

YF Report for the year 2009

Motto: "TO KNOW CHRIST AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN"

The foundation and focus of our YF is Christ. With this in mind, the theme of YF 2009 was "Not I, But Christ." It was taken from Galatians 2:20: *"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."* The theme and verse were to direct our hearts and minds to live a life not based on self-will, but wholly dependent on Christ. To be *"crucified with Christ"* is to be identified with Christ and to be away from all sins in our hearts, by the grace of God.

Our YF objectives for 2009 were:

1. To die to self and to live with Christ in us.
2. To live a godly life in view of Christ's second coming.
3. To encourage one another and to persuade others in the faith.

The first and second objectives touch on the relationship the individual YFer has with the Lord, while the third directs the youth to reach out to both believers and unbelievers. All these objectives were to aid the YF to know Christ and to make Him known. However, these objectives are not to be done away with at the end of 2009. Instead, we must constantly seek to put away self, to live in view of Christ's second coming and draw others to do likewise.

With Christ as the focus of the YF, the best and most needful activity is the preaching and study of God's Word. We thank God for all the speakers who ministered to us in 2009. The topics covered and the respective speakers in 2009 are as follows:

1. Bible Study on "Galatians" by Rev (Dr) P. Koshy
2. "Attributes of God" by Pr Lek Aik Wee
3. Book Study on "Revelation" by Rev (Dr) Jeffery Khoo and Rev (Dr) Quek Suan Yew
4. Exhortations from "2 Corinthians" by Bro Dennis Kabingue (who was also the speaker for our first YF Gospel Rally in May)
5. Pastor Dennis Kwok ministered to us during our 3rd Anniversary on the topic "Youth Ministry in Truth BP Church."
6. Bro Joshua Yong spoke to us on "Biblical Friendship" and "Make Me A Blessing."

7. Bro Joseph Poon on “What is Quiet Time to Me?” and “Is My Life Worth the Living?” (our second gospel rally)

It is by the grace of God that these preachers were able to feed us God's Word.

In addition, the YF had spent time in the learning and memorization of God's truth through the Westminster Shorter Catechism's questions and answers. This spiritual exercise was conducted with the purpose of enabling youths to “give an answer to every man that asketh a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.”

In the middle of 2009 we also had a time of reflection as a Fellowship, during both the Leaders' and YF Retreats. Thank God for the opportunity to look back on how our walk with God has been. This exercise of reflection and coming before the Lord should not only take place every six months, but may it be a daily activity during our quiet time. As we reflect and come before the Lord may we say like the Psalmist, *“Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in they sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer”* (Ps 19:14).

As the YF sought to study and know more about God, serving Him was the next step. One area of service is the chairing of YF meetings. Each YF meeting would be chaired by a group. The purpose of having different groups to chair the YF meetings was to enable the YFers to serve together and to learn how to serve God through chairing. Another area of service is the giving of love gifts and offerings by YFers in support of God's work. Apart from our weekly meetings, we also have combined meetings with Tengah YF and Truth YAF. These gave our youths more opportunity to serve and fellowship with other Christians. Praise God also for enabling the YF to contribute Sunday refreshments to our church on four Lord's Days. This was one way the YF could be a blessing to our church. And the time we had serving together in the church kitchen preparing the refreshments was truly memorable times.

Thank God for a committed and faithful Exco, who devotedly met each month to discuss and seek God's will for the YF. By God's mercy and grace, the Exco was able to serve God with one mind, without strife or murmuring. Thank God for Dn Tan Swee Tiong and Sis Lye Chan who were our Advisor and Counselor respectively. The oversight provided by them continues to be very valuable in guiding and challenging the Exco to improve in God's work.

The YF is not only made up of the leaders, but more significantly the members and friends. Thank God for every soul that the Lord brings to this fellowship. There are YFers who have been consistent in their attendance, coming every week and serving faithfully. There are others who are struggling in their spiritual walk. Nonetheless, we all need the Word of God and mutual encouragement on this pilgrim journey on earth.

Praise God for sustaining our YF through 2009. May the Lord be pleased to uphold our pledge to seek Him in His Word, prayer and service. Though one may not know the exact path that God would have us take, yet His Word is clear: *"But it is good to be zealously affected always in a good thing..."* (Gal 4:18). May we continue to love and serve the Lord, according to His Word. God bless!

"Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fullness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore." (Ps 16:11)