

**CHURCH STAFF**

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

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<u>LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE</u>		<u>LAST WEEK'S OFFERING</u>		<u>CONVERSIONS</u>		<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>	
Chinese (8:15 am):	103	General: \$	20,676	English:	English:	62	
Chinese (11:15 am):	148	Mission: \$	5,176	Cantonese: 4	Cantonese:	89	
English (9:45 am):	175	Maintenance:\$	1,305	Mandarin: 25	Mandarin:	27	
Mandarin (8:30 am):	33	Building: \$	450	Chinese Classes:			
Mandarin (11:15 am):	44	Other: \$	1,100	Children: 30			
Mandarin (3:15 pm):	15	Prayer Mtg:	48	STM: 189			
				Total: 248			

**English Worship Service – August 13, 2017**

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>	John 15:1-17
<b>Message</b>	<b>The Church is the Branch of the Vine</b> Pastor Kwan Chan
<b>Response Song</b>	Worship Team
<b>Lord's Table</b>	Rev. Patrick Lau
<b>Benediction</b>	Rev. Patrick Lau
<b>Announcements</b>	Pastor Kwan Chan

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.

**Next Week: Pastor Kwan Chan (John 15:1-17; 1 Peter 2:1-12)**

<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:30 am – 12:30 pm</b>		
Grade 7	The Gospel of John	Room 314/315
Grade 8	The Gospel of John	Room 311
High School (Gr 9-12)	Galatians	Room B1/B2
Seekers & Newcomers	Intro. to Christianity (Q & A)	Room 102
Adults	The Book of James	Basement
Everyone	Foundations	Room B09

## Aug Theme Verse

### Proverbs 30:5-6

Every word of God is flawless; He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him. Do not add to His words, or He will rebuke you and prove you a liar.

### Join us this week for...

**Wed Prayer Meeting**  
8:00pm-9:00pm in Room 306

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

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

**Fri Immanuel Career Small Group**  
8:00pm-10:00pm in Room 311

\* contact information on the back of the bulletin  
\* all sports ministries and Youth Fellowships are cancelled this week due to Vacation Bible Camp from Jul 31-Aug 18

## Sunday School Classes

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

Room 102, first floor

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

Room B09

Teachers: Deaconess Amy Hong, Deaconess Loraine Chan

The most important decision a person makes in life is the decision to trust in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. This class examines basic beliefs in areas such as the Trinity, Bible, salvation, baptism, the Lord's Supper, and the responsibilities of an individual believer. You will gain 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 for those who would like to become a member at NTCBC.

***Our next baptism will be Sunday September 10, 2017.***

### James

Basement

Teachers: Tim Cheng, Daniel Lee

It's easy to be a Christian today – too easy. After all, even Donald Trump can claim he's a Christian. So what happened? This class will strive to be an interactive, applicable, and Biblical litmus test for identifying true Christians and avoiding the pitfalls from James' time, which are even more prevalent now. We will explore how James defines faith, wisdom, and perfection.

### High School: Galatians

Room B1/B2

Teacher: Pastor Kwan Chan

As with any study, the goal is to lead the students to a higher level of Biblical literacy so that they will be able to read the book of Galatians independently. In this class, the students will be taught how to identify literary structure and will be given a crash course in Pauline theology and New Testament history.

### Junior High: Gospel of John

**Gr. 7** (Room 314/315, third floor)

Teacher: Josephine Poon

**Gr. 8** (Room 311, third floor)

Teacher: Curtis Lai

The goal for the grade 7s and 8s this semester is to increase Biblical literacy and familiarity with the Word – both individually and with their peers – through group study on the book of John. Students will learn to recognize key themes throughout John's Gospel, utilize a well-established method of inductive Bible study, and participate in group discussions.

## Sermon Notes

### The Church is the Branch of the Vine

**John 15:1-17**

**Big Idea:** Jesus gives us new life and empowers us to produce new life in others.

### Jesus is the Vine

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### Saved to Bear Fruit

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### Are you a Branch or Stick?

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### Remain in Jesus

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### Responding to Jesus

1. Thank Jesus for His offer of eternal life and abundant joy
2. Submit yourselves to Jesus by repenting of your sins and committing your whole life to Him.
3. Pray that your love for Jesus will grow and that you will be steadfast in your obedience so that you may know His joy.

## General Announcements

### English Town Hall Meeting

August 20th: 12:30pm-2:30pm

We will be holding a Town Hall Meeting for English congregation to provide an update on the vision/direction God has given us to work toward in the coming years. We would like to share with you that vision, as well as some proposals of how we feel called to implement these changes. We will provide a simple pizza lunch during the meeting. Please bring \$3/person. Please stay tuned for more details to come.

Location: TBD (tentatively, Church Gym).

### Sunday Morning Time Changes

There will be some alterations on the schedule of NTCBC Worship Service and Sunday School starting Sept 3:

Mandarin Morning Service	8:15 a.m.
Cantonese Adult Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Mandarin Adult Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Children Sunday School	9:45 a.m.

Please contact Rev. Patrick and Pastor Cat for details.

### Baptism and Membership Class

Those who want to be baptized or to transfer membership in September, please contact Rev. Patrick Lau for details.

### Church Incorporation

Existing NTCBC Constitution, newsletters, presentations and related documents can be retrieved from a NTCBC link to be provided to subscribed individuals. Subscriptions can be done in person at the NTCBC office or through email to [talk2ciec@ntcbc.ca](mailto:talk2ciec@ntcbc.ca) with subject line, 'NTCBC Incorporation subscription'. Limited no. of hard copies for the documents can also be picked up from the office. Questions and comments can also be sent to [talk2ciec@ntcbc.ca](mailto:talk2ciec@ntcbc.ca) or drop off in the collection box at the office.

### Cantonese Evangelism Department

Is going to join the "Jesus Loves Chinatown 2017" held by Toronto STM on Aug 22 - 27, for registration and details please contact Lawrence Ng ([Lawrence.Ng@ntcbc.ca](mailto:Lawrence.Ng@ntcbc.ca)).

### Vacation Bible Camp Aug 8-18

VBC will be August 8-18. Please remember them in your prayers. They need the parking lot for recess and activities, so those who use the parking lot on the weekdays should keep to the west and north sides as much as possible. Thank you.

### Our Condolences to

Edmond Yick and family. Edmond's mother returned to be with our Lord on August 6. May the Lord comfort Edmond and his family.