# **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.

## **Roma STM Schedule**

Date	Location	Ministries
08/19 – 26	Gevgelija, Macedonia	Youth Summer Camp with Outreach Programs

Please pray for this mission.

## Newfoundland STM – Oct 5-8, 2018

Applications for this Short-Term Mission will be accepted until August 19. Application forms are available at the office. See Rev. Lau or Cindy Chan for details.

## Music Ministry – Help Wanted!

The music ministry is looking for more musicians for the 2018-2019 ministry year. If you are interested, please email Gordon Chiu at (gordonkchiu@gmail.com).

## **Staff News**

- Pastor Rose is on sick leave (Jun 8 Aug 31)
- Pastor Cathy is on the Roma STM (Aug 10-26)

**Church Facilities Committee (CFC) Update** The CFC is requesting input from the congregation on renovation ideas to improve the usability of the church building for ministry purposes.

Please provide feedback to facilities@ntcbc.org by Sept 9. It would also be beneficial to the CFC if you provide the rationale and ministry benefits of your ideas.

# Membership Monthly Meeting on Aug 26<sup>th</sup> Motions :

- a. To approve July 2018 Financial Statement.
- b. To accept resignation from Cindy Chan as department head of Mission Department effective immediately.
- c. To approve leaving the Mission Department EB position vacant for the remaining of 2018
- d. To approve Eden Xiao application for financial support to Roma short term mission at 50% of total expenses net of offering received through personal fund raising with a cap of \$1,500.
- e. To accept the membership transfer-out request from Michelle Li.
- f. To approve the renewal of ministry service agreement with Pastor Curtis Lai for a 36-months term effective Aug 1, 2018.
- g. To approve Jimmy Chan as Sunday School teacher.

Farewell to Pastor Joanna Ip



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

9:45AM - Main Sanctuary

## **English Worship Service**

August 19, 2018

Praise Leader	This Week Pastor Curtis Lai	Next Week Clement Phuong
Scripture	Ecclesiastes 12:1-7	Mark 5:1-20
Sermon Title	Disciple the Young	On A Mission
Speaker	Pastor Kwan Chan	Rev. Bernard Sin

# Sunday School

11:15am – 12:30pm

Age Group	Class	Location
Junior High (Gr 7-8)	Apologetics	Room 314 / 315
High School	New Testament Survey	Room 317
Adult	New Testament Survey	Room 102
Adult	Romans	Basement

**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

#### Sermon Series: Life Under the Son

In this sermon series, we will be exploring God's call for our church and what our life looks like as we live under the sovereign rule of God's Son, Jesus Christ. We will be preaching through the different elements of our English Ministry mission statement: to fulfil God's Great Commandment and Commission by nurturing members to be Wordbased, prayer-driven disciple makers and evangelists. We will also be studying the book of Ecclesiastes to identify major obstacles that prevent us from faithfully living out God's purpose for our lives.

#### Last Sermon: Community is Good, but not God

God has gifted us with the Church so that we may experience deep community with Him and with one another. Many of us are also blessed with family and friends who love us. These relationships are meant to be gifts that we enjoy, not idols we worship. In today's sermon, we are reminded that God alone is worthy of our worship and the one whom we can trust, for He is unchanging and unfailing. As we place our trust in Him, we will be empowered and inspired to love and serve others.

#### This week: Disciple the Young

God desires that all people be saved into a relationship with Him and be engaged in work alongside Him; Christianity is not just for adults, but for youth and children as well. Since this is true, it is our responsibility to not merely share the Good News with those who are young, but to disciple them so that they will love Jesus more and engage in lifegiving work alongside Him.

#### Bible Study for Small Groups & Fellowships

#### LEAN IN: Icebreaker

1. Who had a major influence in shaping you when you were a child?

**LOOK DOWN:** Read the Scriptures and Answer 2. Read Eccl 12:1; Exodus 6:5; Psalm 103:13-14. Define the word 'remember'. How does this definition enhance our understanding of the Preacher's command in Eccl 12:1?

3. Read Eccl 12:1-8. What is the tone of the passage: threat or regret? How does our understanding of tone affect our interpretation of this passage? How does this understanding help us as we share the Gospel?

4. Read Ecclesiastes 12:1, 9-14. Who is the Preacher's primary audience? How do these passages aid our understanding of who we are to disciple and what it means to disciple?

#### LOOK OUT: Discuss

5. What are common excuses for people to not invest in youth and/or children? What may cause us to have these thoughts?

#### LOOK IN: Reflect & Share

6. What kind of spiritual nourishment did you received as a child/ youth? How would you like to pass this on to the next generation?

7. With which lens did you interpret Eccl 12:1-8: Threat/Doom/Gloom or Regret/Light/Life? Is this lens indicative of your overall perspective on following God?

**LIVE IT OUT:** Respond to God's Word 8. God is calling you to live out what you know. What is He calling you to do for Him?

9. How is God calling you to invest in the youth & children in your family and/or faith community?

# Church Life

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

> VBC Meet & Greet 11:15am-12:30pm (Gym)

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

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 (Rm 306)

> **Children's Prayer Meeting** 8:00pm-9:00pm (Library)

Thur Career Small Groups 7:30pm-9:45pm (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)

Fri Timothy Junior High Fellowship 7:30pm-9:45pm (Rm 302)

> Malachi High School Fellowship 7:30pm-9:45pm (Rm 302)

Immanuel Games Night 7:45pm-9:45pm (Rm 312)

# Church Staff

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#### Last Week's Offering

General:	\$ 16,681 \$ 2,017 \$ 620 \$ 110
Mission Fund:	\$ 2,017
Maintenance:	\$ 620
Building:	\$ 110
Other:	\$ 340