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**LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE**

Cantonese (8:15 am):	108
Cantonese (11:15 am):	305
English (9:45 am):	274
Mandarin (8:30 am):	joint
Mandarin (11:15 am):	joint
Prayer Meetings:	41

**LAST WEEK'S OFFERING**

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

**CONVERSION**

English:	1
Cantonese:	1
Mandarin:	7
Chinese School:	
Children:	
Total:	9

**EASTER ENGLISH WORSHIP SERVICE – April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

Order of Service		Today	Next Sunday
Call to Worship & Worship in Song		Praise Team	Praise Team
Scripture	<b>Luke 17:1-6</b>		
Minute of Silence & Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Ted Tham	Pastor Kwan Chan
Message		Rev. Ted Tham <b>“Reconciliation (3): Forgiveness</b>	Pastor Kwan Chan <b>“Reconciliation (4): The Parable of the Persistent Widow (Pray!)</b>
Our Response in Song & Giving		Praise Team	Praise Team
The Lord's Supper		Rev. Ted Tham	
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	Catherine Tam	Joanna Wong
Power Point	Terence Lau	Renny Cheung
Audio Video	Caroline So	Mike Chong
Greeters	Almond Au / Mamie Si Tou	Loretta Ma / Mamie Si Tou
Sanctuary Ushers	Chong Liang / Almond Au	Chong Liang / Loretta Ma
Mezzanine Usher	Philip Trinh	Philip Trinh
Welcome Table	Gloria Yu	Gloria Yu
Snacks	Open Source (Eric Yip)	Open Source (Eric Yip)

\* 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 – Spring – March to May (11:30 AM – 12:40 PM)**

Jr. High and High School		Adult	
Gr. 7-8	Basement	ESL Bible Study	2 pm – Room 102
Gr. 7-10	Room 317	Psalms (1) – Analysed and Applied	Room 102
Gr. 11-12	Room 311	What Makes Christianity Different?	Basement
		Foundations Class	Office Level Room B09



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 2013 theme, "Family and Equipping"
  - 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).



Q: Why did God allowed Solomon to make and place a pair of golden cherubim in the inner sanctuary of the temple (1 Kings 6:23)?

R: Cherubim are angelic beings created by God to worship Him and to serve Him. In the inner sanctuary of the temple, the mercy seat of the Lord is above the spread wings of the cherubim. They serve as visible symbols reminding the Israelites of the majesty and glory of the Lord plus His presence with His people. This is not against the Second Commandment which says that "you shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth." Cherubim are not objects of worship and are not related to any idols worshiped by the Canaanites. But idols worshiped by the Canaanites and the Egyptians such as calves are animals on earth and are all prohibited by the Lord.

### PRAYER WORKSHOP

Theme for April: Prayer for Freedom

10/4	From Vices and Addictions	Luke 13:10-17
17/4	From Fear and Anxiety	Phil. 4:4-7
24/4	From the Power of Sin	Rom. 5:12-21

### THANK YOU

Thank you to all those who helped with the Good Friday, Easter Sunday and Easter Children's Program last week! Many were blessed and many newcomers visited us. We also rejoice with the Malachi Teens and their Counsellors who participated in the World Vision 30-Hr. Famine last week and raised over \$5,000 for the poor around the world. May our Lord use all that was done last week to glorify His Name and bring many closer to Jesus.

### ENGLISH CONGREGATION TOWNHALL

Today, April 7th, we will have our townhall meeting @1pm in the basement to share about the vision and direction of English congregation for 2013. It is also a chance for you to participate and share your thoughts/suggestions on our ministries. All NTCBC members and regular attendees are encouraged to join us. Please reserve your lunch tickets (\$3 adult, \$2 children) during snack time in the gym with Abraham.

### VACATION BIBLE CAMP 2013

Theme: Kingdom Rock - Where Kids Stand Strong for God!  
Camp Dates: August 6 to 16  
Registration: April 7 to June 23 (registration table will be located in the church lobby)  
For more information, visit our website: [www.ntcbc.org/vbc](http://www.ntcbc.org/vbc)  
Questions? E-mail [vbc@ntcbc.org](mailto:vbc@ntcbc.org)

### NTCBC SUMMER CONFERENCE 2013!

Mark off Sat. June 29 to Mon. July 1 for our 2013 Summer Conference at the University of Western Ontario in London (Ont.). Our theme this year is "Family & Equipping," and we will focus on improving family relationships – whether at home, church, or with whomever you call "family." Our keynote speaker is Rev. Dr. Lee Beech, Assistant Professor of Christian Ministry & Director of Ministry Formation at McMaster Divinity College. Professor Beech has over 22 years experience as a pastor, and a true heart for families. We're sure you'll be blessed if you come. And don't forget to invite whoever you know that would like to improve relationships in their "family!" For more details, contact Kalee Sakura ([kaleesakura@gmail.com](mailto:kaleesakura@gmail.com).)



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### What Makes Christianity Different?

Teacher: Daniel Lee

When the FBI are trained to identify counterfeit money, they first spend a lot of time becoming acquainted with the "real McCoy" – authentic examples of real money, and then they have an easier time identifying fakes. In this class, we will look at the key doctrines of the Christian faith, and point out differences with those of other religions and cults. While this class is not a seminary-level course on comparative religions, and nor will it give equal time to all religions with Christianity as if they are actually equal in validity, it will highlight differences between Christianity and other faiths you may encounter in the GTA (Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, Judaism, Mormonism, etc.). Knowing a bit more about how your friend's faith differs from the truth will help you in your witness.

### Psalms (1) – Analysed and Applied

Teacher: Rev. Ted Tham

As one of the greatest collections of songs, prayers, and poetry, the Book of Psalms expresses the deepest passions of humanity. In these pages we can hear the psalmist's desperate cry in the midst of despair as well as his ecstatic praise of his Provider and Comforter. We can hear him pouring out his soul in confession but also bubbling over with joy. The Psalms lead us through the valleys and peaks of human experience, but in the end they guide us to the praise of our loving Creator.

As we go through the book of Psalms, chapter by chapter and verse by verse, we will both use our heads to analyse it and our hearts to apply it to our lives. Half our time each Sunday will be spent studying the text, and the other half in the ancient practice of *Lectio Divina* (Latin for "divine reading"). Come join us for a weekly oasis in the desert of life; a haven of rest in the chaos and storm of your week!

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

Teacher: Deacon Minh Tran

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.

### Sermon Notes: "Reconciliation (3): Forgiveness (Luke 17:1-6)

- Forgiving enemies is God-like.
- Whoever has offended you has offended God more.
- Failure to forgive results in divine chastening.
- Unforgiveness makes you unfit for worship.
- Not to forgive is to usurp divine authority.
- Forgive because offenses against you are allowed by God for your growth.

### To Forgive – by Lois Doxsee (used by permission)

To forgive does not mean you didn't hurt me; it means surrendering my right to hurt you back. To forgive is not to deny my feelings of hurt and anger; it is learning to give those feelings to God.

To forgive is not to ignore what happened, but to speak the truth in love.

To forgive is not to apply an easy Band-Aid; it is a costly, holy and gracious gift.

To forgive means to go to God first, and realize the price has already been paid.

To forgive is not to judge another by my standard, but to leave the judgement to God.

To forgive is not to compare my sin with yours, but to thank God for the price He paid for my sin.

To forgive is not to take the speck out of your eye, but to take the beam out of my own.

To forgive is not to demand a change in behavior, but to offer the gift again and again.

To forgive does not make me a doormat; it paves the way for healing.

To forgive lets you off my hook, and releases you to God's care.

To forgive is to close the door on the past, and open the door to the future.

To forgive is not an emotion of feeling warm and gushy; it is a legal transaction, an act of justice, an act of obedience.

To forgive is to exchange the debt you owe me, for God's grace and peace.

To forgive is not to force the gift on another; it is offered and accepted on acknowledgement of sin.

To forgive is not to understand, but to love and respect the sinner as God loves and respects me.

To forgive is not easy...it is to be like Christ.