



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

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**Increasing More
and More in 2024**

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METROPOLITAN BBE AND LIGHTHOUSE BBC LEAD VICTORIOUS NBD 2024 CELEBRATIONS

*"...be blameless and harmless, the sons
of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a
crooked and perverse nation, among whom
ye shine as lights in the world; holding forth
the word of life" (Phil 2:15-16).*

Two of the MILE churches, the Metropolitan Bible Baptist Ekklesia and the Lighthouse Bible Baptist Church led by the two brothers, Pastor Benny Abante, Jr and Pastor Reuben Abante took the front seats in celebrating the National Baptist Day 2024 last Thursday, January 11.

As the main celebration was held in Sta Ana and Tatalon, a significant number of churches, with the most participation by Lighthouse BBC family as hosts, held their own celebrations in various parts of the country.

"All the efforts leading to the big day paid off, including the challenging rides held by the Baptist Riders United," Pastor Reuben said.

Praise God for how Baptists are united in RA11897!



Pastor Reuben leading the song, "We Will Carry the Torch" during the closing of the National Baptist Day Celebration last Thursday at Metropolitan BBE.

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 -

EVERYONE IS ENJOINED TO GET BACK TO BEING INVOLVED IN ALL GATHERINGS OF LIGHTHOUSE DISTRICTS AND FELLOWSHIP GROUPS.



Top photo, the National Baptist Day 2024 Joint Choir at Lighthouse BBC take their cue from Pastor Reuben who was hosting the main celebration at the Metropolitan BBE. More than 500 singers and 80 instrumentalists joined the choir. Lower photo, Pastor Reuben, Lighthouse Academy faculty members, parents and students pose for a photo during the celebration of the school's 32nd Foundation Day last week. Praise God for this ministry of education.

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