

#### Acts 20:32-35 (NKJV)

<sup>32</sup>"So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. <sup>33</sup>I have coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. <sup>34</sup>Yes, you yourselves know that these hands have provided for my necessities, and for those who were with me. <sup>35</sup>I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

## Introduction

Are you sacrificing?

I. The Recommendation: To God and to the Word of His grace (v. 32)

A. Though Paul gave his all for the Christians in Ephesus for three years, he didn't ask them to depend on him.

B. Paul knew there was trouble ahead for him and some trouble ahead for the Ephesian Christians.

C. But God and His Word is able to build up the Christians.

#### Psalm 119:28 (NKJV)

My soul melts from heaviness; strengthen me according to Your word.

#### Isaiah 41:10 (NKJV)

'Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.'

D. But God and His Word are able to give Christians an inheritance in heaven.

#### 1 Peter 1:4-5 (NKJV)

<sup>4</sup>To an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

# II. The Real Reason: Coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel (vv. 33-34)

A. Paul was trying to communicate his heart—his motive in ministry.

B. Paul wasn't in the ministry for his selfish motives nor selfish gain.

#### Colossians 3:22 (NKJV)

Bondservants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God.

C. Paul was a hard worker in the ministry for God's glory.

### Colossians 3:23-24 (NIV)

<sup>23</sup>Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, <sup>24</sup>since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

## Colossians 3:17 (NKJV)

And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

D. Paul was in the ministry for the building up of God's people.

### 1 Corinthians 13:1-3 (NKJV)

'Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.

# III. The Remembrance: It is more blessed to give than to receive (v. 35).

A. "It is more blessed to give than to receive" is the best beatitude of all. In the sermon on the mount, Jesus told us how to be blessed; here, Jesus tells us how to be more blessed!

#### Luke 6:38 (NKJV)

"Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."

B. Without a heart of sacrifice, there can be no real, effective, eternal ministry—and it should be a glad sacrifice, knowing the blessedness of it all.





Psalm 5:11-12 (NKJV) <sup>11</sup>But let all those rejoice who put their trust in You;Let them ever shout for joy, because You defend them; Let those also who love Your name Be joyful in You. <sup>12</sup>For You, O Lord, will bless the righteous; With favor You will surround him as with a shield.



## CRADE 6 STUDENT

I am blessed to be in UCA because this school is now my second home, which taught me a lot of things. It is a safe place that allows me to grow every day and reach greater heights. I am blessed to be studying here because I still have my friends since Grade 1 up until now that I am Grade 6. I am also blessed with my teachers. They make sure I reach my full potential and encourage me to be a good person and do the right thing always. I will forever be grateful to my school. Everything that I have learned here will stay in my mind and my heart forever. See you again next school year, UCA!



opening the school for face-to-face classes after long years of pandemic seemed like it was only yesterday. Another school year went by so quickly, and today, enrollment is once again ongoing. With that, United Christian Academy (UCA) is continuously offering its two modes of learning—distance learning and face-to-face—both locally and abroad.

Various programs await the students for next school year to better experience and discover learning beyond the traditional classroom setting. Here are some students testifying what they have experienced in UCA and how blessed they are to be part of the school.



# **SPIRITUAL**GROWTH

UCA believes that a student fueled with the Word of God and led in Christ is properly guided until he grows and matures. Academics are important, but our spiritual relationship with the Lord is foremost in our lives.







## JUSTIN ANDRIO ARGUELLES GRADE 9 STUDENT

I love UCA because this is where I started to learn. I've been here since Nursery, and here, I am more comfortable. The teachers here are so kind. This is my very first high school experience since the pandemic, and finally, I experienced it face-to-face. I am so blessed because I met a lot of new friends and even other students. I am also blessed because I am able to bond with my classmates during retreat and worship the Lord with them. Here in UCA, learned more about values.



UCA promotes a familylike environment. Treat it as your second home and build lasting relationships with your classmates, teachers, and even the staff. Experience love in the UCA family.





## **FUN** EVENTS

UCA engages its students in various performing arts as a way to discover their gifts and talents. Experience wearing colorful costumes, creating arts and crafts, and performing on stage with your classmates and friends.



<sup>6</sup>Having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Reloyed

Ephesians 1:5-6 (NKJV)

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**B**uilding a strong professional network begins by joining local industry-related organizations or activities. UCA College of Asia (UCACOA), as the access to one's future, engages its students in various programs, allowing them to apply their learnings in real-life situations which also serves as their practical training.

Receiving an invitation from Fourth Estate Elementary School (FEES), UCACOA Dean Dr. Mary Joy Obingayan and Instructor Ms. Karen Mohammad, together with 15 student-volunteers, joined the 2023 *Brigada Pagbasa* to assist the FEES students in enhancing their reading capabilities for five consecutive

Saturdays. As a token for appreciating the UCACOA student-volunteers' involvement, they were awarded with Certificate of Recognition last May 20, Saturday. FEES School Principal IV Dr. Teresita Rodriguez, together with Hon. Leopoldo Casale and Heads of AFP and PNP, gladly present the certificates to the student-volunteers.

This field experience opened the minds of UCACOA students that acts of volunteerism such as this can contribute to possible solutions to improve and equip learners with 21st-century skills. Praise the Lord for the ministry of UCACOA in reaching out to the community!

TAGUMPAY KASAMA

N-N-STRY UPDATES

Papuri sa Diyos para sa katapatan Niya sa mga nais paglingkuran Siya. Limitado man ang kapasidad natin, ngunit walang imposible sa Diyos Ama! Narito ang isa sa patotoo ng ating kapatid na kabilang sa mga nakapagtapos ng Bachelor of Science in Education sa Pangasinan State University noong 2019 na nakaranas ng kapangyarihan



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SALAMAT, Pangincon

Malaki ang pasasalamat ko sa Panginoon. Sa limang beses na pagkuha ko ng Licensure Examination for Teachers (LET) ay ipinakita Niya sa akin na mas mahalagang magtiwala sa Kaniya. Hindi talaga kaya ng kakayanan ko dahil kung kakayanan ko lamang ay hindi na ang Panginoon ang maitataas ko kung hindi ang sarili ko. My faith in Him made me strong. My faith in Him made me move forward. My faith in Him gave me hope. Naaalala ko pa ang mga sinabi sa akin ni Ptr. William noon. Sabi niya, 'Let the grace and favor of God be with you.' Pagkatapos niyang sabihin iyon ay tinanong niya ako, 'Kapag pumasa ka, maglilingkod ka pa rin ba?" Ang sagot ko ay 'Opo, maglilingkod pa rin po ako.' Sinundan niya ulit ito ng isa pang tanong, 'Paano kung hindi ka pumasa? Maglilingkod ka pa rin ba?' At sa huling pagkakataon ay sinagot ko ito ng, 'Opo, maglilingkod pa rin ako.' Napatunayan ko sa aking puso na kahit na pumasa man ako o hindi ay hindi ako titigil sa paglilingkod sa Panginoon. Pumasa man ako o hindi ay magpapatuloy pa rin ako sa pagsunod at paglilingkod sa Kaniya. Ipapagamit ko pa rin ang aking buhay sa Kaniyang gawain lalong lalo na sa ministeryong Kaniyang tinawag kung saan ako kabilang ngayon, ang UCA. At noong Mayo 19, kasabay ng ating gawain na Revival Service ay lumabas ang resulta ng LET at ngayon ako ay ganap nang licensed professional teacher. To God be the glory and honor!

Ephesians 3:18-19 (NKJV) <sup>18</sup>May be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height—<sup>19</sup>to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.



Tulong-tulong ang kalalakihan sa pagsasaayos ng concrete mixer upang mapabilis ang paghalo ng semento para sa pagtatayo ng posteng bakal ng panambahan.









Tiniyak na tama ang sukat ng pagtatayuan ng poste gamit ang iskwala. Nilagyan na rin ng graba at mga bato ang bawat butas. Bagama't maulan sa lugar ay hindi nagpapatinag ang mga boluntaryo sa pagtulong nang may patnubay ni Rev. Dr. William Sy.

# 2 CORINTO 9:6-8



<sup>6</sup>Ito ang ibig kong sabihin: ang nagtatanim ng kakaunti ay aani ng kakaunti, at ang nagtatanim ng marami ay aani ng marami. <sup>7</sup>Ang bawat isa'y dapat magbigay ayon sa kanyang pasya, maluwag sa loob at hindi napipilitan lamang, sapagkat iniibig ng Diyos ang nagbibigay nang may kagalakan. <sup>8</sup>Magagawa ng Diyos na pasaganain kayo sa lahat ng bagay, at higit pa sa inyong pangangailangan, upang sumagana kayo para sa mabubuting gawa. Panahon din ang ginugugol upang ang iba't ibang ministeryo ng panambahan ng UCF ay maitayo. Ang bawat gawaing nasaksihan ng mga manggagawa nito ay patotoo ng ganap na pagkilos ng Diyos.

Ngayong taon ay muling masasaksihan ang pangakong magbubukas sa gawain upang ang mga tupa ay maidako sa Kaharian ng Panginoon. Sa pangunguna ni Punong Pastor Rev. Dr. William Sy ay iba't ibang materyales na ang binili simula sa semento, buhangin at mga bakal na gagamitin sa konstruksiyon ng bagong panambahan sa Mt. Tabor. Bahagi rin ng pagsibol ng gawaing ito ay ang pagtatanim ng bawat manggagawa ng kanilang binhi ng pananampalataya sa gawain ng Diyos. Ito ay gagamitin sa konstruksiyon ng panambahan.

Linggo-linggo ay iba't ibang pagbabago ang nagaganap at inaasahang sa ilang buwan lamang ay magsisimula na ang bagong gawain dito. Purihin ang Panginoon sapagkat Siya ay tapat at tunay na kumikilos sa UCF!

Ang pagpapala ay tiyak na darating para sa Kaniyang mga anak na nagtitiwala ng lubos na sa Diyos ay tunay na walang imposible.

Ang bawat isa ay maaaring magbigay ng kanilang binhi ng pananampalataya para sa pagtatayo at pagsasakatuparan ng panambahan sa Mt. Tabor hanggang Mayo 31, 2023.

Therefore know that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments.

Deuteronomy 7:9 (NKJV)

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Ang kanilang mga ngiti ay hindi maikukubli ng anomang sitwasyon sa buhay higit lalo't ang kanilang sandigan ay ang Diyos na kanilang nararanasan at ang pag-ibig Niyang walang papantay.

Sa espesyal na araw ng mga ina, ang panambahan ng UCF ay malugod na naghanda ng munting salu-salo noong Linggo, Mayo 14, bilang pag-alala sa kanilang wagas na pagmamahal, sakripisyo at paggabay sa kanilang mga mahal sa buhay. Naghandog din ng munting regalo at mga rosas para sa bawat ina.

Kabi-kabilang pagbati, pasasalamat at mga ngiting kalakip ay pag-ibig ang siyang hatid ng kapatiran sa mga ina ng tahanan. Isang espesyal na *audio-visual presentation (AVP)* ang napanuod ng lahat na nagpahayag ng pasasalamat at nagbigay kalakasan sa ating magigiting na mga ina para sa pagkalinga sa kanilang tahanang ipinagkaloob ng Diyos.

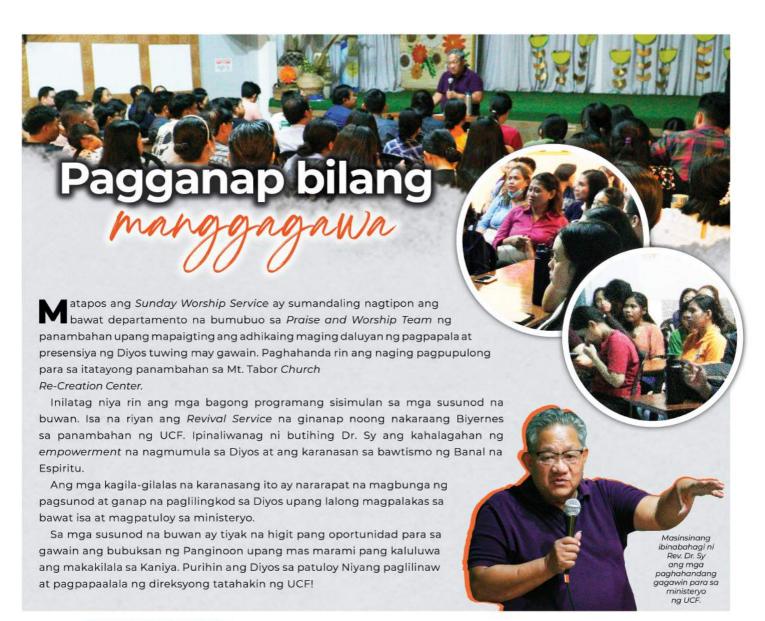
Salamat sa Diyos sa buhay ng mga nanay na siyang nagmamahal at nag-aaruga sa kanilang mga anak. Purihin ang Diyos sa kalakasan at pagpapala para sa ating mga ina!







Isaiah 54:10 (NKJV) "For the mountains shall depart and the hills be removed, But My kindness shall not depart from you, nor shall My covenant of peace be removed," says the Lord, who has mercy on you.



## **NEWS BRIEF**

## Pagtanggap ng bagong buhay mula sa Diyos



Buong galak na tinanggap ng bawat anak ng Diyos ang kanilang sertipiko ng bawtismo sa tubig. Kasama rin ang kapatiran at mga pastor sa mga nakisaya sa espesyal na araw na ito.

ibo-libong anghel sa langit, ang masayang-masaya dahil sa isang makasalanang nagsisi," sabi sa Lucas 15:10. Luwalhati sa Diyos Ama para sa mga anak Niyang tumugon sa Kaniyang tawag ng kaligtasan at malugod na tinanggap ang magandang regalo na nagmumula kay Hesu Kristo.

Noong nakaraang Linggo, Mayo 14, ang ilan sa ating mga kapatid ay tumanggap ng kanilang sertipiko ng bawtismo sa tubig bilang patotoo sa kanilang desisyong lumakad sa kalooban ng Diyos. Sila ay mainit at masayang binati ng kapatiran bilang pagtanggap sa kanila sa pamilya ng Diyos. Isang makabuluhan at kasiya-siyang buhay sa Panginoon ang kanilang mararanasan habang patuloy na nagsasaliksik sa Diyos at sa Kaniyang plano sa buhay nila.

Isang personal na desisyon ang tanggapin Siya sa kanilang mga buhay upang higit pa Siyang makilala at sundin ang kalooban Niya. Tunay na ang Diyos ang nangungusap sa Kaniyang mga anak. Purihin ang Panginoon!

 $^{20}$ But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,  $^{21}$ keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

Jude 1:20-21 (NKJV)

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John 13:34-35 (NKJV) <sup>34</sup>A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.

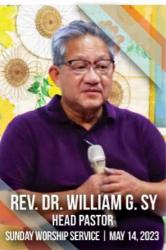
## Sunday Worship Service **HIGHLIGHTS**

We need to acknowledge God to better understand His purpose in our life.

When you discover the truth, you begin to understand the love of God.

Maghanda tayo. Naisin natin sa puso natin na kapag bumalik ang Panginoon ay kasama tayo.

Hindi tayo nabubuhay para lang mamatay. Nabuhay tayo para malaman ang destiny natin. Mayroong gustong ipagawa sa iyo ang Diyos.



Complete the scavenger hunt riddles by answering the Bible characters being described below. You can also open your Bible to help you find the answers. The first one to answer correctly will get a free VOV next issue. Present your VOV copy to Sis. Aira Tolentino.



## **OCTOBER 6**

# PASTORS'

Coordinator: Sis. Nerissa Estrellado



## SEPTEMBER

Coordinator: Sis, Karen Mohammad



# **DECEMBER 17** CHRISTMAS

Coordinator: Sis. Liezle Ala





In 2015, Rev. Dr. William Sy started the construction of United Christian Academy (UCA), one of the ministries of UCF. With the seed money of P100,000, UCA was established. For the past years, the school has been the gateway of evangelism for students to know Jesus in their lives. In the near future, UCF is planning to branch out the school for the purpose of reaching out more souls who are seeking God.

## BIBLE SCAVENGER HUNT



He became God's choice to replace Saul as king of Israel. He killed a giant by using a sling. \_\_\_\_\_\_

He led the people out of Egypt. His staff turned into a

God told him to build an ark to save him and his family and all of the living animals from the flood. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

He disobeyed God. He was swallowed by a fish for three

He refused to bow down to idols. He was thrown into a lion's den. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

He was the voice crying in the wilderness to prepare the way for the coming Messiah. He baptized Jesus.

He became an apostle of Jesus Christ. God revealed to him

His Son when they were on the way to Damascus.

He was accused of blasphemy because of his defense of his faith. He was stoned to death.

An angel of the Lord came to him in a vision. Apostle Peter was sent to tell him what to do. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

<sup>22</sup>Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. <sup>23</sup>They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.

Lamentations 3:22-23 (NKJV)

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## Remember...

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#### 2 Corinthians 9:6-8, 10-11 (NKJV)

But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. 8And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. 10Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you

have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, "while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.

#### Challenge

- Are you not tired of doing sacrifices centered around yourself?
- Remember that God has made a great sacrifice for you—that is through His only begotten Son.
- Are you willing to sacrifice back for God?
- 1. Start a relationship with God.
- 2. Serve God in His ministries with a pure heart.
- 3. Share to others what God has given you.

## SERMON NOTES

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

# WHY READ THE BOOK OF 1 THESSALONIANS?



The Letter of Paul to the church of Thessalonians was written near the end of Paul's second missionary journey. Paul and his companions established the church in Thessalonica but were forced to leave by opponents of the gospel. Later, Paul sent Timothy back to Thessalonica to check on the church there, and Timothy's report led Paul to write this letter

Paul wrote this letter to restore their hope, which has been tested by unexpected deaths in the church. He reassured them that both the dead and the living believers will be safe at the second coming (4:13–5:11). In addition, Paul wanted to stress the authenticity of himself, Silas, and Timothy as preachers of the gospel (1:5; 2:1–12; 2:17–3:10); to teach them that persecution is normal for Christians (3:3–4); and to challenge them to take responsibility for earning their own living (4:9–12).

In conclusion, the theme of this book is Jesus' second coming. When He returns, the dead who believed in Christ will rise and join the living to meet the Lord in the air (4:15–17). Unbelievers will experience God's wrath, while believers will inherit salvation (1:10; 5:2–4, 9–10). In preparation for that great day, Christians are called to be holy and blameless (3:11–4:8; 5:23). God, who is faithful, will produce in them the holiness He requires (5:24).

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

## Philippians 4:6-7 (NKJV)

<sup>6</sup>Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; <sup>7</sup>and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Kindly approach Sis. Sushmita Murillo or Sis. Karen Mohammad.





