

CHURCH STAFF

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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 26, 2017
9:45 A.M. – Main Sanctuary

Order of Worship

Praise & Offering	Worship Team
Congregational Prayer	
Scripture	Ephesians 1:15-23
Message	The Church Believes (Prayer Service) Pastor Curtis Lai
Response	Worship Team
Benediction	Rev. Patrick Lau

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: Pastor Curtis Lai

<u>LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE</u>		<u>LAST WEEK'S OFFERING</u>		<u>CONVERSIONS</u>	<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>
Cantonese (8:15 am):	88	General: \$	10,310	English:	English: 80
Cantonese (11:15 am):	157	Mission: \$	2,265	Cantonese:	Cantonese: 79
English (9:45 am):	155	Maintenance:\$	350	Mandarin:	Mandarin: 26
Mandarin (8:15 am):	24	Building: \$	0	Chinese Classes:	30
Mandarin (11:15 am):	63	Other: \$	175	Children:	
Mandarin (3:15 pm):	13	Prayer Mtg:	33	STM:	189
				Total:	258

Sermon Notes

Summary: In Paul's letter to the Church in Ephesus, he prays that believers would be given the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in order to know God better. Specifically, he prays that the eyes of their hearts would be enlightened in order for them to understand three things: the hope that they have in Christ, the riches of God's inheritance in the saints, and the power that they have in the Holy Spirit. For the last three months, our sermon series has also had this goal in mind: that we as a church would come to know God better through a greater understanding of these core beliefs.

Study Questions for Small Groups & Fellowships

1. What have been some benefits of this sermon series for your spiritual life? Have you seen any benefits for the overall congregation?
2. Reflecting over the entire sermon series, what are one or two of the core beliefs that God has especially convicted you of? What have been some practical changes in your life through this series? Be specific.
3. Did the sermon series in any way increase your understanding of 1) the hope we have in Christ 2) God's inheritance in the saints or 3) the power we have in the Holy Spirit? If yes, how?
4. What were some specific promises and blessings from the sermon series that you needed to hear or be reminded of in this season of your life? In what ways are they applicable to you?
5. What is one practical thing that you can commit to in response to this sermon series? Share with your group how they can keep you accountable to this commitment.

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

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 3rd Floor)

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

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

Wed Joint Mission Prayer Meeting
8:00pm-9:15pm (Main Sanctuary)

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

Thur Career Small Groups
7:30pm-9:45pm (3rd Floor)

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)

* 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 9th
Time: 5:30pm – 9:00pm

English Christmas Evangelistic Meeting

Date: Saturday, December 16th
Time: 4:00pm – 6:00pm

Cantonese Christmas Evangelistic Meeting

Date: Sunday, December 17th
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.

Staff News

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

Motions for Today's 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: Zenda Fung, Tommy Li, Joseph Law, Edward Wong, Timothy Cheng, Josephine Poon.
6. Approve EB candidates for by-election: Cindy Chan (Mission), Clement Phuong (IT), Raymond Ng (GS) and Wilson Tang (CAMG Fellowship).