

Third Combined Youth Conference
21 to 23 June 2007

Chee Chang Foo writes:

The Third Combined Youth Conference came to a close on 23 June 2007 (Saturday), after a fruitful and blessed three days during which about 70 youths from 5 different B-P churches gathered in Calvary Pandan BPC to consider the theme: "Tongue-tied? Don't be caught speechless when your faith is under fire." Our Conference theme verse was: 1 Peter 3:15: "*But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.*"

The idea of a combined youth conference was birthed more than 3 years ago. The main objectives of such a conference included getting youths from the different churches not only to learn God's Word together, but also to come together in the spirit of fellowship. These objectives were certainly met in this year's conference, with the faithful exposition of God's Word through His servants Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew, Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo and Preacher Dennis Kabingue. This year's Conference also saw a record turnout as compared to the previous two years.

As can be gathered from the theme, this year's Conference aimed to equip our youths with the ability and knowledge to defend the Word of God, especially in this age of unbelief and spiritual compromise. In the course of attaining this goal, the three speakers covered the history as well as the distinctives of various Christian denominations and other schools of thoughts concerning God and religion, and why they are flawed. The list includes the Presbyterians, the Anglicans, the Baptists, the Methodists, the Roman Catholics, the Third Wave Movement as well as the philosophical school of thought. For many of the youths, this was the first time that they have studied these groups in such an in-depth manner. Coupled with the clarity and authority in which the speakers delivered the messages, the youths were certainly blessed in the knowledge of God and His truth.

Aside from spiritual feeding, the youths also got to interact with one another through group discussions, games, at meal times as well as at dorm fellowships. As the Conference progressed, it became rather obvious that new bonds were being built and existing ones strengthened. Many of the youths agreed that creating bonds among like-minded brethren is extremely important, as it is always encouraging to see so many others of the same biblical persuasion contending for the faith.

In closing, please do continue to uphold this ministry of God in your prayers that the Youth Conference will continue to be a blessing to our youths across Singapore.

Testimonies by Conference participants:

Brandon: The Conference has blessed me as I made lots of new friends and learn more from God's Word. Most of the people there are from different churches and I do not know them at first. During the Conference, they extended their help & introduced themselves to me, allowing me to know them better. The messages allowed me to know more about other denominations and allowed me to be more confident in evangelism. I thank God for the opportunity to attend this Conference which went smoothly.

Candice: I thank God for the pointers learnt from the messages about the different denominations and pray that I might be able to stand for my faith when the time comes. Thank God for the fellowship. May we be able to keep provoking one another to good works and to edify one another always.

Lisa: Praise the Lord for comfortable & sweet fellowship. And for the spiritual buffet! *yummy*!

Elena: Thank God for this blessed YConf & the sweet f'ship He provided.

Zheqian: Thank God for the very systematic messages about the different Christian denominations. The fellowship was great too. I got to know many new faces. Once again, thank God for this Conference. I look forward to next year's Conference.

Tim: Once more we are fed and equipped! So, brethren, let us press on for Christ counts everything but loss. To the mark press on, for the prize, t'is the glorious call of Christ.

Yirong: Thank God for His Word & His people! It's great to mix around with younger brethren. Pray that the LORD will enable me to come for next year's conference.

Joshua: What a gathering! "Behold, how good & how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" Based on the Truth of God's Word & in Love. God's Word is Truth. Truth was taught. To God be the Glory!

Daniel: Thanks for organizing this Youth Conference. It is truly a blessing. All the messages were a refreshment course for me. Continue to strive on for Christ! The end is near. Stay close to God and may His Word be our sole yardstick of our Christian lives in perilous times!

Boon Siang: I thank God for His faithfulness in sustaining & preserving every camper through these 3 days & 2 nights. Really encouraged to see everyone so willing to help out in one way or another when the needs arise.

Indeed, serving in the Lord's Army is so much more enjoyable. All praise to our glorious God!

Huilin: I thank God for the messages heard and the lessons I have learnt from them. I truly gained a deeper understanding of the various denominations. Thank God for that.

Xiaowei: Thank God for showing me how much of His Word I still don't understand/know. May God help me as I desire to study His Word more. Thank God for the fellowship with like-minded brethren. Also for the physical rest which I got through this Conference.

Karen: I thank and praise God for His goodness and His many blessings on me through lessons learnt from the messages, video-show, morning devotions and through brothers and sisters-in-Christ. God has blessed me through each and every one of you. God is good!

Michelle: I thank God for warm fellowship among the brethren from the BP churches, a chance to make many more friends and definitely a good spiritual feast from all the messages. Thank God too for Pr Dennis Kablingue who painstakingly collated the sets of notes for us (on the Third Wave and the Philosophical School). The notes will come in handy for us in the future. All glory be unto God!

Elliot: More! More! (seriously...)

Chu Huey: I thank God for giving me the opportunity to serve in the organizing committee. Thank God for the messages on the Christian denominations. Pray that we will be able to apply in their daily lives.

Others:

-- Thank God for the messages, the fellowship & the sharing; I feel it has been a very fruitful time.

-- Thank God for the opportunity to be able to come. It has been fruitful and I learnt what the other denominations are doing.

-- Blessed Food (spiritual), Blessed F'ship! See you all at YConf 2008!

-- Fellowship, friends and fun, what more can you ask for?

-- Thank God for the blessed time during this Conference, learnt much from the messages and having fellowship with fellow BP-ers.

-- Thank God for messages and also for being able to come for camp.

-- Because of the Word of God, we are here with one common cause. Without the Word of God, there's no reason for this CYC to exist. Pray that the next year's Conference will also continue on this reason.



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