



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

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**Standing fast,
Serving God
as free in 2023.**

**Galatians 5:1;
Romans 6:22**

**"Standfast...being made
free from sin, and become
servants to God..."**

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BAPTIST CHURCHES HOLD NATIONAL BAPTIST DAY CELEBRATION ON JAN 12

"Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers...do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: for he is the minister of God to thee for good" (Rom 13:1-4).

"Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake...and for the praise of them that do well. For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: as free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God" (1 Pet 2:13-16).

Many who read the above verses only take the injunction of the Word of God for Christians to be subject to authorities. They never consider that this is followed by the instruction for us to "do that which is good" and to "submit yourselves...for the praise of them that do well. For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: as free..."

The National Baptist Day Act of 2023, known as the Republic Act #11897, recognizes the Baptist churches in the country "for the continuous pursuit of their evangelical mission to contribute to nation-building by establishing Christian schools that instill academic excellence and build character in individuals, and



Mayor Lani Cayetano (center) takes picture with Pastor Reuben, Prof Jeena Manaos, Pastor Bong Escala, PM Rey Calingasan, Pastors Francis Dait, Jojo Cornelios, along with Global Filipino Staff during the Tanglaw Training, the new TGLFI-LIVE program for OFW Children and which will be implemented in the City of Taguig to benefit OFW children. The TGLFI partners with GFM and Taguig City for the program.

First Quarter Focus:

"Standing fast in the faith and being strong."

"Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong" (1 Cor 16:13).

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

churches that proclaim, teach and share Biblical principles for the betterment of society.”

In recognition of this important contribution, the State, through this law promotes the observance of the second Thursday of January of every year as “National Baptist Day” and proclaim the same as a Special Working Holiday.

As it is, this law is concrete proof that the Word of God is true in saying, “Do that which is good, and thou shalt have the praise of the same.” And this fact puts to silence “the ignorance of foolish men who use their liberty as a cloke of maliciousness” meaning, who use their liberty or freedom as an excuse for not contributing to anything that leads to the good of society, starting with the work of bringing the Gospel to people and contributing to the betterment of society. Such people never place themselves in the limelight so that they can “shine as lights in the world; holding forth the word of life” (Phil 2:15-16). They are nothing but loud critics who never contribute to bringing to the darkened corrupt world any “fruit of righteousness” that should result from their claim of having Christ in them.

But for us, the Lighthouse BBC family of churches and ministries, we know where we stand. And we praise God for how our government and people now have a national law recognizing the significant contribution of Baptist churches in nation-building and even extending to us the privilege of having our own National Baptist Day celebration.

Let us then support the celebration on Thursday, January 12. We may not all be accommodated at the Metropolitan Bible Baptist Ekklesia, but surely we can jointly coming together together physically as a church and be with the rest via our on-line facilities. It will therefore be a physical Coming Together at Tatalon as we join the rest of the Baptist churches throughout the Philippine archipelago.

- Pastor RA

LED CLASSES RETURN TO NORMAL

This day, the Lighthouse Enrichment and Development Classes will return to the physical, face to face classes every Sunday from 9-10am. Everyone is enjoined to be back and to determine to be diligent again in the weekly study of the word by age groups. For a start, Pastor RA did not provide a lesson today so that all classes may simply come together and begin to reorganize themselves.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE

NATIONAL BAPTIST DAY CELEBRATION

12 JANUARY 2023
5:00 PM

METROPOLITAN BIBLE BAPTIST EKKLESIA
2330 REVELLIN ST., STA ANA, MANILA

This celebration is in accordance with RAI1897, otherwise known as National Baptist Day Act and which took effect in July 2022. The Bible Believer's League for Morality and Democracy (BIBLEMODE) hosts this celebration on behalf of all Baptist Groups in the country.

Since the venue space is limited,
THIS INVITATION IS SENT ESPECIALLY TO BAPTIST LEADERS.
It is requested that you confirm your attendance
by sending text message or calling
0917 328 6499 (Ms. Rhoda Alegre)
or **9189919171 (Ms. Erika Abante).**



Pastor Reuben, being the National Baptist Day Committee Chairman, organized the Baptist Riders United (BRU) as a means to reach out to other Baptist groups, fellowships and organization to gather support for the National Baptist Day on January 12. The above big photo was their visit to the Independent Baptist Mission for Asians (IBMA) in Tarlac City. Smaller picture involved the Lighthouse Riders.

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