

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: **Fri – 8 pm – weekly @ church** [Mimi Kong (Kiak Ting (kiakting@gmail.com))]
 Gateway: **Thurs – 7:30 pm – weekly @ church** [Tammy Yuen (tammy.yuen@gmail.com)]
 Intro Bible Grp (IBG): **Fri (7:30 pm) & Sun (4 pm) – weekly @ homes** [Alan & Zerlina Poon (alan.zerlina@gmail.com)]
 Open Source: **Fri – 7:30 pm – weekly @ homes** [Terence Lau (terencedlau@yahoo.com)]

Sojourners: **Thurs – 7:30 pm – weekly @ homes** [Chris Lim (limmer21@gmail.com)]
 Mustard Seed Grp (MSG): **Thurs – 7:45 pm – weekly @ church** [Jason Ng (ng.jason.c@gmail.com)]
 Bible Study Grp (BSG): **Thurs – 7:45 pm – weekly @ church** [Almond Au (almondau@gmail.com)]
 Unity Small Grp (USG): **Thurs – 8 pm – weekly @ church** [Timothy Cheng (timothy.cheng.ca@gmail.com)]
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 Family Fellowship: **Weekend – monthly @ homes** [Wilfred & Dorothy Wong (wilanddor@gmail.com)]
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 Family Small Group: **Weekend – monthly @ homes** [David & Amy Hong (dajahong@gmail.com)]
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 Chinese School: Daniel Wong (wong2daniel@yahoo.ca)

JOINT ENGLISH WORSHIP SERVICE – December 21, 2014 – 9:45 A.M.		
Order of Service	Today (Christmas Sunday)	Next Sunday (Turn-of-the-Year)
Call to Worship & Worship in Song	Praise Team	Praise Team
Scripture Luke 2:8-20		
Pastoral Prayer	Rev. Ted Tham Child Dedication	Pastor Kwan Chan
Message	Rev. Ted Tham Christmas Sunday: Good News and Great Joy	Pastor Kwan Chan 2015 Church Theme: Joy & Suffering in the New Life
Our Response in Song & Giving	Praise Team	Praise Team
Benediction	Rev. Ted Tham	Rev. Ted Tham
Announcements & Reflection	Pastor Kwan Chan	Rev. Ted Tham

	Today	Next Sunday	
	9:45 am	9:45 am	1:45 pm
Praise Leader (s)	Michael Lan	Curtis Lai	Praise Team
Scripture Reader	Sidney Sau	Ariel Wong	Pastor Kwan
Power Point	Jeannette So	Renny Cheung	Ryan Hsu
Audio Video	Carolyn So	Eugene Cheng	
Sanctuary Ushers	Phil Trinh	Phil Trinh, Helen Kwong	Connie Fan
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.

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)

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Cantonese (8:15 am): 123
 Cantonese (11:15 am): 187
 English (9:45 am): 210
 English (1:45 pm): 28
 Mandarin (8:30 am): 22
 Mandarin (11:15 am): 75

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING

General: \$ 29,702
 Mission: \$ 2,335
 Maintenance: \$ 90
 Building: \$ 0
 Other: \$ 655
 Prayer Meetings: 41

CONVERSION

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



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).



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)

Good News & Great Joy
Luke 2:8-20



GOOD NEWS:

- Salvation
- Free
- Peace
- God Initiates

GREAT JOY:

- When
- Where
- Who

Our Response:

- Shepherds:
- Mary:



Sun Dec 21 (9:45am) Christmas Worship & Child Dedication (Arienne Lau, Micah Lim, 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
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.

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 Humility

January 4-11, 2015

Ezra 8:21-23 - There, by the Ahava Canal, I proclaimed a fast, so that we might humble ourselves before our God and ask Him for a safe journey for us and our children, with all our possessions. I was ashamed to ask the king for soldiers and horsemen to protect us from enemies on the road, because we had told the king, "The gracious hand of our God is on everyone who looks to him, but his great anger is against all who forsake him." So we fasted and petitioned our God about this, and he answered our prayers.

Ezra proclaimed a fast so that the Israelites would humble themselves before God. The act of humbling oneself is important because God promises to speak to and to give grace to the humble (Proverbs 3:34); humility allows us to know God and to experience Him work in and through us.

God calls Christians to humble ourselves (1 Peter 5:6; James 4:10; 2 Chronicles 7:14), meaning that we are responsible for making ourselves humble. It is important to understand that the work of sanctification is a joint effort between us and the Holy

Spirit (Ephesians 4:22-24). What that means is that we are responsible for not only asking the Spirit to grant us a greater humility, but for living in a way that will produce a greater humility in us.

Fasting is one such activity that results in a greater humility. Fasting exposes our humanity and the fact that we are needy and dependent creatures; it allows us to take a lower and more proper view of ourselves. This paradigm shift in how we understand ourselves will also affect how we understand God and how we ought to relate to Him.

When we have a lower view of ourselves, we will inevitably have a higher and more proper view of God. Additionally, we will realize more and more that we are not god (and our life purpose is not to serve ourselves), but that Jesus is God and that our life purpose is to serve Him.

Therefore, when we come to God, we will not say, "God, this is what I want. Do it for me." Rather, we will come to God and says, "God, here I am. What is your will? Do what you want with me." To whom will God answer? The humble.

2015 NTCBC Scripture Calendars Now Available

One free per family – available in the foyer

Motions for Dec.28 Membership Meeting

- i. Approve the minutes of Nov 2014 Membership mtg
 - ii. Approve Financial Statements for Nov month end.
 - iii. Approve supervising deacons and ballot counters for affirmation of Amy Hong as Deaconess.
 - iv. Approve 2015 Ezekiel Fellowship Committee.
 - v. Approve 2015 Joshua Fellowship Committee.
 - vi. Approve membership transfer request from Pastor Joanna Ip.
 - vii. Approve membership transfer request from Pastor Catherine Chan.
 - viii. Approve membership transfer request from Michelle Luk.
 - ix. Accept request from Helen Hin Chan to transfer membership to Logos Baptist Church (Milliken).
 - x. Approve 2015 salary recommendation for Pastoral Team and Administrative Staff.
- * Church Life Department will not prepare lunch during Dec Membership Meeting.

The Church Office

Will be closed on Dec 25, Dec 26 & Jan 1.

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.

2015 Donations for Church Flowers

If you would like to contribute to the cost of the weekly church flowers please sign your name on the poster in the foyer. Thank you.