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**LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE**

Cantonese (8:15 am):	86
Cantonese (11:15 am):	196
English (9:45 am):	258
Mandarin (8:30 am):	21
Mandarin (11:15 am):	76
Prayer Meetings:	66

**LAST WEEK'S OFFERING**

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

**CONVERSION**

English:	2
Cantonese:	1
Mandarin:	8
Chinese School:	27
Children:	
Total:	38

**ENGLISH WORSHIP SERVICE – April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

Order of Service		Today	Next Sunday
Call to Worship & Worship in Song		Praise Team	Praise Team
Scripture	<b>Luke 15:11-32</b>		
Minute of Silence & Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Kwan Chan	Rev. Ted Tham
Message		Pastor Kwan Chan <b>“Reconciliation (6): The Parable of the Lost Sons</b>	Rev. Nathan Hui <b>Three Levels of Spirituality</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		Rev. Ted Tham	Rev. Ted Tham

Praise Leader	Carolyn Wong	Jon Wong / Michael Lan
Scripture Reader	Daniel Lee	Catherine Tam
Power Point	Jeannette So	Terence Lau
Audio Video	Eugene Cheng	Caroline So
Greeters	Loretta Ma / Mamie Si Tou	Christa Ng / Katherine Chan
Sanctuary Ushers	Millie Chung / Loretta Ma	Helen Kwong / Chong Liang
Mezzanine Usher	Philip Trinh	Chih Chou
Welcome Table	Gloria Yu	Peggy and Ken Yuen
Snacks	Timothy Fellowship - Loretta Ma	Enoch Bible Study- Chiu Kwong

\* 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:**According to Col. 2:8, does Paul teach us that we should not study "philosophy?"

**A:** The term "philosophy" occurs only here in the Bible. Paul was not making a blanket denunciation of philosophical study or even Greek philosophy such as Platonism or Stoicism. Nor was he worried that the Colossians' faith would crumble if they subjected it to critical inquiry. The article "the" appearing before the term in the Greek text suggests that the opponents had characterized their own teaching as a "philosophy," the specific teaching described in that paragraph, Paul opposed.

**FASTING PRAYER THIS WEDNESDAY MAY 1**

Some churches or believers often practice fasting prayer. On this topic, different traditions have different practices.



One of the reasons the church practice fasting prayer is to focus on praying for some very important things. The Bibles mentions Antioch type fasting (Act 13:1-3) where they pray for the missional direction, Susa type fasting (Esth.4:3, 16) where they pray for the fate of the nation, Ahava type fasting (Ezra 8:21-23) where they pray for a safe journey, and the Hermon type fasting (Matt. 17:21) where they should pray for spiritual warfare. Of course, there are other Biblical teachings about fasting that are also very important.

This Wednesday prayer meeting, in addition to the Family and Equipping prayer, our fasting prayer will focus on some important issues related to the church and the community.

We invite all those who would like to take this challenge to fast on Wednesday night and joint our 8 o'clock prayer meeting at church. We also urge you to make modest adjustment in accordance with their own physical situation by taking water and white bread if necessary. Of course, even if you do not fast, you are still welcome to join us in prayer. And of course, it is our fervent hope that you too can join the 7:15 pm prayer workshop.

**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!"

**Fees:** Full-time Adults: \$100.00, Full-time Students & Ages 2-12: \$60.00, Under 2 years old: free, Part-time (all ages): \$50.00.(To encourage everyone's participation, the above the fees reflected a discount based on costs subsidized by church, you can refer to the registration form for the actual cost). For more details, contact Kalee Sakura (kaleesakura@gmail.com.) Registration starts TODAY!

**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)

**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 is preaching in the Mandarin Worship toady, Deaconess Loraine Chan will lead this morning**

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.

**MOTIONS FOR TODAY'S MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

1. To approve minutes of last month's meeting
2. To approve financial statements for month ended March 31, 2013
3. To approve of Winnie Lai as Summer Conference Committee - Children Dept. Head
4. To approve Andrew Hui as 2013 Summer Conference Committee - GM Dept. Head.
5. To approve Lynn Qiu as Mandarin Department Treasurer for 2013 Summer Conference Committee
6. To approve Vicky Chang as Mandarin Department Devotion for 2013 Summer Conference Committee
7. To approve Samuel Chin as Head of Cantonese Music Department

Deacon Board update

- June Short Term Mission to Ecuador and subsidy policy
- Office Manager recruitment status update
- Ministry space usage assessment status update

**Sermon Notes**

**The Parable of the Lost Sons (Luke 15:11-32)**

1. Parable of the Two lost sons (two ways to reject God)

2. Redefining Christianity

3. Jesus is our Prodigal God

4. God's Call to Me