



"The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple" (Ps 119:130).

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**2015:
The Year of
Fruitbearing**

John 15:16

"...I have chosen you, and ordained you...go and bring forth fruit..."

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LIGHTHOUSE BBC HOLDS LIGHTHOUSE FAMILY CAMP AT RIZAL RE-CREATION CENTER NEXT WEEK

"...let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together...but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching" (Heb 10:24-25).

A Word from the PASTOR



There has never been a time when the coming of the Lord Jesus is more pronounced and imminent than now. And as He tarries His coming, more evils lurk around and try to take hold of Christians to destroy their lives and their effectiveness in the work of God.

As a church, we are not without warnings and reminders of these things from God's Word. One such verses which give us some means to address this situation is right in our text above.

It should be clear to all Lighthouse BBC families that it is God's Word which cleanses us and equips us to face the many challenges in life. Not only that we must be equipped to face and overcome these challenges but to be able to do the work without distraction, with steadfastness, stability and increase.

Our coming together as a work of God to hold a Family Camp has this purpose. Our text says we should provoke one another to love and good works, meaning, we should exhort, stir and spur each other to loving God and His work and to serving Him even more faithfully and increasingly. This we should do all the more as we realize that His coming becomes more imminent.

Let us not discount the value of the Lighthouse Family Camp. As usual, the main feature of the camp is the Word of God which is profitable for all of us. See you at Lighthouse Family Camp!

COUNTDOWN
to the
40th ANNIVERSARY
and
SACRIFICIAL
CELEBRATION
of the
LIGHTHOUSE BBC

14 WEEKS

BE BACK THIS AFTERNOON
AT 4PM AS WE FEATURE
OUR VARIOUS MUSICAL
GROUPS AND SOME
EXCERPTS FROM THE
MUSICAL PLAY, BANAAG.



Jed Gamboa and Zeus Raytana lead more than 400 young people from Barangay Tatalon into singing some songs during the gift giving yesterday afternoon. More than 300 of these young people trusted Christ as Savior after viewing the film Basahan and the preaching of God's Word.

Fourth Quarter Focus : Bearing the Fruits of Righteousness

"Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God" Phil 1:11).

"Unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen" (Eph. 3:21)

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON
Christmas Lesson

TITLE : THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

Text : Luke 2:8-20

INTRODUCTION

Only the Gospel of Luke records the announcement of the birth of Jesus to the shepherds in the field. As to why the announcement was first made to the shepherds, one Bible commentator writes, "these may have been the shepherds who supplied the lambs for the Temple sacrifices, performed for the forgiveness of sin; and they are now invited to greet the Lamb of God Who would take away the sin of the world."

A) Their watch (v8)

The term, "shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night" could not have been a time within which the birth of Christ is being celebrated today. It is known in the Judaeen land that the sheep are kept out in the open country during the whole of summer until about the first rain around late October. "It was the Latin church which placed the birth of Christ on December 25, the very day on which the ancient Romans celebrated the feast of their goddess Brutus...Pope Julius I was the person who made this alteration (Adam Clarke)

This preacher is, however, convinced that the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ occurred sometime between September and October.. Both the observation cited above and the reference to the ministry of Zacharias (a priest of the order of Abijah) seem to point to the said period.

B) The revelation by the angel (vs 9-14)

1) The reassurance by the angel
The shepherds were terrified when suddenly the horizon was filled with God's glory, but they were given a reassurance by the angel, "Fear not, for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy..."

2) The revelation in regard to God's son.
Three titles were given to Jesus in the angel's announcement: Saviour, Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One) and Lord (Yahweh or God). Jesus is both God and man.

3) The revelation in regard to the sign
"Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." Swaddling clothes were strips of cloth used to keep a baby warm and give it a sense of security. They were believed to protect its internal organs. The custom of swaddling infants is still practiced in many Eastern countries. A manger is a feeding trough for animals in a stall or stable. Tradition says that Jesus was born in a cave, in which case the manger may have been cut out of a rockwall.

C) Their resolve (v15)

The shepherds practically ran to see the baby born. They did not mind the time nor they allowed themselves to be hindered by anything. Their statement indicated the right time, the right place, and the right purpose in seeing the baby.

D) Their report (v17-18)

It is wonderful how the shepherds became true witnesses of both the heavenly revelation and their association with the baby Jesus. Such should also be the reaction of every true believer who experiences the grace of God in salvation.

E) Their rejoicing (v20)

"And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them."

START SAVING NOW AND REGISTER EARLY FOR THE LIGHTHOUSE FAMILY CAMP ON DEC 28-30 AT RIZAL RECREATION CENTER. SEE CONNIE MACOPIA FOR DETAILS.



Three events were held at the Lighthouse Events Place last Friday. In the morning, the Lighthouse Academy held their Christmas Party (top photo). The children and parents who benefit from the Gabay Nutrisyon Feeding Program then held their Christmas Party in the afternoon (middle photo). In the evening, it was the turn of the Lighthouse District 6 to come and hold their party and be encouraged by the carolers (bottom photo).

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