



"The entrance of Thy words
giveth light..." (Ps 119:130a)

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**Being Faithful
and True in 2022**

Rev 22:6,7
"These sayings are
faithful and true...
blessed is he that
keepeth..."

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LIGHTHOUSE BBC HOLDS A SUNDAY AFTERNOON OF PSALMS, HYMNS AND SPIRITUAL SONGS

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord" (Col 3:16).

"Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Eph 5:19-20).

The Lighthouse Coming Together this afternoon will be unprecedented as it will be an afternoon of Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs, in addition to a special arrangement extended by the DOH-QC Health Office to avail booster vaccines to eligible Lighthouse BBC members.

Pastor Reuben, realizing the need to further raise the protection of Lighthouse BBC members from COVID19 infection made the request and the DOH-QC Health Office cordially accepted. As this special arrangement was requested, Pastor Reuben called for a Joint Coming Together of Lighthouse works in Metro Manila and hold a rare afternoon of Psalms,

Hymns and Spiritual Songs featuring the different singing groups from all the Metro Manila Lighthouse works.

"Since many of our people will be vaccinated, a good way to cheer them up both in spirit and in physical wellbeing is have everyone join in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs," Pastor Reuben said.

"Lighthouse BBC has always been a singing church. There have been many occasions when we featured the Abante Four and even the Lighthouse Stewards in the past. And songs actually deliver messages of truth consistent with the word," Pastor continued.

It will definitely be a blessed time of fellowship and admonition as different singing groups are featured in the Coming Together this afternoon. As of the time of this writing, more than 20 numbers have already been listed coming from the different Lighthouse Metro Manila works. And they are excited to minister to everyone the manifold grace of God in them.

Lighthouse BBC indeed is a church where the doctrines and practices of the New Testament Churches are clearly being seen. This ought to be so because they are actually the ones in which we are patterned after.



Above scene comes to mind as booster vaccines are extended to eligible Lighthouse BBC members this afternoon from 1pm to 3:30pm, just before the All Lighthouse Coming Together in cooperation with DOH QC Health Office. Above picture was from the Vaccination Drive last Dec 18, 2021.

2nd QUARTER FOCUS

BEING FAITHFUL AS STEWARDS

Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.
KJV

1 Cor 4:2

Second Quarter Focus :

"Being Faithful As Stewards"

"Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." (1 Cor. 4:2)

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

TITLE : PRACTICES OF BIBLICAL NEW TESTAMENT EKKLESIA
TEXT :

1 Cor 11:2, "Now I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you."

2 Thess 2:15-17, " Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle. Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work."

INTRODUCTION

What are the practices of the New Testament churches that we must keep if we are to remain Biblical Baptist Churches? We all know we as a church "are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone" (Eph 2:19-20).

We must be careful then that we keep as our pattern, the early churches in the New Testament and careful, too, that we keep the precepts and practice of the early churches in the conduct of the ministry - as delivered to them by the Apostles.

We are careful to say, however, that the "traditions" or practices we refer to are those observed by New Testament Churches and not as Jewish customs. We do not intend to make Jewish communities out of our church; but what we want to maintain are practices of the New Testament Churches.

We are also careful that we do not adopt these "traditions" or practices as equal to the two ordinances of the New Testament Church, which are baptism and the Lord's Supper. Rather, these are traditions or practices that make us the peculiar people that we are.

Some of these Biblical Practices are:

1. The practice of faithfully coming together as New Testament churches.

Nothing can replace the coming together of the saved and baptized people as a New Testament Church. It is senseless to be called a church when we cannot be united in coming together as a people of God. This is one of our distinct qualities. We are an ekklesia - a called-out assembly. As such, we always love to assemble together. Nothing replaces the value of being able to come together in unity in one place.

Acts 2:1, "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place."

Acts 2:46-47, "And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."

Phil 2:2, "Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind."

2. The practice of desiring the preaching and teaching of the Word of God.

Preaching and teaching is as old as our faith. No amount of program, music or presentation can replace these two. They are central to what we are as New Testament Churches. This is the reason why the pulpit remains to be at the center of our stage. We preach and teach "precept upon precept, line upon line."

The preaching and teaching of the Word of God is central in the existence of every New Testament Baptist Church. No amount of program, music or otherwise can replace them. As Biblical Baptist churches we believe that the Word of God must be delivered through preachings and teachings, "precept upon precept, line upon line." Moreover we believe that the preaching of the Word of God should not be limited in time. It is through preaching and teaching that a man is "perfected" in Christ.

Acts 5:42, "And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ."

Matt 11:1, "And it came to pass, when Jesus had made an end of commanding his twelve disciples, he departed thence to teach and to preach in their cities."

Acts 15:35, "Paul also and Barnabas continued in Antioch, teaching and preaching the word of the Lord, with many others also."

Acts 20:18-21, 26-27, "...he said unto them, Ye know, from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I have been with you at all seasons, serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews: and how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house, testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

"Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men. For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God."

Col 1:28, "Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus."

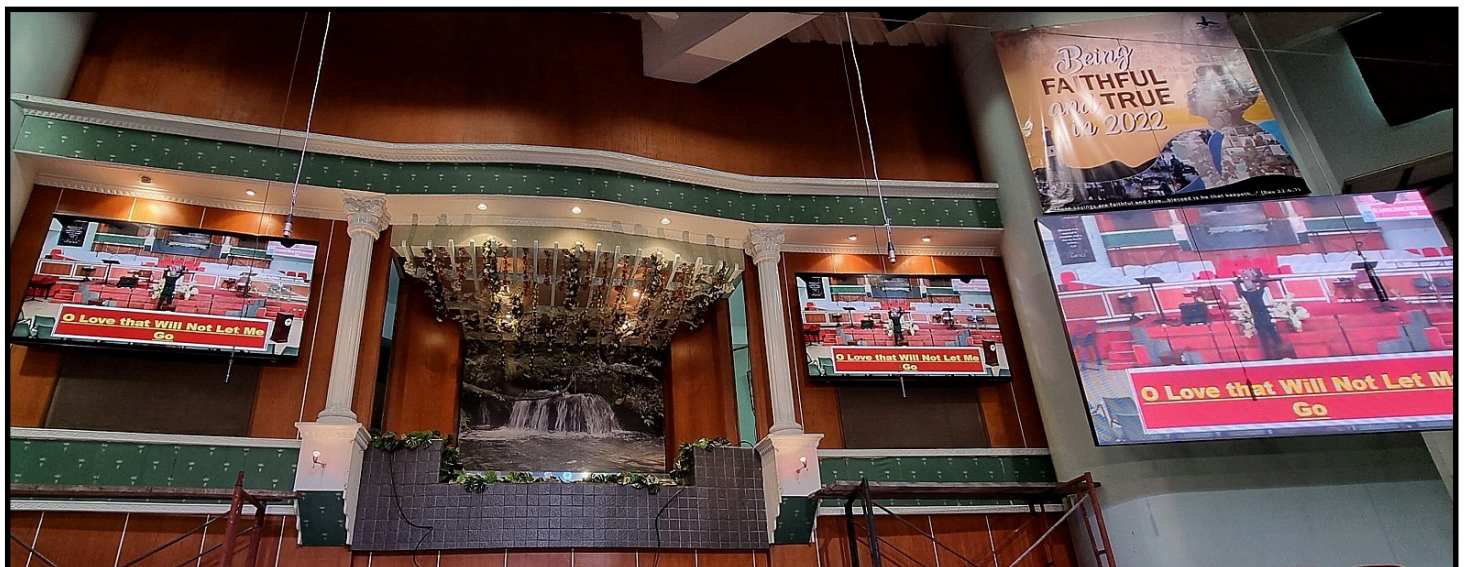
Isa 28:13, "...the word of the Lord was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little..."

Acts 20:7, "And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight."

Acts 28:30-31, "And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him, preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him."

2 Tim 4:2-5, "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine..."

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Two 100" High Definition TV Monitors are now installed in our stage facade to enhance video communication for everyone present every Lighthouse BBC Coming Together. The LED Wall has served a good number of years and may breakdown soon.

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