

Awaken Your Imagination for

PURPOSEFUL LIVING

ADVENTURE IN FAITH 2024

SEPTEMBER 1st - OCTOBER 27th



Greetings & Welcome to Adventure in Faith 2024,

Adventure in Faith 2024 is upon us, and I am excited to extend an invitation for each of us to take a leap of faith into the world of imagination. This year, our quest is to envision beyond appearances as we give shape, form and color in creating a life of meaning and purpose. Together, we will work with our imagination to tap into our infinite potential and deepen the call to care for each other in our community, in our families and the world, bringing out the best in each other.

Our theme for 2024 is “Awaken Imagination for Purposeful Living.” You may be asking, “What is Adventure in Faith? Adventure in Faith is our annual campaign where, for nine weeks, we come together to form a collective consciousness around the power of commitment. Commitment is our intention to accomplish a goal, no matter what. Once we make a true commitment, failure is not an option. During this period, we will support each other in making a commitment first and foremost to ourselves, the God in us. This is the first step, as we will only be committed to something or someone else, to the degree we are committed to ourselves. You will be challenged to make a commitment to yourself to strengthen your seven life structures, which are explained on the following pages in this booklet.

The next step is the invitation to make a commitment to our spiritual community, Universal Truth Center, with your treasure, time and talent. This way, we can celebrate and ensure the legacy of our community for future generations, providing a space to grow and a space to heal as we help to birth a world that works for everyone. We thank everyone - past, current, and future- who has helped, is helping, or will help build this legacy of love and empowerment through their commitment.

On the pages of this journal, you will find more details about Adventure in Faith and the seven life structures we will be working with each week. There’s also space for your lesson notes each Sunday. Please bring this journal with you each Sunday as the adventure will unfold over nine weeks.

In addition, we have supplemental activities and workshops to support you in your adventure, so do join in the exciting activities and experiences we have planned. Together we boldly go where we’ve never been before.

Live, Long & Prosper,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles M. Taylor". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Rev. Charles M. Taylor

Greetings UTC Family.

In Malachi 3:10, the people were invited to: ***“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.”***

Our “Adventure In Faith (AIF) Campaign” presents the perfect opportunity to exercise faith and put this scripture challenge to the test. The “storehouse” referenced above is our spiritual center, the “Universal Truth Center for Better Living,” and we are all invited to embark on this consciousness-building, soul-satisfying, prosperity-increasing journey!

During AIF, we are asked to complete a commitment card with the estimate of how much we intend to give to UTC in tithes for the year. The reason for this is two-fold: first, it helps us increase our faith in divine law and truth, opening our channels to receive and, secondly, it provides much needed funds to supplement the annual budget and plan new programs and fund operations.

The Board of Directors are well aware of the tithing principle and, as leaders, are prepared to demonstrate what being a “cheerful giver” really means. We see, firsthand, the need for funding as we continue addressing urgent building projects, as the surface. Let’s face it. Our beautiful edifice is over 20 years old and needs quite a few renovations and repairs to sustain its integrity. Your Board and its Facilities Committee have been diligently working to stay in front of these repairs, including restoring the parking lot lights, replacing the front steppingstones and painting all walkways, repairing the damaged chain link fence, replacing the wrought iron fence, repairing the south entrance door, and repairing the kitchen ceiling pipes. There are many more capital projects in the pipeline that need to be done soon, including replacing the overhead pipes, cleaning and repairing the kitchen’s grease trap system, repaving the parking lot, repairing the stage lighting, and more. We need your help to continue making progress.

The good news is that we have always “walked by faith—not by sight.” So let us continue walking in Faith as we take this Adventure and unfold Spiritually, Mentally/Emotionally, Physically, Relationally, Socially, Vocationally, and Financially. Together, we can “Awaken Our Imagination for Purposeful Living” and bring forth a better, greater world that works for everyone. The Board of Directors, together with Sr. Minister Rev. Charles Taylor, are ready to make our pledge and take our Adventure in Faith. Won’t you join us?

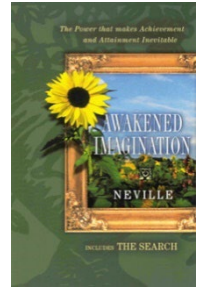
On behalf of the Board of Directors, I thank you for your trust and support in managing the direction of our church. We express our sincere appreciation to Rev. Charles, the ministerial and operations staff, and the volunteers for your tireless work and efforts. We are looking forward to infinite possibilities in this coming year and it all begins with Faith.

In love and light,

Mary Smith-Work, President

UTC Board of Directors

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Date	Event
August 31, 2024	Prayer Vigil
September 1, 2024	Introduction Sunday The Rev. Charles M. Taylor
September 8, 2024	Spiritual Unfoldment Sunday Michelle Washington
September 14, 2024	UTC Play Day 2pm-5pm
September 15, 2024	Mental/Emotional Unfoldment Sunday Myra Terrelonge
September 22, 2024	Physical Unfoldment Sunday The Rev. Dr. Anna Price
September 29, 2024	Relational Unfoldment Sunday The Rev. Shakira Taylor Book Discussion facilitated by Olivia Benson, Esq.
October 5, 2024	Grief Workshop facilitated by The Rev. Charles M. Taylor 10am-12pm
October 6, 2024	Social Unfoldment Sunday The Rev. Jacqueline Hazel
October 12, 2024	Wills & Trusts Workshop facilitated by Olivia Benson, Esq. 10am-12pm
October 13, 2024	Vocational Unfoldment Sunday The Rev. Mitchell Walthour
October 20, 2024	Financial Unfoldment Sunday Michelle Washington
October 27, 2024	Tithing & Legacy Sunday The Rev. Tawnicia F. Rowan Trunk or Treat

1. Adventure in Faith is our annual campaign designed to inspire our members and friends to come together to renew the vision, pursue mission and birth the purpose of our spiritual community.

VISION: To empower people to develop their potential by awakening their Divine Nature.

MISSION: Universal Truth Center is a spiritual center in which the message of Jesus the Christ is reinterpreted and modeled in a relevant and practical way to empower and attract a diverse ethnic and cultural community.

PURPOSE: We are here to boldly live a God inspired life. We are a community that loves unconditionally, a place to heal and a space to grow to create a world that works for everyone.

We expect you to come fully prepared and with more of your minds and hearts open to a new way of seeing yourself and seize the moment to bring forth more of your magnificent, unique self.

2. Support our members and friends in making a commitment to themselves to strengthen their life structures. The life structures we will be working with are:

1. Spiritual
2. Mental/Emotional
3. Physical
4. Relational
5. Social
6. Vocational
7. Financial

- **Spiritual Unfoldment** it's about awakening to your true self and expressing your unique self -your unique expression of God. Consciously participating in your transformation. It goes beyond religion. It involves the totality of our Being, including our ultimate nature, purpose and unique relationship to that which is beyond time and space, the immeasurable, the indefinable Great Mystery.
- **Mental/Emotional Unfoldment** is about cultivating mental health and developing emotional intelligence. It's about being willing to expand our structure of knowledge and becoming aware of what our full range of emotions/ feelings

are trying to tell us. It's about being willing to celebrate and process the parts of ourselves we reject.

- **Physical Unfoldment** is about expressing a healthy body temple. Health is an overall sense of well-being: physically, mentally, emotionally, spiritually. A healthy body temple contributes to our being able to fulfill our purpose with vitality and vibrancy. When we respect the body temple by eating a nutritious diet, proper hydration, exercise, rest and relaxation, we contribute to the flow of harmony and balance throughout our entire system. Physical health alone, however, is not the entire picture. Individuals such as physicist Stephen Hawking for example, who appear to be severely physically challenged yet lived their lives and contribute a great deal to the world, cause us to realize that who we are is beyond any seeming outer limitation, that we cannot be prevented from expressing our talents and skills.
- **Relational Unfoldment** is about realizing that individuals participate in a field larger than themselves. They are supporting one another in the exploration and living of their highest potential. At its highest, relational unfoldment is evolutionary. An Evolutionary Relationship is a consciously created connection that is formed around an explicit mutual commitment to developing higher potentials, individually and together. An Evolutionary Relationship doesn't just benefit the individuals involved; it becomes a vehicle for bringing new potentials alive at the leading edge of human evolution. In this- relationships serve as our mirror to show us where we need to wake up, clean up, grow up and show up. This kind of relating allows us to move into a more fluid, interdependent and interconnected consciousness, where each person's essential uniqueness and the experience of unity can coexist. This is about every form of relating in which we humans engage be it about mates, potential mates, partners, family, friends, colleagues, bosses, spiritual teachers and self. Every relationship is really about the relationship you have with yourself. Open
- **Social Unfoldment** is about being a beneficial presence in the world so you can play your part in helping to birth a world that works for everyone. It's about creating community. When you're a part of a community be they churches, spiritual centers, businesses or social service organizations, most of them have a way of bringing out in us our talents, gifts and skills, as well as those places in which we have yet to grow. They teach us how our gifts don't belong only to us but are a source of being in service to the larger community. Community expands our compassion and takes us into a broader consciousness of selfless service. We grow beyond a "me and mine" or "we four and no more" mindset, and into a

“we” consciousness which impacts every community in which we are involved- family, the workplace, our spiritual community, neighborhood, town, state - the world.

- **Vocational Unfoldment** it's about fulfilling our purpose through our livelihood, it is the place where God has called you. ***“The place God calls you to, is a place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet.”*** -Frederick Buechner. It's a beautiful thing when a person feels they are fulfilling their purpose through their vocation. This happens most often when our innate gifts have the opportunity to be expressed through our profession. This allows us to find meaning in what we do, contributing to the greater good of birthing a world that works for everyone.
- **Financial Unfoldment** is about stabilizing our money system- becoming financially free or secure. Our financial structure becomes stabilized when we realize that money is energy and that when we circulate energy in the form of money it cycles back to us. It is beneficial to be financially stable because when we are not distracted by financial stress, our energy may be channeled to our spiritual practices and creatively living our vision.
- **Tithing and Legacy Sunday** is about learning to put the law of giving and receiving into practice by tithing or giving. Tithing is a practice of putting into practice the law of giving and receiving. We are working with the principle of substance. Legacy is about putting things in place legally and structurally to leave a living legacy for your family, spiritual community, community at large and the world.
- The decisions we make today determine the future of our descendants. Did you know that Rockefeller's decisions are still taking care of 7 generations onwards to 8 with over 250 heirs? What are you doing today to position your family 7 generations from now? Make a decision to leave a legacy of benefits, not bills.
- We (our families, our country, UTC) stand on the shoulders of people we know or knew and people we've never met. We benefit from services and opportunities we didn't create. Be the reason someone else can say the same.

As the Universal Truth Center celebrates 40 plus years of legacy and beyond, please consider including UTC in your legacy planning so both

you and UTC can continue to be a blessing to humanity and help create a world that works for everyone.

3. Provide more opportunities for UTC to build an ever-expanding loving, supportive, beautiful community, within and without through service projects, social activities and spiritual practices.
4. Create a culture of generosity in our community by offering our members and friends the opportunity to practice the law of giving and receiving, by tithing.
5. To give our members and friends an opportunity to make a commitment to share their treasures (financial), time (volunteer), and talents (service to the community).

LIFE ASSESSMENT

Your discontent and longing are life's way of nudging you, telling you that it's time to expand. Life wants to be lived more fully in and through you.

This series is to help you become aware of the dream in your heart, your soul's purpose, desire. And building your dream life.

Part of building a dream is honestly assessing the present state of your life. A simple way to begin changing your life is not to erratically change things without any clear direction or focus. All you need to do is to take a good look at your current circumstances - what about your life do you love and what do you not love?

Observe yourself, noticing your longing and discontent. As you become aware of what's happening inside you, pay attention to the area you most want to transform right now. Circle the area or areas that have the lowest ratings.

Scale:					
	Not Satisfied				Very Satisfied

Life Structure	1				5
Spiritual					
Mental/Emotional					
Physical					
Love & Relationships					
Social/Community					
Vocation					
Time & Money					
Freedom					

Now ask yourself: How long have I felt discontent in each of these areas? Be honest. I know some people who have longed for the love of their life and wonder if it is time to give up. Others have wanted to improve their health for decades but don't find time to go to the gym and can't seem to get past yo-yo diets. Review the numbers you have written down and think about how long you have been discontented in these areas. If you have acquiesced to the status quo, this series can help you move forward in the direction of your dreams.

What are your intentions for AIF 2024?

What are your intentions for the areas in which you feel most discontented?

KEY TERMS

- ❖ **IMAGINATION:** is the eye of the consciousness. Gives shape, form and color to unformed mental energy, is the projector of your potentials, is vision beyond appearances. Awakened imagination is the power which makes the achievement of aims... the attainment of desires... inevitable- Neville
- ❖ **SOUL PURPOSE:** if your unique series of talents, strength, passions, interest, hobbies, attitudes and values form the essence of the most magnificent version of you. When these qualities are intentionally acknowledged and cultivated, they coalesce into a specific mission in service to the world.

- ❖ **SUBSTANCE:** idea in the mind of God of perfect form, it is unformed mind essence.
- ❖ **CURIOSITY:** is a strong desire to know something. It is at the heart of our motivation and our success, no matter our pursuits whether it's a better job or a more fulfilling life.

INSPIRING QUOTES

*“The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existence. One cannot help but be in awe when he/she/they contemplate the mysteries of eternity, of life of the marvelous structure of reality. It is enough if one tries merely to comprehend a little of this mystery each day.”- **Albert Einstein***

*“Necessity it's the mother of invention”- **Anonymous***

*“The first step towards getting somewhere is to decide you're not going to stay where you are.”- **JP Morgan***

*“Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited. Imagination encircles the world.”- **Einstein***

*“Imagination is everything. It is the preview of life's coming attractions.” **Einstein***

*“You're a masterpiece even while you're in progress. Keep evolving and transforming into the best, brightest version of yourself.” – **Anonymous***

*“The best way to predict your future is to create it. Set goals, be intentional, say yes to your soul dreams and make your life an adventure.” - **Anonymous***

SPIRITUAL TREATMENT
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The imagination is the faculty of mind that images and forms; the power to shape and form thought. The imaging faculty presides at the nerve center between the eyes. Through this faculty the formless takes form. (Revealing Word)

Imagination is a wellspring for creating meaning in our lives and that relates to creating purpose. My heart is the seat of my imagination.

I become what I imagine which allows me to fulfill my life purpose.

Imagination is all, and all is imagination. My responsibility is to pray for understanding of how to use this sacred gift of imagination that is uniquely designed to elevate me to the next level of my spiritual unfoldment.

‘Divine Imagination is the chisel we wield in molding the paradise of our inner thought kingdoms.’ - *Cora Fillmore*

It is the scissors of the mind. It is possible for the faculty of imagination with its physical center between the eyes, some call it the third eye; to cut out the actual visual image coming through the physical eyes and send that picture to the brain and project it onto the screen of life.

The imagination is a universal language, for it is a language of pictures. The faculty of imagination is an all-important means of communication from Universal Mind or God to us. When we quicken, awaken, or spiritualize our faculty of imagination or affirm and acknowledge that the Christ in us is quickening the faculty of imagination in us, it becomes the channel of communication between us and Universal Mind.

Through the universal language of pictures, we see new ways to solve old problems. We see new ways of doing our WORK more efficiently and successfully. We develop creative imagination. Einstein said, “Imagination is more important than knowledge.”

The imagination sees the completed event, condition or form and that mental image acts as a magnet to bring into our life the right conditions, people, and circumstances to birth our soul desires, so we can benefit and be a blessing not only for ourselves but, for future generations. Look to the south, north, east and west, you can have as far as you can see.

Affirm: Christ in me awakens my faculty of imagination. I see clearly and creatively.

“Raise your eyes now and look from the place where you are northward and southward and eastward and westward for all the land that you see I will give to you and to your offspring forever.” - Genesis 13:14-15 And So, It Is. AMEN

Sunday, September 1, 2024

Title: Awakened Imagination

Scripture: Genesis 13: 14-15

The Lord said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him, "Raise your eyes now, and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward; for all the land that you see I will give to you and to your offspring forever.

Book: Chapter 1

INTRODUCTION (White)

Major Point for Reflection: Imagination is the power to shape and form substance, it is linked with faith. "Christ in you, the hope of glory" (Colossians 1:26-27) is your imagination. -Neville

Point One for Consideration: Imagination allows us to connect to our soul purpose, a purpose that will not only bless you, but will allow you to build a legacy for future generations.

Point Two for Consideration: Become curious. Notice your longing and discontent. Your discontent and longing are life's way of nudging you, telling you that it's time to expand, grow and transform. Life wants to be lived more fully in and through you.

Practice: Notice your longing and discontent. Bringing your inner rumblings to the surface empowers you to recognize what your soul deeply desires, your life's purpose. Listen to your still small voice of inspired insight, your dreams, which always guide you to your highest good. Practice telling yourself, "Up until now," to uncouple your future from the past. It's never too late to be what you might have been.

Assess the different areas of your life-health, well-being, mental-emotional, spiritual, love, relationships, vocation, social, time, money, freedom, and legacy-rating your degree of satisfaction in each area. This can help you become aware of your longing and discontent and identify where your soul is ready to expand, grow and transform to embrace your soul purpose.

Key Take Aways:

Sunday, September 8, 2024

Title: Purposeful Spirituality

Scripture: Romans 12:2

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Book: Chapter 2

**SPIRITUAL UNFOLDMENT
(Blue)**

Major Point for Reflection:

Point One for Consideration:

Point Two for Consideration:

Practice:

Key Take Aways:

Sunday, September 15, 2024

Title: Purposeful Emotional/Menal Expression

Scripture: Genesis 27:18-24

So he went in to his father, and said, "My father"; and he said, "Here I am; who are you, my son?" Jacob said to his father, "I am Esau your firstborn. I have done as you told me; now sit up and eat of my game, so that you may bless me." But Isaac said to his son, "How is it that you have found it so quickly, my son?" He answered, "Because the Lord your God granted me success." Then Isaac said to Jacob, "Come near, that I may feel you, my son, to know whether you are really my son Esau or not." So Jacob went up to his father Isaac, who felt him and said, "The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau." He did not recognize him, because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau's hands; so he blessed him. He said, "Are you really my son Esau?" He answered, "I am."

Book: Chapter 4

**MENTAL/EMOTIONAL UNFOLDMENT
(Yellow)**

Major Point for Reflection:

Point One for Consideration:

Point Two for Consideration:

Practice:

Key Take Aways:

Sunday, September 22, 2024

Title: Purposeful Healthy Living

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

Book: Chapter 3

**PHYSICAL UNFOLDMENT
(Red)**

Major Point for Reflection: Movement is the principle of life. Where there is no movement there is no life.

Point One for Consideration: What appears to be duality is only two sides of the same coin-we are the ones that see separation.

Point Two for Consideration: Only when there is a change within, will there be a change without.

Point Three for Consideration: Take up your cross and follow your imagination.

Practice:

Key Take Aways:

Sunday, September 22, 2024

Title: Purposeful Relationships

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Book: Chapter 8

**RELATIONAL UNFOLDMENT
(Pink)**

Major Point for Reflection:

Point One for Consideration:

Point Two for Consideration:

Practice:

Key Take Aways:

Sunday, October 6, 2024

Title: Purposeful World that Works for Everyone

Scripture: 1 John 4:7-8

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

Book: Chapter 7

**SOCIAL UNFOLDMENT
(Orange)**

Major Point for Reflection:

Point One for Consideration:

Point Two for Consideration:

Practice:

Key Take Aways:

Sunday, October 13, 2024

Title: Purposeful Vocational Expression

Scripture: Romans 12: 4-8

For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Book: Chapter 6

**VOCATIONAL UNFOLDMENT
(Purple)**

Major Point for Reflection:

Point One for Consideration:

Point Two for Consideration:

Practice:

Key Take Aways:

Sunday, October 20, 2024

Title: Purposeful Financial Expression

Scripture: Philippians 4: 19-20

And my God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Book: Chapter 5

**FINANCIAL UNFOLDMENT
(Green)**

Major Point for Reflection:

Point One for Consideration:

Point Two for Consideration:

Practice:

Key Take Aways:

Sunday, October 27, 2024

Title: Purposeful Legacy

Scripture: Luke 6:38

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.

Book: Chapter-The Search

**TITHING & LEGACY SUNDAY
(Costume)**

Major Point for Reflection:

Point One for Consideration:

Point Two for Consideration:

Practice:

Key Take Aways:

So begins the Adventure...

“Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn’t do than by the ones you did do. So, throw off the bow lines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.”

– H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

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