#### Life Groups & Ministries

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. (Hebrews 10:24 NIV)

## Go Boldly: He is Our Rear-Guard

"And the Lord, He is the One who goes before you. He will be with you, He will not leave you nor forsake you; do not fear nor be dismayed."

(Deuteronomy 31:8, NKJV)

This promise is a call to go boldly into the future, knowing that God is not only ahead of us but also watching our backs as our rear guard.

When we step out in faith, we can confidently face our challenges because we are not alone. God has cleared the path before us and is standing behind us, protecting us from any harm that may come our way. His presence surrounds us, offering comfort and a profound sense of security and strength.

Lighthouse, let us move forward boldly, unafraid of what lies ahead. Trust that the Lord is with us in every situation, guiding our steps and guarding our hearts. Embrace the courage that comes from knowing He is our rear guard, always ready to protect us and support us in our journey. We can face anything with Him by our side, feeling assured and at peace.

Our Vision Isaiah 54:2-3 Kingdom Enlargement

Mission Statement Influence people for Christ to enlarge God's Kingdom.

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Go Boldly: God's Got Your Back (Isaiah 52:12, Psalm 23:4-3, Matthew 28:20, 1 Corinthians 1:20)

The promise of God as our rear guard is a powerful reminder that we can boldly confront life's challenges, whether it's a difficult work situation, a health crisis, or a personal struggle. With Him watching over us, we can step out in faith, unafraid of the obstacles that lie ahead. This divine support encourages us to journey through life boldly, pursue our God-given purpose, and share our faith with others. Knowing that "God has our back" frees us from the weight of anxiety and fear. His presence strengthens and empowers us, allowing us to approach challenges confidently.

Isaiah 52:12 says, "For you shall not go out with haste, nor go by flight; for the Lord will go before you, and the God of Israel will be your rear guard." This verse assures us that God is always protecting and guiding us. We are never alone; God is with us every step of the way, leading us forward and protecting us from behind.

Knowing this, we can let go of the fears and worries that often hold us back. We can step forward into opportunities, whether it's a new job, a chance to serve in the community, or a relationship, with the trust that God has a plan and purpose for our lives. His presence guides us and provides us the peace to take bold steps forward.

Trusting that God goes before us helps us rely on His perfect timing. He prepares the way and gives us the strength to face whatever comes our way. In every situation, we can rest, knowing we are protected and guided by a loving God who wants the best for us. This trust in His plan and timing brings us security and patience.

Lighthouse, let us move forward boldly, embracing life's journey with courage and confidence. The God of Israel is not only ahead of us but also behind us, ensuring our success and safety. With God as our rear guard, we can live fully, fearlessly, and powerfully, making a lasting impact in the world. This empowerment fills us with courage and confidence.

Lord, thank You for going before us and standing behind us as our protector. Help us to walk boldly, trusting in Your presence and guidance. Give us the courage to face challenges without fear and to make a lasting impact for Your glory. In Jesus' name, Amen and Amen.

Praise the LORD!!!

James Pablo

"The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. Amen."
(Revelation 22:21, NIV)

TODAY

Morning Prayer @ 8.00 am

Celebrating Our Lord @ 9.00 am

(live stream)
Praise & Worship
Welcome & Prayers
The Word
Ministry
Notices & Birthdays
Benediction

Coffee & Tea

### Birthdays

November 10 – Michael Chin November 11 – Huiming Bai November 13 – Maggie Yu November 14 – Hong Heng Tay November 14 – Patrick De Guzman

#### Be Bold, For He Is with US

No matter the challenges we face, we don't walk alone. God, our Good Shepherd, is always beside us, leading and defending us. This is the assurance and promise of our God.

So, let's be bold, not because the path is easy, but because we know who walks with us. His strength is our comfort, His presence our courage, and His guidance our peace. Today, let us walk boldly, knowing that God's love casts out all fear and that He is with us in every step.

### Bold Faith in Dark Valleys: Jesus Our Rear Guard

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me." (Psalm 23:4, NKJV)

#### Christmas Missions Offering

This is our annual collection to bless individuals and churches in different parts of the world.

We are looking to raise \$15K this year.

#### Water Baptism

15 December

Water baptism is a significant expression of our faith, symbolizing our spiritual rebirth and commitment to Christ. Let us be part of this celebration as an act of obedience to our Lord.

For preparation, please get in touch with any of the Pastors.

#### 2024/2025 Church Theme

COME & GO

3/03 Introduction
10/03 Through Jesus, In Jesus
17/03 Come
24/3 Go
31/3 The Door
4/7-26/5 PAP
(Permission, Authority, Power)
02-23/06 Come and See
30/06-28/07 Go and Show
04-25/08 Come! The Invitation
08-29/09 Go in Grace
06-27/10 Come and Ask
03-24/11 Go Boldly

#### Go Boldly: God's Got Your Back

When we face challenges, fears, or uncertainties, we can take comfort in knowing that Jesus is there to ensure that no harm comes our way. He shields us from the past and guards our hearts and minds as we move forward into the future.

Let this truth encourage us today: we are not alone. Jesus stands behind us, ready to support and defend us. So, walk boldly in our lives, trusting He is our rear guard, fighting battles we cannot see, and bringing peace to our hearts. Embrace the unshakable security of His presence, knowing that we are always safe with Him.

# Themes for the past 9 years

**2023/2024**The Good Life

2022/2023 OUTSIDERS

2021/2022

complete 7 perfect

2020/2021

Contrast: Jesus Is The Difference

2019/2020

Who Am I? Jesus Is: Therefore, You Are

2018/2019

City On A Hill

2017/2018

Chosen Generation

**2016/2017** Higher, Wider, Deeper

**2015/2016** Forward

#### **Hearts Together In Prayer**

10/11 (Sun): Thanksgiving for God's Protection: Thank God for His faithful protection over our lives, families, and church, and ask Him to continue shielding us from every unseen danger.

11/11 (Mon): Peace and Rest in God's Presence: Ask for peace of mind, freedom from anxiety, and true rest in God's presence, especially for those feeling burdened and sick.

12/11 (Tue): Boldness and Courage: Pray for boldness and courage to step out in faith, remove any fears or doubts, and ask that each member confidently pursue God's purpose.

13/11 (Wed): Strength to Overcome Challenges: Ask God to grant resilience in trials and to sustain those who are struggling, helping us stand firm in faith.

14/11 (Thu): Unity and Love: Pray for a spirit of unity and love in Lighthouse, quick to support and uplift one another.

15/11(Fri): Guidance and Discernment: Pray for God's clear direction in our lives and for discernment to make wise choices, keeping us aligned with His purpose and will.

16/11 (Sat): Empowerment to Impact the World: Pray for Lighthouse to make a meaningful impact in Glenfield, in Auckland, in New Zealand, and in the world for His glory.

"In whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him." (Ephesians 3:12, NKJV)