

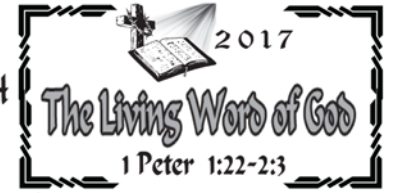
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<u>LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE</u>		<u>LAST WEEK'S OFFERING</u>		<u>CONVERSIONS</u>		<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>	
Cantonese (8:15 am):	98	General:	\$ 69,565	English:		English:	79
Cantonese (11:15 am):	160	Mission:	\$ 27,345	Cantonese:	12	Cantonese:	90
English (9:45 am):	176	Maintenance:	\$ 2,860	Mandarin:	37	Mandarin:	31
Mandarin (8:15 am):	22	Building:	\$ 1,000	Chinese Classes:	30		
Mandarin (11:15 am):	65	Other:	\$ 1,132	Children:			
Mandarin (3:15 pm):	16	Prayer Mtg:	48	STM:	189		
				Total:	268		



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

English Worship Service – December 31, 2017

9:45 A.M. – Main Sanctuary

Order of Worship

Praise & Offering	Worship Team
Congregational Prayer	Pastor Curtis Lai
Scripture	Romans 6:1-14
Message	New Life in Christ Pastor Curtis Lai
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

Sermon Guide

Sermon Notes

In this passage, Paul addresses a common objection to the doctrine of Salvation by Grace through Faith. The objection is as follows: if God offers salvation freely, and His grace is experienced in increased measure in the midst of sin, why not sin more to experience more of His grace? To put it another way: why should we obey God at all?

Paul explains that Christians do not have this mentality towards sin, nor do they view God's grace as a licence to sin, because they have died to sin and are new creations in Jesus Christ. For the Christian, sin no longer has the same dominion (nor appeal) it once had over the believer who is genuinely converted because he/she has been transformed by God. As a new creation, what is now most appealing to the Christian is the new life that is found in Jesus Christ.

Study Questions for Small Groups & Fellowships

1. How would you respond to the person who says that it's not a big deal for believers to continue in habits of sin because God's grace will cover that sin? Identify specific sins and shortcomings that people are generally quick to under-scrutinize and justify. Is there any hint of 'cheap grace' in your life?
2. What does it mean to 'die to sin'? Examine your own life to identify areas of your life where you have experienced total victory over sin. Identify areas of your life that are still being progressively sanctified by God. How are you monitoring spiritual growth in your life?
3. What are some ways in which God is calling you to more faithfully live out your union with Him? What are some ways that He is asking you to die to sin, and live for Christ?

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)

Turn of the Year Service
11:00pm-12:00am (Sanctuary)

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

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

Wed Joint Fasting 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

Children Ministry

New Children Morning Schedule starting Jan 7th
9:45am - 11:00am - Children's Worship
11:15am-12:30pm - Children Sunday School

Grade 1 - Room 302A
Grade 2-3 Room 302B
Grade 4-5 Room 306
Grade 6 Room 310

All who have a **Red Pass** will be dismissed at 12:30pm.

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

Community Announcements

2018 NTCBC Daily Bible Reading Plans

Are now available in the foyer. Join us in the adventure of reading God's Word daily throughout the year!

CIEC 3rd Town Hall on Jan 21st @ 3:30pm

Lunch: \$4 per person, \$2 for children <13.
Sign up at foyer.
Discussion Topics: Constitution Article V - Membership, Board of Directors (new)

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 member of the family with a physical disability feel free to apply for a free 2018 Sunday morning parking permit at YHBC. Those who have already applied for a tag may check in the church office to see if you may receive one of the tags.

Floral Arrangement Pledge

Sign up now available on the notice board.

Church Office Closure

On Mon. Jan 1 for New Year holiday.