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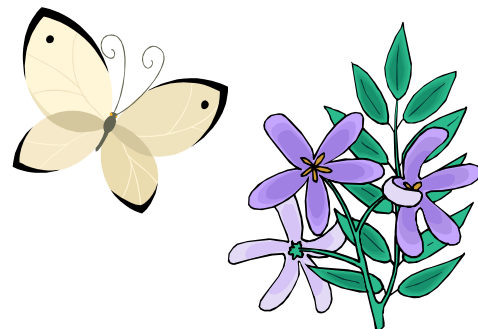
I'm sure you've all had to wait for something. Maybe it was some-thing you ordered in the mail, waiting in line, waiting for textbooks. We've all had to do it. Waiting for God's promises to come isn't anything new either. Abraham waited years for his promised son. Moses spent 40 years tending sheep before his calling came. David waited years to claim his place as king of Israel. Even Jesus waited 30 years before beginning his ministry.

I don't know about you but sometimes (all right, a lot) I wish I knew exactly what God's plan for me is. I see those around me who are doing great things for God and I'm still studying and drawing comic pages. Somehow my role in the body doesn't seem important. But God created us in advance to do good work Ephesians 2:10 and He will not fail to provide us with what we need in order to do those works. But sometimes it takes a while before our calling comes. We have to build the foundation, brick by brick before putting the house up. You have to spend hours smelting metal and skimming it before it's pure. We

may have to herd sheep in the desert for 40 years before the burning bush gives us our purpose in life. God has to get us into a place where His purpose for us can be fully realized and each of us has our own timeframe, our own faith journey, that we have to take. We can't compare ourselves to our brothers and sisters. We all have our part to play in the Kingdom of God.

If the people of faith in the Bible had to wait years for their time to come, maybe those of us who feel like we aren't doing anything important for God can too. I encourage you to be patient and let God work in you. Your calling will come and even if it seems like it's something small and insignificant, remember that God sees the significance in it, even if no one else does, including yourself.

-Jess Morris





UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS FOR UCM

Bingo @ Ravens Landing Friday April 5th we're meeting at the UCM office at 6:30PM and going over to Raven's Landing Retirement Community for a rousing night of Bingo. Everyone is welcome to attend, cost of free, and rides will be provided to and from.

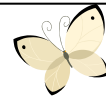
UCM Thank You Dinner- Sunday April 21st @ 6:PM

Come join us at the Annual Thank You Dinner. We are meeting at University Community Presbyterian Church for set up at 4:PM. If you are a student and would like to help set up tables, chairs, prepare food, etc. please come. During the event we will have dinner, a slideshow, sing some songs, and talk about how God has worked with us through UCM this year. Please bring your appetite, energy, and testimony and enjoy the night!

End of the Year Cookout Friday May 3rd we will meet at the UCM office at 5:30PM and head to David's house for our annual cookout (complete with games) to celebrate spring and the end of the semester. Please come join us for this awesome event. If you would like to meet us directly at David's house we will be starting dinner around 6PM

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WEEKLY EVENTS FOR UCM



Tuesday Evening Worship is at 7PM in the lounge above the Lola Tilly Commons. We call this worship service Vespers (meaning an evening worship service). The service consists of singing, student testimony, a short message, and a time of quiet reflection. This is a great mid week pick me up.

Thursday Bible Studies every Thursday from 1PM-1:50 PM. We meet at the United Campus Ministry office. This semester we will be studying the book of 1st Samuel. Feel free to bring your own lunch; we will provide cookies and milk. Later Jess Morris will be leading a bible study at 7PM that is focusing on the book of Philippians. The Bible study will be held at Cutler Apt. 606 and should have a black cat and UCM posters on the door.

Music Practice Every Monday at 4:30PM we meet at the UCM office to go over songs and practice for Tuesday Worship. If you play an instrument, sing, know sign language, or would just like to hang out feel free to join us. Currently we are looking for someone who plays drums, we've got the set if you've got the skills.