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DARE TO S.E.E.K.!

**"And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find;
knock, and it shall be opened unto you.**

**For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth;
and to him that knocketh it shall be opened." - Luke 11:9-10**

Overview

The Year End Camp Meeting, centered around the theme **"DARE to S.E.E.K."**, was held from December 27-30, 2025, at the Apostolic Faith Church in Bagong Sikat, Science City of Muñoz, Nueva Ecija.

This significant occasion served as an opportunity for members of the church and the wider community to come together in worship, fellowship, and spiritual renewal.

Throughout the event, attendees engaged in a series of instructive Bible Teachings, offering valuable lessons and insights drawn from scripture. In addition to the teachings, spirit-filled Evangelistic and Devotional services were held, providing uplifting moments of worship and reflection. A refreshing time was also dedicated to the participation in ordinances, allowing attendees to observe and partake in the sacred practices of the church.

One important event during the camp was the water baptism ceremony, where eight individuals formally declared their faith. This event reflected the transformative impact of faith and the spiritual development of those involved.

The lantern making contest was a standout moment at this year's camp, bringing creativity and teamwork as participants collaborated on their designs.

The camp meeting drew 315 registered attendees, not counting online participants or unregistered local visitors,

demonstrating the event's broad impact on the church community and beyond.

The gathering ended with attendees feeling grateful and joyful, reflecting the positive and enriching experiences shared over the four-day meeting. *Gloria Sa Kanya!*

Evangelistic Meeting 1

"When Jesus Comes to Us"

The first Evangelistic Meeting of the Year-End Annual Camp Meeting was held on December 27 at 7:00 PM. *Brother Julius Grospe* from Bagong Sikat church spoke on **"When Jesus Comes to Us."** The service opened with instrumental and choral performances, which served to prepare the congregation for worship.

Pastor Fernan Fiegalan gave the greetings, followed by congregational singing led by *Sister Jammie Danielle Asuncion* with selections including *Si Jesus ang Ilaw, Diyos na Lubhang Makapangyarihan*, and *Marilag na Jesus*. *Pastor Josefino M. Aban* then led the opening prayer.



Pastor Fernan shared a letter from Rev. William McKibben, Director of East Asia Work, offering warm greetings from Seattle and expressing enthusiasm and prayers for the Philippines' Year-End Annual Camp Meeting. Then church members from various Philippine branches were welcomed, sang together, exchanged handshakes, and listened to two testimonies.



Pastor Jaime A. Paragas of Balloch church thanked God for salvation and reflected on the impact of God's three graces in his faith journey. He appreciated serving with his family and expressed hope for continued unity in their ministry, trusting God to strengthen their commitment.

Brother Adrian Abad of Tabulac church shared that since accepting God as his Savior eight years ago, he has served faithfully and trusted in God's grace through challenges. This year, he graduated college with honors, found a job in no time, and passed the Licensure Examination for Teachers, attributing all achievements to God.



The congregation was further blessed by a special number from Sister Noime Fernando, who sang "Been So Good."

The message focused on **Ephesians 2:4** and **John 5:1-9**, highlighting Jesus healing the man at the Pool of Bethesda, a manifestation of God's unlimited grace. Brother Julius noted that society often follows a "first-come, first-served" system, where opportunity and favor are limited to those who are quickest or strongest. In stark contrast, God's grace is not bound by such limitations; it is available to all, regardless of their position or circumstance.

Jesus is willing to accept, save, sanctify, and empower anyone who responds to His call. This message reassured the listeners that, through Christ, no one is beyond the reach of grace, and all are welcome to experience the transformative power of His love and mercy.

The service ended with the hymn "Malambing na Tumatawag si Jesus," followed by Sister Teresita Torres's closing prayer.



Danika Jade S. Paragas
AFC Balloch

Evangelistic Meeting 2 "The Hindrance of Pride and the Call to Humility"

On December 28 at 7:00 in the evening, the Evangelistic Service commenced with an instrumental arrangement of "Come Now is the Time to Worship," followed by the choir's moving performance of "Ancient of Days."

Pastor Fernan welcomed everyone, both in person and online. The congregation then participated in singing "Dugo Ni Jesus," led by Brother Danielo Divina. Additional hymns further prepared the hearts of the congregation for worship. Sister Teofila Grospe offered the opening prayer setting a reverent tone for the evening's service.



Pastor Emely Lucero shared her spiritual journey – she got saved in 1987, was sanctified soon after, then baptized with the Holy Spirit in 1991. Over the years, she described her call to leadership, how she overcame self-doubt with encouragement from Pastor Zenaida Ruiz, and how her prayers for dedicated church workers were answered—

resulting in 32 workers at the San Luis church. In August 2025, inspired after witnessing baptisms and during Typhoon Uwan, she experienced a renewed outpouring of the Holy Spirit, awakening while speaking in tongues. She remembered uttering "Ganxie," meaning "Thank you Lord." Pastor Emely concluded by affirming God's faithfulness and giving Him glory.

Brother Jomar Aban shared how his family's spiritual journey began with his parents' conversions, which marked a turning point for them.

Though raised in church, he was not saved early and recalled that even the pastor doubted change was possible for him and his siblings. He credits God's grace and persistent prayers for their transformation.



In 2017, while earning his PhD, he realized his achievements were meaningless without God. A moving altar experience shifted his life's course, leading him to devote himself to ministry and encourage youth toward spiritual renewal. He emphasized God's impartial love for all who repent and believe.

The message commenced with Pastor Miguel Carganilla emphasizing the importance of gathering together and encouraging one another in faith referencing **Hebrews 10:25**. He then spoke to the congregation about pride, describing it as a barrier to God's blessings and citing **Proverbs 16:18** and **James 4:6** to highlight humility's value. He noted



that pride prevents salvation and spiritual transformation, linking it to moral and economic decline. Urging self-reflection, especially among youth, he emphasized that humility fosters spiritual growth and blessings. He stressed that the act of humbling oneself is central to drawing closer to God and experiencing the fullness of His grace.

Stories from fellow believers were shared with the congregation. Each account highlighted a remarkable transformation which stood as living testimonies to the greatness and power of God.

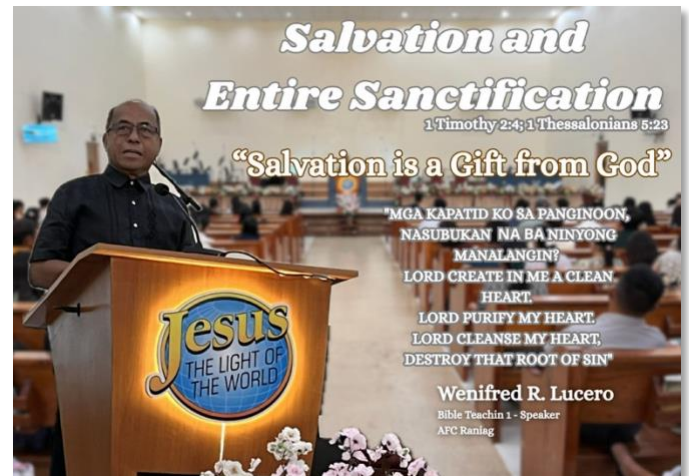
Pastor Miguel affirmed that everyone at Camp Meeting was there to hear God's word, build community, and strengthen their faith, emphasizing that these gatherings support spiritual growth. He explained that God meets each person according to their needs—offering salvation, sanctification, or the Baptism of the Holy Ghost—He closed with a direct reminder: *"God is talking to you,"* encouraging everyone to respond to God's call.

The service ended with the hymn, *"O Kay Tamis ng Naka'y Jesus,"* celebrating the joy and fulfillment of serving God. Pastor Juanita Brigole then led the closing prayer, and during the altar call, attendees joined in unity to consecrate their lives and sincerely seek the Lord, marking a meaningful conclusion to the gathering.

Elisea Grace B. Aban
AFC Ambatali
Prince Josh R. Santos
AFC Cavite

Bible Teaching 1

"Salvation and Entire Sanctification"



Bible Teaching 1, held on December 28 opened with an instrumental prelude, *"Go Tell It on the Mountain,"* followed by Kids Ministry presentations: Raniag kids sang *"Angels We Have Heard on High,"* Tabulac kids sang *"Mighty to Save,"* and Binalonan kids sang *"I Love You, Lord."*

Pastor Fernan warmly welcomed the congregation, shared announcements, and acknowledged both onsite and online participants.

Praise and worship were led by Brother Xander Torres, followed by an opening prayer by Brother Edwin Sanchez.



Two testimonies were then shared. Sister Jinky Abad of Tabulac church expressed her deep gratitude to God for His unwavering faithfulness in her life and within her family. She thanked the Lord for her salvation, sanctification, and baptism of the Holy Ghost, and for sustaining her through many trials. She

acknowledged that every blessing and every moment of strength comes from Him. In all things, she gives glory to God, recognizing Him as the source of her hope and joy.

Brother Emman Gumasing, from Parista church shared his experience of 15 years serving the Lord, describing it as deeply rewarding not for material gain but for the privilege itself. He testified to receiving both salvation and sanctification during his walk with God. As he awaits the baptism of the Holy Spirit, Brother Emman remains steadfast in his trust in God's perfect timing.



Pastor Wenifred delivered a Bible Teaching on the meaning and importance of salvation and sanctification, emphasizing God's desire for everyone to be saved. Using **1 Timothy 2:4** and **1 Thessalonians 5:23**, he explained that salvation is God's deliverance from the penalty, power, and presence of sin through Jesus Christ. He stressed that salvation is a gift of grace received by faith, made possible only through Christ, and marks the beginning of a new life in Him.

He also taught that believers are born again through water and the Spirit, becoming children of God and heirs of eternal life. *Pastor Wenifred* then explained sanctification as the work of the Holy Spirit that purifies the heart and frees believers from the dominion of sin. He reminded the congregation that holiness is God's will and command for every believer and encouraged them to pursue not only salvation but also sanctification, living holy lives in obedience to God.

Bible Teaching 1 concluded with a closing prayer led by *Brother Randolph Asiro* and a call for personal reflection, reminding all present to examine their relationship with God.

Cassandra Nicole Quinto & King Angelo Gamayon
AFC Raniag

Bible Teaching 2 **"Enduement of the Holy Spirit.** **Understanding the Power, Purpose, and Work** **of the Holy Spirit"**

On December 29, the service began with an instrumental ensemble performing "Greater is He that is in Me". This was followed by children's recorded videos featuring the songs "Angels We Have Heard on High" by AFC Cabanatuan kids, "There is Sunshine in My Soul Today" by AFC Simimbaan kids, and "Count Your Blessings" by Balloc kids. Their performances highlighted gratitude and faith across generations. *Pastor Fernan* then warmly welcomed the congregation, fostering a sense of unity for the gathering.

Brother Jordan Tablada of Tabulac church led the congregation in singing hymns, uniting everyone in joyful worship and affirming their faith in Christ as Savior and refuge, reflecting

Romans 8:14. Afterwards, *Sister Deborah Lucero* from San Luis church offered the opening prayer, seeking God's guidance and blessing for the service.

Testimonies were a significant part of the service, with members sharing personal experiences about faith and transformation.



Brother Carlo De Guzman, from Cavite church, recounted how following God's Word led to a profound spiritual transformation in his life. His testimony reflected the conviction described in **Acts 2:37**, emphasizing the impact of sincere obedience and repentance in ushering in spiritual renewal.

Sister Ma. Cecilia Mayo from Infanta church followed with her testimony. She spoke of God's purifying and transforming grace, sharing how she experienced a renewal of heart and spirit. Her account resonated with the promise found in **Ezekiel 36:25-27**, where God assures His people of a new heart and the indwelling of His Spirit.



Both testimonies encouraged and inspired the congregation, strengthening faith and highlighting God's transformative power.

After the testimonies, choir members from several churches performed "We've Come to Bless Your Name," preparing the audience for the message. *Pastor*

Christopher Mendoza of Bulacan church delivered Bible Teaching Number 2, "Enduement of the Holy Spirit," emphasizing that the Holy Spirit empowers believers for effective ministry and faithful living. He explained that this empowerment, received through faith and obedience, enables the church to serve Christ's mission with strength, purity, and unity.



Acts 1:8 highlights that Christians are created for a purpose defined by God and emphasizes the Holy Spirit's role in giving believers authority and power. Obedience to God's will is central, requiring readiness and submission. The Spirit empowers Christians not only for personal growth but also to fulfill their mission as unified witnesses of Jesus.

Scripture presents the Holy Spirit as central to God's empowerment, transformation, and unity for His mission. **Acts 1:4–8** and in **John chapter 16** show the Spirit equips believers for witnessing and truth, not self-glorification. The Spirit brings conviction (**Acts 2:37**), assurance of salvation (**Romans 8:16**), and transforms identity (**1 Corinthians 6:11**). Prophecies in **Joel 2:28–29** and in **Acts chapter 2** point to the Spirit given to all, confirming revival through Scripture. **John chapter 14** highlights the Spirit's continual guidance and truth, while Jesus's prayer in **John 17:21** links believers' unity with the Trinity.

Acts 2:38–41 presents a complete gospel response: repentance, baptism, forgiveness, and receiving the Holy Spirit, which led to rapid church growth. **Acts 10:44–45** shows that the Holy Spirit is given to both Jews and Gentiles, demonstrating God's impartial grace and universal salvation. Pastor Mendoza concludes his teaching by stressing unity, obedience, and dedication among believers, reflecting God's character and serving as a witness to Christ's mission.

Deborah D. Lucero & Rochelle Thereza Locquiao
AFC San Luis

Bible Teaching 3 "Keep on Keeping On"

On December 29 at precisely 7:00 PM, the congregation gathered for Bible Teaching #3, beginning with orchestral music and children's presentations from AFC Parista and Cavite churches. *Pastor Fernan* welcomed attendees, followed by hymns, prayer, and announcements. Volunteers from Binalonan and Isabela churches shared testimonies of faith and perseverance.

Sister Realyn De Lima shared how God sustained her through trials, including the loss of pets and overcoming fear in public speaking. She shared that she was saved in December 2020. She emphasized God's faithfulness in turning weakness into strength.



Sister Jhona Balaguer recounted her journey from knowing Jesus only by name to a deep relationship through baptism, sanctification, and receiving the Holy Spirit. For 17 years, she has remained faithful despite family struggles, finding peace in God's presence.



A special song, Just a Little Talk with Jesus, preceded *Pastor Roger Amansec's* teaching, Keep on Keeping On. He opened with Ecclesiastes 3:1, reminding the congregation that life has seasons and challenges, but God provides answers and strength.

Pastor Roger cited Key Points of his message:



Keep on Believing – Faith is tested in trials, but **1 Peter 1:7** assures that genuine belief is more precious than gold. *Pastor Roger* stressed that even when the flesh is weak, God's Word strengthens us. Belief is not passive—it is active trust that sustains us when circumstances seem impossible.

Keep on Doing Good – Drawing from **Galatians 6:9**, he urged persistence in kindness even when unrecognized or difficult. True goodness includes practical acts—feeding the hungry, helping enemies, and showing compassion. He reminded the congregation that obedience to God opens the door to miracles, because goodness reflects His character.

Keep on Trusting – **Proverbs 3:5-6** calls believers to lean not on their own understanding. *Pastor Roger* emphasized that unanswered prayers do not mean abandonment; **Romans 8:28** assures that all things work together for good. Trust means surrendering control, believing that God's timing and wisdom surpass our own. In weariness, **Matthew 11:28** offers rest in Christ's presence.

Keep on Running the Race – Life is a race requiring endurance. **Hebrews 12:1-2** calls us to lay aside sin and fix our eyes on Jesus. Pastor Roger reminded everyone that present sufferings (**Romans 8:18**) are small compared to eternal glory. Running the race is not solitary—we encourage one another, stay united, and focus on eternal rewards rather than temporary struggles.

He concluded by asking, “Will you still stop?”—challenging believers to rest when needed but never quit. Victory, he assured, belongs to those who remain steadfast in faith. The service ended with Hymn 152 and a prayer led by Sis. Jinky.

Edwin U. Sanchez
AFC San Luis

Sunday School

On December 28, the Sunday School commenced at 9:00 A.M. the session began with video presentations, including "So You Would Come," performed by AFC San Luis kids followed by "Come Now is the Time to Worship," rendered by AFC Ambatali kids.

Sister Joyce Mae Fernando of AFC Bagong Sikat facilitated the singing of short choruses then Pastor Emely Lucero led the opening prayer, after which key verses were recited across various Sunday School divisions.



Prior to class division, a special performance of "Christmastime" was presented by AFC Bagong Sikat and Maragol kids.



Sunday School for Grades 3 and below was led by Sister Joyce Mae

Sis. Joyce Mae taught the lesson on "The Wise Men Come (Led by the Star)" from **Matthew 2:1-12**.



The children recited the memory verse, "Lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them." (**Matthew 2:9**), to enhance their comprehension of how the wise men were guided to Jesus.

During story time, the teacher provided an engaging overview of the narrative involving the wise men. The lesson highlighted how the wise men observed a notable star in the east, followed it to Jesus with dedication, and acted on guidance. The lesson emphasized obedience, reverence, and seeking direction.

After the lesson, the children made Star Crowns to reinforce their understanding of the guiding star and encourage reflection on following Jesus daily.

The class ended with a prayer from *Sister Cristine V. Gumasing*, expressing gratitude for the lesson and seeking guidance and protection, followed by a group photo and snacks for the children, creating a positive conclusion to Sunday School.



Danika Jade S. Paragas
AFC Balloc

Sunday School for Grades 4–6 was led by *Brother Allan Manlangit* of AFC Bagong Sikat. The lesson, titled “A Witness without Words”, emphasized that being a Christian is shown not only through words but, more importantly, through actions. The session formally opened with a prayer led by *Yanna Denise De Guzman* of AFC San Luis.



During the lesson, Brother Allan shared a story from The Answer featuring four characters: Bryson, Chase, Gavin, and Lane. Bryson disliked Christians because of his experience with Gavin, a Christian who often preached and criticized others. This led Bryson to believe that all Christians behaved the same way, a belief he wanted to prove to Chase.

Later, a new student named Lane joined their class. Although rumored to be a Christian, Lane did not preach. Instead, he invited Bryson and Chase to play basketball and mentioned

that his mother would prepare food for them. Curious and wanting to confirm his assumptions, Bryson accepted the invitation.

After playing basketball, Lane invited the boys inside to eat cookies. When Bryson asked for chocolate cake, Lane politely refused, explaining that his mother had not allowed him to serve it yet. Bryson suggested taking the cake anyway, but Lane declined, saying he could not do that because he was a Christian. Although Lane had never preached or judged them, his actions made Bryson question his earlier assumptions.

Lane explained that Christians do not always preach, but they should always strive to live rightly so as not to cause others to think badly of Christ. Through Lane’s integrity and respect, Bryson realized that not all Christians are the same.

After the story, Brother Allan explained that being a Christian is not shown by words alone but through daily actions. While some are called to preach, others witness for Christ through the way they live. He also cited John the Baptist as an example of faithful service, emphasizing that regardless of one’s role, every Christian is called to reflect Christ in their character and conduct.

The session concluded with a reminder that Christians represent Christ not only in church but wherever they go. Students were encouraged to live as true Christians at all times, knowing that others may judge Christ through the lives of His followers. The program ended with a closing prayer led by *Nethaniah Jhayne Baniqued* of AFC San Luis.

Jholeiza C. Gabawan
AFC Bagong Sikat

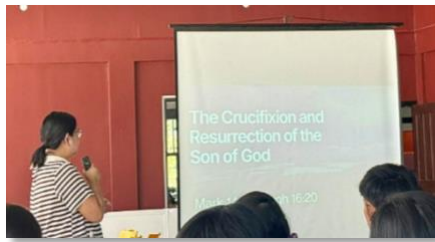
Young People’s Sunday School was held in the fellowship hall with their Sunday School teacher, *Sister Jenilyn Asiror* of AFC Casiaman, who discussed **Mark 14:1–16:20** and a study on Jesus’ suffering, death, and resurrection.



The lesson highlighted Jesus as the Messiah, sent by God to save. **Mark 14:9** was discussed, where Jesus commended Mary’s devotion, showing that genuine love for God is shown through sincere

actions rather than words. Sister Jenilyn emphasized that, “*Minsan hindi natin kailangan magsalita—makikita ito sa ating mga gawa.*”

The lesson reviewed the Lord's Supper found in **Mark 14:22–25**, emphasizing the new covenant through Jesus and encouraging self-reflection, gratitude, and renewed commitment to Christ.



As the lesson approached the crucifixion, in **Mark 15:37** stated that Jesus willingly died as a sacrifice for humanity. His death was an act of unconditional love and not a defeat, and the story continued beyond the cross.

The Power and Promise of the Resurrection

With hope and joy, the message of the resurrection was powerfully declared through in **Mark chapter 16** says "He is risen." This profound truth reminded all who heard it that Jesus is indeed alive. His triumph over death, sin, and the grave brings salvation, new life, and hope to everyone who believes in Him. The resurrection is not merely a message from the past; it continues to speak to us today, assuring us that no situation is beyond God's ability to restore. This timeless message calls each person to trust that renewal is possible through faith in Him.

As the Sunday School drew to a close, attendees were deeply encouraged to reflect on the reality and power of both the *Cross and the Resurrection*. The message emphasized that these are not just distant historical events, but living truths that actively work in the lives of believers today. Through Christ's sacrifice and His victorious resurrection, everyone is offered the opportunity for transformation, forgiveness of sins, and the assurance of eternal life.

This gathering was more than just an event rather a divine appointment; it reminded attendees that Jesus' death and resurrection offer forgiveness and salvation. The message of the Cross and Resurrection calls each person to a renewed life with Him today.

Sunday School Adult

The lesson on "The Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ," found in the book of **Mark 14:1–16:20**, highlighting **Mark 15:39** where a centurion recognizes Jesus as the Son of God.

Sister Elaida R. Fiegalan of AFC Bagong Sikat discussed the topic on "The Last Week of Jesus on Earth".

Sister Elaida asked if anyone had not sinned; no one responded, accepting in heart that all were sinners, including

infants. The group then distinguished "SIN" as original sin and "SINS" as individual transgressions.

In **Mark 14:4-5**, "Messiah" means "Anointed One." Some people at the leper's house criticized Mary for anointing Jesus with costly ointment, telling that the ointment should have been sold to help the poor, many saw the gesture as wasteful, Mary's act symbolized immeasurable love, echoing God's sacrifice for humanity.



Jesus commended Mary's anointing as a genuine act of love (**Mark 14:9**), saying her deed would be remembered wherever the gospel is preached. Her example encourages sincere faith and devotion.

At Passover, Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper, providing a wonderful ordinance for His followers. In this sacred act, He used unleavened bread and the fruit of the vine as powerful symbols. These elements serve as reminders of Jesus' profound suffering and ultimate sacrifice, highlighting His identity as the Lamb of God. Through participation in this ordinance, believers reflect deeply on Jesus' death and the abundant blessings it brings into their lives.

In **Mark chapter 14**, Jesus goes to Gethsemane to pray, expressing deep distress and asking God to spare Him from suffering, yet ultimately accepting God's will.

Judas arrived with a crowd and betrayed Jesus with a kiss, leading to His arrest. The disciples fled in fear. Jesus was brought before the high priest, faced false charges, and mostly remained silent except to affirm He was the Christ, resulting in a blasphemy accusation. Meanwhile, Peter denied knowing Jesus three times, then wept when he realized his actions.

During trial, Jesus remained silent in response to Pilate's questions for several reasons: to fulfill the scripture (**Isaiah 53:7**), because He was innocent, and because the trial was a mockery. Jesus knew His time to sacrifice Himself had come. From this, we learn that we can "speak" through our actions and that it's not always necessary to defend ourselves or have the final say.

The message found in **Revelation 12:10-11** emphasized the power available to believers through the blood of Jesus. This passage emphasizes that, by faith in His sacrifice, Christians can overcome temptation, oppression, and adversity, drawing strength from the victory secured at Calvary.

The death and resurrection of Christ remain significant today, offering hope and new life to believers. Those who follow Him and confront challenges find renewed purpose and strength.

In **1 Corinthians 15:3-4**, four fundamental truths are revealed about Jesus Christ. First, the passage affirms that Jesus died. His death was a real and significant event. Second, He was buried, confirming the reality of His death. Third, Jesus rose again, demonstrating His victory over death. Finally, all these events happened according to the Scriptures, fulfilling prophetic promises and affirming their divine purpose.

The lesson ended with a closing prayer led by *Pastor Jaime Paragas* of AFC Balloc.

Minerva Grace O. Silvestre & Danielo P. Divina
AFC San Luis

Devotional Service

On December 28 at 10:30 a.m., campers met in the tabernacle for a year-end devotional, reflecting on God's sustaining grace over the past year and anticipating the year ahead.



The orchestra opened with *"Shine, Jesus Shine"* and *"Shout to the Lord,"* followed by the Bagong Sikat choir's special performance of *"Worthy He Will Be."* District Superintendent Fernan then welcomed everyone in the tabernacle and those who are joining online via Facebook Live.

Sister Jammie Asuncion led the singing of hymns, followed by Pastor Reynald Gapuz leading the opening prayer asking God's blessing to the service.

Upcoming events were announced during the service. *Pastor Richard A. Cruz* of Cavite church, emphasized the camp's core purpose and its theme, *"Dare to S.E.E.K."* encouraging pursuit of salvation, sanctification, and the Holy Spirit's baptism.

Pastor Imelda R. Lucero from Ambatali church read **Acts 24:24-27**, recounting Felix's uneasy response to Paul's warning of judgment and his decision to delay action. This passage was central to the morning's message. The final special number was *Sister Ily Fiegalan's* vocal solo, *"I Know Your Faithfulness"*.



Pastor Fernan addressed the congregation, referring **Luke 11:9-13** on seeking God, but noted that his message was more of a warning than encouragement.

As a spiritual watchman, *Pastor Fernan* explained that part of his calling is to sound the alarm when danger threatens God's people. He then warned the congregation of an unseen threat hindering their spiritual growth. Citing **2 Corinthians 2:11**, he urged believers to remain alert to Satan's subtle tactics.

He described an enemy that deceives with promises of tomorrow, slows spiritual growth, and steals time by suggesting there's always another chance. The enemy is procrastination—delaying tasks and missing opportunities in the present. *Pastor Fernan* explained that even reasonable excuses like "there's another service later," and "you still have time", diminish the worth of the present and lead to missed value now.

Pastor Fernan further cited two biblical examples. The first was the repentant thief, who asked Jesus for remembrance; Jesus replied instantly, *"Today shalt thou be with me in paradise."* Salvation came immediately, as Jesus acted with urgency.



The second example is Felix, the Roman governor, who hesitated despite hearing Paul's message. He delayed action and, according to Scripture, never repented.

Pastor Fernan noted that believers encounter similar challenges. The call to salvation, sanctification, service, and Spirit-led living requires immediate action; delaying can lead to procrastination in the Christian life.

The invitation was clear: now is the time for salvation, sanctification, or seeking the Holy Spirit. God is present, and heaven is open to those who ask, seek, and knock.

The service ended with the hymn *“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”* and a prayer by Pastor Jaime, an altar call followed, urging immediate response to God’s calling and emphasizing that time is valuable and should not be wasted.



Patricia H. Pascual & Irish H. Pascual
AFC Cabanatuan

Ordinances

One of the most significant aspects of the Year End Camp meeting is the observance of the ordinances that took place on December 29 at 2:00 in the afternoon. This sacred gathering is marked by deep reflection and reverence as believers participate in these biblical rites. By faithfully keeping these ordinances, believers reaffirm their commitment to Christ’s teachings and to one another, fostering a spirit of unity and spiritual blessing within the congregation.



Prior to the distribution of bread and wine, *Pastor Nena Villarta* of Ambatali church explained the importance of this sacred ordinance. She emphasized that the act of partaking in communion is deeply meaningful for believers. She noted that the bread and wine symbolize *“the Lord’s blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.”* This explanation serves as a reminder of the sacrifice made and the spiritual significance of the ritual for all participants.

She cited the Apostle Paul’s first letter to the Corinthians, *“he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord’s body,”* highlighting the warning against taking the Lord’s Supper unworthily. She urged believers to approach the rite with seriousness, encouraging self-examination and genuine reverence for its meaning.

The Significance of Foot Washing

Following the sequence of events outlined in the Gospels, the Church proceeded with the practice of “foot washing” immediately after the first ordinance. *Pastor Josefino Aban* explained that Christ demonstrated humility by washing the feet of His disciples, setting a powerful example for all believers. Through this act, Christ revealed the true essence of serving and loving one another.

Every disciple is called to put aside self-interest and serve others. Foot washing reminds Christians to practice humility and follow Christ’s example of selfless service.

The observance of both ordinances concluded with a heartfelt communal prayer. As the congregation joined together in prayer, the Sanctuary was filled with a profound sense of God’s presence. The moment was not just ceremonial; it served as a powerful affirmation that these sacred practices are channels of spiritual blessings. Gloria sa Kanya!

Juan Carlo E. de Guzman & Prince Josh R. Santos
AFC Cavite

Water Baptism

The Water Baptism ceremony was held on December 30, Wednesday at 7:00 in the morning. It began with an instrumental group performing *“My Life is in You,”* creating a lively atmosphere. The choir then sang *“Two Hands One Heart,”* adding to the reverent mood. *Pastor Fernan* welcomed campers, church members, families, and guests, making everyone feel included and ready for the service.

Sister Marjori Valdez led worship with Tagalog hymns, fostering unity and reverence as the congregation sang *“Papurihan ang Dios,”* *“Kabanal-banalang Dios,”* and *“Ako’y Susunod Kahit Saan.”* *Pastor Rizaldy Caliboso* of Simimbaan church then offered an opening prayer, thanking God for those who followed the water baptism asking for blessings on the service.

Following the prayer, *Pastor Fernan* provided an announcement that the closing program is to commence right after the water baptism at 10:00 AM.

Brother Marlon Julio performed “*I Offer My Life,*” before Pastor Carlito Valdez of AFC Bagong Sikat delivered his message, setting a reflective tone for the congregation.

Pastor Carlito mentioned that Water Baptism is regarded as a significant ordinance within the Christian faith. It is not simply a tradition or a cultural practice, but rather a directive established by God, who holds ultimate authority. From its inception, baptism has been associated with concepts of faith, obedience, and personal transformation.

In ***Matthew 28:19***, Jesus clearly instructed His followers: ***“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.”*** This command reminds every believer of their responsibility once a person accepts Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.



Water Baptism does not grant salvation, as only faith in God leads to true redemption. Instead, water baptism serves as an outward expression of an inward transformation. Through water baptism, a person publicly declares that they have repented from their sins, accepted Jesus Christ, and chosen to pursue a life that honors God.



*Ann Peralta, Jordan Tablada and Adrian Abad
AFC Tabulac*

Pastor Carlito emphasized the symbolism embedded in following the act of water baptism. It symbolizes burial

of one's old life, and resurrection into a new life in Christ. In this way, water baptism stands as both a testimony of faith and a commitment to walk in obedience to God.

This message conveyed that water baptism signifies more than a single event; it represents the commencement of a lifelong commitment to faith and spiritual devotion.

After the message, a water baptism ceremony was conducted, led by *Pastor Jamindre Torres* and *Pastor Jaime Paragas*. This significant event served as an act of obedience where eight individuals joyfully participated and publicly proclaim that they had been saved from sin and has a purpose and intention to follow God's will in every detail.

Lantern Making Contest

On December 29 at 8:30 in the afternoon, the congregation buzzed in excitement as they gazed at the beautifully crafted lanterns displayed in front of the tabernacle. The 36-hour frenzy to gather materials, design, assemble, and finish is finally over. Each team eagerly awaits the judges' - Brother Ephraim Landingin, Sister Ily Fiegalan, and Sister Ervee Landingin—final decision.

The program began with a prayer by *Pastor Julius*, who also clarified the contest rules. Lanterns needed to fit the theme **"Shining the Light of Christ,"** feature a scripture verse and Christian symbol, measure 18 to 36 inches, be hand crafted, and use recyclable or indigenous materials.

Before final judging, each cluster presented its lantern and described its concept, symbolism, and materials.



Sister Berlin A. Soliven's Cluster 3 presentation highlighted the sun, moon, and stars as symbols of constant guidance. She stressed that indigenous materials represented humble beginnings, relating to Jesus's lowly birth, and noted the celestial symbols stand for people who inspire and guide us through life.



Brother Carlo de Guzman of Cluster 1 presented their manger inspired lantern, explained their use of indigenous materials and shared a humorous anecdote about representing baby Jesus with one handkerchief which is all they have, which amused the audience.

Sister Kayzel Joy Tablada led the **Cluster 4** lantern presentation, which used indigenous and recycled materials. The theme, "Jesus, the Light of the World," was symbolized by a white dove representing sanctification and renewal.



Cluster 2 showcased an eco-friendly Filipino *paról* crafted from recycled materials. *Brother John Christopher Ruiz* shared that its yellow and orange patterns represent warmth and hope, the tails symbolize light and blessings, and the lantern echoes the Star of Bethlehem as a sign of faith, guidance, and joy.



Cluster 5, led by *Sister Elisea Grace Aban*, opened with the song "Light of the World". Their star-shaped lantern depicted a Nativity scene and symbolized guidance and hope. The phrase "Jesus, the Light of the World" emphasized Christ's role as a guiding light.

After the lantern presentation, *Pastor Fernan* commended the participants for their creativity and teamwork, praising them for their beautifully crafted lanterns and encouraged them to use their talents for God. *Pastor Imelda* closed the program with a prayer.



Winners of the Lantern Making Competition were presented during the December Camp closing on December 30, with *Sister Ily* announcing results

and *Pastor Fernan* awarding the prizes.

Cluster 5: The Praise Partners, Truth Seekers, Faithful Crusaders, and Steadfast Stewards won first place for their exceptional lantern design.



Cluster 2: comprising The Covenant Keepers, Devoted Disciples, and Soul Winners, earned second place by impressing the judges with the high quality of their entry.



Cluster 3, composed of The Light Bearers, Brave Believers, and Prayer Warriors, earned 3rd place in the event. Their lantern stood out for its meaningful creativity, which was deeply rooted in faith.,



Cluster 4 finished in 4th place with The Cheerful Givers, Gospel Spreaders, and Hallelujah Heroes, presenting a lantern that radiated joy and inspiration, captivating the audience with their enthusiastic display and uplifting message.



Cluster 1: Ardent Ambassadors, Kingdom Builders, and Peacemakers finished 5th, their lantern highlighted their unity and purpose through a cohesive, and well-planned presentation.



The Lantern Making Contest fostered fellowship, unity and a spirit of cooperation as each group uniquely interpreted the theme "*Shining the Light of Christ*" with thoughtful designs and recycled materials.

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Closing Program

On December 30 at 10:00 am, the Year-End Camp Meeting concluded as the congregation gathered in the tabernacle. The event opened with music, followed by greetings from Pastor Julius Grospe and a prayer from *Pastor Wenifred*.

Pastor Imelda presented awards to the youngest, oldest, and first registrants, highlighting unity across generations. She also acknowledged the inspiring Sunday School children's video presentations.

The congregation was further encouraged through congregational singing, reminding everyone of the church's calling to be faithful witnesses for Christ.

Pastor Julius thanked all committees who worked diligently and in unity to ensure the success of the camp meeting. The Kitchen Committee was specifically acknowledged for their dedicated service in providing meals throughout the entire duration of the camp meeting.

One of the highlights of the closing program was the presentation of awards for the Lantern-Making Competition, which reflected the theme "Shining Light in the Darkness," and presented by Sister Ily. Each lantern served as a symbolic representation of Jesus Christ, the true Light of the World. **Cluster 5** was declared **Champion**, with Cluster 2 receiving Second Prize, Cluster 3 Third Prize, and Clusters 4 and 1 earning Consolation Prizes. The lanterns displayed not only creativity and collaboration but also conveyed a Christ-centered message that honored God.

Pastor Fernan delivered a heartfelt and uplifting exhortation, aiming to inspire and encourage all those present. His words served as a reminder of the importance of remaining steadfast in faith and commitment as believers. Following his exhortation, *Pastor Fernan* shared several important announcements regarding the future direction and initiatives of AFC which include:

- Upcoming Special Events and Camp Meetings: underscoring the significance of these gatherings in fostering fellowship and spiritual growth.
- Development of AFC Digital and Media Ministry, which plays a crucial role in expanding the ministry's reach and impact.
- Strengthening the Music Committee: The strengthening of the Music Committee was emphasized, recognizing the vital contribution of music to worship and ministry life.
- Vision for an International Schooling Program which aims to provide educational opportunities grounded in biblical principles.

As the program came to a close the congregation sang "Smile" with hearts filled with gratitude and praise. The December Year-end Camp Meeting 2025 was officially concluded with a closing prayer led by Pastor Emely. To commemorate the occasion, the congregation gathered for a group photo to provide a meaningful way to capture the blessed and memorable conclusion of the camp meeting, ensuring that the spirit of the event would be remembered—all to the glory of God!

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