

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

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Increasing More and More in 2024

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FIRST QUARTER FOCUS

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COUNTDOWN STARTS FOR LIGHTHOUSE BBC'S 48th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

"That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work...." (Col 1:10).

"...we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight" (1 John 3:22).

"...the God of peace...that great shepherd of the sheep...make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight..." (Heb 13:20-21).

The beginning of the year 2024 may yet be fresh in our minds but already, the churches within the Lighthouse Bible Baptist Church family are now set to the 48th Anniversary and Sacrificial Thanksgiving Celebration on March 17, just 8 weeks from now!

In a meeting with the rest of the Lighthouse pastors last Friday, Pastor Reuben laid down some plans for the anniversary celebration with added notes on how the whole Lighthouse BBC family of churches looks forward to the grand celebration of its 50th anniversary in 2026, a momentous event that comes in two years.

The theme for the 48th Anniversary and Sacrificial Thanksgiving Celebration is "Increasing More and More in Works that Please God" with key verses from Col 1:10, 1 John 3:22 and Heb 13:20-21.

In preparation for the big event, including the rest of the ministry undertakings for the whole year 2024, the Ministries Workshop has been set to be held on Wednesday and Thursday this week, Jan 24 and 25. All ministries personnel from the main church in Tatalon and all other Lighthouse related works are enjoined to be present in this two-night workshop.

"The key to Increasing More and More in 2024 is for all our people, young and old, to be equipped in doing the work of God. God has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in Christ. Because of this, we ought not to think of ourselves as wanting or lacking in the things we need to do as an Ekklesia. We are a work of God and He is working in us so that we may be equipped to do His will and be pleasing to Him as an Ekklesia," Pastor Reuben reminded the Lighthouse pastors during the meeting last Friday.

The Lord has not just seen us through the years that we have been doing His work. Since the time of Tatay Abante we have been consistently challenged to be steadfast, unmovable and abounding in the work of the Lord. In order to do this, we all should be willing to present our bodies to Him (Rom 12:1).



1 THESSALONIANS 4:9–10 Ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another... increase more and more...



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)

ENRICHMENT & DEVELOPMENT CLASS LESSON LED Lesson 01.07.2024.01

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 stablish 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.

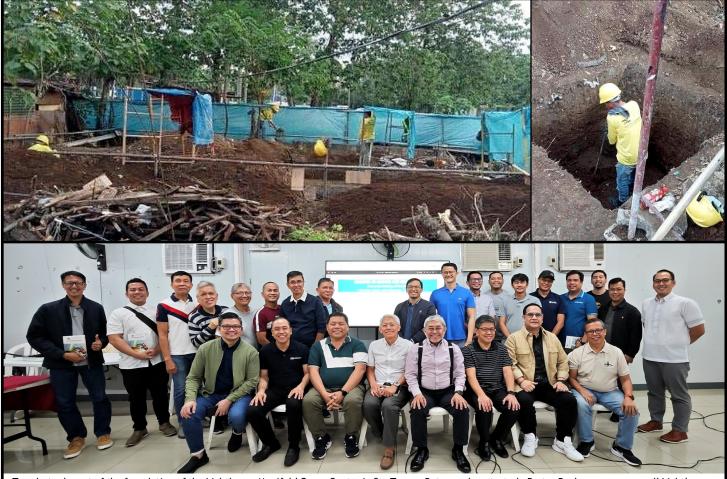
"And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

"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, layout of the foundation of the Lighthouse Manifold Grace Center in Sto Tomas, Batangas has started. Pastor Reuben encourages all Lighthouse BBC related works to have consistent participation in sustaining the construction. Lower photo, the Pastor's Men and Sentinels take a picture after the meeting last week. The Sentinels have taken much of the responsibilities of leading and organizing all Lighthouse Districts under the guidance of the PMs.

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