



VITAL SIGNS OF the New Birth



1 John 5:1-5 (NKJV)

¹Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. ³For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments And His commandments are not burdensome. ⁴For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

Introduction

Seeing a newborn baby come into this world is truly a gift from God. The conception of that life is always through the union of a man and a woman. The child then grows inside the mother's womb and comes out into the world when it is time. However, not everyone experience that joy. Some experiences pain and sorrow of having a stillborn baby. A periodic check-up is important to monitor the growth and health of the mother and the child.

In the spiritual realm, there are also signs that need to manifest in order to make sure that new birth is achieved. If those signs are missing, we may be facing a stillborn child.

You can also dress up a dead person, but it will still remain dead. Religion may clothe us but it cannot impart life. Only God who is the life can impart life.

John 5:21

For as the Father raises the dead

and gives life to them, even so the Son gives life to whom He will.

When a person has truly received new life, these signs will be evident.

I. Faith in Jesus Christ

- Faith in Jesus Christ is a result of faith that comes by hearing.

Romans 10:17

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Since there is no other word to represent faith but faith itself, many are confused.

Ephesians 2:4-5

⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved).

- Many mistakenly think that being born again is a choice or "free will" of man.

John 1:12-13

¹²But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: ¹³who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

Meaning, just as you cannot make yourself be born physically, your spiritual birth is also

the same. Otherwise, no one would need Christ anymore.

The meaning of the word "faith" had been translated differently than what the Bible really meant. Let's say, "I believe that whenever it rains, a flower grows." Will that same faith produce new life? Certainly not!

To believe that Jesus is the Son of God means that He is the eternal God, the second person of the Trinity, in human flesh. He is God's Anointed One (The Messiah), the one promised to save us from sins.

John 5:17-18

¹⁷But Jesus answered them, "My Father has been working until now, and I have been working." ¹⁸Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God.

Jesus responds to these charges by affirming His equality with God the Father.

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Rev. Dr. James C. Sy
Administrative Pastor

UCA TESTIMONIALS

BOUND TO AN exciting school year

Academic excellence is one of the goals of United Christian Academy from the moment it offered complete basic education. As the school dives into its second week, it starts to nurture the students' knowledge through class discussions and activities with their teachers, who also create a harmonious and fulfilling educational experience for learners both online and face-to-face.

After a successful opening filled with fun activities, UCA knew the importance of putting various events and programs for the students' holistic development. With that, students shared their experiences and the areas they enjoyed the most in class.

In the coming months, UCA is bound to spearhead more events where students can explore their passions, build friendships, and develop essential life skills. May the Lord continue to shower these kids with His overwhelming protection and wisdom.

Thank you, UCA, for ensuring that learning is fun and balanced for us. I had a great time at the foundation week, and had lots of fun! The booth games and fun games that I played made me feel at home in UCA even if I'm a new student. The new friends I found made me feel welcome.



**Jose Ernesto
Vitor Dizon**

Grade 5 | Parañaque, Philippines

What I enjoy the most is being with my online classmates. It was fun! I thank UCA because I get to meet new friends and schoolmates, as well as for teaching us how to improve ourselves.



Wyeth Codie Oblena

Grade 11 | Dubai, United Arab Emirates

My day-to-day class experience so far has been pleasant with new learnings every day. I enjoy our Google Meet sessions the most because I get to meet my teacher and classmates. I also want to thank UCA for everything they do to show genuine care for their students' growth and future. I want to thank my adviser and classmates for being so cool and fun.



**Nisha Madison
Velasco**

Grade 11
Dubai, United Arab Emirates

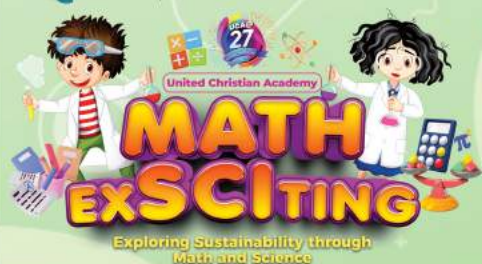
Our experience during the first few days with UCA was both exciting and overwhelming. It was exciting because we have learned that there are a lot of activities lined up for the entire school year. Almost every month, there are activities other than academics to look forward to and we know that we will surely enjoy doing them together. I also loved that she gets to memorize Bible verses. This is vital in her Christian faith. Though we are still in the adjustment period with the new online learning tools and system, we will surely adjust soon. But overall, I find distance learning with UCA as best for Naomi than bringing her back to her former school.

**Ma. Lorelee
Quitay**

Mother of Naomi Ruth Chua
Grade 4 | Taguig, Philippines



Upcoming program



Are you ready for a bigger, more exciting and extremely mind-boggling experiments and innovations this coming September 29? As you journey to the path of academic excellence, remember the joy of Math adventures and discovering the wonders of Science around us. Find yourself in the ocean of activities that you can join this Math and Science Day 2023!

Romans 1:16
(NKJV)

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

Kaunting panahon na lamang at muling maisasakatuparan ang pangitain ng Diyos sa Mt. Tabor.



MT. TABOR UPDATE

KATUPARAN ng mga pangitain

Sa loob ng tatlumpu't pitong taon ay ating nasaksihan ang katapatan at pagsama ng Diyos sa bawat gawain ng UCF. Mula sa pagkakatatag nito hanggang ngayon na sumisibol ang bawat sangay ng Kaniyang ministeryo, ang Diyos ay tunay na ating matibay na sandigan at tapat na tumutupad sa Kaniyang mga pangako.

Ang konstruksiyon ng UCF Mt. Tabor Church ay nalalapit na sa katapusan. Ito ay opisyal na masisilayan at magagamit sa unang pagkakataon sa darating na Setyembre 24. Sinusuri na rin ang teknikal na bahagi nito para sa pagkakabit ng mga ilaw, *projector*, *industrial fan* at iba pang *equipment* na gagamitin ng *Multimedia* at *Praise and Worship Department*. Ang mga boluntaryo ay nakiisa rin sa paglilinis ng mga daan para sa mas matiwasay na paggamit nito. Natapos na rin ang gazebo na maaari ring maging pahingahan ng bawat bibisita rito o panibagong lugar para sa masayang aktibidad.

Konting araw na lamang ang ating bibilangin at magbubukas ang panibagong pintuan na maglalapit sa mga tao sa ating Panginoon. Ang pagkakatatag ng panambahan ay tanda ng mga bagong kagila-gilalas at mabubuting gawa ng Diyos. Sama-sama nating saksihan sa bawat taon ang Kaniyang pagkilos!

Sa banal na presensiya ng Diyos, ang bawat taong papasok at dadalo sa panambahang Kaniyang itinatag ay makararanas ng pag-ibig at kagalakang sa Kaniya lamang nagmumula.

Ang bagong gazebo ay natapos na at maaari ng pagdausan ng mga gawain.

Ang puwesto naman ng choir ay nilagyan ng mga metal railing upang maging ligtas sa lahat.



Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.

2 Timothy 4:2
(NKJV)



Nagkabit ng mga HardieFlex board bilang harang sa mga railing kung saan pupuwesto ang choir at banda.



Buong sikap din sila na nagbuhat at naghalo ng semento na ginamit para sa mga pader.



Ang mga pader sa unang palapag ng panambahan ay natapos nang palitadahan.



Nagwalis din ang mga manggagawa sa ilang trail na mayroong mga nagkalat na dahon upang mapanatili ang kalinisan sa lugar.



Masayang namitas ng mga hinog na santol ang mga manggagawa.



Ang mga tinabas na damo ay sinimulang walisin bilang preparasyon sa magaganap na church inauguration.



Matthew 24:14
(NKJV)

And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

PAGTUKLAS SA *Salita ng Diyos*



Patuloy ang pagpapahayag ng Salita ng Diyos sa mga nagnanais makakilala sa buhay na Panginoon. Ang gawain ng *Bible Study* ay nakakatulong upang mas maintindihan ng mga dumadalo ang wagas na pag-ibig ng Diyos. Isa sa patunay ay ang kaligtasan mula sa ating Panginoong Hesus. Isa rin itong kaparaanan upang kanilang marinig ang kalooban at magandang plano ng Diyos sa kanilang mga buhay.



Maraming tahanan na ang nabisita ng mga boluntaryo upang maimbitahan sila na dumalo sa *Bible Study* tuwing Martes. Ilan na rin sa mga nabisita ang patuloy na nakakapakinig ng Salita ng Diyos dahil sa kanilang patuloy na pagdalo sa gawain. Sa pamamagitan nito ay nailalapit sa paanan ng Panginoon ang ating mga kapatid upang maranasan rin nila ang awa at habag ng Diyos sa kanilang mga buhay.

PAGHAHAYAG NG MABUTING *Balita*



Konsehal Ver Lacatan, ng Barangay Mabato, Calamba kasama ang mga manggagawa ng UCF



¹⁵And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. ¹⁶He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned."

Mark 16:15-16
(NKJV)

21st
UCF GROUP OF MINISTRIES
**MEDICAL-DENTAL
OPTICAL
Outreach Mission**



Nasasabik at nagagalak ang lahat ng manggagawa para sa pagbubukas ng panambahan na tiyak ay magiging daluyan din ng buhay na Salita ng Diyos.

PAGHAHANDA SA *mabubuting gawa*

Tatlong linggo na lamang at magaganap na ang 21st Medical-Dental-Optical Outreach Mission 2023 sa Cabuyao, Laguna. Sa nalalapit na gawaing ito ay buong puso ang paghahandang ginagawa ng kapatiran na siyang pinangungunahan ni Rev. Dr. William Sy. Daan-daang mga benepisyaryo muli ang maaabutan ng tulong at mapagpapala ng UCF na matugunan ang kanilang mga pangangailangan sa kalusugan.

Nasasabik din ang lahat sa pagbubukas ng panambahan ng Mt. Tabor Church sa Setyembre 24. Sa magkakasunod na tatlong buwang konstruksiyon ay masisilayan na ang panambahang itinatag ng Diyos na lugar upang sambahin at luwalhatiin Siya ng Kaniyang mga anak. Kaya naman ay labis din ang preparasyon sa estruktura nito at pag-eensayo ng mga manggagawa para sa presentasyon at mga gagawin sa selebrasyon.

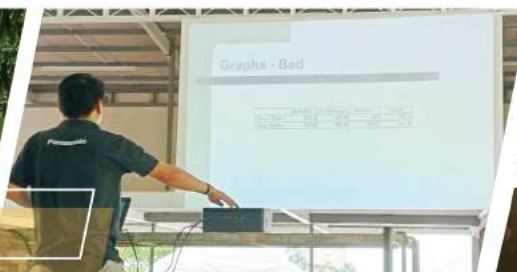
Isa itong patunay na ang Diyos ay kumikilos at gumagawa ng daan upang mapalapit sa Kaniya ang mga kaluluwang tunay na naghahanap at nauuhaw sa Kaniya. Purihin ang Ngalan ni Hesus dahil tunay na Siya ang pundasyon ng panambahan ng UCF!



Buong husay naman ang pag-e-ensayo ng Praise and Worship Team sa pangunguna ni Rev. Dr. James Sy. Kasama ng ilang mga pastor ng UCF ay pangungunahan nila ang pagpupuri at pagsamba sa ating Panginoon sa darating na church inauguration.



Ang mga gamot na ipamimigay sa mga benepisyaryo ay inihahanda na rin.



Ginawa na rin ang dalawang LCD screen na gagamitin para sa mga paparating na worship service kasabay ng pagbili ng dalawang projector.

700 INAASAHANG
BILANG NG MGA
BENIPISYARYO
SA OUTREACH
MISSION

**Matthew 28:19-20
(NKJV)**

¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

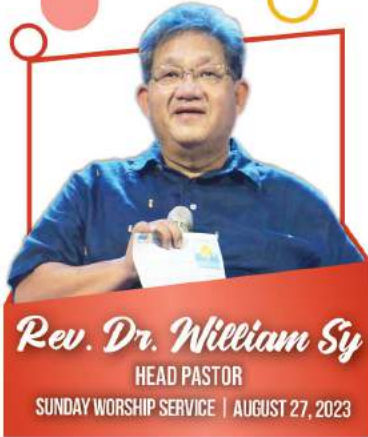
Sunday Worship Service HIGHLIGHTS

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Ang Diyos ay mayroong
commitment sa atin.
Araw-araw ay pinasisikat
Niya ang araw at ang
buwan. Ibinibigay Niya
ang hangin at ang
tubig—everything.
That is the expression
of God and His way of
giving us life.
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If you always
remember your Lord
and if you always put
God first, then even
in your work you are
going to share the
gospel. You will find
yourself introducing
Jesus Christ as your
Lord anywhere you go.
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A church is where we
can find ourselves
closer to God.
”

“
Kung marami kang
trial sa buhay, mas lalo
mong maiintindihan na
mayroong Diyos.
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UPCOMING 2023 PROGRAMS

September 23

MEDICAL-DENTAL- OPTICAL MISSION

Coordinator:
Sis. Nerissa Estrellado



September 24

MT. TABOR CHURCH INAUGURATION

Coordinator:
Rev. Morrell Estrellado



October 6

PASTORS' APPRECIATION DAY

Coordinator:
Sis. Nerissa Estrellado



December 17

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Coordinator:
Sis. Liezle Ala



Bible Trivia Game

ANIMALS OF THE BIBLE



Complete the Bible trivia game by answering the questions 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. Samantha Gorobat.

1. What animal saved Balaam's life? _____
2. What animal swallowed Jonah? _____
3. What animals appeared in pharaoh's dreams as interpreted by Joseph? _____
4. Which king of Israel imported peacocks? _____
5. After Jesus' birth, what two birds did Mary and Joseph offer as a sacrifice at the temple? _____
6. To which animal did Moses compare the tribe of Gad? _____
7. Who killed the lion with his bare hands? _____
8. Which animal appeared in the second plague of Egypt? _____
9. When the 12 spies visited the land of Canaan, to which insect did they compare themselves? _____
10. Which animal did Jesus ride on going to Jerusalem? _____



And He commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that it is He who was ordained by God to be Judge of the living and the dead.

Acts 10:42
(NKJV)

Vital Signs of...

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John 20:31

But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

- The purpose of the gospel was not to live comfortably in this world, but "that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ" and by believing, "you may have life in His name."

1 John 5:4

For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

The Christian life is an armed combat against the enemy of our souls, Satan and the world. John uses verbs like "overcomes" (present tense) and "has overcome" (present perfect tense). It indicates ongoing and repeated victories over worldly powers.

1 John 2:15-16

¹⁵Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶For 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.

II. Love for others

Love for God and His children is primarily volitional (your will), not emotional. Love for God is expressed by keeping His commandments (5:3). Loving God's children is seen when we love God and keep His commandments (5:2).

While we have feelings of love, feelings are not the basis of such love. Biblical love is primarily a self-sacrificing commitment to seek the other person's highest good.

- A true Christian must love all that have truly been born of God. If there is evidence that a person is a child of God through the new birth, then he/she is my brother/sister in Christ, even if we disagree with one another. I must accept, just as Christ accepted me.

- Our motive for loving the children of God should be a genuine love for God in obedience to His commandments. In other words, the reason we love others should not be of natural factors, whether in them or in us. Rather, we are doing it to please God in obedience to His Word.

- Loving the children of God is not by cultural definitions of love. For example, our culture would say that if a brother falls into serious sin, the loving thing to do is to be nice and overlook his sin. To call it sin or to try to correct the sinner would be judgmental and unloving.

Genuine love is first to love God and obey His commandments. This means, we need to approach the sinner in love and lead him to repentance.

III. Obedience to God's commandments

A Christian's life should be by obedience out of a heart of love for God. When a child of God sins, he confesses his sins so that he can be restored to fellowship with God and his brethren.

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

A person who claims to be born again but is not concerned about a lifestyle of disobedience to God's Word should examine himself to see if he really is in the faith.

1 John 2:3-6

³Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. ⁴He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. ⁵But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. ⁶He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

1 John 3:4-10

⁴Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness. ⁵And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin. ⁶Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you.

He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous. ⁸He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil. ⁹Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God. ¹⁰In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother.

An immature believer may view God's commands as restrictive. But our heavenly Father knows that sin will damage and destroy us. If we have come to know His love in Christ through the new birth, then we must trust His love and obey His commandments.

Conclusion

A true child of God has these vital signs: faith in Jesus Christ, love for others, and obedience to God's commandments. If the vital signs of new life in Christ are not there, we need to get down on our knees and plead with God to cause us to be born again through Jesus Christ.



SEPTEMBER 24, 2023
SUNDAY | 9:00 AM

UCF MT. TABOR CHURCH,
CABUYAO CITY, LAGUNA

FOR MORE DETAILS, COORDINATE WITH
REV. MORRELL ESTRELLADO

There will be no Sunday Worship Service in Parañaque on September 24, 2023.



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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
Sundays at 9:00AM

MIDWEEK SERVICE
Thursdays at 7:00PM

DAILY PRAYER
at 6:00PM

BIBLE STUDY
Tuesdays at 6:00PM
UCF Mt. Tabor Church

COMMUNITY VISITATION
Saturdays at 7:00AM
Cabuyao, Laguna



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