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

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**English Worship Service – November 19, 2017****9:45 A.M. – Main Sanctuary****Order of Worship****Praise & Offering**

Worship Team

**Congregational Prayer****Scripture****Revelation 21:1-8****Message****The Church Believes in God's  
Eternal Kingdom**

Pastor Curtis Lai

**Response**

Worship Team

**Benediction**

Rev. Patrick Lau

<u>LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE</u>		<u>LAST WEEK'S OFFERING</u>		<u>CONVERSIONS</u>		<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>	
Cantonese (8:15 am):	108	General: \$	14,547	English:		English:	97
Cantonese (11:15 am):	141	Mission: \$	3,673	Cantonese:	6	Cantonese:	76
English (9:45 am):	162	Maintenance:\$	1,310	Mandarin:	33	Mandarin:	40
Mandarin (8:15 am):	31	Building: \$	200	Chinese Classes:	30		
Mandarin (11:15 am):	68	Other: \$	300	Children:			
Mandarin (3:15 pm):	18	Prayer Mtg:	34	STM:	189		
				Total:	258		

**Sermon Series: The Church Believes**

Our beliefs shape our thoughts, attitudes, feelings, and ultimately, our actions. In this sermon series, we will be studying core beliefs of the Christian faith such as the Word of God, God's Triune nature, God's justice towards sin, God's grace, the Holy Spirit, and the Afterlife. Our aim is to root ourselves in sound Biblical doctrine so that we can live lives that are worthy of the calling to which we have been called by our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**Next Week: Prayer Service  
Pastor Curtis Lai**

## Sermon Notes

**Summary:** In the book of Revelation we see a vision of what God's eternal kingdom will look like. In heaven we will be fully reconciled with God, sin and its effects will be removed forever, and we will freely receive eternal life. While heaven is something in the future that we look forward to, having a proper understanding of heaven significantly impacts the way that we live on Earth today. When we truly grasp the reality that heaven will be our eternal home and that we are sojourners here on Earth, we will be empowered to live with God's eternal kingdom in mind.

### **Study Questions for Small Groups & Fellowships**

1. Revelation 21:1 tells us that there will be a new heaven and a new earth. How does knowing you will one day spend eternity in heaven impact your life here on Earth? Be specific.

2. Revelation 21:3 tells us that the greatest inheritance we have in heaven is that God will dwell with us forever. What are some things here on Earth that help you delight in God's presence more? Conversely, what are some things that cause you to find less joy in God's presence?

3. From Revelation 21:4, what will no longer exist in heaven? Unfortunately, those things still exist today in our world marred by sin. What is one area of your life in which you can feel the effects of sin? How does the Holy Spirit equip you to faithfully persevere in this area?

4. Looking through the New Testament, we are reminded to live with God's eternal kingdom in mind (e.g. Matthew 6:19-21 tells us to store up treasures in heaven). What is one area of your life (or the life of a brother or sister in Christ) that you think emulates this well?

5. Knowing that there will no longer be the chance to evangelize in heaven because those who reject God will be separated from him forever, who is someone that God is convicting you to actively engage with the Gospel?

### **How will you respond to God's Word this week?**

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## Sunday School Classes

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

Room B05B (B1 - office level)  
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 102  
Teacher: Deacon Minh Tran

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. Next baptism will be in December.

### **Systematic Theology**

#### **Adults, University & High School Students**

Basement  
Teacher: Pastor Kwan Chan

Wayne Grudem wrote, "Systematic Theology is any study that answers the question, 'What does the whole Bible teach us today?' about any given topic." Over the course of the next 16 weeks, we will be discovering what the Bible says about the Word of God, the Trinity, Sin, Faith, the Holy Spirit, the Afterlife, and other topics such as these. Students will be taught to study and organize Biblical Truths so that they can form clear Biblical explanations for key spiritual matters.

### **Systematic Theology – 18 Words**

#### **Gr. 7 & Gr. 8**

Room B1/B2  
Teachers: Pastor Curtis Lai, Jeannette So

The ultimate goal of this systematic theology course is to provide students with a solid foundation of theological terms that will equip them for further Biblical studies in future Sunday School courses, as well as in their personal journey of spiritual maturity and Bible comprehension. More importantly, the underlying spiritual goal is to deepen the students' affections for God through gaining a greater understanding of His attributes and character, as well as the doctrines associated with Him.

## Church Life

**Sun Sunday School**  
11:15am-12:30pm (various classrooms)

**Adult Fellowship**  
11:15am-12:30pm (Rooms 314/315/317)

**Q&A Class**  
11:15am-12:30pm (B05B – Office Level)

**Children's Worship Service**  
11:15am-12:30pm (Check-in on 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)

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**Mon Volleyball Skills Clinic**  
7:30pm-9:30pm (Gym)

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**Tues Men's Basketball**  
7:00pm-10:00pm (Gym)

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**Wed Prayer Meeting**  
8:00pm-9:15pm (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)

**Children's Prayer Meeting**  
8:00pm-9:00pm (Library)

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**Thur Career Small Groups**  
7:30pm-9:45pm (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)

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**Fri Malachi High School Fellowship**  
7:30pm-9:45pm (Rm 302)

**Junior High School Fellowship**  
7:30pm-9:45pm (Rm 306)

**Immanuel Career Small Group**  
8:00pm-10:00pm (Rm 311)

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\* contact information on the back of the bulletin

## Community Announcements

**Sunday Adult Fellowship from 11:15am-12:30pm**  
After service, you are invited to join our Sunday Adult Fellowship for a time of sharing, accountability, and prayer on the third floor. We especially encourage attendance from those who are not regularly attending a small group/fellowship.

### **Executive Board Election 2018**

Members are reminded to go to the office to pick up their ballot and named label. Please prayerfully discern God's will before checking the box of the candidate. After you have filled out your ballot, stick the named label to the envelope with signature and put in the ballot box before Nov 26, 2017 12:00pm. Please pray for the candidates.

### **Welcome Lunch**

Our next welcome lunch will be held in the church's basement on December 3 from 12:30pm-2:00pm. Everyone is welcome to come, and newcomers eat for free. Please find a welcome team member to sign up!

### **Mandarin Christmas Evangelistic Meeting**

Date: Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 5:30pm – 9:00pm

### **English Christmas Evangelistic Meeting**

Date: Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 4:00pm – 6:00pm

### **Cantonese Christmas Evangelistic Meeting**

Date: Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 5:45pm – 9:30pm

### **Children's Ministry Gingerbread House DIY**

Dec 16th (Saturday) 4:00 pm. Welcome all children (Grade 6 and/or under) to participate the event. Sign-up sheet on the 3rd-floor children's bulletin board or email to Pastor Cat. on or before Dec 3rd.

### **Congratulations**

To Nancy and Justin Li for the birth of their son on Nov 10, 2017. All are doing fine. May our Lord give the parents strength and wisdom as they raise up their son among God's people and commit him to Jesus' care.

### **Staff News**

Pastor Kwan Chan is on vacation leave Nov 16–30.

### **Motions for Sun. Nov 26 Membership Meeting**

1. Approve October 2017 Financial reports
2. Approve the membership transfer-in for Echo Han.
3. Approve the mission budget for 2018.
4. Approve financial assistance of \$5,000 towards seminary tuition fee for Michelle Quach.
5. Approve EB election ballot counters: Michael Chan, Robin Chan, Zenda Fung, Tommy Li, Joseph Law, Edward Wong.
6. Approve EB candidates for by-election: Cindy Chan (Mission), Clement Phuong (IT) and Wilson Tang (CAMG Fellowship).