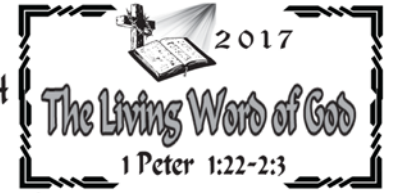


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**2015-2019 Theme : Expanding the Kingdom of God (1Peter 1:3-2:10)**

**English Worship Service – December 17, 2017**

**9:45 A.M. – Main Sanctuary**

**Order of Worship**

<b>Praise &amp; Offering</b>	Worship Team
<b>Congregational Prayer</b>	Pastor Kwan Chan
<b>Child Dedication Ceremony</b>	Rev. Patrick Lau
<b>Scripture</b>	<b>Philippians 2:5-11</b>
<b>Message</b>	<b>Prepare Our Hearts for Christmas</b> Rev. Patrick Lau
<b>Response</b>	Worship Team
<b>Benediction</b>	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):	93	General:	\$ 21,690	English:		English:	76
Cantonese (11:15 am):	142	Mission:	\$ 13,192	Cantonese:	6	Cantonese:	92
English (9:45 am):	155	Maintenance:	\$ 850	Mandarin:	34	Mandarin:	26
Mandarin (8:15 am):	25	Building:	\$ 300	Chinese Classes:	30		
Mandarin (11:15 am):	67	Other:	\$ 485	Children:			
Mandarin (3:15 pm):	14	Prayer Mtg:	\$ 43	STM:	189		
				Total:	259		

**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: Pastor Kwan Chan**

## Sermon Notes

### **Scripture: Phil 2:5-11**

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup> And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

1. According to Phil 2:5-11, what are some characteristics of humility?
2. What did it mean for Jesus to empty Himself? As you reflect on Jesus' call for you to deny yourself (Luke 9:23), ask the Holy Spirit to point out specific desires, attitudes, and actions in your life that He wants you to remove from your life for His sake.
3. In what ways did Jesus serve His Heavenly Father? How did He serve us? Remember that God is continually inviting you to work alongside Him. Brainstorm a list of ways that God wants you to serve Him and to bless your family and friends this Christmas season.
4. How did God the Father reward Jesus' humility, self-denial, and obedience? Although God promises a reward to the faithful (Matt 6:4, 6, 18), we may not receive His reward in this life. As a source of encouragement, recollect occasions in your life where God rewarded your obedience to Him in this life. In addition, ponder the reward that is awaiting you in heaven.
5. What mindset is Paul referring to in Phil 2:5? Who are some people in your life who demonstrate this mindset? How can we develop this area of our character?

### **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)

**Membership Meeting**  
1:00pm-2:30pm (Basement)

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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

**Cantonese Christmas Evangelistic Meeting**  
Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:45pm – 9:30pm

**Christmas Baptism Service on Dec 24 @ 2pm**  
Join us as we witness 16 men & women testify to their faith in Christ through the sacrament of Baptism.

**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.

**Mission Department**  
According to the latest financial statement as of the end of November, we are at 75% target to the 2017 mission budget. Please pray for the need of Mission Department.

**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 Heights Baptist Church.

**Motions for Today's Membership Meeting**

1. Approve November 2017 Financial reports.
2. Approve membership transfer-in application for Jane Meng, Jennifer Wu, Kevin Kwok.
3. Approve the piano purchase for Mezzanine Sanctuary not exceeding \$18000.
4. Announce membership withdrawal requests for Edward K. M. Ng, Joy Lim Ng and Michael Ng.
5. Announce the membership transfer out for Kyle Kang, Lan Bai o Markham Chinese Baptist Church.

## Children Ministry

**Plan to Protect Training on Jan 14<sup>th</sup> @2pm**  
P2P is a training program that equips men and women with effective and customized policies, procedures, and training so that we can create a safe community for our youth and children. It is a required course for all who serve in Children & Youth Ministry. Please 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.