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

English Worship Service – December 24, 2017

9:45 A.M. – Main Sanctuary

Order of Worship

Praise & Offering Worship Team

Congregational Prayer Pastor Kwan Chan

Scripture **John 1:1-18**

Message **Jesus is our Life & Light**
Pastor Kwan Chan

Response Worship Team

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: Pastor Kwan Chan

<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:	\$ 19,561	English:		English:	71
Cantonese (11:15 am):	143	Mission:	\$ 9,015	Cantonese:	12	Cantonese:	83
English (9:45 am):	161	Maintenance:	\$ 850	Mandarin:	37	Mandarin:	39
Mandarin (8:15 am):	23	Building:	\$ 0	Chinese Classes:	30		
Mandarin (11:15 am):	57	Other:	\$ 315	Children:			
Mandarin (3:15 pm):	11	Prayer Mtg:	\$ 40	STM:	189		
				Total:	268		

Sermon Notes

Scripture: John 1:1-18

Jesus is the Word of God, meaning that He is the full-disclosure of God. Jesus came to show us that He is our source of life by performing miracles and ultimately, by His saving work on the cross where He gave up His life so that we may live eternally.

Although He came to save us, many either did not receive Him, or have not fully submitted to His rule, due to their spiritual blindness. As a result, they lose out on eternal life, or at the very least, the fullness of life that God has in store for His children.

Thankfully, Jesus is also the Light who has come to give sight to the blind so that they can see His goodness, repent of their sins, be saved from damnation, have an intimate relationship with God, and participate in soul-saving work as His witnesses.

Study Questions for Small Groups & Fellowships

1. Go through the Gospel of John to identify passages that support Jesus' claim as Life & Light. Identify specific attributes of God that are highlighted by these passages and discuss why is it helpful to remind ourselves of God's nature, specifically in the midst of tragedy.
2. Read Mark 4:16-17, Luke 18:18-23, and John 3:20 to identify reasons why people may not receive Christ. What are other reasons for people to refuse Jesus' offer of eternal & abundant life? Which reason has been the greatest barrier to your obedience?
3. Christians are not condemned for our mediocre obedience, but it does rob us of God's promised abundant life. Cite examples of what 'mediocre obedience' may look like. Brainstorm consequences of excusing our half-hearted obedience by saying, "It's ok. God forgives me." What is a Gospel-centric response to God's amazing love?
4. Jesus is not only our source of life, but our source of light, meaning that He is our source of saving faith and continued faith. How ought this truth shape our evangelism? How ought this truth shape our approach to spiritual growth?

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)

Joint Christmas Baptism Service
2:00pm-3:15pm (Main Sanctuary)

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 University Student Gathering
11:30am-5:00pm (Basement)

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

* contact information on the back of the bulletin

Community Announcements

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

Congregational Lunch on January 7th @ 12:30pm
All are welcome to attend.
Fee: \$5 per member \$3 per child
Theme: A Call to Pray for Mission

End of Year Worship
Join our End of the Year Worship on December 31 11pm-12 midnight.

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 and Disbursement for 2017
For book-keeping purposes, only offering received by 1:00pm on Dec 31st will count towards 2017. For all department and ministries expenses for 2017, please complete and submit the claims on or before Dec 31.

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.

Weekdays Parking at NTCBC
To park at NTCBC on weekdays you'll need a 2018 permit (see our office to obtain one). The permit must hang on the rear view mirror or displayed on the windshield. Kindly park along the fence or the west side of the parking lot.

Church Office Closure
On Mon. Dec. 25 and Tue. Dec. 26 for Christmas holidays.

**Children Ministry
Plan to Protect Training on Jan 14th @ 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.