a Special Olympics event. (I have done this and it is inspiring to watch the athletes.)
2. Collect grocery coupons to give to a local food bank.
3. Make gifts with friends for kids in the hospital.
4. Bring toys to children in the cancer ward of a hospital.
5. Clean a neighbor’s yard who can not do it themselves.
6. Build a ramp for a person in a wheelchair so it is easier for them to get in and out of their house.

**Thought of the Month.....**
I am training you to find Me in each moment and to be a channel of My loving Presence.

Sometimes My blessings come to you in mysterious ways: through pain and trouble. At such times you can know My goodness only through your trust in Me.

Understanding will fail you, but trust will keep you close to Me. Thank Me for the gift of My Peace, a gift of such immense proportions that you cannot fathom its depth or breadth.

When I appeared to My disciples after the resurrection, it was Peace that I communicated first of all. I knew this was their deepest need: to calm their fears and clear their minds. I also speak Peace to you, for I know your anxious thoughts. Listen to Me! Tune out other voices, so that you can hear Me more clearly. I designed you to dwell in Peace all day, every day. Draw near to Me; receive My Peace.

**30 Second Mystery......**
Who

**The Case:**
In the late 1960’s, a person not known as a professional athlete performs a sporting feat for the first time in recorded history. Thousands of other people would be better at performing the feat than this person, yet the media covers the event and millions of people watch.

**The Mystery:**
Who is the person and where was the sport played?

**Clues:**
The sport is played by millions of people.
The person is a man who works for the government.
The man is a celebrated American pilot.
The sport requires a good swing.
The sport is usually played on a course.
The man played in outer space.

If you wish to know the answer, call, facebook or email me.
MY COMMENTS

Last month I read this book that Sandhya gave me, “Contemplative Youth Ministry”, that I would like to share with you in this and coming issues. It was written by Mark Yaconelli, the co-founder and director of the Youth Ministry and Spiritually Project. From the front cover; “As Youth Workers, we get caught up in programs, curriculums, events, and trying to engage and minister to students. But the result is too often needless anxiety, escalating work hours, and blurred boundaries—all while our students remain unchanged and uninterested.....The promise of Contemplative Youth Ministry is a more organic approach to youth ministry, allowing you create meaningful silence, foster covenant communities, engage students in contemplative activities, maximize spontaneity—help your students recognize the presence of Jesus in their everyday lives.” The presence of Jesus in their everyday lives, I hope that is what we are doing with our youth. If not, we should be. I will be quoting some of the book in the coming issues. It is worth your reading, no matter if you are a youth leader or not.

On September 20th and 21st, the region will be offering a Youth Leader Conference which will take place at CGC’s Claar House. This will be an event for getting to know each other, discussing our passion for youth work, talking about models for doing youth work, and the nuts and bolts for safety in this essential work. Put this on your calendar and more information will be coming out soon.

The coming year again will bring challenges, concerns, sadness and great joys. We welcome three new RYC members, Gregory Harvey, Emily Hamm and Lucas Milliken and we thank Robin Slovak and wish him well in the future.

Thanks to all who help make this newsletter happen.
Blessings for an abundant life.
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Some Events Coming.....

Promotional camp Sunday on April 28th, See the CCNC-N website for all the information concerning promotion of summer camps.

Summer Camp Dates, 2013:
Adult/Young Adult; June 6-9
registration due May 31
Grandparents & Me;
Session 1-June 29 thru July 1
Session 2-July 1 thru July 3
completed K, 1 and 2 grades
registration due June 10
CCF/Junior Camp; June 23-29
completed 3, 4, 5 grades
registration due June 10
Chi Rho; June 23-29
completed 6, 7, 8 grades
registration due June 10
CYE; June 30- July 6
completed 9-12 grades
registration due June 10
So San Joaquin Camp at Camp Pacifica; June 23-28
completed 3-8 grades
registration due May 19

Special Message: Camp Registration
Sunday April 28, Sign up for camp with your registrar.

Everyone Bats....
The bad part about baseball is waiting. Waiting to bat, waiting for the ball to come to you in the field, or waiting to be involved in a play. In this game, every player gets to bat each time their team is batting, and every player in the field takes part in every play.
To begin, form two teams. Although ability level matters little, you can ask players to partner up with someone about their own ability level, and then have the partners split up to make the teams. The team batting sends up a batter--it does not matter who, since everyone will get a turn--who hits a ball gently pitched by someone from the opposing team. No matter where a struck ball goes--forward, backward, or sideways--the batter starts to run around their team. Each cycle around their team is a run, which the whole team counts out loud. Naturally, the closer together teammates get, the better.
Meanwhile, it does not matter who has gotten the ball on the fielding team. The rest of the team will form a line behind the person, facing the same direction. The ball is passed back from teammate to teammate in the line, first between the legs and then the next one over the head, with the pattern repeating until the ball reaches the end of the line. When that happens, the last player in line holds the ball in the air and shouts, “Done!” However many times the batter has circled the team while the fielded ball was being passed down the line is the number of runs he has made for the team. Every player on the batting team takes a turn, and the total runs of all the batters are added for the team’s score. Then the opposing team has a similar turn at bat. This game can be more exciting then the regular baseball game.

Environmental Tip;
1. Share your popcorn when you’re at the movies instead of buying multiple cartons or bags. You’ll save money and packaging. Americans today consume seventeen billion quarts of popcorn each year (fifty-four quarts per person), 30 percent of which are eaten at movie theaters, sporting events, entertainment arenas, amusement parks and other recreational centers. If half the people shared their popcorn at these events, we could save the paper packaging for more then 2.5 billion quart-size servings.
2. Take home what you don’t eat, and ask for a little packaging as possible. Use it for Fido or as compost for your lawn or garden. This reduces food scraps and the disposal costs that restaurants bear. Twelve percent of landfills are food scraps, and one-quarter of all food produced in the US is wasted.