

CHURCH STAFF

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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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 Josiah (University):
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 Intro Bible Grp (IBG):
 Open Source:
 Sojourners:
 Mustard Seed Grp (MSG):
 Bible Study Grp (BSG):
 Unity Small Grp (USG):
 Mtn Movers Grp (MMG):
 Couples & Family Groups:
 Family Fellowship:
 Footprints:
 Family Small Group:
 Serendipity:
 Enoch Bible Study:
 ESL Ministry:
 Copy of Sermons:
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Sat - 7 pm – bi-weekly @ church [Jason Ng (ng.jason.c@gmail.com)]
Fri – 7:30 pm – weekly @ church [Kwan Chan (malachifellowship@gmail.com)]
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ENGLISH WORSHIP SERVICE – December 14, 2014 – 9:45 A.M. & 1:45 P.M.		
Order of Service	Today (Advent Sunday)	Next Sunday (Christmas Sunday)
Call to Worship & Worship in Song	Praise Team	Praise Team
Scripture Isaiah 9:1-7		
Pastoral Prayer	Rev. Ted Tham Baptism Testimony	Rev. Ted Tham Child Dedication
Message	Rev. Ted Tham Advent: Darkness and Light	Rev. Ted Tham Christmas Sunday: Good News and Great Joy
Our Response in Song & Giving	Praise Team	Praise Team
Benediction	Rev. Ted Tham	Rev. Ted Tham
Announcements & Reflection	Pastor Kwan Chan	Pastor Kwan Chan

	Today		Next Sunday
	9:45 am	1:45 pm	9:45 am (Joint English Worship)
Praise Leader (s)	Gordon Chiu	Praise Team	Michael Lan
Scripture Reader	Gordon Chiu	Rev. Ted	Sidney Sau
Power Point		Gerrome Tan	Jeannette So
Audio Video	Anson Tam		Caroline So
Sanctuary Ushers	Phil Trinh, Jasmine Lui	Connie Fan	Phil Trinh
Mezzanine Usher	Nathan Wong		Nathan Wong
Welcome Team	Eric & Maggie Yip		Eric & Maggie Yip
Snacks	Timothy Fellowship (Jason Ng)		Timothy Fellowship (Jason Ng)

* 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

Cantonese (8:15 am): 123
 Cantonese (11:15 am): 200
 English (9:45 am): 217
 English (1:45 pm): 32
 Mandarin (8:30 am): 20
 Mandarin (11:15 am): 80

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING

General: \$
 Mission: \$
 Maintenance: \$
 Building: \$
 Other: \$
 Prayer Meetings: 55

CONVERSION

English: 4
 Cantonese: 10
 Mandarin: 36
 Chinese School: 23
 Children: 2
 Total: 75

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 Survey (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 3rd (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		
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. Topics include: 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)

Darkness & Light Isaiah 9:1-7



1. We Live in a Similar Darkness

Outside
Inside

2. We Long for the Same Light

Abundance
Freedom
Victory

3. We Look to the Same Saviour

Wonderful Counselor
Mighty God
Everlasting Father
Prince of Peace



How can we prepare for Christmas?

1. Repent
2. Invite
3. Proclaim

Fri Dec 19 (7:30pm) Eng. Christmas Celebration
with Special Children's Play
Speaker: Pastor Will Lee

Sun Dec 21 (9:45am) Christmas Worship & Child Dedication (Arienne Lau, Elizabeth Lun, Wesley Leung, Joy Poon)

Sun Dec 21 (2:30pm) NTCBC Christmas Baptism
(May Kong, Brian Yeung, Matthew Lai, Sally Gao)

Sun Dec 21 (6pm) NTCBC Christmas Banquet
For Tickets: Cindy Chan (cindy33@gmail.com)

Wed Dec 31 (7pm) English Turn-of-the-Year (in Mezzanine Sanctuary)
7-8:30 Music, Message, Prayer
10:30 – 11 Snacks
11-12 midnight Joint with Chinese (Sanctuary)

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.

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.

2015 NTCBC Scripture Calendars Now Available
One free per family – available in the foyer

Scott Mission

On Sat. Dec. 27, from 9:15 am to 12:15 pm we will serve 2 meals to the poor & homeless at Spadina & College. Contact Wilfred Lun for details (Wilfred.lun@td.com or 416-818-7284). The next outreach opportunity is on Sat. Jan. 31.

Fasting and Repentance

January 4-11, 2015

Nehemiah 9:1-3 On the 24th day of the same month, the Israelites gathered together, fasting and wearing sackcloth and having dust on their heads. Those of Israelite descent had separated themselves from all foreigners. They stood in their places and confessed their sins and the wickedness of their fathers. They stood where they were and read from the Book of the Law of the LORD their God for a quarter of the day, and spent another quarter in confession and in worshiping the LORD their God.

In the Old Testament, when a nation was convicted of their sins, they would not only confess their sin with their mouths, but they would demonstrate remorse with their whole bodies. They dirtied themselves by wearing sackcloth and by putting dirt on their heads in order to outwardly demonstrate the dirty, sinful, and poor condition of their hearts. Fasting was another outward demonstration of internal poverty and sinfulness.

In addition, fasting was seen as a method of demonstrating remorse for one's sin. However, in Isaiah 58:4-5, God reminds us that He will not forgive those who fast and **do not repent** of their wickedness. And so, it's important to remember that we're not saved by fasting, but by repenting of our sins and receiving the free gift of salvation through Jesus Christ. Furthermore, God is not pleased by our fasting unless it is in conjunction with a penitent heart and a willful obedience. Fasting is only effective if it is done with a penitent heart that desires to seek God and to flee sin.

Our Condolences

To the family of Mr. Yun-Jih (Eugene) Wang (Mrs. Wang, Elena and Bryan) Mr. Wang went to be with the Lord on Fri. Dec. 5, 2014. May our Lord comfort the family with the blessed assurance they will see him with Jesus in glory one day soon.

Lost and Found

The Lost and Found Bin is located in the basement on the table next to the kitchen. It will be cleared out at the end of the year.