

## 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.

### Mission Prayer Meeting on Sep 26

The Roma Short-Term Mission team will be sharing about the ministry to the Roma people and their experiences on Sep 26 at 8:00pm in the Main Sanctuary.

### 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! Please register for the lunch at <https://ntcbc.churchcenter.com/registrations>

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

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

### Children Ministry Town Hall on Oct 14

The Children Ministry Team will be hosting a town hall to share the vision for 2019 and beyond. The main topic will be growing partnerships between the church and the family. The town hall will be from 12:30-2:30. Lunch will be provided.

### Induction Ceremony Service on Oct 21

Rev. Bernard Sin, Pastor Curtis Lai and Pastor Rose Wang will be formally inducted into our church at a special induction ceremony service on Oct 21 at 2:00pm. Lunch will be provided before the service.

### Membership Monthly Meeting Today

Motions:

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

### Staff News

Rev. Patrick Lau is on vacation from Sep 18 to Oct 12.



## NORTH TORONTO CHINESE BAPTIST CHURCH

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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 23, 2018

9:45AM – Main Sanctuary

|                      | This Week                                       | Next Week   |
|----------------------|---|---|
| <b>Praise Leader</b> | Clement Phuong                                  | Pastor Curtis Lai                                 |
| <b>Scripture</b>     | Jeremiah 7:1-15                                 | Jeremiah 13:1-11                                  |
| <b>Sermon Title</b>  | Den of Robbers:<br>Taking God's Name<br>in Vain | The Spoiled Loincloth:<br>Sin Corrupts Everything |
| <b>Speaker</b>       | 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.

### **Last 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.

### **This Week: Taking God's Name in Vain**

Our passage retells an occasion when Jeremiah proclaimed a message of judgment at the temple gates that fell upon deaf ears. This response was indicative of Judah's overall unfaithfulness to their covenant with God, and they eventually experienced God's judicial wrath. The Good News of the Bible is that though we too may have taken God's name in vain, our story can end differently because Jesus' death and resurrection has made forgiveness for sin and reconciliation with our Heavenly Father possible.

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

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

1. What is the weirdest thing that you have insured (or heard someone insure)?

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

2. Read Jeremiah 7:1-7. What were the two messages that the people of Judah received? How were they supposed to know which one was correct?

3. Read Jeremiah 7:8-11. Compare the list of sins in vs 8 with the Ten Commandments. What was Jeremiah's intent when listing out these sins? Explain God's accusation when He said that they treated the temple like a 'den of robbers'.

4. Read Jeremiah 7:12-15 & 1 Sam 2:12-17. What happened at Shiloh? What is Jeremiah hoping to achieve by comparing Judah with both Shiloh and Israel?

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

5. There are times when we may be receiving contradicting messages from reliable sources. What is your methodology in trying to figure out which message is right?

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

6. Our passage highlights many attributes of God. Which attribute is most meaningful to you? Why?

7. Jesus washes away the penalty of sin but not the consequences of our sin. How has God helped you as you face the consequences of your sin?

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

8. Though we may not take God's name in vain, we may still occasionally take His Word lightly, delaying in our obedience to God. Has there been something God is asking you to do that you have been putting off?

## 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)

**Membership Meeting**  
1:00pm-3:00pm (Church Basement)

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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 Joint Mission Prayer Meeting  
- Roma STM Sharing**  
8:00pm-9:15pm (Main Sanctuary)

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

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**Thur Career Small Group**  
7:45pm-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

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### Last Week's Attendance

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|---------------------|-----|
| Cantonese - 8:15am  | 103 |
| Cantonese - 11:15am | 178 |
| English – 9:45am    | 167 |
| Mandarin - 8:15am   | 18  |
| Mandarin - 11:15am  | 75  |
| Mandarin - 3:15pm   | 27  |

### Last Week's Offering

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|---------------|-----------|
| General:      | \$ 14,587 |
| Mission Fund: | \$ 2,790  |
| Maintenance:  | \$ 800    |
| Building:     | \$ 0      |
| Other:        | \$ 1,170  |