



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

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**Increasing More and More in 2024**

**1 Thess 4:10b,**  
"...we beseech you, brethren, that ye increase more and more."

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## LIGHTHOUSE BBC TAKES FRONT SEAT IN CELEBRATING NATIONAL BAPTIST DAY

*"Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.*

*Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, 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 2:12-16).*

Lighthouse BBC works, starting from the main church to various churches around the country take front seat in celebrating the National Baptist Day on Thursday, January 11, a day provided for by Republic Act No. 11897 which is known as the National Baptist Day Act.

The main celebration will be hosted by the BIBLEMODE at the Metropolitan Bible Baptist Ekklesia in Sta Ana, Manila. Supplementing the main celebration, Lighthouse BBC Main will be hosting the joint NBD Choir and the orchestra.

Among the Lighthouse BBC works hosting celebrations around the country include Lighthouse BBC Cainta, covering the Province of Rizal; the Lighthouse BBC Taguig, covering the City of Taguig; Lighthouse BBC Iriga covering the southern portion of Camarines Sur; Lighthouse BBC Goa and Calabanga, covering the northern portion of Cam Sur; Lighthouse BBC in Baguio for Baguio City; Lighthouse BBC Pilar, Bataan for Bataan Province; Lighthouse BBC Taytay, Palawan for Northern Palawan, among others.

Being the Chairman of the National Baptist Day Committee, Pastor Reuben has been encouraging different groups of Baptists in the country to show what Apostle Peter instructs in the text above, that being Biblical Baptists, we need to submit ourselves to every ordinance of man, RA11897 being a law of man and which gives recognition to the contribution of Baptists to nation-building.

All our people are enjoined to be present on Thursday night as the Big Day for Baptists comes.

S. No. 2522  
H. No. 6522

Republic of the Philippines  
**Congress of the Philippines**  
Metro Manila  
Eighteenth Congress  
Third Regular Session

Begun and held in Metro Manila, on Monday, the twenty-sixth day of July, two thousand twenty-one.

[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11897 ]

AN ACT DECLARING THE SECOND THURSDAY OF JANUARY OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY TO BE KNOWN AS "NATIONAL BAPTIST DAY"

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "National Baptist Day Act".

SEC. 2. It is hereby declared the policy of the State to recognize the Baptists 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 churches that proclaim, teach and share biblical principles for the betterment of society.

SEC. 3. To recognize the important contribution of the Baptists in nation-building, the State shall promote the

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observation of the second Thursday of every year as "National Baptist Day" and proclaim the same as a special working holiday.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

LORD ALLAN Q. VELASCO  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives*

VICENTE C. SOTTO III  
*President of the Senate*

This Act was passed by the Senate of the Philippines as Senate Bill No. 2522 on May 30, 2022 and adopted by the House of Representatives as an amendment to House Bill No. 6522 on June 1, 2022.

MARK LEONARD D. MENDOZA  
*Secretary General House of Representatives*

MYRA MARIE D. VILLARICA  
*Secretary of the Senate*

Approved:

JUL 23 2022  
without the signature of the President, in accordance with Article VI, Section 27 (1) of the Constitution.

RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE  
*President of the Philippines*

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**INCREASING MORE & MORE IN 2024**

1 THESSALONIANS 4:10 (KJV)  
And indeed ye do it toward all the brethren which are in all Macedonia; but we beseech you, brethren, that ye increase more and more.

LIGHTHOUSE BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

First Quarter Focus:

*"Increasing More and More in Love that Edifies"*

"...ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another...increase more and more..." (1 Thess 4:9-10).

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

**TITLE : THEME AND FOCUSES IN 2024**

Text/s :

1 Thess 4:1, "...we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more."

1 Thess 4:9-10, "as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another. And indeed ye do it toward all the brethren which are in all Macedonia: but we beseech you, brethren, that ye increase more and more."

**INTRODUCTION**

This New Year, our Theme as Lighthouse Bible Baptist Churches in many places is, "Increasing More and More in 2024."

Our respective quarterly focuses indicate the areas in which we should increase, as an Ekklesia.

**A) First Quarter - Increasing More and More in love that edifies.**

1 Thess 3:12-13, "And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you: to the end he may establish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints."

1 Thess 4:9-10, "...as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another. And indeed ye do it toward all the brethren which are in all Macedonia: but we beseech you, brethren, that ye increase more and more."

Eph 4:16, "From Whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love."

Philippians 1:9, "...this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment."

**B) Second Quarter - Increasing More and More in bearing the fruits of righteousness.**

2 Cor 9:10-11, "...he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;) being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God."

Col 2:19, "not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God."

**C) Third Quarter - Increasing More and More in grace and thanksgiving.**

2 Cor 8:7, "...as ye abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also."

2 Cor 9:8, "...God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work."

**D) Fourth Quarter - Increasing More and More in glory and virtue.**

2 Peter 1:3-10, "According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."

"And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity."

"For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."

"But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins."

"Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall."  
- to be continued -

**LIGHTHOUSE PASTORS AND PREACHERS, PMS, LEADERS AND CHURCH STAFF ARE ENJOINED TO BE AT THE BIBLEMODE CONFERENCE THIS WEEK AT MBBE.**

CELEBRATING THE  
**NATIONAL BAPTIST DAY**  
RA 11897  
STRENGTHENING OUR RESOLVE  
IN SUPPORT TO NATION BUILDING  
**JANUARY 11, 2024**

HOSTED BY THE BIBLEMODE  
IN COLLABORATION WITH THE ALLIANCE OF BAPTIST COUNCILS

A celebration in accordance with RA11897 otherwise known as National Baptist Day Act and which took effect in July 2022

Pastor Reuben and family greet everyone a Blessing-filled New Year 2024. Pictures at right, the Lighthouse Cafe TV Talk Show crew take a picture after recording the first episode which featured several Lighthouse families. Praise God for GCTV!

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