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THE LIGHT of THE WORLD

THE APOSTOLIC FAITH MISSION OF PORTLAND, OREGON
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2024 YOUTH RALLY



REPORT

Pre-Youth rally

From 1st to 17th August, preceding the youth rally were daily prayers each evening from 6pm – 7 pm in the Tabernacle at John Howard and in various other places. As per tradition, during the same time, pupils in exam classes (Grade 7, Grade 9 and Grade 12) came to attend the Holiday School Program from 12th – 17th August. A total of 42 attended this program, of which most of them stayed back to attend the Youth Rally.

Sunday 18th August

Sunday morning Service began with Sunday school at 9:00, with several classes of different age groups and languages and thereafter the Devotional Service followed. About 400 people were in attendance. The Devotional service started with an organ prelude then the choir sang, 'Zintu zya nyika' (Worldliness). During the announcements Bro Friday Mulopa, the Youth Pastor welcomed everyone who attended the service and read the camp meeting greeting from Bro John Musgrave, the Director of Africa from Portland Oregon.

Before the Sermon, a soloist sang, 'I'd rather have Jesus.' Bro F. Mulopa read from Proverbs 4:23 and preached on the topic "Think on these things" which was the theme of the Youth Rally. He mentioned how thoughts can move from the mind then to the heart and the importance of ensuring the mind is enveloped with good thoughts so that the heart (the source of the issues of life) is protected.

In the afternoon, Bro Wiza Musukwa one of the youth ministers at Headquarters read from John 5:1-9 and likened everyone in the church like the many impotent people who lay at the Pool of Bethesda and that as Jesus stepped on the scene and healed the man who lay there for 38 years, Jesus would step on the scene and reach out to anyone who had any need.

The evening service started with an organ prelude followed by the orchestra playing 'Abide with me.'

The choir sang 'Shine, Jesus Shine.' And before the sermon, a soloist sang, 'The Altar.' Sis Vera Nampungwe preached reading from Daniel 3:15-18 on "Standing for God" and that standing for God is only possible when the heart has been regenerated and hence the need for everyone to be saved.

Monday, 19th August

On Monday morning was the Bible Teaching. The program started by various choir renditions and for the last special, a soloist sang, 'Where will you spend eternity.' Bro Knox Twenda opened the Bible Teaching by reading from John 3:36. He spoke of two different places (Heaven or Hell) that each person will go to after the end of life. However, God made a way for us to get to Heaven through our Lord Jesus Christ.

In the afternoon was a singing fellowship, several youths presented various renditions to the Lord. In the evening, Bro Charles Mukoba preached on "Hunger for the Word of God." Reading from Isaiah 55:6, 7 and Amos 8:11-14, He spoke of how the Word of God is a source of satisfaction and that for those who are thirsty and hungry can take advantage of this time to get the food of salvation, sanctification and the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. He cautioned the young people that those who do not take advantage of this time, they will experience a hunger in future but the encouragement was to take every moment at the Youth Rally to eat of God's Word.

Tuesday, 20th August

The youths gathered for the first part of the Bible Study on "Think on these things." Sis Bubala Sindayi led the main class that was held in the Tabernacle on the topic of "Things that are True and Honest" with the supporting scripture from John 17:14-17.

In the afternoon, Bro Darius Mwenda preached on "Check where you are" reading from Luke 23:39-44. He spoke of how the two male factors because of failing to check their sinful state early in life

found themselves on the cross. One of the fortunate thieves, checked his life and realized his sinful state. Right on the cross, he pleaded to Jesus to remember him. He encouraged the youths to do as this thief on the cross did and that as Jesus did not take long to answer the thief, He too will not take long to answer prayer.

The day ended with a film show titled, “The Beginning of the end” which shows the sins that led people to miss Rapture and how they suffered torture during the reign of the Anti-Christ. At the end of the movie, many young people rushed to the altar for prayer.

Wednesday, 21st August

The Bible study series on ‘Think on these things’ continued on Wednesday and the lesson centred on things that are “Just and Pure.” Sis Sarah Pelekelo led the Bible Study in the main class which was in the auditorium.

In the afternoon, was a presentation of different personalities from the Bible by groups. Each group studied two Bible characters and presented key lessons they learnt from each character. It was a good program that helped the young people to study different characters in the Bible and draw warnings and encouragements for their lives.

In the evening, Bro Solomon Sinkolongo preached on “The Narrow Way” reading from Jeremiah 6:16 and Matthew 7:13. He spoke of the way that Jesus has provided and that if we are to take this way, we need to forsake all sin to be on it. He also spoke of the beauty of people who took this way like Elijah, Moses, Enock, etc and how they got to Heaven. He encouraged the young people to take this way (who is Jesus) in order to get to Heaven.

Thursday, 22nd August

The morning session continued with the Bible study and the discussion centered on “Things which are Lovely and of Good Report.” With Acts

6:1-5 as the supporting Scripture. Sis Hanna Mulopa facilitated the lesson in the main class.

The evening service was a sketch by the junior class on “Think on these things.” The sketch depicted several things that can corrupt the young people such as group influence, worldly things, worldly pleasures etc and how to take a stand during such a time. The final message of this sketch depicted the end result of all these things – those who stand for right will be on Jesus’ side in Heaven and those who do not repent they will be thrown in Lake of fire together with the devil. There was a rush to the altar at the end of the sketch.

Friday, 23rd August

The Bible Study series ended by a discussion on “If there be any virtue and if there be any Praise” with the supporting scripture from Acts 16:19-25. Sis Sarah Pelekelo took the main class in the auditorium.

In the afternoon was a quiz on “Whom am I?” the first part was a group quiz which several groups selected members who would represent them and then the last part of the quiz was between the ladies and the gents. At the end of the quiz, the ladies won. The session ended with a short sermon before the altar call.

During the evening service, one sister testified about God’s provision for her to come for the Youth Rally when she had no hope of having any money until someone handed her enough money for free to travel to Lusaka. Another testified how he had been longing for the truth but could not find it until someone handed him some tracts from the Apostolic Faith Church. With that he prayed alone and God saved his soul and since then he has been serving God. Another young man testified how the Bible stories taught at Crawford Primary School had an impact on his life and after he started attending the Apostolic Faith Church, God saved him and then sanctified him. He was grateful to God that God baptized him with the Holy Ghost at the Youth Rally.

Bro Sililo then preached on “Think Well,” by reading from Joshua 24:15. He encouraged the young people to think well and take matters that pertain to their spiritual welfare.

Saturday 24th August

Three seminars were held in the morning session by age group. The first group comprised of the teenagers who were the majority and they sat at the main auditorium. Sis Mercy K. Banda facilitated the topic, “Keeping Chaste. The second group was for the singles from 21 years and upward and Bro Boniface Banda facilitated on “Praying through to your life partner.” Bro John Mapepuka facilitated the young couples seminar on “The Secret of Marriage.” In all the seminars, the people who attended the seminars appreciated God’s wisdom in the selection of the topics.

Youth Concert

The evening of Saturday was the Youth concert. The concert had several orchestra pieces and special songs such as, ‘Sunu Mbuzuba Bwazipego’ (Today is the day of thanksgiving), ‘The Lord is my Shepherd,’ ‘Nangu ncule’ (No matter what), ‘He calls,’ ‘Down on my knees.’ During the intermission, the District Superintendent, Bro Banda sang, “I know who holds tomorrow.”

The second part consisted of songs such as ‘Look and Live,’ ‘Chipangano’ (Covenant), ‘I was down on my knees,’ ‘Clean,’ ‘Missionary farewell’ and the closing song was ‘Langa musa’ (Look, my friend), before all the songs were completed, people had already started rushing to the altar and many continued praying until late in the night.

Sunday 25th August

The day started with the Sunday school lesson on the topic, “Looking at the Outcome.” Sis Bubala took the main class in the auditorium whereas

several classes were held. During the devotional service, a soloist gave the last special, ‘Fill my cup, Lord.’ Bro Brave Chuuma preached on “The Bread of Life” by reading John 6:35, 36. The total number of 899 were in attendance, the highest number for the Youth Rally.

In the afternoon was a meeting to introduce the new committees (The National Youth Committee members and the Youth Rally organizing committee members). The two committees will work with the Youth Pastor and the Youth Chairperson to ensure youth activities are well planned and implemented in a well-coordinated manner.

The closing service started early with a number of songs by different groups who registered to sing. It was a blessing to hear several voices and renditions from people who didn’t have an opportunity to sing during the whole meeting. To close the singing fellowship, a trio sang, ‘Come, Jesus, Come.’ The last youth service which was preached by Bro Choolwe Syanyuma with the topic, “The danger of rejecting Jesus.” He read from Luke 19:41-44 about Jesus’ Words to Jerusalem. He admonished the youths to take advantage of the last service to accept Jesus so that what happened to the Jews would not happen to anyone. The theme was befitting to end the Youth Rally and the meeting ended on a high note as some more souls were added to the Kingdom.

Youth Rally Fruits

Saved -----	56
Sanctified -----	23
Baptism of the Holy Ghost -----	13
Healed -----	13
Re - anointed -----	16

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