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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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 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): 116  
 Cantonese (11:15 am): 175  
 English (9:45 am): 250  
 English (1:45 pm): 24  
 Mandarin (8:30 am): 23  
 Mandarin (11:15 am): 74

**LAST WEEK'S OFFERING**

General: \$ 49,735  
 Mission: \$ 15,275  
 Maintenance: \$ 1,316  
 Building: \$ 1,910  
 Other: \$ 3,760  
 Prayer Mtg: 46

**CONVERSION**

English: 8  
 Cantonese: 9  
 Mandarin: 47  
 Chinese Classes: 26  
 Children: 28  
 STM: 82  
 Total: 200



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

ENGLISH WORSHIP SERVICE – Dec. 27, 2015			
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 Prayer & EMG Recognition		Rev. Ted Tham	Pastor Kwan Chan
Scripture	<b>Jeremiah 29:4-14</b> <small>(NIV 1984)</small>	Rev. Ted Tham	Pastor Kwan Chan
Message		Rev. Ted Tham Turn-of-the-Year <b>I Know The Plans I Have For You</b>	Pastor Kwan Chan Prayer & Fasting (i) <b>Confession &amp; Repentance</b>
Our Response in Song		Praise Team	Praise Team
Benediction		Rev. Ted Tham	Rev. Nathan Hui
Announcements		Pastor Kwan Chan	Pastor Kwan Chan
AMA (3:00 – 3:20 pm)			Pastor Kwan Chan

	Today		Next Sunday	
	9:45 am	1:45 pm	9:45 am	1:45 pm
Praise Leader	Derek Ma	Worship Team	Nathaniel Lai	Worship Team
Power Point	Renny Cheung	AV Team	Linus Chui	AV Team
Audio Video	Andrew Hui	AV Team	Caroline So	AV Team
Sanctuary Ushers	Jasmine Lui, Nathan Wong	Connie Fan	Josephine Poon, Tim Cheng	Connie Fan
Mezzanine Usher	Phil Trinh		Abraham Wong	
Welcome Team	Serendipity SG (David Hong)			
Snacks	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 – Winter Term Dec.to Feb. (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) – <b>cancelled today</b>
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

30	Discipleship: A Retrospect
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#### Joint Missions Prayer Meeting

This Wednesday (Dec 30) the English Prayer Meeting will join the Church Prayer Meeting in the Main Sanctuary (8 pm to 9:15 pm) for our monthly Missions Prayer Meeting on the last Wed. of each month. This Wed. we will give thanks for 2015 STM's with testimonies from various missionaries.

#### 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  
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 (**Note: class cancelled today**)  
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.



#### I Know The Plans I Have For You Jeremiah 29:4-14

God's message to His people under hardship:

##### 1. Endure

*Do you see your suffering as an education?*

##### 2. Enlarge

*What are your plans to grow spiritually in 2016?*

##### 3. Evangelize

*Who can you share the good news to in 2016?*

##### 4. Entreat

*How will you increase your prayer life next year?*

##### 5. Encouragement

*You are in God's thoughts*

*You are in God's plans*

*Your future is bright*

*Do you realize God is thinking of you right now?*

*How often do you think of God?*

*Are you trusting in God's plans, or always second-guessing God, complaining, worrying or panicking?*

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

Please pray for 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 & Loretta & Abigail Au, and Cindy Chan. Their itinerary is:

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.

Support requests for this team are available in the foyer.

#### Turn-of-the-Year Celebration

Thurs. Dec. 31, 7–8 pm & 11–12 midnight

Join us on Dec 31st from 7:00pm -8:00pm on the second floor Mezzanine Sanctuary for a time of corporate praise, reflection, testimonies, sharing, and prayer led by Pastor Kwan. The end of the year is a great opportunity for us to reflect individually and to share corporately about what God has done in the past year and what He has called you to do in the following year. Our prayer is that those of us who come will hear the Holy Spirit speak to us in quiet and through other brothers and sisters (and also for Him to speak through you to others). This will be followed by a Joint Turn-of-the-Year Gathering at 11 pm to midnight in the Main Sanctuary with a message from Rev. Hui.

#### New Year's Child Dedication

Our next Child Dedication will be on **Sun. Jan. 17** during the 9:45 am Worship Service. Any parents who are interested in dedicating their children to the Lord that day are requested to contact Rev. Ted as soon as possible.

#### 2016 Bible Reading Plans

Are now available in the foyer.

#### From the Treasury Dept.

All offering received after 1:00pm TODAY will be counted towards 2016 (for book-keeping purposes). Therefore, anyone wishing to have their offering count for the 2015 calendar year must put in their offering before this time. Thank you.

#### Sunday Parking Spaces at YHBC for 2016

Free 2016 Sunday morning parking permits at Yorkview Height Baptist Church for those with children <2 or with a physical disability will be distributed TODAY in the office (if approved).

#### Motions for Today's Membership Meeting

- To approve Financial Statement for Nov 2015
- To affirm the calling of a Chinese Ministry Pastor at Melville Mission
- To approve CAMG Fellowship committee members
- To approve MMG Paul Fellowship committee members
- To approve Salary and Benefit Committee's recommendation to adjust remuneration for Pastor Rose in accordance to her extended service to 30 hours per week effective Jan 1, 2016.

#### 2016 Anniversary Revival Sunday – Jan. 24

Theme for 2016: Holiness. Our Cantonese & Mandarin Speaker for that weekend will be Rev. Dr. Thomas Wang.

#### Pastoral Vacations

Rev. Ted Tham: Dec 29, 2015 to Jan 3, 2016 inclusive  
Pastor Joanna Ip: Dec 30, 2015 to Jan 8, 2016 inclusive

#### Church Building Closure

On Fri. January 1 for New Year's Day