

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!

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 (costs \$4/head) 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.

Condolences

Mr. Nhu Vinh Duong, father of our sister Aline Duong and brother Eddie Tong and grandfather of sister Julie Huynh, passed away peacefully to be with the Lord on October 3rd in Toronto.

Funeral service will be held at York Cemetery and Funeral Centre, 160 Beecroft Rd, North York on Sat., Oct 13th. Visitation: 9:00-10:00am, Service: 10:00-11:00am.

Our deepest condolences to Aline, Eddie, Julie and their families.

Staff News

Rev. Patrick is on vacation from Sep 18 - Oct 12. Mr. Kenneth Li is on leave today.

Church Office Holiday Hours

The church office will be closed on Mon. October 8th for Thanksgiving 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

October 7, 2018

9:45AM – Main Sanctuary

	This Week	Next Week
Praise Leader	Gordon Chiu	Gordon Chiu
Scripture	Jeremiah 15:10-21	Jeremiah 17:1-13
Sermon Title	The Suffering Servant	Trees planted by Water
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

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: 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.

This Week: The Suffering Servant

God called Jeremiah to announce judgment upon the nation of Judah. The people did not repent and instead, abused Jeremiah, causing him to be in great sorrow. In our passage, Jeremiah offers a lament to God, highlighting the reality that God's servants are called to endure suffering. The good news is that God walks with His servants in their suffering, offering protection and future deliverance.

Bible Study for Small Groups & Fellowships

LEAN IN: Icebreaker

1. What is something that you regret quitting? Why do you regret it?

LOOK DOWN: Study the Scriptures

2. Read Jeremiah 15:10-21. Map out the general dialogue between God and Jeremiah. Compare God's two responses to Jeremiah. How are they similar/different? Jeremiah responds to God with a lengthier lament in vv15-18. What does this response tell us about Jeremiah's state of mind?

3. Read Jeremiah 15:10, 15-18; 19:5-20:2. What experiences caused Jeremiah to lament? Why did he have all of these negative experiences with the people around him? Do you think that this is a normative experience for God's servants?

4. Read Jeremiah 15:11-14, 19-21. Organize God's responses to Jeremiah into encouragements & exhortations. Contextualize these encouragements & exhortations for Christians today.

LOOK OUT: Discuss

5. How is God's call similar/different from one's decision to sacrifice & suffering so that one can advance his/her career goals?

LOOK IN: Reflect & Share

6. Share an instance of God's faithfulness and how this knowledge has strengthened your faith & hope in Him.

7. How is God calling you to honour Him and to build up His Church? What is hindering you from following through? What potential sacrifices will you need to make?

LIVE IT OUT: Respond to God's Word

8. Think of one way your Small Group members can help you carry the load Christ had given you.

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)

Thanksgiving Lunch
12:30pm-2:00pm (Basement)

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

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

Wed Prayer Meeting
8:00pm-9:15pm (3rd Floor)

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	101
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English – 9:45am	171
Mandarin - 8:15am	22
Mandarin - 11:15am	70
Mandarin - 3:15pm	15

Last Week's Offering

General:	\$ 15,007
Mission Fund:	\$ 6,360
Maintenance:	\$ 820
Building:	\$ 420
Other:	\$ 1,840