

The Believers' Good Example

1 Thessalonians 1:2-10 (NKJV)

²We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers, ³remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father, ⁴knowing, beloved brethren, your election by God. ⁵For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance, as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake. ⁶And you became followers of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became examples to all in Macedonia and Achaia who believe. ⁸For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place. Your faith toward God has gone out, so that we do not need to say anything. ⁹For they themselves declare concerning us what manner of entry we had to you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

Background

- Paul and his companions were faithful to bring the gospel to the Thessalonians in the midst of persecution.
- The Thessalonians had only recently become Christians, and yet they had remained faithful to the Lord, despite the fact that the apostles were not with them.

According to this passage, we can learn the key characteristics of the Thessalonians' church:

1. Turn to God at all Times.

- Remember without ceasing your work of faith. (v. 3a)
 - Turn away from your idols. (v. 9)
 - Know that you are elected or chosen by God. (v. 4)
- Remember God's covenant to your life always.

2. Serve God Diligently.

- Remember without ceasing your labor of love. (v. 3b)
- Imitate how Christ and your leaders follow God's will. (v. 6)
- Be expectant in receiving God's word. (v. 6)
- Let the Holy Spirit empower you to share the gospel everywhere. (v. 5, 8)

1 Thessalonians 1:5, 8

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⁸For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place. Your faith toward God has gone out, so that we do not need to say anything.

- Be examples to all who surround you. (v. 7)
- Make every effort to do God's will for your life.

3. Wait for Christ's Second Coming.

- Remember without ceasing your patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. (v. 3c)
- Serve God while waiting.

Matthew 25:8-10

⁸And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some

of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹But the wise answered, saying, 'No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.' ¹⁰And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut.

Matthew 25:20-30

²⁰'So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.'

²¹His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' ²²He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.'

²³His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

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UCA TESTIMONIALS

JOYFUL LEARNING in UCA



Focusing on making education a joyful and motivating experience for the students, teachers, and parents has always been a part of UCA's mission and vision. It has been only four months since S.Y. 2025-2026 began, but the students' enthusiasm and excitement for each school program has not wavered since. In each activity, they gained for themselves not only knowledge, but most of all, the experiences they will forever cherish and the values that will hone them to become better individuals. Here are some of the students' testimonies.



Sheena Alwish Posadas
Grade 7

UCA FOUNDATION WEEK

My most memorable moment during the UCA Foundation Week was dressing up for all the contests that I signed up for and joined in like Ms. UCA. I had a lot of fun preparing with my friends for our dances. I am very happy that we got to the finals.



Princess Angel Iledo
Grade 5

UCA FOUNDATION WEEK

My favorite moments during the UCA Foundation Week were the booth games and the contests kasi ang dami ng games at marami akong nagawang bagong memories kasama ang ibang students. Nakasali rin ako sa The Voice kaya na-boost ang confidence ko.



Yuna Sophia Cotas
Grade 5

CHAPEL SERVICE

I learned that love is patient and kind. Even if you are suffering, if you love someone, you will not hate them.



Benjamin Gomez
Grade 2

CHAPEL SERVICE

I learned that Jesus healed the blind, and He gave the bread. I also learned the Ten Commandments. I learned that God is good.



Erina Janelle Gelera
Grade 3

CHAPEL SERVICE

I learned that we should always love and not hate because everybody should love. There should be no hatred and conflicts.



Carmela Chantelle Oliveros
Grade 9

MATH AND SCIENCE WEEK

Ang favorite experience ko noong Math and Science Week ay iyong exhibit. I got to meet the elementary students and we made them try different activities. As an exhibitor, it was really fun because I got to see how curious the children were.



Bunch Ace Lark Ariz
Grade 7

MATH AND SCIENCE WEEK

My favorite part of the Math and Science Week was entertaining and teaching the kids about our topic. We taught them how to grow plants. Seeing the little kids so happy to learn about something new made us, exhibitors, joyful.



Kimberly De Borja
Grade 9

MATH AND SCIENCE WEEK

During the exhibit, we were able to make things for the kids to try. My friends and I also bonded together while we were making it.



King Ramjen Gilua
Grade 5

MATH AND SCIENCE WEEK

My favorite part was making the hand sanitizer because I learned how to make it and it was so beautiful. Teacher Ivy taught me how to make it.



Noime Morados
Grade 7

MATH AND SCIENCE WEEK

My favorite part was the exhibit because a lot of kids went to our booth. It may be tiring explaining to the kids, but I'm still happy.





UCA RETREAT FEATURE



Discover the Truth Experience God

United Christian Academy (UCA) remains steadfast in following the vision the Lord has given the school—to be a gateway of evangelism. For many years, the Word of God has been the school's foundation in teaching, guiding, and molding the students towards academic and spiritual excellence. And UCA Retreat is one of the avenues that students get to know God and experience His great love and presence.

UCA conducts a yearly students' retreat to give them some time to reflect and spend quality time with God together with their teachers and classmates. Their bond improve as they participate in exciting and challenging games, eat delicious meals, and spend quality time together for three days. There will also be a time for singing and dancing songs to the Lord, and expressing their love and gratefulness to our Lord Jesus Christ. Most importantly, the message of the Lord through His Word will be preached by our dear pastors.

These are just a glimpse of what you could experience. Join the UCA retreat and witness the change in ourselves as we reflect more about God and His purpose in our lives.



ENJOYABLE ACTIVITIES



FELLOWSHIP



Students have a joyful and meaningful bond throughout the retreat. This is their time to truly get to know each other.



PRAISE & WORSHIP



The Lord touch the heart of the students who thirst and long for His presence.



HEARING HIS WORD



**COME AND JOIN NOW!
AND ENCOUNTER A
LIFE-CHANGING
EVENT.**

And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:19
(NKJV)

Paglilingkod para sa kaluwalhatian ng Diyos

Isang tawag ang inyong tinugon
Upang buhay niyo'y ialay sa Panginoon
Mayroon mang hamon, pasanin, at pagod
Kayo'y patuloy na bumabangon nang
buong loob

Naglilingkod, nagsusumikap at nagpapagal
Salamat sa inyong gabay at mga paalala
Narinig namin ang inyong mga pangaral
Na si Hesus lamang ang tanging buhay at pag-asa

Kami ay lubos na nagpapasalamat
Salita ng Diyos ay inyong ipinahahayag
Sa lahat ng ginagawa ay nagiging tapat
Ang Diyos ang Siyang nagagalak

Buhay ninyo'y naging patotoo
Sa kagila-gilalas Niyang pagkilos
Walang makapipigil sa inyong serbisyo
Upang purihin at dakilain ang Diyos



Romans 8:9
(NKJV)

^aAnd 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.

MT. TABOR UPDATE

Sama – samang pagganap



Bilang mga katiwala ng Diyos sa ministryong Kaniyang itinatag tulad ng UCF Mt. Tabor Church Re-Creation Center, ating responsibilidad ang pangalagaan at palaguin pa ang lugar ng Mt. Tabor upang mas maging kagamit-gamit ito para sa mga gawain ng Panginoon.

Kaya patuloy ang pakikiisa ng mga manggagawa at boluntaryo ng UCF sa araw-araw na gawain dito tulad ng paglilinis at pagsasaayos ng mga pasilidad ng Mt. Tabor sa pangunguna ng ating punong pastor na si Rev. Dr. William Sy.

Purihin ang Panginoon sa araw-araw na kalakasang nagmumula sa Kaniya!



Masinop na nilinis at ginupit ang mga mahahabang damo sa harapang bahagi ng Mt. Tabor. Ito ay upang mas maging maaliwalas at malinis ang daan na sasalubong sa mga bisita.

TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATION

Celebrating the lives of our teachers



Indeed, teaching is a noble profession. And we celebrate the lives of the educators, who dedicate their lives in serving the Lord through the ministry of UCA, for their hardwork and perseverance in teaching and honing their students to academic and spiritual excellence.

Last October 10, Friday, the UCA Faculty and Staff gather for a simple feast to celebrate Teachers' Day. Their hearts are filled with joy and fulfillment knowing that their lives are being used for the ministry as called by the Lord. Praise God for their lives!

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.

Matthew 24:4-5
(NKJV)

The Believers'...

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24⁴⁶Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. 25And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.' 26⁴⁸But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. 27So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. 28So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents. 29⁴⁹For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. 30And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

c. Share the gospel to other people with urgency.

Matthew 24:14

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.

d. Endure the trials and persecutions that you are facing until the end.

Matthew 24:9-13

9⁴⁷Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake. 10And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. 11Then many

false prophets will rise up and deceive many. 12And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. 13But he who endures to the end shall be saved.

- Put your hope in Jesus Christ's return.

Challenge

As we are about to end this year 2025, let us respond to the Good News as the Thessalonians did:

- 1. Remember God's covenant to your life always.
- 2. Make every effort to do God's will for your life.
- 3. Put your hope in Jesus Christ's return.



SERMON NOTES

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

SHARE HIS WORD



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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

- SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
9:00 AM (Parañaque)
- SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
3:00 PM (Cabuyao, Laguna)
- HOUSE OF PRAYER
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- HOME BIBLE CHURCH & STUDY
Tuesday - Friday
Laguna and Cavite Areas

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