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<u>LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE</u>		<u>LAST WEEK'S OFFERING</u>		<u>CONVERSIONS</u>		<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>	
Cantonese (8:15 am):	106	General:	\$ 20,818	English:		English:	93
Cantonese (11:15 am):	148	Mission:	\$ 5,285	Cantonese:	6	Cantonese:	97
English (9:45 am):	167	Maintenance:	\$ 1,300	Mandarin:	34	Mandarin:	28
Mandarin (8:15 am):	27	Building:	\$ 300	Chinese Classes:	30		
Mandarin (11:15 am):	64	Other:	\$ 1,391	Children:			
Mandarin (3:15 pm):	11	Prayer Mtg:	\$ 34	STM:	189		
				Total:	259		



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

English Worship Service – December 10, 2017**9:45 A.M. – Main Sanctuary****Order of Worship**

Praise & Offering	Worship Team
Congregational Prayer	Pastor Kwan Chan
Scripture	Luke 7:18-23
Message	Advent: The Best is Yet to Come Pastor Kwan Chan
Response	Worship Team
Lord's Table	Rev. Patrick Lau
Benediction	Rev. Patrick Lau

Sermon Series:

In the month of December, we will be having a series of standalone sermons to bring in the Christmas season and subsequent new year. At the start of the year in January, we will be spending the duration of the month preaching through our annual 'prayer and fasting' series. Our new sermon series in the book of Galatians will begin in February.

Next Week: Rev. Patrick Lau

Sermon Notes

Summary: During John's imprisonment, he sent his disciples to ask if Jesus was truly the Messiah. He was informed that although Jesus was the Messiah, John would remain imprisoned. This episode highlights the reality that we live in a time that theologians call 'Already, Not Yet'. We see glimpses of Jesus' reign and rule on earth, but we still experience pain, brokenness, and death. We can remain joyful in the midst of suffering by grabbing hold of the Gospel reality that Jesus will return. When He comes, He will wipe away our every tear and bring healing and wholeness to His people.

Study Questions for Small Groups & Fellowships

1. There are many reasons that doubt may arise. What event(s) prompted John the Baptist to ask Jesus if He is truly the Messiah? What are other events that may cause someone to express doubt in their faith? Think of a time where you expressed doubt in God. Try to identify the event that caused your doubt.

2. What evidences did Jesus provide to John's disciples to demonstrate that He was the Messiah? What are some evidences/experiences that have helped you in your faith journey?

3. Read Luke 3:18-20 to understand the reason for John's imprisonment. Think of a time where your obedience to God led directly to you experiencing difficulty, pain, and/or loss?

4. Why was Jesus' response to John a bittersweet one? Reflecting on Jesus' life and ministry, identify other 'Already' moments and 'Not Yet' moments. Reflecting on the past year, identify events that you would categorize as 'Already', and events that you would categorize as 'Not-Yet'.

5. How does this passage inform our counsel to those who are currently experiencing loss, hardship, pain, and other forms of suffering? How can the Christmas season be helpful for alleviating mourning and suffering?

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 Prayer Meeting
8:00pm-9:15pm (3rd Floor)

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

Christmas Events

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

Child Dedication Ceremony on Dec 17th
Parents who would like to participate in the Child Dedication Ceremony, please contact Rev. Lau or Pastor Curtis.

Children Ministry

Plan to Protect Training
Sunday, January 14, 2 PM - it is a mandatory course for those who serve in Children's and Youth ministries. Sign up on the 3rd floor or contact pastor Cat

Kids Check Express Check In
The Express Check-in locates on the 2nd floor. Download the KidCheck app on a mobile device.

Community Announcements

Executive Board By-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 Dec 24, 2017 12:00pm. Please pray for the candidates.

Offering for 2017
For book-keeping purposes, only offering received by 1:00pm on Dec 31st will count towards 2017.

Sunday Parking Spaces at YHBC for 2018
If you have children <2 or a family member with a physical disability, please go to the office to apply for a free 2018 Sunday morning parking permit at Yorkview Height Baptist Church.

December Membership Monthly Meeting
We will have the December Membership Monthly Meeting on Sunday, Dec 17.

Condolence
Kwan Wai Lam, who was member of Caleb Fellowship, passed away on Dec 5. A Memorial Service will be held on Dec 16 at York Cemetery (160 Beecroft Rd).
9:00 am – 10:00 am - Visitation
10:00 am - Funeral Service

Staff News
Pastor Cathy Chen is on leave Dec 10.