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Career Small Groups:  
 Gateway (adults 30+): **Fri – 8 pm – weekly @ church** [Mimi Kong (Kiak Ting (kiakting@gmail.com))]  
 Intro Bible Grp (IBG): **Thurs – 7:30 pm – weekly @ church** [Adrian Wang (ibgsmallgroup@gmail.com)]  
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ESL Ministry: Pastor Kwan Chan (kwanchan@ntcbc.org)  
 Copy of Sermons: Philip Trinh (trinh.philip@gmail.com) and on church website  
 Chinese Classes (Sat. morning): Daniel Wong (daniel.wong@ntcbc.ca)

**LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE**

Cantonese (8:15 am): 120  
 Cantonese (11:15 am): 132  
 English (9:45 am): 230  
 English (1:45 pm): 15  
 Mandarin (8:30 am): 23  
 Mandarin (11:15 am): 68

**LAST WEEK'S OFFERING**

General: \$ 27,991  
 Mission: \$ 4,955  
 Maintenance: \$ 1,047  
 Building: \$ 1,000  
 Other: \$ 3,390  
 Prayer Mtg: 66

**CONVERSION**

English: 7  
 Cantonese: 9  
 Mandarin: 47  
 Chinese Classes: 26  
 Children: 28  
 STM: 82  
 Total: 199



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2015-2019 Theme : Expanding the Kingdom of God (1 Peter 1:3-2:10)

ENGLISH WORSHIP SERVICE – December 13, 2015 - Advent		
9:45 A.M. – Main Sanctuary; 1:45 P.M. – Mezzanine (2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor) Sanctuary		
Order of Service	Today	Next Sunday
Call to Worship, Worship in Song & Giving	Praise Team	Praise Team
Pastoral & Sending Prayer	Rev. Ted Tham	Pastor Kwan Chan
Scripture	<b>Luke 1:26-38</b> (NIV 1984)	Pastor Kwan Chan
Message	Rev. Ted Tham Advent <b>Mary's Advent: Courage, Faith &amp; Submission</b>	Pastor Kwan Chan Christmas Sunday <b>Christmas</b>
Lord's Table	Rev. Ted Tham	
Our Response in Song	Praise Team	Praise Team
Benediction	Rev. Ted Tham	Rev. Ted Tham
Announcements	Pastor Kwan Chan	Rev. Ted Tham
AMA (3:00 – 3:20 pm)		Pastor Kwan Chan

	Today – Joint English Worship		Next Sunday	
	9:45 am		9:45 am	1:45 pm
Praise Leader	Nathaniel Lai		Derek Ma	Worship Team
Power Point	Renny Cheung		Denise Lee	AV Team
Audio Video	Anson Tam		Andrew Hui	AV Team
Sanctuary Ushers	Jasmine Lui, Nathan Wong		Jasmine Lui, Nathan Wong	Connie Fan
Mezzanine Usher	Phil Trinh		Phil Trinh	
Welcome Team	Serendipity SG (David Hong)		Serendipity SG (David Hong)	
Snacks	Mustard Seed Group (Chris Lim)		Mustard Seed Group (Chris Lim)	

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

If this is your first time here, we would also love to give you a welcome package.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – Fall Term September to November (11:30 am – 12:30 pm)	
Jr. High (Grades 7-8)	Basement
High School (Grades 9-12)	Room 311 (Top Floor)
Seekers & Newcomers	Introduction to Christianity (Q & A) (Room B05B Office level at the back)
Adults and High School	Foundations (Baptism & Membership) (Rm B09 Office level)
Adults - Women	Women's Sunday School - Esther (Basement)
Adults	Nehemiah (Room 102 Ground Floor)
Teacher Training	History of Christianity (Top Floor snack room) – by invitation
Adults and High School	ESL – 2 pm in room 102 (ground level)

**2015 Monthly Theme Verse** (NIV 1984)  
(Copies available in the foyer)

**December: Preach the Gospel**

**Isaiah 57:19**

“Creating praise on the lips of the mourners in Israel. Peace, peace, to those far and near,” says the Lord. “And I will heal them.”

**Welcome to NTCBC, 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', Preschoolers' or Children's programs as listed on the English Ministry bulletin board in the foyer.

Our theme this year is “Joy and Suffering in New Life” based on 1 Peter 1:3-12. We are focusing on DISCIPLESHIP, so our yearly preaching series is on the Disciple's Manual (Luke 9:51-19:44) with an emphasis on encouraging a missional mindset among our congregations. We want those who go to either the 9:45 am Service or the 1:45 pm Service to recognize a calling to that Service, and to live as missionaries wherever they are – either at home, school or work. We are also renewing our Small Group ministry with equipping and support through Coaches.

Our Church's 5 Year Plan (2015-19) is “Expanding the Kingdom of God” (1 Peter 1:3-2:10), and we are praying that God will grant NTCBC a body of believers willing and equipped to plant a new daughter church by 2020.

**Prayer Ministry**

Join us for prayer on Wednesdays (8-9 pm) on the 3<sup>rd</sup> (top) Floor. 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). Children's Prayer Meeting: for children from Grades 1-6 every Wed. (8-9 pm) in the library with Pastor Cat.

December Prayer Workshops	
16	Ministering as Co-labourers (I)
23	Ministering as Co-labourers (II)
30	Discipleship: A Retrospect

**Prayer Meeting for the Vulnerable and Weak**

On the second Wednesday of each month, we will devote the entire English Prayer Meeting (8-9 pm) to praying for the sick, vulnerable and weak among us. We encourage everyone who would like prayer for themselves or loved ones to come to these wonderful times of intercession and healing. Next special PM: **Wed. Jan. 13, 2016**

**Sports Ministry** in the gym.

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

**Monday Night Volleyball:** (7:30 – 9:30 pm) - Carolyn Wong (carolynkywong@gmail.com)

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



**Foundations** (Dec ~ Feb)  
Baptism & Membership Class  
Teacher: Deacon Minh Tran  
Location: Rm B09 Office level

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. **Our next baptism will be Easter Sunday (March 27, 2016).**

**Intro. to Christianity (Q & A)**

Teachers: Andrew Lam & Almond Au  
Location: Room B05B Office level at the back (old storage room)



Open to all who are new to Christianity, seekers and newcomers who have any questions. Format is a flexible Q & A style.

**Women's Sunday School - Esther** (Dec ~ Feb)

Teacher: Karen Wang  
Location: basement  
Have you ever felt discouraged, confused and scared about why God has placed you in certain situations? Or wondered how to live out your Christian faith in a secular world? In this course, we will follow the story of how God uses Esther, an exiled Jewish girl to save an entire nation. In the process, we will examine the following topics: God's sovereignty and human responsibility; how to live with confidence in anxiety-provoking times; conviction versus compromise and so much more!

**Nehemiah** (Dec ~ Feb)

Teacher: Almond Au  
Location: Room 102 Ground Floor

Beyond the plot of rebuilding the broken walls of Jerusalem, the book of Nehemiah is a redemptive story of a spiritual revival for the Israelite people, and how their faith was restored by God. Two central themes will be discussed through the term: the discernment of Nehemiah and how he was used by God (Neh. 7:5) and the importance of God's Word declared and presented when the people gathered to listen and learn (Neh. 8:8). This course aims for a practical learning in which reading God's Word would help us to discern the voice of God.



**Mary's Advent: Courage, Faith & Submission**  
**Luke 1:26-38**

**Description of Mary's Son:**

- ..... Great
- ..... King
- ..... Holy
- ..... Son of God (Divine)
- ..... Saviour
- ..... Eternal
- ..... How did Mary Respond?
- ..... Courage
- ..... Faith
- ..... Submission

**For reflection:**

- ..... Are you prepared for Christmas?
- ..... Are you saved?

**Scott Mission**

The next outreach opportunity is on Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, from 9:15am to 12:15pm. We serve two meals to the poor and homeless at College and Spadina. Please let Wilfred Lun know if you are interested (wilfred.lun@td.com or 416-818-7284).

**Christmas Baptism – Sunday Dec. 13**

Join us TODAY, 2:30 pm in the Sanctuary  
Baptism Candidates:  
English: Andrew Luong, Jarvis Lai, James Tong, Kester Chu, Vivian Lo, Joelle Wong, Hayley Cheng, Christina Tang, Michelle Cheng  
Cantonese: Stewart Chan, Kun Fook Wong, Chui Heung Kam, Hoi Mei Kong  
Mandarin: Frank Yuan, Helen Lin, Shu Lan Lu, Jane Liu, Janet Zheng

**WHY CHRISTMAS?**  
DISCOVERING TRUTH BEHIND THE FANTASY



**Zeng-Cheng – HuiZhou Visitation & Exchange Team**

The ZengCheng-HuiZhou Visitation and Exchange 2015 team, led by Rev. Nathan Hui and Pastor Joanna Ip, members include Alice Fung (Mrs. Hui), Pastor Michael Chan (Pastor Joanna's husband), Angela Wei, Michael Chan, Ryan Hsu, Sharon Lo, Almond and Loretta Au, and Cindy Chan, is ready to set off. The itinerary is:  
Dec 16: The team will take flight AC153 at 8:00am departing Toronto, transfer at Vancouver for AC007, to Hong Kong  
Dec 18: Travel to ZengCheng via ShenZhen in the morning; Christmas hymns evangelistic event in the afternoon, revival meeting/evangelistic meeting in the evening  
Dec 19: leadership training in daytime, revival/evangelistic meeting in the evening  
Dec 20: Sunday worships in morning and afternoon  
Dec 21: leadership training in the daytime, revival/evangelistic meeting in the evening  
Dec 22: visitation in the morning, travel to PingLing, HuiZhou in the afternoon  
Dec 23: visitation in the daytime  
Dec 24: visitation in the daytime; revival/evangelistic meeting in the evening  
Dec 25: Christmas worship in the afternoon; revival/evangelistic meeting in the evening  
Dec 26: leadership training in the daytime; choir practice in the evening  
Dec 27: leadership training in the morning; Sunday worship in the afternoon; revival/evangelistic gathering in the evening  
Dec 28: workshop with leaders; back to Hong Kong; Debriefing and sharing  
Dec 29: Debriefing. The team will take flight AC08 departing Hong Kong, transfer at Vancouver for AC152, arriving Toronto at 1:10 am the next day. Please pray for the team daily.  
Support requests for this team are available in the foyer.



For smooth arrangement, please bring your ticket.

**Free Family Magazine & Bible Reading Plans**

The Christmas edition of the Thriving Family Magazine (from Focus on the Family) and the Bible Reading Plans are now available in the foyer.

**From the Treasury Dept.**

All offerings must be received by NTCBC on or before Dec 27 Cantonese/Mandarin Noon Service in order to be included in 2015 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 depts must submit their claims on or before Dec 27 to be incl. as 2015 expenses.

**Sunday Parking Spaces at YHBC for 2016**

If you have children <2 or member of the family with a physical disability feel free to apply for a free 2016 Sunday morning parking permit at Yorkview Height Baptist Church. See office for details.