

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.

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.

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.



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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 9, 2018

9:45AM – Main Sanctuary

	This Week	Next Week
Praise Leader	Preston Frederick	Gordon Chiu
Scripture	Jeremiah 2:1-37	Jeremiah 3:11-4:4
Sermon Title	Bride of God or Mistress of the World	Children of God or Traacherous Rebels
Speaker	Pastor Kwan Chan	Pastor Curtis Lai

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.

Last 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.

This Week: Bride of God/Mistress of the World

Our passage contains a gut-wrenching image of God standing broken-hearted as His beloved bride, Israel, abandons Him for other loves. Sin is depicted as adultery in order to teach us that all sin is a breach of covenant faithfulness and to evoke an emotional response within us that will lead us to turn back to our loving Lord. The beauty of the Gospel message is that though God is broken-hearted by our sin, He graciously receives us as we are and renews us by His Spirit to once again be His virgin bride.

Bible Study for Small Groups & Fellowships

LEAN IN: Icebreaker

1. Share a time when you signed up for something but did not 'read the fine print'.

LOOK DOWN: Study the Scriptures

2. Read Jeremiah 2:1-3. What time period is 'the wilderness' referring to? How does this information impact your understanding of Israel being 'holy to the Lord'?

3. Read Jeremiah 2:4-19. What is God's accusation against Israel? How is He going to punish them? Turn to Leviticus 26:14-46 and identify the verses that allude to this punishment. How does your understanding of Leviticus enhance your reading of this passage?

4. Read Jeremiah 2:20-37. What images dominate this section? What are they describing? How do they make you feel? Why would the author use such vivid language in his poem?

LOOK OUT: Discuss

5. Read Jeremiah 2:13. What is the message behind the image of a broken cistern? How have you seen our society deteriorate as we have become less 'Christian'?

LOOK IN: Reflect & Share

6. How does it make you feel when the Bible says that you are God's beautiful virgin bride? Why might it be difficult for you to think that God loves you in this way?

7. Which image about our sinfulness is most impactful to you? Why?

LIVE IT OUT: Respond to God's Word

8. Confess an area of habitual sin to your accountability partners so that they can help you walk away from your sin and towards holiness

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)

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	103
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English – 9:45am	175
Mandarin - 8:15am	25
Mandarin - 11:15am	69
Mandarin - 3:15pm	14

Last Week's Offering

General:	\$ 16,795
Mission Fund:	\$ 2,830
Maintenance:	\$ 700
Building:	\$ 500
Other:	\$ 1,145