

**CHURCH STAFF**

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**NORTH TORONTO CHINESE BAPTIST CHURCH**

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3 Year Theme (2012-2014): Prepare the Way of The Lord; Make His Paths Straight.  
 2014 Theme: Evangelism and Mission

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Career Small Groups:  
 Gateway: **Fri – 8 pm – weekly @ church** [Mimi Kong (Kiak Ting (kiakting@gmail.com))]  
 Intro Bible Grp (IBG): **Thurs – 7:30 pm – weekly @ church** [Tammy Yuen (tammy.yuen@gmail.com)]  
 Open Source: **Fri (7:30 pm) & Sun (4 pm) – weekly @ homes** [Alan & Zerlina Poon (alan.zerlina@gmail.com)]  
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 Bible Study Grp (BSG): **Thurs – 7:45 pm – weekly @ church** [Almond Au (almondau@gmail.com)]  
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ENGLISH WORSHIP SERVICE – December 7, 2014 – 9:45 A.M. & 1:45 P.M.		
Order of Service	Today	Next Sunday
Call to Worship & Worship in Song	Praise Team	Praise Team
Scripture		
	<b>James 5:13-19</b>	
Minute of Silence & Pastoral Prayer	Pastor Kwan Chan	Rev. Ted Tham
Message	Pastor Kwan Chan Marks of Maturity: <b>Righteous Prayer</b>	Rev. Ted Tham Advent: <b>Darkness and Light</b>
Lord's Table	Rev. Ted Tham	
Our Response in Song & Giving	Praise Team	Praise Team
Benediction	Rev. Ted Tham	Rev. Ted Tham
Announcements & Reflection	Rev. Ted Tham	Pastor Kwan Chan

	Today		Next Sunday	
	9:45 am	1:45 pm	9:45 am	1:45 pm
Praise Leader (s)	Curtis Lai	Praise Team	Gordon Chiu	Praise Team
Scripture Reader	Daniel Lee	Pastor Kwan	Gordon Chiu	Rev. Ted
Power Point	Renny Cheung	Ryan Hsu	Terence Lau	Ryan Hsu
Audio Video	Andrew Hui	Connie Fan	Anson Tam	Connie Fan
Sanctuary Ushers	Helen Kwong, Gordon Chiu Nathan Wong		Jasmine Lui	
Mezzanine Usher	Timothy (Loretta Ma)		Nathan Wong	
Welcome Team			Timothy (Loretta Ma)	
Snacks				

\* Please join us after the service for prayer, snacks and fellowship in the basement 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.

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE		LAST WEEK'S OFFERING		CONVERSION	
Cantonese (8:15 am):	95	General:	\$ 13,376	English:	4
Cantonese (11:15 am):	197	Mission:	\$ 3,810	Cantonese:	10
English (9:45 am):	247	Maintenance:	\$ 50	Mandarin:	35
English (1:45 pm):	24	Building:	\$ 0	Chinese School:	23
Mandarin (8:30 am):	21	Other:	\$ 1,080	Children:	2
Mandarin (11:15 am):	90	Prayer Meetings:	50	Total:	74

ENGLISH SUNDAY SCHOOL – Winter Term (11:30 AM – 12:40 PM)	
Jr. High (Grades 7-8)	Basement
High School (Grades 9-12)	Systematic Theology - Room 311 (Top Floor)
Adults and High School	Foundations (Office Level)
Adults	Old Testament Minor Prophets (Basement)
Teacher Training	New Testament Theology (Room 314/315) – by invitation
Adults and High School	English as a Second Language (ESL) – 2 pm in room 102 (ground 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 information 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.

**Prayer Ministry**

Join us for prayer on Wednesdays (8-9 pm) on the 3<sup>rd</sup> (top) Floor, or Sundays at 11:15 am in the Basement Prayer Room. We also encourage all our members to commit to our 20/20 Vision of Prayer (20 min. of daily personal prayer and 20 min. of weekly corporate prayer).



**Prayer Workshops**

One of the best ways to get to know God on a deeper level is to know His names and titles as revealed in Scripture. In 2014, the Prayer Workshop will teach you how to pray to God according to His names and titles. (Wed. 7:15 pm, Mandarin Sanctuary - taught by Rev. Hui in Mandarin with English translation available).

December Prayer Workshops		
10	Lion of the Tribe of Judah	Revelations 5
17	Lamb	Revelations 6

**Evangelism Dept. Sports Ministry at NTCBC**

(Nov. – Jan.) Located in the gym. Please contact the following leaders if you're interested.

• **Drop-in Co-ed Volleyball:** Sundays 3-7 pm  
Carolyn Wong (carolynkywong@gmail.com)

• **Men's Basketball:** Tuesdays 7-10 pm  
Kelvin Lei (kelvin.s.lei@gmail.com)

**Foundations** (Dec. ~ Feb.)

Teacher: Deacon Norm Seto  
Location: Office Level



This class examines basic beliefs in areas such as the 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. Our next scheduled baptism is Easter Sunday (April 5, 2015).

**Old Testament Minor Prophets** (Dec. ~ Feb.)

Teacher: Deaconess Loraine Chan  
Location: Basement

The prophet served a major role in Old Testament times. Prophets were God's spokesmen, sent to give supernatural guidance to individuals and to the nation. In Deuteronomy 18:15-19 God promised to send prophets to unveil His will. These prophets were to be authenticated by foretelling future events. What the true prophet foretold would surely happen.  
Prophecies of Hope (Ezekiel 25-48)  
Daniel's Life (Daniel 1-6)  
Daniel's Prophecies (Daniel 7-12)  
Spiritual Adultery (Hosea)  
Final Judgment (Joel)  
Let Justice Roll (Amos)  
Warning to Enemies (Obadiah and Nahum)  
Gospel of the Second Chance (Jonah)  
God's Offer of Pardon (Micah)  
Challenges to Faith (Habakkuk)  
Judgment Coming (Zephaniah)  
Putting God First (Haggai)  
Words of Hope (Zechariah)  
Love Grown Cold (Malachi)

**Righteous Prayer**

James 5:13-19



Pray often and in all circumstances

Pray prayers of faith

i. Elijah prayed according to God's will

ii. The drought began and ended because Elijah prayed

Praying Prayers of faith



- Sat Dec 13 (2:30 pm) Caroling @ Lansing Res.
- Fri Dec 19 (7:30 pm) Eng. Christmas Celebration with Special Children's Play and Guest Speaker
- Sun Dec 21 (9:45 am) Christmas Worship & Child Dedication
- Sun Dec 21 (2:30 pm) NTCBC Christmas Baptism
- Sun Dec 21 (6 pm) NTCBC Christmas Banquet  
For Tickets: Cindy Chan (cindy33@gmail.com)
- Wed Dec 31 (7 pm) English Congregation Family Turn-of-the-Year Event

**Christmas Caroling at Lansing Residence**

Interested in joining us for a Christmas Sing-along?  
Date: Sat. Dec 13, 2014  
Time: 2:30pm  
Address: 10 Senlac Road  
Practice: Sun. Dec. 7 at 3pm in Room 306.  
Contact may.kong1@gmail.com if you are interested.

**Ordination of Amy Hong as Deaconess**

Ballots for the Ordination of Amy Hong as Deaconess are now available to NTCBC members. Please pick them up in the foyer or at the office and diligently pray before affirming God's calling to Amy Hong who has offered to serve in the church. Put your vote in the ballot box before Dec 28, 2014 1:00 pm.



**Finding Peace at Christmas**

Copies of this helpful booklet by the producers of the "Our Daily Bread" are available in the foyer. Feel free to pick up several of them and share them with others as a way to bless them and open up spiritual conversations.

**From the Treasury Dept.**

All offerings must be received by NTCBC on or before Dec 28 in order to be included in 2014 calendar year offering receipts. If you would like to have the offering receipt sent to you by mail, please contact our treasury department and provide them the details. All departments must submit their claims on or before Dec 28 to be included as 2014 expenses.

**Fasting and Worship**

*Leviticus 23:26-32 - The LORD said to Moses, "The tenth day of this seventh month is the Day of Atonement. Hold a sacred assembly and deny yourselves, and present an offering made to the LORD by fire. Do no work on that day, because it is the Day of Atonement, when atonement is made for you before the LORD your God. Anyone who does not deny himself on that day must be cut off from his people. I will destroy from among his people anyone who does any work on that day. You shall do no work at all. This is to be a lasting ordinance for the generations to come, wherever you live. It is a sabbath of rest for you, and you must deny yourselves. From the evening of the ninth day of the month until the following evening you are to observe your sabbath"*

The Day of Atonement is a day of national repentance where the Israelites would devote themselves to worship, repentance, and fasting. It is an annual practice of the Jewish people to worship God by not only presenting offering and by observing the Sabbath, but by fasting.

Fasting is an act of worship because it is a physical expression of dependence on God, as well as a way to declare one's own sinfulness and need for restoration. To relate this to a modern-day practice: we sing praise songs that express the above sentiments every Sunday. In the same way, the Israelites are expressing their sinfulness and dependence, not only with their mouths, but through the act of fasting. It was recorded in Acts 13:1-3 that the Christians in Antioch also adopted the practice of fasting as a way to worship Jesus Christ. It is therefore not just an Israelite practice that we are adopting, but a tradition from the Early Church that we, as a church, will continue.

While fasting, we ourselves must remember that it is first and foremost an act of worship to God. We are demonstrating with our bodies that man does not live by bread alone, but by God's Word (Matt 4:4) & that all we depend upon and need is Jesus Christ alone.

**2015 NTCBC Scripture Calendars Now Available**

One free per family – available in the foyer.