

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.

Welcome Lunch on Oct 7th 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 from 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.

Staff News

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



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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 30, 2018

9:45AM – Main Sanctuary

	This Week	Next Week
Praise Leader	Pastor Curtis Lai	Gordon Chiu
Scripture	Jeremiah 13:1-11	Jeremiah 15:10-21
Sermon Title	The Spoiled Loincloth: Sin Destroys	The Suffering Servant
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

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: 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.

This Week: The Linen Loincloth: Sin Destroys

God created Israel for intimacy with Him and to work alongside Him for His glory and praise. However, since they refused to listen to God, He spoiled them, allowing them to suffer the consequences of their sin. Though sinners are not beyond redemption - Jesus does wash away the penalty of sin and lead us towards holy living - the devastating effects of sin will remain. Therefore, it is imperative that we heed God's warning to flee sin and to pursue Him.

Bible Study for Small Groups & Fellowships

LEAN IN: Icebreaker

1. What is the meal you make to 'show-off' your cooking skills?

LOOK DOWN: Study the Scriptures

2 Read Jeremiah 13:1-11; 1 Peter 2:9-10. Explain the symbolism behind the linen loincloth. What did God create Israel to be? In what ways has the Church adopted Israel's identify and mission?

3. Read Jeremiah 13:1-11; Psalm 115:1-8. What is the significance of the loincloth being in the river for many days? How does one go from being a part of God's people & priesthood to becoming like an idol?

4. Read Jeremiah 13:8-11; Leviticus 26:40-43. What does God promise to do when Israel repents? What does He not promise to do for them? Why does God not remove the consequences of sin along with the penalty?

LOOK OUT: Discuss

5. How would you explain the concept of penalty/consequences of sin to someone who is unfamiliar with the Bible? Explain why Jesus' death covers over the penalty of sin but not its consequence.

LOOK IN: Reflect & Share

6. Have you ever 'soaked in sin?' How did that experience affect your conscience, relationships, and ministry? How did you come to realize your sin was hurting you and those around you?

LIVE IT OUT: Respond to God's Word

7. What is one sin that God is convicting you to leave behind? Share the consequences of this sin with your Small Group, as well as how God has forgiven you and empowered you to move forward.

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 Drop-in Basketball
7:00pm-10:00pm (Gym)

Wed Joint Fasting Prayer Meeting
8:00pm-9:15pm (Main Sanctuary)

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

Thur Career Small Group
7:45pm-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	98
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English – 9:45am	167
Mandarin - 8:15am	23
Mandarin - 11:15am	75
Mandarin - 3:15pm	22

Last Week's Offering

General:	\$ 13,271
Mission Fund:	\$ 4,400
Maintenance:	\$ 770
Building:	\$ 200
Other:	\$ 390