

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.

New Sunday School Term

We are starting our new Sunday School term today. Please refer to the bulletin insert, as well as the front of the bulletin, for more information. Please note that Foundations/Membership Class will be starting on Sept 9th.

Mandarin High School Student Outreach on Sept 16th from 3:15pm-7:30pm

If you know high school students whose mother-tongue is Mandarin, we encourage you to invite them to an outreach program on Sept 16th

The outreach begins with a special afternoon worship service from 3:15pm-4:30pm, which will be followed by a workshop and dinner.

For more information, please email Deacon Kai Wong at kai.wong@ntcbc.ca.

Kid Check System Sign In & Out.

All 7th-8th Graders will continue to do Youth Check in and Out on Sunday.

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

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.

Church Office Holiday Hours

The church office will be closed on Mon. September 3 for Labour Day holiday.



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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

September 2, 2018

9:45AM – Main Sanctuary

	This Week	Next Week
Praise Leader	Pastor Curtis Lai	Preston Frederick
Scripture	Jeremiah 1:1-19	Jeremiah 2:1-19
Sermon Title	Called by God	Marriage or Mistress
Speaker	Pastor Kwan Chan	Pastor Kwan Chan

Sunday School

11:15am – 12:30pm

Age Group	Class	Location
Junior High (Gr 7-8)	How to Read the Bible	Room 314 / 315
Adult	Hermeneutics	Room 102
Adult & High School	The Book of Jeremiah	Basement
All	Foundations	B09

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: Called by God

The Book of Jeremiah is a collection of prophetic poems and stories by Jeremiah and his scribe, Baruch. Prophetic literature contains many word pictures that vividly illustrate God's love for His creation, as well as humankind's rebellion against our Creator. The poetic nature of the message aims to not only present information, but to evoke emotion in the hearers so that we would be moved to respond with repentance and worship.

In this sermon series, we will prayerfully study several poems and stories from Jeremiah. Our hope is that as we grasp God's love for us and His call on our lives, we will respond to His Word with loving worship and obedience.

This Week: Called by God

The Bible is clear that we are fearfully and wonderfully crafted for God's marvellous purpose of building His Kingdom for His glory and the salvation of humankind. He calls for us to leave behind our old patterns of self-centeredness and to work as a part of His team so that we can live out our God-given purpose. As we do, God promises that He will experience His empowerment and deliverance from difficulties as we walk alongside Him.

Bible Study for Small Groups & Fellowships

LEAN IN: Icebreaker

1. What kind of music do you listen to? How does the music you listen to affect your mood?

LOOK DOWN: Study the Scriptures

2. Read Jeremiah 1:4-5. What does it mean that God 'consecrated' Jeremiah? Place the events from the passage in chronological order. What are some insights that we gain by understanding the order in which God operated?

3. Read Jeremiah 1:6-8. How did God respond to Jeremiah's doubt? Based on God's response to Jeremiah, what can we learn about his state of mind when he expressed doubt in God?

4. Read Jeremiah 1:9-19. Summarize God's plan. What was Jeremiah's responsibility? Who did God prepared to carry out the other responsibilities? Does the Great Commission fit into the plan outlined in our passage? If so, how?

LOOK OUT: Discuss

5. How does our meritocratic world colour our understanding of how God calls us? How can this lead to either pride or paralysis?

LOOK IN: Reflect & Share

6. Share a time when God changed your 'no' to a 'yes'. What did He do to convince you to obey Him?

7. Share one way in which you are playing your part in building up your local church community

LIVE IT OUT: Respond to God's Word

8. Spend time discussing how you will commit to building up the members in your Small Group.

9. Discuss the necessary steps towards planting a new Small Group. What roles/responsibilities can each member take to make planting a reality?

Church Life

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

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

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

Monthly Congregational Lunch
12:45pm-2:00pm (Basement)

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

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

Wed Prayer Meeting
8:00pm-9:00pm (3rd Floor)

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

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

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

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

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Last Week's Attendance

Cantonese - 8:15am	109
Cantonese - 11:15am	140
English – 9:45am	144
Mandarin - 8:15am	30
Mandarin - 11:15am	75
Mandarin - 3:15pm	20

Last Week's Offering

General:	\$ 13,845
Mission Fund:	\$ 2,435
Maintenance:	\$ 1,350
Building:	\$ 200
Other:	\$ 1,225