

**CHURCH STAFF**

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

**Joint English Christmas Worship Service – Dec 25, 2016**  
**9:45 A.M. – Main Sanctuary**

Order of Service	
<b>Praise &amp; Offering</b>	Worship Team
<b>Pastoral Prayer</b>	Pastor Kwan Chan
<b>Scripture</b>	<b>Matthew 1:1-2:12</b>
<b>Message</b>	<b>Celebrating our King</b> Pastor Kwan Chan
<b>Response Song</b>	Worship Team
<b>Benediction</b>	Rev. Ted Tham
<b>Announcements</b>	Rev. Ted Tham

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.

<u>LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE</u>		<u>LAST WEEK'S OFFERING</u>		<u>CONVERSIONS</u>		<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>	
Cantonese (8:15 am):	101	General: \$	50,795	English:	5	English:	92
Cantonese (11:15 am):	162	Mission: \$	10,471	Cantonese:	27	Cantonese:	95
English (9:45 am):	171	Maintenance:\$	5,625	Cantonese:	21	Mandarin:	43
English (1:45 pm):	22	Building: \$	420	Mandarin:	88		
Mandarin (8:30 am):	20	Other: \$	2,620	Chinese Classes:	12		
Mandarin (11:15 pm):	72	Prayer Mtg:	99	Children:	34		
Mandarin (3:15pm):	14			STM:	189		
				Total:	355		

**Next Week: New Year's Day Worship Service – Pastor Kwan Chan**

SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:30 am – 12:30 pm		
Jr. High (Gr 7-8)	God is.....: a study of God's character	Basement (Room B1/B2)
High School (Gr 9-12)	Old Testament Survey	Room 311 (Top Floor)
Seekers & Newcomers	Intro. to Christianity (Q & A)	Room B05B (Office level, at the back)
Adults & High School	Foundations (Baptism & Membership)	Room B09 (Office level)
Adults	Ecclesiastes	Basement

**December Theme Verse**  
(copies available in foyer)

**Psalm 99:9**  
Exalt the LORD our God and worship at His holy mountain, for the LORD our God is holy.

**Join us this week for...**

**Sun Pre-service Prayer Meeting**  
9:00am-9:30am in Room 317 (top floor)

**Drop-in Co-ed Volleyball**  
3:30pm-5:30pm in the Gym

**ESL (English as a Second Language)**  
2:00pm in Room 102 (ground level)

**Mon Volleyball Skills Clinic**  
7:30pm-9:30pm in the Gym

**Tues Men's Basketball**  
7:00pm-10:00pm in the Gym

**Wed Prayer Workshop**  
- The Holiness of Jesus Christ: the habit of holiness – the example of Jesus Christ

7:15pm-8:00pm in Main Sanctuary

**Joint Mission Prayer Meeting**  
8:00pm-9:00pm in Main Sanctuary

**Children's Prayer Meeting**  
8:00pm-9:00pm in the Library

**Thur Career Small Groups**  
7:45pm-9:45pm on the top floor

**Fri Career Small Group (Immanuel)**  
8:00pm-10:00pm in Room 311 (top floor)

**Malachi High School Fellowship**  
7:30pm-9:45pm in Room 302 (top floor)

**Timothy Junior High Fellowship**  
7:30pm-9:45pm in Room 306 (top floor)

\*Contact information in the back of the bulletin

**Sunday School Class Descriptions**  
**Dec-Feb**

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

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

**Foundations**

Baptism & Membership Class  
Teacher: Deaconess Amy Hong

The most important decision a person makes in life is the decision to trust Jesus Christ as Saviour 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 Sunday April 16, 2017.***

**Ecclesiastes: Life Under the Sun vs. Life Under the Sun**

Teacher: Rev. Ted Tham / Timothy Cheng  
"Meaningless! Meaningless! Everything is meaningless," the Teacher cried out despairingly at the start of the book of Ecclesiastes. Where does one start to build a way of life that transcends the meaninglessness of the world? Can purpose for life be found in nature, money, self-indulgence, property, status, intelligence, philosophy, and religious observance? If God exists and is concerned for man's responses to Him, why has He made life so frustrating? How much does this frustration prevent us from recognizing God's plan? Ecclesiastes encourages the reader to a God-created worldview rather than falling victim to frustrations and unanswered questions. Come join us in a study of this thought-provoking book in the Bible.

**High School: Old Testament Survey**

**Junior High: God is.....: a study of God's character**

**Sermon Notes**

**Celebrating our King**  
**Matthew 1:1-2:12**

Big idea: Christmas is a time for us to celebrate the birth of our King Jesus by offering Him gifts of great worth

1. His name is Jesus
2. He shall be called Immanuel
3. Giving Gifts to our King

**Responding to Jesus**

1. Take time to reflect on how Jesus has given everything in order to save your soul.
2. Pray for God to increase your affections for His Son, Jesus.
3. Consider what kind of gifts you will offer to Jesus this Christmas season.

**General Announcements**

**NTCBC Christmas Programs**

Dec 25 Christmas Baptism  
Dec 31 Turn Of The Year Worship

**Christmas Baptism**

Join us this afternoon, 2:30 pm in the Sanctuary as many of our brothers and sisters in Christ will give testimony of their faith in the waters of baptism.

**Baptism Candidates:**

English : Marisa Ng, Enoch Lam, Wesley Ng  
Cantonese : Emily Cheung  
Mandarin : Alice Zhang, Cindy Zhang, Lindsay Liu, Frank Feng, Tony Gao

**Eng Turn Of The Year (Dec 31)**

8:00pm – 9:30pm, Room 306 – Singing, worship, prayer & sharing (Deaconess Amy, Curtis Lai and Rev. Ted)  
10:30pm -11:00pm – Snacks  
11:00pm -12:00am – Joint Turn of The Year Worship  
All are welcome. It is family friendly.

**Children's Ministry Townhall**

Sun., Jan 15, 1:00 -3:00 PM, Gym. Invite all families who have Grade 6 children and under, and volunteers who serve in Children's ministry to attend.

**Passport 2 Purity**

Invite all Grade 5 to 7 parents to attend the information session on January 15th during the Children's Ministry townhall.

**Deacon Board Announcement**

The Deacon Board announced last Sunday during the Membership Meeting that our Senior Pastor Rev. Hui had submitted his resignation to the Deacon Board last week. As of December 15<sup>th</sup> (last Thursday) Rev. Hui is no longer with North Toronto Chinese Baptist Church and ceased all his ministries with NTCBC. Effective immediately, Deacon Board has asked Rev. Patrick Lau to coordinate current and upcoming church ministries on the interim.

Deacon Board will provide the congregation a plan by the next membership meeting in January 2017 as to how they will handle all related ministries and workloads of the church.

Let us pray together and ask God to grant us peace, unity and trust with each other during this time so we can serve Him together.

**2017 Bible Reading Plans**

Are now available in the foyer.

**Free Thriving Family Magazine**



The December 2016 /January 2017 Helping Family Thrive magazines are now available in the foyer. Topics in this issue include: Fun, Fun, Fun! by Ted Cunningham, A Timeless Treasurer; A Beautiful Life; and The Reason For Jesus.

**2017 NTCBC Scripture Calendars Now Available**

One free per family is available in church office.

**Sunday Parking Spaces at YHBC for 2017**

If you have children <2 or member of the family with a physical disability feel free to apply for a free 2017 Sunday morning parking permit at Yorkview Height Baptist Church. See office for details.

**From the Treasury Dept.**

All offering received after 1:00pm on Dec 25th will be counted towards 2017 (for book-keeping purposes).

**Church Office Closure**

On Mon. Dec. 26 and Tue. Dec. 27 for Christmas holidays.

**Staff Vacation & Leave**

Rev. Ted will be on leave from Dec 28 – 30.