

"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..."

April 30, 2023

LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH

SECOND QUARTER FOCUS

STANDING FAST... HOLDING FAST

THE CONFIDENCE

...Hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm...steadfast unto the end." Hebrews 3:6 & 14

STANDING

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PASTOR REUBEN VISITS BICOL CHURCHES WITH LIGHTHOUSE RIDERS

"And some days after Paul said unto Barnabas, Let us go again and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they do" (Acts 15:36).

"...What thanks can we render to God again for you, for all the joy wherewith we joy for your sakes before our God...praying exceedingly that we might see your face, and might perfect that which is lacking in your faith," (1 Thes 3:9-10).

astor Reuben, with select three Lighthouse Riders: Pastor Jun Sombiluna (Lighthouse BBC Pilar, Bataan), Pastor Jojo Cornelios (Lighthouse BBC Taguig), Brother Macky Makalalad; and back-up: PM Melchor Ballesteros, Japs Dominguez and Rutherford Jed Gamboa cover more than 1,500kms in a Bicol Loop all the way until Bulan, Sorsogon, visiting 10 churches which will be completed tomorrow evening.

Pastor enjoins all Bicol Bible Baptist pastors and churches to the National Baptist Day 2024. The Baptist Riders United (BRU) recently covered Northern Luzon and covered 1,400kms. The National Baptist Day 2024 will be the first observation of the RA11897 which became a law last year. Pray for the team as they complete the loop and be safely back about 3am of Tuesday.





Pastor Emman Prado of Lighthouse BBC Calabanga as they do the BRU Bicol Loop from Apr 27-May 1.

Second Quarter Focus: "Standing fast... Holding fast the confidence steadfast unto the end.

"...hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm...steadfast unto the end" (Heb 3:6,14).

TITLE : MOVING FORWARD - WHAT WE SHOULD DO AS EKKLESIA Texts :

Rev 1:9-11, "I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea."

INTRODUCTION

The letter of the Lord Jesus to the 7 churches in Asia Minor written by the Apostle John are good instructions for us, even today, as we move forward to years ahead after seeing the faithfulness and truthfulness of God and His Word to the Lighthouse BBC.

We take that these instructions are also for us to hold fast to even in our day... (continued)

E) To the church in Philadelphia: "...hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown," (Rev 3:11)

- Take hold of what you have with your dear life until I return.

2 Tim 4:2-8, "Preach the word...reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine..."

1 Cor 9:25-26, "...every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air..." 2 Tim 2:5, "And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully."

2 Peter 1:10-11, "Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: for so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

F) To the church in Laodicea: "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent" (Rev 3:19).

- Be zealous.

Titus 2:13-15, "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee."

Heb 12:5-14, "And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: for whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.

Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness. Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees; and make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed. Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord."

Gal 4:18, "...it is good to be zealously affected always in a good thing, and not only when I am present with you."

Rom 12:11, "Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord."



Lockwise from top left: The Lighthouse Riders Team at the Southarvest Bible Baptist Church, Bulan, Sorsogon with Ptr Dennis Fundano; the Lighthouse BBC, Naga City with Ptr Ramir Serrano; Bible Christian Baptist Church in Colacling, Lupi with Ptr Dandy Teodoro; Baptist Bible Church, San Agustin, Iriga with Ptr Nelson Bustinera. The team does the Bicol Loop for the National Baptist Day 2024.

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