

Ephesians 6:10-18 (NKJV)

10Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. "Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; 18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints.

Introduction

This spiritual conflict is described as a warfare of faith.

2 Corinthians 10:4-5 (NIV)

⁴The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. ⁵We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

- The spiritual battle is raging all through the believer's life.
- God has provided us with the weapons and the protection we need to engage in spiritual warfare.

Ephesians 6:13 (NKJV)

Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

The Rest of the Armor of God 1.) The Girdle of Truth (v. 14a)

- Satan is called the father of lies.

John 8:44 (NIV)

You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

- The Girdle of Truth to oppose him

1 John 1:7-9 (NKJV)

⁷But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

- Telling the truth, be honest

Zechariah 8:16 (NIV)

These are the things you are to do: Speak the truth to each other, and render true and sound judgment in your courts.

- Truthful with God

Psalm 51:9 (NIV)

Hide Your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.

2.) The Breastplate of Righteousness

Ephesians 6:14b (NKJV)

Having put on the breastplate of righteousness.

- Once converted, it is God's purpose to produce His righteousness in us.

Romans 6:13 (NKJV)

And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

- Live in righteousness.
- Always do what is right.
- When we wear the breastplate of righteousness, we act righteously.

Romans 8:2 (NIV)

Because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

3.) The Preparation of the Gospel of Peace

Ephesians 6:15 (NKJV)

And having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace.

Bible Day

Discovering the wonders of His Word

as a Christian school built on a purpose, United Christian Academy (UCA) held the Bible Day 2023 last Febuary 10, Friday, as part of the National Bible Month. The program provides an opportunity for the students to know the many wonders of God's faithfulness, goodness, grace, and mercy through millenia of generations.

The Word of God brings power and peace, and can change lives once it is heard. It's active and effective, as said in Hebrews 4:12, "For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." It creates different perspectives as it manifests in people's lives. That is why the Gospel plays a big part in every human being. As children, they must know what the Bible teaches, and be reminded that His Word brings wisdom and understanding to mankind.

Reading and studying the Word of God surely brings knowledge about Jesus and God's commandments. Truly, this event did not only bring joy but also encouraged students to know more about God and give importance to His Word.



Matthew 6:25 (NKJV) ²⁵"Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?"

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meaningful event. They learn about different characters in the Bible and the scripture on the important

Praise be to God for this opportunity to know His Word! Let the teachings of the Bible reflect in your lives. Be grateful that God gave Jesus Christ as a role model of being righteous.

messages and commandments of the Lord.

²⁶Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?

Matthew 6:26-27 (NKJV)

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UCFTS RECOGNIZES OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

he Lord has blessed the educational ministries of UCF. Part of equipping its workers is undergoing an in-depth training through its Theological Seminary, Successfully ending another productive sequence, UCFTS held its Recognition Rites last Sunday, February 5, to acknowledge the effort, hardwork, and commitment of its students.

The UCF pastors, headed by Rev. Dr. William Sv. congratulated all the Bible students and seminarians for flourishing another academic year. He also delivered a special message which served as an encouragement to continue in the call of God and be part of accomplishing the vision and mission that God has given to the church.

This training prepares them for the greater calling of God. To learn His Word and to serve the living God are truly a privilege. Praise God for the growing ministry of UCFTS!



The UCFTS students are all smiles as they receive their awards. Even the congregation witnesses and congratulates them for this endeavor.



ANNOUNCEMENT UCACOA **RETURNS TO F2F**

Students of UCA College of Asia (UCACOA) taking up Bachelor of Technical Vocational Teacher Education (BTVTEd) shift to face-toface classes on February 14, Tuesday, in accordance to the requirement of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED). The in-person classes aim to aid the students in developing the competencies that they need as future teachers of the coming generation of 21st century learners. Still, enrollment for the second semester is ongoing. Access your future here in UCACOA!

As they commit their

lives to the Lord, the

UCFTS students are

passionate to be

equipped and

be used in the

Matthew 6:28-29

28"So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; 29 and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of

PAGSASAAYOS TUNGO SA MALAKING PAGGAMIT NG MINISTERYO

Kabi-kabilang konstruksiyon at pagpapaganda sa UCF Mt. Tabor Church Re-Creation Center ang nagaganap sa bawat linggo. Salamat sa buhay ng punong pastor nito at sa mga manggagawa na nagbibigay ng oras at buhay sa pagpapalago ng ministeryong ito.

Tuloy-tuloy pa rin ang paggawa ng mini hotel cabin. Sa kasalukuyan ay ginagawa na ang ikalawang palapag ng apat na kuwarto. Nilagyan ito ng mga bakal at kahoy kung saan ibubuhos ang semento nito na magsisilbing sahig ng ikalawang palapag. Samantala, ang bakal na hagdan ng bawat kuwarto ay naikabit na rin. Ang mga kable ng kuryente ay inaayos na rin patungo sa mga bagong cabin. Kasama rin sa ninanais para sa lugar ay ang maging maayos ang pagbisita ng mga tao rito. Ngayon ay sinisimulan na ang paghukay ng lupa sa likod ng House of James na siyang magiging bagong daanan. Ito ang magiging ikatlong gate ng lugar.

Tunay na kaabang-abang ang pagtatapos ng mga pasilidad at iba pang konstruksiyon sa lugar na buong lakas at kagalakang pinagtutulungan ng mga manggagawa. Tiyak na ang bawat bahagi ng lugar ay magiging kapakinabangan sa mga taong bibisita at magsasagawa ng kanilang

mga programa at espesyal na gawain dito.

Purihin ang Diyos sa pagpapala







ONOW if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?

Matthew 6:30

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MINISTRY UPDATE

Ang tawag ng
Panginoon sa Kaniyang
mga anak ang simulain ng
kanilang pagkilala sa Panginoon.
Tulad ng tawag ng Diyos kay
Rev. Dr. William Sy, maraming
sitwasyon sa kaniyang buhay
na kumikilos ang Panginoon—
mula pa sa kaniyang pagkabata
hanggang sa nagkaroon siya
ng naising hanapin pa ang
Panginoon sa kaniyang buhay.

"Bata pa ako ay may desire na akong maghanap sa Lord. Nagsimula iyon noong Sunday School. Doon ako unang nakarinig ng tungkol sa Bible. Kaya lang, mali ang nahanap ko kinalaunan. Napunta pa ako sa mga albularyo at mga espiritista kasi hinahanap ko ang Lord, pero nakita ko na may mali kasi iyong buhay nila parang hindi naman maayos."

Napagdesisyunan ni Rev. Dr. Sy na iwanan ang ganoong buhay at sa kagustuhan niyang magpatuloy kahit siya ay kapos sa pinansyal na aspeto sa mga panahong iyon, siya'y nanalangin sa Panginoon. "Doon ako nagsimulang magdasal. Doon ako nagsimulang makipag-covenant sa Lord. That time, hindi ko alam na covenant iyon. Kasi noong time na iyon, walang-wala ako. Naghahanap ako ng Lord. Doon ako nagdasal na payamanin ako ng Lord."

Dumating ang panahong umaasenso na sa negosyo si Rev. Dr. Sy, ngunit halos ang kaniyang buong oras ay doon na niya itinuon. "That time, wala na akong time sa Lord. Katulad ng maraming negosyante, business at pleasure na may kasamang bisyo lang talaga ang gusto ko."

Sa simula ay hindi pa agad naunawaan ni Rev. Dr. Sy na

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ANG PAGTUKLAS SA KATOTOHANAN

tinutugon na ng Panginoon ang kaniyang panalangin. "Hindi ko naman alam na tinugon na ng Lord ang prayer ko. Akala ko hindi seryoso ang panalangin ko na iyon. Kasi hindi ba minsan nagdadasal lang naman tayo para magbakasali lang." Hanggang sa isang araw, sa dami ng kaniyang naging kaabalahan sa mundo av nakaramdam na siya ng mga sakit. "Ang dami kong sakit. May tama ang lungs ko dahil malakas ako manigarilyo at pati ang kidney ko dahil malakas akong uminom. Mataas din ang cholesterol ko. Doon ako nagsimulang magkaroon ng realization. Natakot na ako."

Doon na nag-umpisang makaramdam ng takot mamatay ang boses
Niya kaya hinanap
ko. Hindi ko makita. Una,
pumasok sa akin na baka
nag-iilusyon na ako at nasisira
na ang ulo ko. Ang sabi ng Lord,
'Nakipag-covenant ka sa
Akin, at hindi mo tinupad.'"

Noong una ay hindi pa maintindihan ni Rev. Dr. William Sy ang boses ng Panginoon, kaya sa pangalawang pagkakataon nang marinig niya muli ang tinig ng Diyos, malalim na conviction ang kaniyang naranasan at doon siya simulang magsisi sa kaniyang mga naging kasalanan.



si Rev. Dr. Sy—na kahit sa kaniyang pagpikit ay naiisip na niya na kahit anong oras ay maaari siyang mamatay. "Ang taas ng anxiety ko. Para makatulog ako, nanunuod ako ng betamax hanggang sa makatulog ako. Ganoon ang naging buhay ko for a couple

> of weeks. Tapos palala nang palala iyon tapos lalo akong natatakot." Isang araw habang nasa hapagkainan, Panginoon pinaalala ng naging covenant ni Rev. Dr. Sy sa Panginoon. "Then one day, nandoon ako sa may dining area namin. Narinia ko ana voice na Lord na tinawaa ako. Pinaalala Niya sa akin iyong

covenant. At first hindi ko alam

"Doon nagsimula na ako'y magsisi at umiyak. Madami nang confession na lumalabas sa bibig ko kasi ang dami kong ginawang kasalanan sa mundo. Iyak lang ako nang iyak kasi nagko-confess ako. Ako lang mag-isa kasi hindi naman nila alam. Nandoon lang ako sa kusina. Hanggang sa napansin ko, umiiyak na ako na ungol nalang at wala nang luha."

Simula noon, nawala ang takot ni Rev. Dr. Sy at nakaranas siya na maging magaan ang kaniyang kalooban. At naisip niyang handa na siyang mamatay ngunit sa pagkakataong ito, hindi na siya natatakot. "Ganoon pala ang tao kapaa naako-confess na kasalanan. Kapaa napatawad pala Lord, parang ka ng pakiramdam mo ang linis-linis mo.

Kaya ang iniisip ko ngayon, paano ba iyong madaling mamatay?"

Sa mga pagkakataong ito ay sinubukan na ni Rev. Dr. Sy kumain ng mga pagkaing ipinagbabawal sa kaniya sa kaisipang doon siya mas mabilis mawawala. Tinapon niya kahit ang kaniyang mga gamot sa kaniyang sakit. Pakiramdan niya ay ang gaan-gaan na ng kaniyang kalooban dahil sa mahabang panahon na mayroon siyang sakit ay maraming pagkaing ipinagbawal sa kaniya. Hanggang sa siya'y nagpatingin sa doktor at hindi na siya nakitaan ng anomang

Simula noon ay binuksan na muli ni Rev. Dr. Sy ang kaniyang Bibliya at nagkaroon ng relasyon sa Panginoon. "Doon nagsimula iyon, hanggang sa every day ay may fellowship na kami ni Lord. Naririnig ko na Siya at ang mga instruction Niya sa akin. Doon na nagsimula ang ministry."

Nagsilbing patotoo ang buhay ni Rev. Dr. Sy kung paano siya nanindigan sa kaniyang tawag sa kabila ng mga problemang kaniyang mga kinakaharap makasunod lamang sa kalooban ng Diyos.

Matthew 6:31-32 (NKJV) ³¹"Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³²For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things."

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Sunday Worship Service HIGHLIGHTS

Huwag mong kunin ang wisdom na hindi applicable sa iyo. Ang Bible ay nagbibigay sa iyo ng tamang wisdom. Iyon ang kunin mo. Lahat ng hawak mo ngayon ay itiniwala ng Diyos sa iyo kasama ang buhay mo.

Mayroon kang opportunity araw-araw to be a witness of Christ and to be diligent in your works.

Singing praises to the Lord is both vertical and horizontal—sa Diyos at sa tao. You become an encouragement to others.

Ang Diyos ang tumutukoy kung ano ang ipagkakatiwala sa iyo. Hindi Niya ibibigay sa iyo ang hindi mo kayang i-manage.

Rev. Dr. James Sy
ADMINISTRATIVE PASTOR
FEBRUARY 5, 2023

UPCOMING 2023 PROGRAMS



36TH UCF ANNIVERSARY Coordinator: Sis. Nerissa Estrellado at UCF Sanctuary Sunday, 2:00 PM















In 2015, UCF introduced the first Home Bible Church (HBC), an evangelistic program that targets groups of families. There were 29 active HBCs from Parañaque, Muntinlupa, Cavite, and Laguna at that time.

FLASH UPDATE



Ilan sa mga miyembro ng panambahan ang nag-uulat ng mga mahahalagang ginawa ng Diyos sa nagdaang taon.





Tulong-tulong ang mga boluntaryo mula sa iba't ibang fellowship group para sa paggawa ng mga dekorasyon. Maliban dito ay nag-eensayo rin ng kanilang presentasyon ang youth fellowship.

Paghahanda para sa anibersaryo

Labing apat na araw na lamang at matutunghayan na ang ika-36 na anibersaryo ng UCF.

Isa sa mga ginagawang paghahanda ay ang paggawa ng mga dekosrasyon para sa bagong disenyo ng panambahan, pagkakaroon ng video shooting sa mga host para sa audio visual presentation (AVP), at pag-eensayo para sa mga espesyal na presentesayon.

Buong pusong tumutulong ang mga boluntaryo upang magkaroon ng isang makabuluhang anibersaryo ang panambahan.

³³But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. ³⁴Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

Matthew 6:33-34 (NKJV)

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The Believers'...

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- The preparation of the gospel of peace is being able to share the Gospel with others.

Romans 10:15 (NKJV)

And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things!"

- Why it is called the gospel of peace?

Romans 5:11 (NIV)

Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

- Paul says, "I am not ashamed of the gospel."

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.

4.) The Shield of Faith (v. 16)

- Faith is the most important part of the armor.

1 John 5:4 (NIV)

For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.

- Trusting God's protection 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.'

- Fight the good fight of faith.

2 Timothy 4:7 (NIV)

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

5.) The Helmet of Salvation (v. 17)

- The helmet protects the head.
- The home of the mind
- The mind, spiritual battleground

Ephesians 6:13 (NIV)

Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

- Satan seeks to destroy a believer's assurance of salvation with his weapon of doubt and discouragement.

1 Thessalonians 5:8 (NKJV)

But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation.

Paul reminds us:

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6.) The Sword of the Spirit (v. 17)

- The Sword of the Spirit is the Word of God.

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- The Power of God's Word Hebrews 4:12 (NIV)

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

 We can meet any attack of the devil by raising the sword of God's Spirit, which is His Word.

James 4:7 (NKJV)

Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

- Using God's Word is our best defense.
- Let us, therefore, firmly fix on our heads, the helmet of salvation, and take up the sword of the Spirit.

Hebrews 12:2 (NKJV)

Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

- Fix our eyes on Jesus—our source of strength, love, hope, grace, mercy, and help.

Challenge

- We are more than conquerors through Christ Jesus.
- Continue in our faith, established and firm.

Colossians 1:22-23 (NIV)

²²But now He has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in His sight, without blemish and free from accusation— ²³if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

Conclusion

- Take up the whole armor of God, praying always.

Ephesians 6:18 (NIV)

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

- Prayer is the communication line from the headquarters in heaven.
- Prayer is needed for victory. Victory is ours.
- Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.









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