

# VOICE OF THE VISION

Christians are to be self-controlled, sober, hopeful, obedient, and mentally prepared to serve the Lord and fulfill His calling in them.



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## Christian Duties

### 1 Peter 1:13-16 (NKJV)

<sup>13</sup>Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; <sup>14</sup>as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; <sup>15</sup>but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, <sup>16</sup>because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."

#### A. Mentally Ready to Serve God (v. 13a)

Prepare your minds for actions. In old times, the concept of girding up is referred to the gathering up of one's robe. They tighten up a cord or tie up a rope in preparation for an action like running or any action that gives them more freedom to move unlike when the robe is on the way.

Peter applies this process to the mind metaphorically—that the way a person thinks is especially important in serving God. It is also through our minds that often kept us from fulfilling our calling in Christ.

### Matthew 5:22

But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the

judgment. And whoever says to his brother, 'Raca!' shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be in danger of hell fire.

### Matthew 5:28

But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

What are some thoughts that hinder us from fulfilling our calling?

#### 1. Anxieties and worries

### Proverbs 12:25a

Anxiety in the heart of man causes depression.

### Matthew 13:22

Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful.

#### 2. Condemning thoughts

### Romans 8:1

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh,

but according to the Spirit.

#### 3. Comparison with others

### 1 Corinthians 12:15-16

<sup>15</sup>If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body," is it therefore not of the body? <sup>16</sup>And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I am not of the body," is it therefore not of the body?

### 2 Corinthians 10:12

For we dare not class ourselves or compare ourselves with those who commend themselves. But they, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.

#### 4. Fear of man (worrying about what others think)

### Proverbs 29:25a

The fear of man brings a snare.

We must no longer conform to this world's mindset but be renewed/transformed to the biblical mindset.

### Romans 12:2a

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

There is safety in multitude of counselors.

### Proverbs 24:6b

And in a multitude of counselors there is safety.

And don't forget...

### Philippians 4:8-9

<sup>8</sup>Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things. <sup>9</sup>The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

#### B. Sober and Disciplined (v. 13b)

To be sober means to be free from any intoxicants. The Devil uses schemes to allure us from the truth.

### Luke 15:17

"But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!'"

There are many Christians who are not spiritually sober. They are still intoxicated with the things of this world.



# MINISTRY UPDATE



## Kalaguang kahanga-hanga

**B**awat linggo na nagsusumikap ang Kaniyang lingkod na si Punong Pastor Rev. Dr. William Sy at ang mga boluntaryo ay kaakibat ang pagsama ng Diyos upang mas mapalawak pa ang paggamit sa Kaniyang ministeryo sa Mt. Tabor Church Re-Creation Center.

Ang cabin na kanilang itinatayo ay kasalukuyan nang ginagawan ng pangatlong palapag. Mayroon na rin itong poste at bakal para sa paglalagyan ng bubong nito. Kasabay nito ay ang pagpapakinis ng pader sa una at pangalawang palapag para sa nalalapit na pagtatapos ng gusali. Ginawan din ng mas matibay na bakod ang Mahogany Lane upang mas mapagtibay pa ang harang.

Sa mga susunod na linggo ay aabangan pa ang ilang mga kaganapan na magpapakita ng mga pagbabago sa Mt. Tabor.



Tulong-tulong ang kalalakihan sa pagsesemento ng bakod sa Mahogany Lane na magsisisilbing harang nito.

## Pagtuklas sa Kaniyang kabutihan

**A**ng pagkilala sa Panginoon sa murang edad ay isang anapakahalagang bagay na magsisilbing pundasyon ng kanilang pananampalataya na kanilang madadala sa paglaki.

Kasabay ng paniniwalang ito ay muling pagsisimula ng UCF Sunday School noong nakaraang Linggo, Marso 26, na pinangunahan ni Children's Fellowship Coordinator Sis. Merryll Lhorvin Santos. Dito ay tinitipon ang mga bata upang magsagawa ng mga aktibidad na makakatulong sa kanilang pagkilala sa ating Diyos na buhay. Ang gawain ay nakatakda ring buksan para sa mga mag-aaral ng UCA.

Nakasaad sa Lucas 18:16-17, <sup>16</sup>Ngunit tinawag ni Hesus ang mga bata at sinabi, 'Hayaan ninyong lumapit sa Akin ang mga bata. Huwag ninyo silang pagbawalan sapagkat para sa mga katulad nila ang kaharian ng Diyos. <sup>17</sup>Tandaan ninyo: ang sinumang hindi tumatanggap sa kaharian ng Diyos, gaya ng pagtanggap ng isang bata ay hindi makakapasok doon.'

Salamat sa Diyos para sa ministeryong ito!



Ang mga bata ay masayang nagkukulay kasama ang manggagawa ng Sunday School at kanilang mga magulang.

Hebrew 4:16  
(NKJV)

Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.





**A**ng buhay ng isang Kristiyanong sumusunod sa Panginoon ay hindi lamang natatapos sa kaniyang pagtanggap kay Hesu Kristo bilang kaniyang personal na Panginoon at Tagapagligtas bagkus ay may kaakibat din itong pagganap sa Kaniyang gawain.

Upang higit na maunawaan ng mga miyembro, higit lalo ng mga bagong nakatanggap sa Panginoon, ang kanilang susunod na hakbang sa pagsunod sa kalooban ng Diyos, ang UCF ay nagsagawa ng *Ministry Involvement Seminar* noong Marso 26, Linggo. Ito ay pinangunahan ni Rev. Dr. James Sy kung saan ay binigyang diin niya na matapos natin tumugon sa tawag ng kaligtasan ng Diyos, kasunod nito ay ang pagtugon ng bawat isa sa tawag ng paglilingkod. Ang buhay ng isang Kristiyano ay lalong nagiging makabuluhan kung ito ay ating ibibigay sa Diyos upang tayo ay magamit Niya sa Kaniyang ministeryo. Sa desisyong ipagamit ang buhay at angking talento at kakayahan sa Kaniya, ang bawat isa ay nagiging kabahagi ng katawan ni Kristo sa pamamagitan ng UCF. At ang bawat bahagi ng katawang iyon ay mahalaga para sa epektibong pagganap sa gawain ng Panginoon.

Tayo ay maging kabahagi ng katawan ni Kristo at ating ialay sa Kaniya ang ating buhay upang maging kagamit-gamit sa Kaniyang kaharian. Sa mga nais na makiisa at magamit sa anumang departamento ng panambahan, maaari kayong lumapit sa *ministry leader* ng kada departamento para sa iba pang detalye. At sama-sama tayong magpagamit sa Diyos!

## NARITO ANG MGA DEPARTAMENTO SA UCF NA MAAARING KABILANGAN NG BAWAT NAGNANAIS MAGPAGAMIT SA DIYOS.



### DANCERS

Ministry Leader: Sis. Joan Sy



### CHOIR

Ministry Leader: Sis. Angelica Oafallas



### BAND

Ministry Leader: Bro. John Cyr Castro



### KITCHEN MINISTRY

Ministry Leader: Sis. Cristina Iniego



### USHERS

Ministry Leader: Sis. Karen Mohammad



### MULTIMEDIA

Ministry Leaders: Rev. Ryan Christian Tabay and Sis. Sushmita Murillo (Voice of the Vision)

<sup>14</sup>Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. <sup>15</sup>And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

1 John 5:14-15  
(NKJV)



# PAGSUNOD SA TAWAG NG DIYOS



Ang UCF ay naghahanda na sa mas malaking pagamit ng Panginoon sa bawat anak Niyang nais maglingkod sa Kaniya. Nitong nakaraang Linggo, Marso 26, nagkaroon ng *Components of Church Seminar* para sa mga miyembro ng panambahan na nagnanais makiisa sa ipinapagawa ng Panginoon sa Kaniyang tapat na lingkod na si Punong Pastor Rev. Dr. William Sy.

Sa pangunguna ni Rev. Dr. Sy, ibinahagi niya ang mga mahahalagang gawaing kinakailangan sa pagbuo ng isang matatag na panambahan na siya ring pamantayan ng UCF. Ang limang mahahalagang bagay na tinalakay sa gawain ay ang *evangelism, discipleship, fellowship, ministry at worship*. Dito ay binigyang pansin ni Rev. Dr. Sy ang importansya ng nasabing mga gawain dahil ito ang makatutulong upang maibayon ng mga manggagawa ang kanilang buhay sa kalooban ng Diyos. Nakatulong din ang nasabing *seminar* upang maipaalam sa mga miyembro ang kahalagahan ng mga gawaing mayroon ang UCF at upang sila rin ay maging kabahagi sa katawan ng Panginoon na may iba't ibang paggamit.

Kung tayo ay nakatanggap na sa Panginoon at nais nating magbalik-sulit sa kabutihan ng Diyos sa ating buhay, hinihikayat ang lahat na makibahagi sa iba't ibang gawain ng UCF.



Buong pusong ipinaunawa ni Rev. Dr. Sy ang mga mahahalagang bagay patungkol sa panambahan sa lahat ng dumalo. Nagsilbi itong paalala sa bawat isa upang lalong magbuti sa paglilingkod.

## PAANYAYA

### Patuloy nating kilalanin ang Diyos na buhay!

Kapana-panabik ang mga bagong gawain ng panambahan na lalong aabot sa mga taong naghahanap sa Panginoon at mapaigting ang kanilang pang-unawa sa Salita ng Diyos tulad ng *Midweek Service* at *fellowship group gathering*. Naglalayon ang mga ito na mas palalimin ang samahan ng kapatiran at mas maunawaan ang kahalagahan ng pagsunod sa Panginoon. Mula sa grupo ng kabataan hanggang sa mga nakatatanda ay angkop ang gawaing ito na papasinayaan ni Punong Pastor Rev. Dr. William Sy.

Sama-sama tayong makiisa sa gawaing ito at imbitahan ang mga taong naghahanap din sa Diyos at nagnanais na masumpungan ang Kaniyang wagas na pag-ibig. Magkita-kita tayo sa darating na ikalawang linggo ng Abril at mainit nating tanggapin ang mensahe ng Diyos na makapangyarihan sa ating buhay.

**TUESDAY - 7:00 PM**  
Young Professionals and Singles

**WEDNESDAY - 7:00 PM**  
Ladies and Men

**THURSDAY - 7:00 PM**  
UCF Midweek Service

**FRIDAY - 7:00 PM**  
Youth

Ephesians 6:17-18  
(NKJV)

<sup>17</sup>And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; <sup>18</sup>praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints.



## Sunday Worship Service HIGHLIGHTS

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Ang paglilingkod sa Diyos ay pagbibigay ng buhay, oras at resources. Diyan mo nakukuha ang peace of God.

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When you stand in the Lord, you have peace in God. And when the peace of God is upon you, the Lord will always provide.

“

We have to prepare because God might come anytime.

“

Hindi kung paano natin gagamitin ang Panginoon bagkus ay paano tayo magpapagamit sa Panginoon. Hindi baleng maliit o malaki basta ay may paggamit mula sa Diyos.

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Peace comes from the heart of a person who knows God.

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Let us focus on the thoughts that will shape our behavior. Why? It is because what we think is what we become. What we do is what we think.



## UPCOMING 2023 PROGRAMS

APR  
8 & 9

### FAMILY GETAWAY

Coordinator:  
Sis. Karen Mohammad  
Registration Fee: PHP 1,500  
(inclusive of food,  
bonfire package,  
and accommodation)



OCT  
6

### PASTORS' APPRECIATION DAY

Coordinator:  
Sis. Nerissa Estrellado



DEC  
17

### CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Coordinator:  
Sis. Liezle Ala



### UCF TRIVIA

UCFTV had its roots when Rev. Dr. William Sy was involved in the media during the late 1980s as a reporter, broadcaster, and producer of mainstream radio programs, sharing the Word of God. Now, the mission to provide various evangelistic opportunities continues as UCFTV ventures to online broadcast, newsletter publications, and creative productions.

## WHY READ THE BOOK OF GALATIANS?



In the Book of Galatians, Paul explains the relationship with God that is built through faith in Christ Jesus. Paul emphasizes that through Jesus' death, people are justified (Galatians 2:16). They are now adopted as children of God. Whether people have differences, they are all one in Christ Jesus. And as children of the Father, they were given

His Spirit so that they may be empowered to do good works.

Paul also reminded that as they accept Jesus in their lives, they should no longer turn back from their old and wicked lives, for when this happens, Christ's death will have no value anymore (Galatians 2:21). Those who are in Christ do not give in to the desires and passions of the flesh. Since the Spirit of God is in their hearts, they should refrain from following those in contrary to the Spirit. As believers, they should continue to do good and not easily be deceived. Therefore, as they live, they shall love one another and live by faith rather in worldly laws (Galatians 5:13).

In the final chapters of the letter, Paul clarified that justification—an act of grace through faith—need not result in a sinful lifestyle. Because Christians have been freed from bondage of the sinful nature, we now have the righteousness of Jesus in us.

### WORD MATCH

Choose the correct answer from the choices below. You can also open your Bible to help you find the answers. The first one to answer correctly will get a free copy of VOV next issue. Present your VOV copy to Sis. Aira Tolentino.

### BOOK OF EXODUS

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Who led the Israelites out of Egypt?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. What did the Israelites take with them?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. What happened to the Egyptian army?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. How did God stop the Egyptians from chasing the Israelites?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. How did Moses command the sea to divide so the Israelites could cross over?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Which biblical Appointed Time (Feast) celebrates the exodus from Egypt?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Which sea did the Israelites cross through to escape the Egyptians?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. What did the Israelites do when they reached the other side of the sea?

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| A. Feast of Unleavened Bread   | E. Drowned in the sea  | H. Red Sea |
| B. Sang a song to the Lord     | F. He made the wheels of their chariot break                 |            |
| C. Weapons and bones of Joseph | G. He lifted up his rod and stretched his hand over the sea. |            |
| D. Moses                       |  |            |

<sup>16</sup>Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

James 5:16  
(NKJV)



# Christian Duties

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## 1 John 2:15-16

<sup>15</sup>Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. <sup>16</sup>For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.

A person cannot drive properly when intoxicated. He will definitely get into accidents “under the influence of”.

## 1 Peter 5:8

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

To be disciplined and “self-controlled” is to be in charge of yourself.

That is why discipline is thought in the army. They take away any distractions (hairstyles, gadgets, etc.) so that their focus is to fulfill their mission.

## 1 Corinthians 9:24-25

<sup>24</sup>Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it. <sup>25</sup>And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown.

Many Christians fail to realize that they are under the Devil’s scheme.

## Ephesians 5:15-18

<sup>15</sup>See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, <sup>16</sup>redeeming the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup>Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup>And do not be drunk

with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit.

## C. Hopeful and Expectant in Future Grace (v.13c)

Hope is very important because it gives us direction, a future to look forward to.

Faith in future promises is Hope.

“Do this in remembrance of Me.”

## 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

<sup>23</sup>For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; <sup>24</sup>and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, “Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.”

<sup>25</sup>In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in

remembrance of Me.” <sup>26</sup>For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death till He comes.

## D. Obedient Children (v. 14a)

Obedience begins when you want to please your Father. Biblical obedience is beyond sacrifices (Obedience is better than sacrifice). It is seeking to do (fulfill) your Father’s desire (not my will, but Your will be done).

## John 14:15

“If you love Me, keep My commandments.”

## Conclusion

We must be mentally prepared to serve.

We must be self-controlled and sober in daily life.

We must be hopeful and expectant of future grace.

We must be obedient children.

## SERMON NOTES

Write the points to remember from the sermon as you seek God in your life.

**6**  
days left before

**FAMILY**  
Camp  
2023

Join us in two days of fun-filled and exciting activities as we bond with our UCF family this coming April 8-9, 2023!

## SHARE HIS WORD



For UCF updates, prayer requests, testimonies, live broadcasts, and replay of church services and gatherings, follow us on our social media accounts.



## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**  
Sundays at 9:00AM  
On-site and online services on Facebook and YouTube

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