

EQUIPPED: Born to Lead

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On a warm afternoon of August 27, 2016, Pastor Hinhon "Jiffy" Pallones started his introduction on our seminar about the leadership of young people. The seminar is entitled "Born to Lead" with the theme "Heart of a Leader" held at Upon This Rock Fundamental Baptist Church.

Association of Ambassadors for Christ (AAFC) is an organization branch of Samahan ng Iglesia Baptista Fundamental sa Katagaugan (SIBFK) intended for young people. Pastor Jiffy is the AAFC Adviser while kuya Kazayoshi Sanada is the AAFC President who also participated and supported the said seminar. By God's grace, we have 24 attendees who are willing to learn more about leadership that would be taught by the AAFC Adviser.

Pastor Jiffy encouraged everyone to understand the principles of a leader, he said that leaders today were born and bound to lead. He stated that the head on our home church must have a heart of a true leader. According to him, leaders are important for it is a biblical idea. We see that leadership is indeed God's idea. God is the ultimate leader but He also called us to lead as well. Some leaders lost their way towards to God that's why they are not capable of leading. Some reasons are their ineffectiveness, and the lack of unity and influence in their leadership. We, as leaders should not be influenced by the world but we must be influencing the world with God as our foundation. The heart of a leader should have the following: 1) A great purpose in life. 2) By God's Grace, willing to remove any hindrance

from his life in leading. 3) Placed himself absolutely at God's will. 4) Learned how to prevail in prayer. 5) Vital, life-changing for the lost. 6) Faith that expects positive results. And lastly, 7) Lives under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. As a leader, we should know our purpose, because without knowing it, your leadership is only by mouth and not by heart. It was indeed a great message and reminder for each one of us.

Afterwards, we shared a delicious carbonara and quenched our thirst with a gulaman drink that were prepared by our loving and caring womisso in URFBC. Thanks to them for we are not only blessed by eating the word of God, but also our physical bodies were full that day.

At the end of the program, we are recognized by the Biñan Faith Christian Church, the founder of "EQUIPPED: Born to Lead" Seminar through giving us a certificate of participation of their program, and as the first church that they have laid their knowledge to.

God placed leaders to build unity in every decision of an organization. We, as Spiritual leaders must have a heart of a true leader and be an example for our fellow young people because we are called to follow God's command; we have the privilege to lead them in every aspect of their lives. But we must enable God first to lead in our life so then we will fulfill what His command of leading others in Godly perspective.



Celebrating August Birthdays!
JOHN XARIS MALONG

Happy Birthday!

Life is God's precious gift, so we rejoice when co-YPs celebrate their birthdays. Last August 14, after the morning worship service of the church, the YP gladly acknowledged this month's celebrants these celebrants—Elijah (Aug. 4), Ptr. Christian (Aug. 12), Angelo (Aug. 14), Renz (Aug. 25), and Jeremiah (Aug. 28).

In this event, there was a game that cheered up the YP – a kind of charade. We had to guess what the memory verse was only by actions. Also, some chosen representatives described the celebrant as to how they see them.

May God continue to bless them through many years! "For through wisdom your days will be many, and years will be added to your life." (Proverbs 9:11)

Herald Chamber Orchestra

JAHN RACHEL MALONG

Our gracious Lord still uses the Herald Chamber Orchestra (HCO) for His glory through those events like church anniversaries, weddings, regular services, prayer meetings, birthdays, or even funeral services.

Last August 21, the Orchestra was invited to join the anniversary celebration of the Villagers Baptist Church in San Pedro, Laguna. Twenty-one HCO members went to play for the congregational singing. Four other URFBC members also attended. Everyone was blessed in the undeniable truth of God's loving faithfulness to His children.

The Orchestra also recently played for the funeral services at the Malayang's and Latac's residences.

God has still been blessing Upon This Rock Fundamental Baptist Church by providing instruments for the orchestra. It is a fact that God Himself will give you showers of blessings when you are faithful and willing to be His instrument. Serve God while you are young, even when you get old. Spend your time in the ministry to bring back all the glory and honor that belong to Him alone. He is worthy to be praised and worshiped. It is not too late to be used by God, so be useful for Him!

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HISTORY in Me: "SA KANYA PA RIN"

CHELLEY MAE MANZANO

It's December 7, 2014 when I declared that I accepted God as my personal Savior. This claim really made a huge impact on me, on my life. I changed. I stopped cursing and doing most of my bad habits. It really made me feel so better. Knowing that there is a perfect, holy God who's loving me perfectly and unconditionally and sacrificially.

But despite this, there came a time when I lessened or just completely stopped attending church. During this time, I started doing my old, bad habits once again. But the Lord, my Savior, had not neglected me. Rather, He made a way for me to go back and lean on Him once again. He brought me into a cir-

cumstance that made me feel so unloved and hurt, making me realize that God is the only way to heal me mentally, emotionally and spiritually. And that made me choose and follow Him once again. And at that time, I knew to myself, that I will completely surrender my whole life to Him. Until now, I'm still serving Him happily and whole-heartedly. It's not because of my personal decision to follow Him that made me have this kind of life, a kind of life that would be ideal to anyone if only surrendered to Jesus. It's all because of the feelings, courage, wisdom, hope, chance and love He Himself gave me that made me decide to follow and love Him. **IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF HIM!!**

Starting the Day Right!

DINAH KEZIA SARIGA

Certainly, the best way to start the day is starting it with prayer! The URFBC Young People hosted the monthly Dawn Watch Prayer Meeting for the month of August. An action song was sang to awaken everyone who attended the prayer meeting. Everyone was reminded through the short devotion delivered by Bro. JV Didiquin.

Six stations were placed in different sites inside the chapel for the prayer time. The first set consists of prayer items regarding the church, the second set of prayer items are for Upon this Rock Christian Academy, and the third station contains prayer items concerning our government. While stations four and five

are the prayer requests of the young people. After roaming around the stations and praying for the prayer items, the prayer warrior can claim his souvenir bookmark which has a great reminder in it, "Have you prayed today?" Afterwards, everyone gathered to eat breakfast together. During breakfast, everyone enjoyed the prepared food while having fellowship with each other. Indeed, it is great to start the day praying especially with your brothers and sisters in Christ!

Prayer Corner

During our prayer time each day, sometimes we may forget all that we need to pray. By simply having a prayer list, we are able to remind ourselves what and who we need to include in our prayers and have a time with God.

Please continue to pray for the Young People, our ministries and activities for the month of September.

ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

- Prayer Hour
- Youth and Young Adult's fellowship
- Joint Evangelism with South Mission Christian Church
- Activity Fellowship
- Men's and Ladies' Fellowship
- Classroom Fellowship

GENERAL PRAYER REQUESTS

- YP Leaders (Advisers, Officers, Ministry Heads & Committees)
- Ministries: Fellowship, Prayer, Discipleship, Evangelism, Visitation, Outreach (*Carmona, GMA, LRT*) School (Youth Hour & Class Fellowships), Communication (Newsletter & Social Media accounts), Music (Choir, Herald Chamber Orchestra & Tutorials) & other ministries
- The upcoming release of YP's Constitution at Bylaws
- Spiritual Growth and Growth in numbers
- Spiritual Warfare
- Good health, safety, provision
- Unsaved loved ones
- Inactive Young People
- Sick brethren
- Studies/Work (Wisdom & Knowledge)
- Priorities & Obligations

First Prayer Hour

NOEMI UMENGAN

It is indeed a privilege to pray to God without escaping the fear of being persecuted as what the prophets and disciples of God experienced before. URFBC young people have planned to have a prayer time every first Sunday of the month starting the month of August. August 7, 2016 was the first settled day of prayer time. Bro. Julius Manila shared to us the importance of having a quiet time with God especially before we start to minister and to serve for the Lord.

At the end of our activity, before the morning worship service, everyone prayed for the young people and their personal prayer requests and also mentioned the general prayer items of YP and the church. At the last part of the program, Bro. Julius left us the question "Have you prayed for it as much as you've talked about it?"

Youth Hour

AALIYAH VERA RAYA

The second URCA High School Youth Hour, with a catchy theme, "Bad Romance," happened on the 30th day of August. This fellowship helped the students to be reminded to have a relationship with God first before anyone else. The number of attendees was encouraging, 91 persons, including an invited guest, Ms. Jennifer Ferrando, a URCA alumna.

The program started with introduction of the event's topic then singing of song. The school committee prepared a game, which made the students feel livelier. The most awaited part of the fellowship, the message, was delivered by the YP president, Julius Andrew Manila. The

message focused on the three kinds of wrong relationship—the Early, Hidden and Unbeliever relationships. He made them remember that it is good to have an intimate relationship with God first. The students were enthusiastic about the topic and they even asked questions after. After that, they were led to a prayer of accepting Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

Knowledge was imparted to the participants about the right and the bad romance. We do pray that it will all be realized in their lives. Everyone was blessed and happy, learning something from the successful Youth Hour.

