

# From College Students To Grade-Schoolers

*Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.*

- 1 Timothy 4:12

This August, the young people from NCF, from college students to grade-schoolers – and even kids! – were given the chance to take the lead for two Anniversary Sundays.

## Youth Sunday

The second Sunday was handled by *Clayhouse*, NCF's Youth Ministry, whose members were clad in blue for the special day.

"It's in these simple acts of obedience that we can show the meaning of discipleship in the youth," said Pastor Kirby Figueras, who heads *Clayhouse*. He interacted heavily with the listeners in his preaching, linking the youth service to the necessity of discipleship.



Meanwhile, 15-year-old Josiah Jude Nueva stepped up from bassist to worshipleader as he opened the celebration with praise and worship. Jay-Jay, as he is fondly called, has been attending Sunday school since two years old, and has *literally* grown up in NCF, their family being the faithful "homemakers" of the worship sanctuary.

"At this young age, I know God is the One leading in my life," he said two years ago, as he was being engaged into the Music Ministry.

## Children's Sunday

The following Sunday was handled by the Children's Ministry – the first time ever in NCF's history.

Surprise filled with joy and laughter welcomed the kids' entrance. The children were wearing red capes for the superhero-themed praise-and-worship service.

Among the kiddie songleaders were Matthew and Luke Baldonado, IC Dantes, Caleb Figueras, Jed Gocatek, Edison and Charmaine Valdez, Althea Mansueto, Vashti Nueva, and Shenarlyn Landingin.



A brownout struck the morning service just as the kids were about to start; Brother Justy Guzman, guitar in hand, led the congregation, with the classic Tagalog praise-and-worship songs.

NCF never lost heart and was praying hard. God's grace shortly brought power back on, letting the kids do their thing.

"We hope that we will not merely sit down and watch the kids; we pray that we adults will be led to stand up and praise the Lord at the sight of these inspiring children," said Gigi Dantes, who directed the efforts for almost two months before this Sunday.

The candidness of the kids brought a different worship atmosphere. It brought smiles on everybody, not just to those who were related to the entire cast of 23. Afterwards a special song number was rendered by Danica Puncia, herself a young disciple from the camp last summer.

The same kids who led the congregation with songs of praise also demonstrated what they learned from the Bible through Sunday school through this year's Kiddie Bible Quiz Bee, spearheaded by Sis. Dang Baldonado.

Indeed, in line with God's Word, the young people of NCF have set an example for the congregation, "*in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.*"