



Time and again, the Lord manifested His mighty working power in the lives of His children and believers. The recently concluded Youth Camp and Holy Week Special Meeting held at the Apostolic Faith Church Headquarters in the Philippines proved to be a time of spiritual enrichment. The gathering provided a unique opportunity for at least 299 attendees including 114 youth campers to seek deeper spiritual blessings, strengthen their faith, and pursue spiritual growth.

The Youth Camp began on April 1, with an Evangelistic Service at 7:00 PM. Sister Cristine Gumasing, Group Leader of the AF Parista church spoke about hope and restoration from Isaiah 62:4-5, comparing God's renewing love to a divine marriage and noting that sin can distance people from God. The service ended with a closing song and prayer, encouraging reflection and faith.

Bible Teachings: Purpose, Calling, and Resilience

During the camp, the youth received spiritual encouragement and practical guidance through a series of Bible teachings. Brother Edwin Sanchez, Group Leader of the AF San Leonardo church began with a session entitled "Purpose and Calling," drawing from Jeremiah 29:11 and 2 Timothy 1:9. He emphasized that every believer's calling is rooted in their identity rather than their activities, urging participants to reflect on their unique purpose and role in God's plan. This message inspired the youth to consider how their faith shapes their direction in life.

Pastor Richard Cruz of the Cavite church followed with a teaching on "Pressured to Succeed," referencing Nehemiah 6:1-3. He illustrated how opposition and distractions can threaten the fulfillment of God's work, and reminded the youth to remain steadfast, discerning, and faithful in pursuing their God-given purpose, despite the social pressures and challenges they may encounter. His session encouraged participants to build spiritual resilience and to rely on God's strength as they strive to fulfill His mission in their lives.

Collectively, these teachings offered substantial guidance to young individuals, assisting them in identifying their purpose, cultivating resilience, and enhancing their faith throughout their spiritual journey.

Night of Praise and Worship

On April 2 at 7:00 PM, the congregation assembled outside the tabernacle for an uplifting Night of Praise and Worship. The youth, representing various churches, took turns leading each song. After every song, a participant shared a brief reflection and testimony about how specific lyrics resonated with their personal journey and faith. These shared stories and musical moments inspired many to surrender their burdens, renew their faith, and deepen their connection with God. The evening was capped with the song, "Bow the Knee," which brought the program to a heartfelt conclusion.

Trust Walk: Learning to Rely on God

On April 3, the youth camp hosted a Trust Walk, where blindfolded participants navigated obstacles on church grounds using a rope. The activity highlighted trusting God amid uncertainty, supported by encouragement from peers. It ended with prayer at the altar, leaving everyone with renewed faith and a stronger spiritual connection.

The youth camp concluded with a meaningful program led by Sister Cristine. After opening songs and a prayer, Pastor Fernan Fiegalan, District Superintendent, spoke on Proverbs 3:5–6, emphasizing trust in the Lord and sharing His Word. The young people and everyone in attendance were encouraged to apply what they learned, serve as examples of faith, guide others spiritually, and stay strong in God's grace until His return.

Holy Week Special Meeting

Immediately following the Youth Camp, participants gathered for the Holy Week Special Meeting. This event was designed to deepen spiritual reflection and commitment as the congregation transitioned from the camp's activities into the solemn observance of Holy Week.

Seven Last Words Service

The Holy Week Special Meeting began with the Seven Last Words service at 2:00 in the afternoon. This gathering centered on the profound meaning of Jesus' Seven Last Words spoken while on the cross. Each word guided the congregation in reflecting on essential themes: forgiveness, the promise of paradise, love and provision, spiritual anguish, the thirst for sinners' surrender, completion of atonement, and ultimate surrender to the Heavenly Father. Through these themes, attendees were encouraged to engage in deep contemplation regarding Christ's sacrifice, prompting them to examine their own lives, repent from sin, pursue God's will, and prepare their hearts for deeper spiritual experiences.

Friday Evening Service: Observing the Lord's Supper and Foot Washing

The Friday evening service featured the observance of the ordinances of the Lord's Supper and Foot Washing in remembrance of Jesus. Pastor Carlito Valdez of Bagong Sikat church emphasized the significance of partaking in the Lord's Supper, citing I Corinthians 11:23-31, and encouraged the congregation to examine themselves and reflect on Christ's sacrifice as they received the bread and grape juice symbolizing His body and blood. Following this, Pastor Josefino Aban of Bacnotan church delivered a message from John 13:1-17 on Jesus' humility in washing His disciples' feet, urging everyone to serve

one another. The congregation actively participated, humbling themselves in the foot washing, embodying the love, service, and humility that Jesus taught.

Saturday Morning Water Baptism Service



On Saturday morning, a meaningful water baptism service was held for 18 brethren who publicly declared their faith in Christ. Led by Pastor Miguel Carganilla of Tabulac church, the service celebrated their commitment, marking a significant milestone in their spiritual journey and serving as a powerful testimony of lives transformed through faith.

During the general assembly on Black Saturday, Pastor Fernan emphasized “Building and Sustaining God’s Temple,” reminding the congregation that the church is a spiritual body and each member a living stone offering holy sacrifices. The assembly provided updates on church operations, financial reports, ministry activities, and directives from the Superintendent General, fostering transparency, unity, and accountability. It concluded with Pastor Imelda Lucero of AF Ambatali church, presenting a detailed financial report, ensuring the congregation was well-informed about the church’s stewardship and ongoing initiatives.

In the afternoon, the “*Larong Pinoy*” segment brought everyone together in fun and fellowship, showcasing traditional Filipino games that encouraged teamwork and friendly competition.

Sunday Sunrise Service: Celebrating the Resurrection

The congregation gathered at 5:00 in the morning for a blessed sunrise service, marking the celebration of Jesus’ resurrection. The service was filled with uplifting music that elevated spirits, scripture reading from Mark 16:1-8 that recounted the discovery of the empty tomb, and inspiring performances that reminded everyone of the hope and victory found in Christ’s resurrection. Pastor Fernan delivered a powerful and heartfelt message centered on Christ’s triumph over death, emphasizing the extraordinary significance of Easter Sunday. The presence of God was felt throughout the sanctuary, moving many attendees to approach the altar in response, where they received the grace of salvation, sanctification, and the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Closing Program: Celebrating Fellowship and Faith

The closing program commenced with exuberant singing, filling the atmosphere with joy and gratitude. A video presentation showcased the camp's memorable highlights, allowing participants to relive the special moments experienced throughout the event. Recognition was given to all who contributed to the camp's success, with acknowledgment of the Children Sunday School ministry through awards, and certificates presented to those who were water baptized as a mark of their spiritual commitment.

Another cherished moment was the communal singing of the "SMILE" song. As voices blended in harmony, participants experienced a unique sense of fellowship and mutual encouragement.

Unity and Lasting Lessons

The shared experiences of unity and enjoyment during the camp served as powerful reminders for everyone to continue embracing their faith and the lessons learned. As the event ended, participants were encouraged to carry these meaningful moments with them, sustaining their spiritual journey and sense of togetherness well beyond the camp's conclusion.

Indeed, the camp was a remarkable success, with many hearts surrendered to God and souls receiving spiritual gifts such as Salvation, Sanctification, and the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Through worship, reflective services, meaningful ordinances, and communal celebrations, attendees were deeply touched, renewed in their spiritual commitments, and inspired to live fully devoted to Christ, going home overflowing with blessings, joy, and a strengthened walk with the Lord.

The Youth Camp & Holy Week Special Meeting proved to be a truly uplifting and transformative experience for all involved. By focusing on spiritual renewal and uplifting, the week became a memorable milestone in each participant's walk with God. *Gloria sa Kanya!*

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