

**CHURCH STAFF**

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**LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE**

Cantonese (8:15 am):	87
Cantonese (11:15 am):	206
English (9:45 am):	215
Mandarin (8:30 am):	23
Mandarin (11:15 am):	96
Prayer Meetings:	59

**LAST WEEK'S OFFERING**

General:	\$
Mission:	\$
R & M:	\$
Building:	\$
Others:	\$

**CONVERSION**

English:	6
Cantonese:	21
Mandarin:	39
Chinese School:	37
Children:	6
Total:	109

**ENGLISH WORSHIP SERVICE – CHRISTMAS SUNDAY Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012**

Order of Service		Today	Next Sunday
Call to Worship & Worship in Song		Praise Team & English Choir	Praise Team
Scripture	Hebrews 11:21-22 Genesis 47:29-31 Genesis 49:1-2; 8-12; 28-33		
Child Dedication & Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Ted Tham	Rev. Ted Tham
Message		Rev. Ted Tham "Blessed to be a Blessing"	Rev. Nathan Hui "From First to End, From End to First"
Our Response in Song & Giving		Praise Team	Praise Team
Benediction		Rev. Ted Tham	Rev. Ted Tham
Announcements & Quiet Reflection		Pastor Kwan Chan	Rev. Ted Tham

Praise Leader	Jon Wong/Michael Lan	Derek Ma
Scripture Reader	Crystal Lai	Rev. Ted Tham
Power Point	Terence Lau	Renny Cheung
Audio Video	Joshua Tseng-Tham	Mike Chong
Gr. Fl. Greeters	Millie Chung	Millie Chung
Gr. Fl. Ushers	Helen Kwong & Chong Liang	Helen Kwong & Chong Liang
Mezzanine Usher	Philip Trinh	Philip Trinh
Welcome Table	Chong Liang	Chong Liang
Snacks	Lisa and Linda Hung	Pauline Cheung

\* Please join us after the service for snacks and fellowship in the gym downstairs.  
If this is your first time here, we would also love to give you a welcome package at the welcome table in the gym.

**ENGLISH SUNDAY SCHOOL – Winter – Dec to Feb (11:30 AM – 12:40 PM)**

Jr. High and High School		Adult	
Gr. 7-8	Basement	ESL Bible Study	2 pm - Office level
Gr. 7-10	Room 317	Bible Bus: Timothy and Titus	Room 102
Gr. 11-12	Room 311	Disciplines of a Godly Man	Room 314/315
		Lies Women Believe and the Truth that Sets Them Free	Basement
		Foundations Class	Office Level



We're glad you are here! Our worship service is designed for those in their teen years to adults. If you have children, we invite them to join our Nursery, Toddlers', Pre-schoolers' or Children's programs as listed on the English Ministry bulletin board in the foyer.

If you would like more info about the church or prayer for any issues, feel free to complete the REQUEST CARD in the pew and deposit in the offering bag or box in the lobby or give it to an usher. You may remain anonymous if that is your preference. We promise to bring all prayer requests to the Wednesday prayer meeting and will pray for what you've written.

### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Building relationships is central to who we are at NTCBC. We invite you to join us in one of our many fellowships and community groups in order to grow spiritually with others, care for others and be cared for. Feel free to drop in on any of the events below. For details about our youth, university, and adult fellowships please contact the coordinators listed on the back of this bulletin.

When	What
Mon 7:30 – 10 pm	Table Tennis & Badminton Spencer Chan & Leon Lee
Mon 7:30 – 10 pm	Badminton - Leslie Kou
Tue 7 – 8:45 pm	Men Basketball - Alvin Lau
Tue 9 – 10 pm	Badminton - Leon Lee
Tue 8:30 – 10 pm	Body Exercise - Leon Lee
Wed 8 – 9 pm	Prayer Meeting - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
Thurs 7:30 – 10 pm	Table Tennis & Badminton Spencer Chan & Leon Lee
Thurs 8:30 – 10 pm	Women's Basketball Michelle Yau & Bonnie Cheung
Sun 11 – 11:30 am	Prayer Room - Basement
Sun 2:30 – 6:30 pm	Co-ed Volleyball - Terence Lau

### PRAYER MINISTRY

If you have decided to commit to our 20/20 Vision of Prayer (20 min. of daily personal prayer and 20 min. of weekly corporate prayer), please remember to fill out the card and hand it in to either the Welcome Table downstairs during Snack Time, or to one of your Community Group (Small Group) Leaders.

- The first Wednesday night Prayer Meeting of each month will be dedicated to our 2012 theme, "Repentance & Revival"
- There is a Prayer Workshop that starts at 7:15pm on Wednesdays in the Mezzanine

11:00 am Sunday Prayer Meeting will now meet in the basement (room B1).

### ASK THE PASTOR

**Q.** Who were the "wise men from the East" who worshipped the baby Jesus in Matthew 2?

**A.** That's a good question, and one for which we do not have a definitive answer in the cultural/historical sense. These were not kings, but possibly Magi, magicians or astrologers. Some have guessed Zoroastrian wise men from Persia whose knowledge of the Hebrew

Scriptures could be traced back to the time of Daniel (cf. Daniel 5:11). Others have postulated they were from the Far East (even Chinese!) but in light of the fact we cannot be certain, we need to focus on the theological significance of their visit. The wise men were from the East, hence they were Gentiles. Matthew shows that people of all nations acknowledged Jesus as "king of the Jews" and came to worship him as Lord. The Messiah is for all mankind, and not just for the Israelites.

### 2013 CHURCH DIRECTORY

Preparations are underway for the printing of the 2013 Church Directory. All members and regular attendees are invited to include their names and contact information. All families in the directory will be given a copy when it is printed. Please check the accuracy of your information (or include your new info.) on the wall in room B09, at the Office level floor. Thank you

### TREASURER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- All donations must be received by NTCBC on or before the last Sunday of December, being Dec 30 and the offering cheques dated no later than Dec 30 2012 to be included in 2012 calendar year donation receipts.
- All departments must submit their claims on or before Dec 30, 2012 to be included as 2012 expenses.

### 2013 YORKVIEW HEIGHTS BAPTIST PARKING PERMITS ARE HERE!

If you have children 2 & under or members of the family with a physical disability feel free to see James Ho in the office for a free 2013 Sunday morning parking permit for next door

### HANDLING ISSUES THAT AFFECT THE WELL-BEING OF THE CHURCH

As promised, and on behalf of the Deacons Board and Pastoral Team, Rev. Hui will share a presentation on the hermeneutical basis for interpreting Matthew 18:15-18, a biblical passage that deals with how to handle issues that affect the well-being of the church. It will be on Sun. Dec. 30, 2:30-3:30 pm in the Mandarin sanctuary on the mezzanine level. All are welcome.

### CHRISTMAS BAPTISM!

Join us this afternoon (3 pm in the sanctuary) as we celebrate the baptism of 25 brothers and sisters from NTCBC and our Melville Mission, including 6 from our English Congregation (Michelle Ku; Whitney Ng; Anne Gan Tong; Kyle Avery; Edgar Karim Chow; Timothy Ng).

### CANTONESE/MANDARIN CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

**Date:** Mon, December 24 **Time:** 7:30 pm - 9:15 pm  
**Location:** NTCBC Sanctuary **Speaker:** Rev. Nathan Hui  
\*Childcare (ages 0-3) and Children program (ages 4-12) provided.  
\*Photo booth and light refreshments available after the meeting at the basement.

Our church has prepared Christmas cards and Cantonese/Mandarin Christmas Eve worship (Dec 24) promotion cards that can be used to send to your friends and families. Please feel free to pick up as many copies you need at the main foyer by the ushers desk. Don't forget the envelopes!

### SPANISH CONVERSATIONAL CLASS

The Mission Department will have a Beginner Spanish Conversational Class on Monday evenings starting in January 2013. All members who have a heart for Short Term Mission for Latin America are welcome to join and have fun in learning a new language. Please contact Deacon Alex Yeung at alex.yeung@ntcbc.ca.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO VICTOR WU AND ADA SHIM

who were united in holy matrimony yesterday (Dec. 22) here at NTCBC by Rev. Ted. May our Lord bless them with a lifetime of mutual love and fruitfulness together as they serve Him as a couple.



### TURN-OF-THE-YEAR 2012

Join us in the sanctuary on the evening of Tuesday December 31 for a wonderful time of music, praise, sharing, prayer and a short message from Rev. Ted as we give thanks for 2012 and look forward to 2013 together.

### English Congregation Meeting

7:00 pm to 7:30 pm Family Worship & Singing  
7:30 pm to 9:00 pm Children Program (up to Grade Six) led by Deacon Minh & helpers, Teen & Adult Program led by Pastor Kwan, with short message by Rev. Ted (Nursery open with helpers available)

### Joint NTCBC Meeting

11:00 pm to midnight Led by Deacons and Pastors – message by Pastor Kwan.

### HELP WANTED

Do you like meeting & greeting people? Do you enjoy helping those who are new to our church, remembering that you were once a newcomer yourself? Are you a Christian who has attended our English Worship Service regularly for over a year? If so, we need you! We're looking for friendly people who can volunteer as an usher, greeter or to help out at the Welcome Table (either before or after the Service). Training will be provided. No experience necessary. If interested, please contact Chong Liang (chong.liang@ntcbc.ca). Thank you for considering this special ministry.

### CHILD DEDICATION

*Deuteronomy 6:5-7 Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Today we give particular thanks for God's gift of children.*

- Deacon Minh Tran & Dr. Karen Wang, the parents of Lily Elizabeth,
- Alvin & Renee Lau, the parents of Vivienne Grace
- Chris and Joyce Lim, the parents of Logan Elijah

Wish to present their children to God in the presence of His people, to dedicate them to their Christian nurture, and to ask you (the Church) for your support in this great privilege and responsibility.

### URBANA 2012

We thank God that 6 of our young adults (Elena Wang (Serving with EMI), Wayne Lo, Cindy Chan, Tommy Chan, Phila Leung and David Liu) will be attending the IVCF Urbana Missions Conference (Dec. 27-31). Let us remember them in our prayers – for safety and especially for spiritual renewal and inspiration for missions.

### MOTIONS FOR TODAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

1. To approve Brenda Liu, Derek Chan, Grace Yu Ling Tsui Chan, Paul Ying Kit Tam, Lai Wah Leung, Thomas Tong, Clara Shing, Victor Kwok Keung Chung, Agnes Lai Ping Chau, Derek Lai, Ruby Zu-pin Li, and Eddie Wai-Kok Tong's applications for transfer of membership to NTCBC.
2. To Approve Jessica Li as Mandarin Adult Sunday School teacher.
3. To approve Abraham Wong as EMG chair (EB vice-chair) and Michael Lan as English Music Dept. head.
4. To approve Joshua Fellowship 2013 committee: Chairperson: Lai Wan Wong; Vice Chairperson: Jimmi Cheung; Secretary: Thomas Yip; Devotion: Greg Chow; Cell Group: Virginia Yip; Becky So; General Service: Elaine Cheung
5. To approve the elimination of Consulting Pastor position as it is no longer needed due to the Pastoral Administrative Committee has been dissolved and this is also in agreement with the Pastoral Team and Elder.

6. To authorize the Executive Board to fix salaries and benefits for Pastor Anthony Cheung.

7. To authorize the EB to set Salary and Benefits for Pastors & Staffs

### SUNDAY SCHOOL



**Disciplines of a Godly Man**  
**Teachers: Abraham Wong/Eric Yip/Almond Au**

Join us in learning how to be a godly man through various disciplines (relationships, soul, character, ministry). We will be studying bible passages in small groups, and practising what we've learned with the help of accountability groups. "We will never get anywhere in life without discipline, be it in the arts, business, athletics, or academics. This is doubly so in spiritual matters. In other areas we maybe able to claim some innate advantage.. athlete with a strong body, musician with perfect pitch. But none of us can claim an innate spiritual advantage. None of us naturally seeks after God.. Therefore, as children of grace, our spiritual discipline is everything - everything!"

**Lies Women Believe and the Truth that Sets Them Free - Teachers: Karen Wang and Melody Li**

A 12 week course looking at common lies that women believe about God, themselves, sin, marriage, priorities, children, emotions and circumstances. Biblical truths that counteract these lies will also be examined. This course will involve small group discussion, readings and weekly reflections. Come prepared to be transformed!

**Bible Bus: Timothy and Titus: Following Paul's Footsteps**

**Teachers: Rev. Ted Tham, Deacon Minh Tran**

Watch a small boy follow his dad through the snow. He stretches to step where his dad stepped. Not an easy task. His small legs extend as far as they can so his feet can fall in his father's prints. The father, seeing what the son is doing, smiles and begins taking shorter steps, so the son can follow. It's a picture of discipleship.

In our faith we follow in someone's steps. A parent, a teacher, a hero—none of us are the first to walk the trail. All of us have someone we follow. In our faith we leave footprints to guide others - a child, a friend, a recent convert. None should be left to walk the trail alone. It's the principle of discipleship.

Timothy & Titus didn't walk the trail alone. They followed in the steps of Paul, their father in the faith. Paul knew they were following. He also knew the snow was getting deep. So he slowed his pace to help. He penned letters to Timothy & Titus, giving them practical advice on how to lead a church.

As young ministers, Timothy & Titus were faced with all sorts of challenges. Step-by-step, Paul patiently instructed them, and in doing so, he instructs us.

### Foundations: Core Truth to Build Your Life On

**Teacher: Deacon Norman Seto – Room B09 Office floor**

The most important decision a person makes in life is the decision to trust Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. This class examines basic beliefs in areas such as trinity, the Bible, salvation, baptism, the Lord's Supper and the responsibilities of an individual believer. When you complete the Foundations class, you will have a better understanding of what it means to be a Christian and a Baptist church member. This class is suitable for new believers, and is required for baptismal candidates and those who would like to join NTCBC as a member.

### **Questions and Answers: available upon request**

Are you new to the Christian faith? Do you have some questions about Christ, the Bible, Church, etc.? We'd be glad to help you search for the answers. Simply go to the Welcome Desk in the gym after the service and let us know. We have several members "on call" willing to spend the Sunday School hour with you helping to go over some responses to your inquiries.