



Western Youth Camp

The 2026 Apostolic Faith Church Western Youth Camp was held from July 30 - August 2, 2026, under the theme, “**Boldly Choose Christ.**” More than 35 campers had initially been expected to attend, however, following several last-minute cancellations, including anticipated campers from Winnipeg and Regina, the final attendance was 28 campers. The camp provided an opportunity for the youth to grow spiritually, build friendships, participate in team activities and enjoy Christian fellowship in a structured and encouraging environment.



The spiritual goal remained central throughout the camp, with chapel time including prayer, worship, testimonies, Bible teaching and personal prayer. The main message followed a clear progression around the camp theme.

On Friday morning, brother Jarvis Randell from Fort McMurray spoke from *Joshua 24:15* on,

“Decision to Boldly Choosing Christ.” The message challenged the campers to make a personal decision to follow and serve Christ.

In the evening, brother Victor Daramola from Edmonton spoke from *Daniel 1:8* on, “Preparing Before the Pressure.” The youth were encouraged to develop Christian convictions before difficult situations arise and to understand that faithfulness in everyday decisions prepares them for greater tests.



Saturday morning, sister Precious Akindele from Edmonton spoke from *Esther 4:13-16* on “Boldness in Action.” The message emphasized that choosing Christ boldly involves not only knowing what is right but having the courage to act on those convictions.

The teaching debriefs held after each message provided an opportunity for campers to reflect on and discuss lessons from both Friday evening and Saturday morning. On Sunday morning, brother Emmanuel from Langley spoke from *John 15:13* on

“Why we Boldly Choose Christ.” The final message centred on the love and sacrifice of Jesus Christ as the foundation and reason for choosing to follow Him.

Together, the messages progressed from making the decision to choose Christ, preparing to remain faithful under pressure, putting faith into action, and finally understanding why Christ is worthy of that choice.

The camp began on Thursday with registration, team allocation, orientation and ground rules, followed by supper, a sing-along and meet and greet. The meet and greet encouraged campers to interact with people outside their usual friendship groups, learn more about one another and begin building relationships for the weekend.

Campers were organized into teams that participated together throughout the camp, creating opportunities for cooperation, encouragement and healthy competition. Morning Bold Jumpstart sessions were also used to energize the campers and prepare them for each day. The activity was designed around participation, encouragement and giving one's best.



A variety of recreational and team-building activities were planned around the themes of teamwork, participation, perseverance and positive competition. The activity guide provided several possible challenges for programs such as G4G4G – Go for Gold for God and Go Bold or Go Home. A selection of the planned activities was undertaken during the camp based on available time and program flow. The Go Bold or Go Home program was designed so that its activities connected back to the question, “How can I boldly choose Christ?”



The Fearless and Faithful talent show was held on Saturday evening, giving campers and camp leaders an opportunity to share their talents and encourage one another.

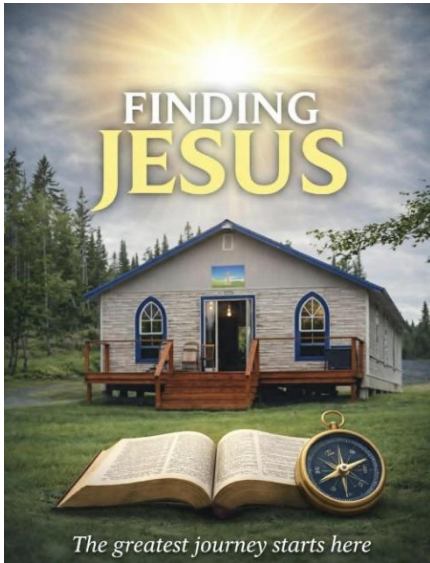
At the hotel each evening, night devotions were led by the assigned room leaders under the supervision of the camp leaders who were chaperoning. This arrangement gave campers an appropriate level of responsibility and provided opportunities for them to develop confidence and leadership while still receiving guidance and supervision from the adult leaders.

Following the final chapel time and farewell lunch on Sunday, the talent show awards and bold achiever's awards were presented. The camp then proceeded into the courageous commission and closing service, during which the youth were encouraged to carry the lessons of the weekend into their home, schools, friendships and everyday lives.



Overall, the four-day program, the theme, “Boldly Choose Christ,” was reinforced through Bible teaching, prayer, worship, fellowship, team activities, leadership opportunities and recreation. The camp encouraged the youth to understand bold Christian living is more than simply being outspoken. They were challenged to personally choose Christ, develop convictions before pressure comes, demonstrate their faith through action, and remember that the love and sacrifice of Jesus Christ are the reason for that commitment. The camp concluded with gratitude to God for His help throughout the program and with the continuing challenge: Go Bold. Live Bold. Shine for Jesus.

Eastern Youth Camp



When we hear the words “Finding Jesus,” we might think that Jesus is hiding somewhere and we have to search until we finally discover Him, but the amazing thing, is that Jesus is not hiding from us. He wants us to find Him. He wants us to know Him. Even before we start looking for Him, He is already reaching for us. *“And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.” Jeremiah 29:13.*

There are going to be times in our life when you feel lost. You might feel lost because you are trying to figure out who you are. You might feel like you don’t fit in. You might be worried about school, family, friendships or your future. You might think everyone else has everything figured out while you are still trying to find your way. You are never too lost to find Jesus. He knows exactly where you are. He knows your name, your fears and your struggles. He knows the things you don’t tell anybody else. He still loves you. When you truly seek Jesus; you’ll discover that everything you’ve been searching for can be found in Him.

Youth Camp 2026 began August 10 – 14 with lots of excitement! Everyone gathered at the Roddickton church parking lot where we prayed together before heading to Coles Pond.

Seeing everyone come together on those beautiful grounds was so exciting. Everyone decorated their cabins, set up their bunks, and the kids quickly headed outside. Pastor Randy Antalan and Deidre Randell welcomed our returning and first-time campers and encouraged everyone to get involved, sing with all their hearts, make new friends, and enjoy every moment. We kicked off with a fun Name Circle Challenge, trying several times to beat our fastest time. There was lots of laughter as everyone got to know each other.

Supper time was **Dress-Up Day**! Campers and adults came dressed as their dream job. As we think about our dream jobs, we imagine what we want to become and what our future might look like. God has a purpose for each one of us. Jesus calls us to discover the gifts and talents He has given us and to use them to serve Him and others. Our future may take us in many different directions, but no matter what we choose to become, following Jesus is the most important part of our journey.

Finding Jesus means seeking and asking Him to direct our lives and follow where He leads. Then it will be the right and best path. *“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”*

Matthew 6:33.

Jesus Seeks and Find Me

Jesus seeks and finds me, Jesus came to save
Jesus bore the cross but then Jesus left the grave
Jesus seeks and finds me, I am safe and sound
I had been so lost, but thanks to Jesus I am found

Twist and turn, up and down.
Back and forth, round and round.
Through it all, do not fear.
Jesus comes – He is here!



After a delicious supper of soup and sandwiches, we gathered in the chapel for our first service. Our theme, ‘Finding Jesus’ was introduced along with our chant and song, “Jesus Seeks and Finds Me.” We opened with our Youth Camp song, “I Can Hardly Wait,” and the singing was amazing! Everyone put their whole heart into it.

Because of the rain, we ended the evening together in the dining hall for movie night, watching the animated movie, David. It was a great reminder to trust God, have courage, and know that

we are never too young to be used by Him. Everyone enjoyed pizza, garlic fingers, and popcorn while watching. It was a wonderful first day filled with laughter, fellowship, great food, new friendships, and most importantly, Jesus!

Tuesday Morning, we were treated to a hot breakfast consisting of bacon, eggs, juice, hot drinks and toast. It was a great way to start the day, and then it was off to the chapel for our first morning service! We started with our chant 'Finding Jesus' and theme song, "Jesus Seeks and Finds Me," followed by songs, "I Will Arise and go Forth," and "Til the Answer Comes you Gotta Keep Praying." Sister Dorothy Hopkins opened in prayer. We enjoyed a game of Bible questions similar to Family Feud before cabin #9 boys sang the special, "Isn't it Grand to be a Christian." Sister Tena Reardon did the object lesson, 'The Greatest Treasure.' She demonstrated the use of a map which is a tool that shows us where we are, where we want to go and how to get there. A compass can be used for accuracy because it points north, it is reliable and doesn't change. To use this in a spiritual sense, it is easy to get lost in this world where there are social media, YouTube, video games, school, and people telling you who to be, and where to go. There are many voices calling. To illustrate, volunteer Rayanna was blindfolded with the "help" of everyone telling her where to go. Many voices were coming from many directions and did not help her find her way. Jesus gives us directions; He is the way to life. He is our truth, our hope and our reason to keep going, to get to Heaven, which is where we want to go! *John 14:6 "...I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."* Know who you are following. Know His voice by being saved and by being His follower. Jesus is our light. *Psalms 119:105 "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."* He will light the way for us!

2026 Youth Camp was so fun! We had snacks, activities, and cabins. Our hosts were also amazing. Before we arrived at the Youth Camp site and after we left, our brothers and sisters fed us and gave us rooms to stay in so that we could travel back to the airport. We were treated so well. The camp was also nice. There was a basketball court, two volleyball courts, and even a snack shack! And guess what? All the snacks were free! Altogether, the camp was amazing! I really hope to be able to go to Youth Camp 2027 next year. Maybe we could stay for two weeks. I especially hope that there are snacks next year too. ~ Lois Ajayi

Lunch time was **DRESS like a Bible Character** and others would have to guess who you are? Every Bible character has a story that can point us toward Jesus.



David faced Goliath when everyone else was afraid. He didn't have the biggest weapon or the strongest armour, but he trusted that God was with him. He trusted God when facing the lion and the bear. When we are afraid or face things that seem impossible, we can look to God and trust Him when the challenge seems too big and remember that we don't have to face our battles alone. David didn't focus on how big Goliath was, he focused on how big his God was. *1 Samuel 17.*

"There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?" St. John 6:9. It didn't seem like much, but the lad gave what he had to Jesus. Jesus used that small offering to feed thousands of people. Give what you have. You don't need to have a lot, and trust what God can do. Be willing to share - His willingness helped others.



The Three Wise Men went looking for Jesus. They left their homes and travelled a long way. They didn't know where the journey would take them, but they kept following the star until it led them to Jesus. We can follow Jesus' light too. He is worth searching for.

The widow of Zarephath was gathering two sticks to prepare one last meal for herself and her son. She couldn't see how they would survive. *1 Kings 17:8-16* She could not see ahead but she chose to trust and obey even though she did not understand what would happen. God is with us even when we can't see how things will work



out and even when we don't know all the answers. The Bible is filled with people who were searching, following, trusting and discovering God's plan.

Tuesday Evening started with David Oyedele of Moncton treating us with a trumpet solo entitled, "My Living Hope." Sister Barbara Burton was then called to lead us in a long-time favourite chorus at Youth Camp, "I Can Hardly Wait." The theme chant and song were then performed and continued at each service thereafter. It was awesome, with more volume each time. The youth were very enthusiastic in their singing of various songs! Songs included, "Operator," which turned out to be a favourite! It was inspiring to see the young people putting so much energy into the singing! Before prayer, sister Deborah Adekoya sang, "What a Friend we Have in Jesus," in interpretive praise, and Pastor Lisa Randell led in prayer. To open testimonies, we sang, "I'm on my Way to Heaven, and the Journey gets Sweeter Everyday." People of various ages and locales; youth, young adults, middle age and senior Christians stood and witnessed to the power of God in their lives!

Pastor Michael Ivany entered as Saul. He fell to the ground after seeing a blinding light sent down from God. This drama at the outset drew everyone's attention, as Pastor Randy Antalan was standing to deliver the message! His text was taken from **Acts 9** regarding Saul's persecution of the Christians and what happened to him on his way to Damascus. Though he wasn't looking for Jesus, He found Him. Saul was converted and his name became Paul! The Lord also has a purpose in your life. There is no guarantee for tomorrow. You need to say, "Lord, what do you want me to do?" Pastor Randy told of how God delivered him from an eye problem many years ago. A cataract had formed because of a motorcycle accident. God healed him! If you don't have Jesus, I pray that you will find Him. Say, "Yes, I'm willing." We sang, "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus," before closing.

Wow, **Wednesday morning** came fast. After being fed by the wonderful kitchen cooks and helpers, we rushed to the chapel for another time of praise and fellowship! There were those who were already there! The theme chant and song were performed and by now we were more comfortable with the wonderful lyrics and rhythm. The point was made, popularity can change in a flash, but if you find Jesus, you have found a friend that will always stand with you no matter what, through good times and bad times! We sang an awesome chorus, "Lean Forward, Lean Backward." Pastor Michael Ivany led in prayer, and we were encouraged to speak our prayer requests. God can supply every need! Sister Tena Reardon had a wonderful game of Bible Jeopardy. We sang a "new to us" song, "You've Gotta Follow the Light." And it went really well.

Sister Deborah Adekoya gave the object lesson based on **Luke 19**, "How to Find Jesus." Lessons from Zacchaeus. There are five steps involved in finding Jesus; acknowledge, confess/repent, forsake, believe & receive. **Luke 19:10 "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."** We are all lost in the woods of sin until we find Jesus. Let that be your goal today, to find Him. The service closed with the song, "I Keep Coming Back to the Well of Grace."

I keep remembering the song with the lyrics: "Lean forward, lean backwards. Oh, how I love Jesus!" I have been singing it for weeks after Youth Camp. That song activity was very memorable for me. ~ Toluwanimi Osibanjo

"The Jesus Signal Hunt" was a field activity to keep the campers engaged and remind them how to find Jesus at the same time. Following lunch, brother Myles and sister Stephanie rounded up teams. They raced around the field searching for Jesus Signal Cards. Each card represented a way people find Jesus: Scripture, prayer, kindness, and community. When a team collected all four, they sprinted to the final "Jesus Signal" spot. Working together we find Jesus!

I had such a great time at Youth Camp! It was my first time being away from my parents overnight, so I was a little nervous at first, but my nervousness went away and I had a blast. I did miss my brother though. At camp I got to see my friends every day, and I even made some new friends. We got to play different games, badminton, basketball, spotlight and go swimming. We even painted shirts, which was messy and fun.

Every day we got to dress up. On Bible character day, I dressed as David so I could bring my slingshot. On Emoji Day, I wore the cool emoji, and Mrs. Brown did too! During church, we learned new songs. Operator is my favorite! We also did a skit, and on Talent night our families came to watch.

All the camp counsellors were really nice and made sure I was taken care off. They were very helpful and always there when I needed them. Pastor Randy stayed in my cabin, which I liked. It was funny because he used to snore! I had such a great time at camp, and I can't wait to go back again next year! ~ Rocky Noel

Pastor Michael and sister Bonnie Ivany did a skit on Samson and Delilah. She even cut his hair, (not his real hair). It was very enjoyable and it had the campers' attention, as they heard the story of how Delilah gained his trust. Samson revealed the secret of his strength to her, she used it to betray him, and he lost his strength! We need to be very careful of who we trust and stay close to God.

Ball of Answer was the field activity on Wednesday. A ball was passed around. Questions were asked to those holding the ball and the answer was given swiftly and the ball passed to the next person in the circle. The ball passing and questions continued until someone was holding the ball and didn't know the answer, that person was OUT. The last person left was the winner! Samuel (Temiloluwa Osibanjo) from Moncton won!



On Wednesday, we also enjoyed a special **Royalty Banquet!** Everyone was asked to dress up as if they were attending a fancy dinner, and everyone looked amazing! If you were going to meet the King, how would you get ready? We don't need fancy clothes to come to Jesus instead we need to prepare our hearts to meet Him. He is looking at our hearts. As we search for Jesus, we know that He is the King worth following. Come as you are. We gathered for a delicious turkey meal, enjoyed lots of laughs and fellowship, and made some wonderful memories. It was a fun way to make everyone feel like royalty for the evening!

Wednesday evening, we began the service singing, "Never Before has Anyone Loved me Like Jesus," followed by, "Lean



Forward, Lean Backward" and "I Can Trust Jesus!" The question was asked, "How many have had to ask Jesus for something? And what did you ask for?" There were different answers given. We believe we can ask Jesus for anything in His will!

Prayer was led by sister Bertha Hancock. Cabin #1 girls opened testimonies with, "I'm Gonna Praise the Lord." There were seven glorious testimonies which included three from our Moncton branch church. Our God is awesome and we do want to tell of His goodness! Cabin #11 boys sang, "I Need you More Today," prior to Pastor Michael Ivany delivering the message. This message began with an interview! Pastor Michael played a media personality and interviewed sister Bonnie regarding the day she found Jesus. He posed several questions about her experience as the audience listened attentively. She shared how Jesus changed her life completely and she felt it from head to toe. Pastor Michael then asked if someone would be the first to find and read the verse **Proverbs 18:22**. The verse was read, "Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the Lord." He shared how they first met in 1987, and he found "a good thing." Nine months prior to that, he found Jesus. Sister Bonnie helped him spiritually while he was seeking the deeper experiences from the Lord. God has blessed them abundantly and they are still in love! The second verse used was found and read by Pastor Randy Antalán. **Jeremiah 29:11** "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end." A wonderful mini sermon followed about how important it is to find Jesus and be complete in Him. We need to have a relationship with Jesus, to find out what His plans are for our life.

Serving as a camp councillor at our Apostolic Faith Eastern Youth Camp was a special experience for me. As I spent time in prayer at the altar, Jesus gave me so much strength! I got to fellowship with brothers and sisters from Eastern Canada who I had been longing to meet. I am still in touch with my entire cabin. I really look forward to next year. ~ Deborah Adekoya

The song, "To the River," and "Jesus is Right for Whatever's Wrong in Your Life," rang out and there was a great altar service afterwards.

Thursday morning, we entered the chapel to music playing the choruses, *"I Will Arise and Go Forth,"* and *"I Command you Satan in the Name of the Lord."* It was a pre-service warmup! We did our chant and theme song again and stayed very active while singing the action chorus, *"Everything Living Needs Love."* This one is a challenge to keep up for all of us, especially the older ones. The tempo was slowed for, *"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus,"* which is such a beautiful, timeless song. Prayer was led by Pastor Michael Ivany. There was a Bible Drill which all the campers participated in, boys/girls and individual competition. Rachel Hancock won! After singing, *"I Can Hardly Wait,"* Cabin #9 boys sang, *"Why Don't you Lift up your Hands and Praise the Lord."*

Brother Myles Hancock did the object lesson using Bible text *Luke 15:8-10, "Either what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find it? And when she hath found it, she calleth her friends and her neighbours together, saying, Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost."* Brother Myles had assistance from one of the boys; however, he was not showing any effort to find the thing that was lost. A lot of people try to get results from God without putting in effort. Unlike the game of Hide & Seek where those playing does not want to be found; Jesus wants to be found. He delights when we find Him and invites Him into our heart! Scriptures from *Romans 8* and the familiar verse *John 3:16* were used to bring out the point of God's divine love and the great lengths He went through to prove His love for all mankind. He gave His only begotten Son for all. We sang, *"I'm Gonna Lift up the Name of Jesus."*



Thursday was also Emoji Day. At lunchtime, the campers wore their favourite emoji and let their outfit do the talking. Youth and adults were encouraged to get creative and wear clothes, props, signs, accessories, or DIY emoji faces! They entered the dining hall showing their emoji feeling. There were lots of smiles everywhere. It was interesting to see all the creativity in this area, and our youngest participant was a three-year-old visitor!

Your emoji shows something about you. We want our lives to show something even more important – who Jesus is. If your life were an emoji today, what would it say about your relationship with Jesus? Finding Jesus changes us on the inside and people can see Him on the outside.

Thursday afternoon Pastor Michael Ivany had a field activity. He instructed the youth to face the trees. The participants lined up and were asked to separate by more than an arm's length, and each put a paper bag over their head. Close your eyes, point to chapel, turn to right, rotate, point to sky, turn left...come back to same position after turning around, right, point to ground, point to chapel. Take off the bag and see if you got it right. They were way off.

Okay, bags on head again! He started speaking. Can you hear me? Can you recognize me? Michael who? Slowly walk to my voice. Jesus said, *"My sheep know my voice!"* It was easier to walk towards the voice for sure. It is like a compass, we were born with a soul, a living soul and we will know Jesus' voice when we pray and read the Bible and follow Him. Find Jesus!



Thursday Evening ~ Talent Night

The musicians were playing, *"Singing Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Praise and Worship to Thy Name"* to a full house, pre-service. Many people came to Youth Camp from multiple towns in the area to show support and enjoy an evening of talent on display,

to the glory of God. Choruses to begin included, *"I'm not Gonna Walk Away,"* as well as our theme chant and theme song. Five girls did recitations.

There was an acknowledgment of special thanks given to Leroy and Leona Burton for generously supplying the snacks to all who attended, at no charge, and it was very much appreciated and enjoyed.

Cabin #10 did a skit on David and Goliath. The song before Pastor George led in prayer was, *"I'm Gonna Pray my Way Out."* We can pray our way out of whatever we're in, according to our faith. We then sang, *"Operator, Information, get me Jesus on the Line,"*



followed by cabin #9 boys singing, *"Let's Just Praise the Lord,"* and cabin #2 girls, *"Great is Thy Faithfulness."* Beautiful singing! Pastor Michael Ivany and Pastor Howard Canning did an impromptu on Jonah, and it was very entertaining to hear them come up with alternating words, on demand. Another chorus, *"Lean Forward, Lean Backward,"* was sung by all before cabin #1 girls sang, *"I Found Jesus"* and cabin #11 boys did, *"Finding Jesus."* There was a musical trio of violins from our Moncton group of Sunday school children, and a Sunday school action chorus, *"Building up the Temple,"* which was requested. The choir, formed by the kitchen helpers selected, *"That's What Jesus Means to Me."* We were then favoured by a Duet from Moncton. Sister Mariah Ajayi and sister Deborah Adekoya sang, *"Without Him."*



Another powerful performance was a skit by our youth, who were holding signs with the words: shame, sin, broken, pride, fear...Jesus is the answer for all these human struggles, that are very real! Songs such as, *"Amazing Grace,"* and *"Just as I Am,"* were played. The song before the closing prayer was, *"Show me the Cross, and I'll Find my Way Home."* Refreshments followed the service in the dining hall. We had so many pastries, cookies, cakes, etc., delivered, compliments of our church ladies that there were goodies for everyone, and it felt like the loaves and fish's parable in the bible! An awesome display of fireworks followed to end a remarkable day!



Friday morning ~ There was the usual hustle and bustle happening as everyone got ready to pack up the gear and head home. Before leaving there was a breakfast prepared by the awesome kitchen ladies, and a recognition ceremony to acknowledge #1 and #2 camper of the week for both boys and girls, and a token of appreciation for all other efforts that were made to make it a successful youth camp. It takes a village, and everyone pulled together to support our youth, promote the gospel, and ensure it was enjoyable camp for one and all!

When you truly seek Jesus, you'll discover that everything you've been searching for can be found in Him. When you're afraid, confused, hurting, tempted, make a mistake, when you feel nobody understands you, when you need peace, hope, strength, direction, lonely and salvation and don't know what to do next, FIND JESUS. Seek Jesus for yourself because when you truly find Jesus, you've found the greatest treasure.

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