

## 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.

### **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](mailto:gordonkchiu@gmail.com)

### **Mandarin High School Student Outreach on Sept 16<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup>

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](mailto:kai.wong@ntcbc.ca).

### **Welcome Lunch on Oct 7<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm**

Welcome Lunch is a place for us to learn more about our church, our community, and each other. Join us for a time of food and friendship. Lunch costs \$4/head while newcomers eat for free!

### **Mandarin Youth Evangelistic Meeting on October 7 (Sunday) 3:15pm-7:30pm**

3:15 pm Evangelistic Meeting  
5:30 pm Dinner (free)

### **Membership Monthly Meeting on September 23**

Motions:

- To approve August 2018 Financial Statement.
- To approve the following applicants to the Newfoundland Short Term Mission in Oct :  
Walfrey Ng, William Lee, Fanny Lee, Lois Kwan



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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 16, 2018

9:45AM – Main Sanctuary

	This Week	Next Week
<b>Praise Leader</b>	Gordon Chiu	
<b>Scripture</b>	Jeremiah 3:11-4:4	Jeremiah 7:1-15
<b>Sermon Title</b>	Children of God or Traacherous Rebels	The House of God or a Den of Thieves
<b>Speaker</b>	Pastor Curtis Lai	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.

### **Last 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.

### **This Week: Children of God/Faithless Sons**

In Jeremiah 3, God's pleads for His people to return to Him and flee from their lifestyle of idolatry. Israel and Judah are depicted as faithless and treacherous children who rebel against God and break His heart. Yet in spite of their sin, they are pursued by their loving Heavenly Father. The good news of the Bible is that God actively pursues His wayward children in order that they might repent and experience the goodness of His covenant promises.

### **Bible Study for Small Groups & Fellowships**

#### **LEAN IN:** Icebreaker

1. Share a time when you pleaded with a friend to make a lifestyle change that you thought was beneficial for their overall well-being.

#### **LOOK DOWN:** Study the Scriptures

2. Read Jeremiah 3:6-11. Why was Israel considered faithless? Why was Judah considered 'treacherous' and less righteous than 'faithless Israel'? How does it make you feel to know that God judges some harsher than others? Do you think it is fair?

3. Read Jeremiah 3:12-19. What are some examples of how God acts as a loving father towards His wayward children? How is this seen in the history of Israel and Judah?

4. Read Jeremiah 4:1-4. Identify and explain the different images of repentance in this passage. What do these verses reveal about God's expectation for genuine repentance? Which image of repentance resonates with you?

#### **LOOK OUT:** Discuss

5. How has our culture responded to the exclusive nature of the Christian message? How has the allure of their 'inclusive' mindset impacted the Church? How can we defend ourselves against syncretism (conforming to worldly values)?

#### **LOOK IN:** Reflect & Share

6. How is God asking you to circumcise your life to Him? Do you struggle more with turning from sin, or returning to God?

#### **LIVE IT OUT:** Respond to God's Word

7. 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)

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

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

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**Wed Prayer Meeting**  
8:00pm-9:00pm (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)

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

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

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

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

## Church Staff

**Senior Pastor:** Rev Bernard Sin  
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### Last Week's Attendance

Cantonese - 8:15am	98
Cantonese - 11:15am	174
English – 9:45am	155
Mandarin - 8:15am	25
Mandarin - 11:15am	62
Mandarin - 3:15pm	24

### Last Week's Offering

General:	\$ 17,151
Mission Fund:	\$ 5,302
Maintenance:	\$ 550
Building:	\$ 150
Other:	\$ 950