

Community Announcements

Q&A Class @ 11:15am in B05B

This class is run weekly and is open to anyone (new Christians, seekers, newcomers, etc) who have any questions about Christianity. The format is a flexible Q & A style. Please see a Welcome Team member for more information.

Evangelism Training on Sun, Feb 11th

The Evangelism Department is hosting their first Training Session of the year. The emphasis will be on hospitality and how a hospitable lifestyle aids Evangelistic activity.

Training will be from 1:00pm-3:00pm and we will be meeting in Room 311.

Tax Receipts for 2017 Donations

Receipts for 2017 donations are now available in the foyer. For any enquiries, please contact Jennifer Kou (Church Treasurer) at jennifer.kou@ntcbc.ca

Joint Fellowship Meeting - Feb 24th

We will have potluck, music worship, and small group sharing. All are welcomed. Registration will be from Jan 21 to Feb 18. For details and to register, please email Justin Ge at jointfellowship@ntcbc.org

Welcome Lunch March 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!

Staff News

Rev. Lau is on vacation Feb 4–11
Pastor Rose is on vacation from Feb 6–25
Pastor Joanna is on vacation from Feb13–Mar 2

Children Ministry

Children Morning Schedule

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

Parents will pick up children in the GYM after 12:30 PM. All who have a **Red Pass** will be dismissed at 12:30pm.

Children 's Check Out Procedure

Parents must show the Guardian receipt to teachers/helpers to ensure a match to the Child code before a child is released.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Family Skate and Pizza Party

Monday Feb 19th, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM,
Canlan Ice Sports (3552 Victoria Park, Toronto).
Cost \$2.50 per person.
Sign up on the 3rd floor.

VBC 2018

Theme: Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus
Date: August 7-17
Grade: Completed SK - Grade 6
Save the dates. More detailed information to follow.



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2018 Theme
Living Stones of
the Spiritual House
1 Peter 2:4-8

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

English Worship Service

9:45AM – Main Sanctuary

February 11, 2018

Order of Worship

This Week

Next Week

Praise & Offering

Worship Team

Worship Team

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Kwan Chan

Pastor Curtis Lai

Scripture

Galatians 1:11-24

Galatians 2:1-10

Sermon Title

Grace Changes
Everything

Grace Driven Mission

Speaker

Pastor Kwan Chan

Pastor Curtis Lai

Lord's Table

Rev. Nelson Yiu

Response

Worship Team

Worship Team

Sunday School

January to April 2018 | 11:15am – 12:30pm

Age Group

Class

Location

Junior High (Gr 7-8)

Pentateuch

Room 314/315

High School

Pentateuch

Room 317

Adult

Old Testament Survey

Room 102

Adult (Women only)

Genesis

Basement

All

Baptism & Membership

B09 (Office Level)

Welcome to NTCBC! We're glad you've decided to join us in worshipping our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. If you have any questions at all, please speak with someone from our Welcome Team (they're the friendly people in the blue shirts!). They will happily connect you with a Sunday School class, the Q&A class, or even a Fellowship or Small Group.

Sermon Guide

Series: Galatians – Freedom of the Christian

Freedom is defined as the power to act or speak as one wants without hindrance or restraint. The Bible says that Jesus' death on the cross has won Christians absolute freedom. If this is so, why do so many in the church view Christianity as a straitjacket, where God is restraining them from acting or speaking as they please?

The answer is that although Jesus has defeated the power of sin, many still choose to stay enslaved to sin's power, and thus refuse the transformative power of the Gospel. This sermon series explores God's promise of freedom and how we can vanquish sin's power in our lives and live as free men and women who freely and joyously worship, love, and obey our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Last week: Grace to You

The Galatians were deceived into rejecting the Gospel as Truth; they had deserted Christ and had turned to a different gospel. As a result, Paul said that they had abandoned their loyalty to Christ and were in danger of losing their salvation.

The Galatians are a sober reminder that we must be on constant guard against faulty notions of Jesus Christ and His Good News. We are to humbly receive God's Word and to allow His Spirit to reveal to us the lies that we have believed so that we can repent, cling onto Gospel Truth, re-devote ourselves to Christ, and experience true Christian freedom.

This week: Grace Changes Everything

Galatians 1:11-24

The Apostle Paul presented his testimony as evidence to the legitimacy of the Gospel he preached. His claim was simple: only God can cause him to risk his life for Jesus Christ, the One whom he was previously persecuting.

God radically transformed Paul by revealing His love for him through Jesus Christ. His devotion to Christ was a response to the love that he was shown by Christ; God's grace fuelled him to live for His glory and mission. Paul's transformation serves as a reminder that our obedience is not fuelled by mere obligation or guilt, but by God's great love for us.

Study Questions for Small Groups & Fellowships

Icebreaker Question: Think of a time where you underwent a significant change in your lifestyle. What motivated your transformation?

1. Why is Paul's testimony considered to be significant evidence for the legitimacy of his ministry and message. Look for other evidences that Paul presents in his letter to the Galatians. What is a testimony that has been helpful for your faith in Christ and faithfulness to Him?
2. In your own words, describe the work of Christ on the cross and its significance to humankind. When presenting the Gospel, why must we emphasize human sin?
3. Describe 'grace-driven effort' and juxtapose it with effort that is fuelled by mere duty or by guilt. What are the potential dangers of living primarily out of mere duty or guilt? If we find ourselves acting out of mere duty or out of guilt, what should we do? What should we not do?
4. Read Acts 9:1-17 and identify three occasions when Paul received revelation from the Lord. Looking at his story, what ought we to do if we want to receive fresh revelations of God's grace? Think of a recent occasion where you were reminded of God loves for you.

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

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 Sunday School 11:15am-12:30pm (Check-in on 3 rd Floor)
	Evangelism Training 1:00pm-3:00pm (Room 311)
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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 rd Floor)
	Children's Prayer Meeting 8:00pm-9:00pm (Library)
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Thur	Career Small Groups 7:30pm-9:45pm (3 rd 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)

Church Staff

Acting Senior Pastor:	Rev Patrick Lau patrick.lau@ntcbc.org
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For all general questions regarding English Ministries, please send an email to Pastor Kwan or to our English Ministry Vice Chair, Derek Ma, at derek.ma@ntcbc.ca. If you have a general question about our church, please email Wilman Lai at admin@ntcbc.org.

Last Week's Attendance

Cantonese - 8:15am	101
Cantonese - 11:15am	130
English – 9:45am	154
Mandarin - 8:15am	21
Mandarin - 11:15am	60
Mandarin - 3:15pm	13

Last Week's Offering

General:	\$14,086
Mission Fund:	\$1,150
Maintenance:	\$500
Building:	\$990
Other:	\$0