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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:	\$ 10,199	English:	English:	99
Cantonese (11:15 am):	144	Mission:	\$ 6,105	Cantonese:	Cantonese:	81
English (9:45 am):	180	Maintenance:	\$ 770	Mandarin:	Mandarin:	41
Mandarin (8:15 am):	22	Building:	\$ 220	Chinese Classes:		
Mandarin (11:15 am):	78	Other:	\$ 1,735	Children:		
Mandarin (3:15 pm):	16	Prayer Mtg:	60	STM:		
				Total:		1



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

English Worship Service – January 14, 2018

9:45 A.M. – Main Sanctuary

Order of Worship

Praise & Offering	Worship Team
Congregational Prayer	Pastor Kwan Chan
Scripture	Psalm 13
Message	Fasting: Expressing Hopeful Sorrow Pastor Kwan Chan
Response	Worship Team
Lord's Table	Rev. Patrick Lau
Benediction	Rev. Patrick Lau

Sermon Series: Prayer and Fasting

At NTCBC, we usher in each new year with a January series on Prayer and Fasting. This year, we will be going through a mini-series of sermons that will teach on fasting and spiritual revival, and will culminate with a Mission Prayer Service. Our ardent belief is that when God renews our hearts, He not only gives us a desire for Him, He also lights a fire in our heart for mission. Our prayer is that as you receive these sermons, God will call you to fast and pray, and through your faithful obedience, He will light a fire in you for Him and for the nations.

Next Week: Pastor Curtis Lai - Fasting: Outpour of Repentance (Isaiah 58:1-13)

Sermon Guide

Sermon Notes

The Bible teaches us that 'it's ok to not be ok.' When godly men and women experience calamity, it is normal to express sorrow; it is not godly and strong to 'tough it out.' The Psalms teach us to not only cry out to God in pain, but to cry out for help. However, there is a reluctance in us to cry out for help due to the cynicism that has developed in our hearts. As a result, we are urged to rebuild our trust in God by looking to the cross to recall His sovereignty and love for us, and by calling out for the Holy Spirit to help us, for He grants spiritual sight to all who ask so that we can know His healing power in our lives.

Study Questions for Small Groups & Fellowships

1. Psalms are both expressions of praise and instructions from God. Why is it important for members to arrive on time to sing praise as a community? What is your favourite worship song and what does it teach you about God and how to respond to Him
2. What do your prayers sound like when you are experiencing deep pain and uncertainty? Do you feel that you are 'lacking faith' when you are telling God how you really feel?
3. When reflecting on the cross, where do we see both God's sovereignty and love on display? Why is it important that we understand that God is present and sovereign in the midst of our suffering? Reflect on how God demonstrated His sovereignty and love to you during a hard time in your life.
4. Reflect on how you pray for those who are sick/suffering. How do you pray for them? Identify reasons why there may be a reluctance to pray for immediate healing and relief from pain.
5. Reflect on the most recent time in your life where it was difficult for you to genuinely praise God. What was the main reason that prevented you from worshipping Him? How did God heal you so that you could worship Him wholeheartedly again?

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

Sunday School Classes

The Old Testament: Making Sense of the Other 70% Adults & University Students

Room 102

Teachers: Pastor Kwan Chan & Nathaniel Lai

The Old Testament is roughly 70% of the entire Bible, and yet, due to gaps in culture and background knowledge, many in the church struggle to make sense of the Older Testament. This class is designed to help fill in those gaps by teaching the major themes within the Old Testament and by helping students to understand the outlines of each OT book. The goal of the class is for students to have a firm understanding of each OT Book and how it connects with the overall Biblical story.

Genesis: From Creation to Redemption (Women)

Basement

Teachers: Karen Wang & Tammy Yuen

Every time you turn on the television or listen to the radio, it is apparent that not all is right in our world. Despite all the advancements in technology, humanity seems bent on a course toward destruction. In this class, we examine the 'beginning of all beginnings' and seek to understand God's redemption story and how it unfolds from the creation of Adam right through to the calling of the first forefathers. In doing so, we will uncover some key answers to the following questions:
- What was God's purpose in creating this world and what was the result of humankind's disobedience?
- How does God bring about redemption?
- What does Genesis teach us about a women's identity, purpose and place within God's redemptive story?

Old Testament: The Pentateuch

Gr. 7/8, High School

Room 314/315, 311

Teachers: Pastor Curtis Lai, Jeannette So

The aim of this class is to familiarize students with the Pentateuch (Genesis-Deuteronomy) and to teach them how these books reveal the character of God and connect with the rest of God's overarching story of redemption.

Baptism & Membership Class (Foundations)

Room B09

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 helps you to examine the basic beliefs of the Christian faith, as well as what it means to be a Baptist church member. This class is for those who desire to be baptised and/or become a member of NTCBC.

Church Life

Sun Sunday School
11:15am-12:30pm (various classrooms)

Adult Fellowship
11:15am-12:30pm (B1/B2)

Q&A Class
11:15am-12:30pm (B05B – Office Level)

Children's Sunday School
11:15am-12:30pm (Check-in on 3rd Floor)

P2P Training
2:00pm-4:30pm (Mezzanine Sanctuary)

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

Community Announcements

Intro. to Christianity Class @ 11:15am in B05B

This class is open to those who are new to Christianity, seekers and/or newcomers who have any questions. The format is a flexible Q & A style. Please see a Welcome Team member after service for more info.

CIEC 3rd Town Hall on Jan 21st @ 1:00pm - 3:30pm

Lunch: \$4 per person, \$2 for children <13.

Sign up at foyer.

Topics for Discussion: Membership & Board of Directors

Welcome Lunch on Feb 4th @ 12:30pm

Welcome Lunch is an opportunity for those who are new to not only connect with members of NTCBC, but to be plugged into a Small Group or Fellowship. Please see a Welcome Team member for more info! Members pay \$5 for lunch & newcomers eat free!

Mission Sharing on Jan 28th @ 11:15am

The Adult Fellowship will be hosting a STM sharing in the gym. There will also be a time for members to browse booths with information on potential short-term mission opportunities in 2018.

Roma Ministry Sharing on Feb 4th @ 7pm

NTCBC is hosting a vision sharing about the Roma Ministry. The sharing will be led by Global Great Commission Center (Canada) (GGCCC).

Joint Fellowship Meeting on Feb 24th @ 4:30 pm

We will have potluck, singspiration and small group sharing. All are welcomed. The registration will start from Jan 21 to Feb 18. For details and registration, please contact Justin Ge or email jointfellowship@ntcbc.org

Children Ministry

Plan to Protect Training @ 2pm in Mezzanine Sanctuary

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

Passport 2 Purity 2018 Info Session

Date: January 21st 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM. Room 302. Information for a weekend retreat for father/son or mother/daughter bonding (5th-7th grade only).

Contact Pastor Cat for more information.