

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!

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.

CIEC 6th Town Hall

Date and Time : Oct 28 after membership meeting
Location : Church Basement
Discussion Topic : Church Governance Model and Next Steps

Prayer for the Jesus Network

Want to pray together for the Jesus network Christmas basket? Call the Christmas baskets prayer line! We will pray together on Mondays from 8pm-830pm.
Phone No. : 647-977-2648
Access Code 404-591-752#

A Cry from the Roma – Challenge, Opportunity and Hope

Location : Richmond Hill Christian Community Church
Date/ Time : Oct 21, Dinner 6 pm; Meeting 7 – 9 pm
Response : Rev. Samuel Chan
Enquiry : Rev. Peter Mah, admin@ggccc.ca
Dinner(RSVP) : Calvin Chew, alvinchew@ggccc.ca



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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 14, 2018

9:45AM – Main Sanctuary

	This Week	Next Week
Praise Leader	Preston Frederick	Pastor Curtis Lai
Scripture	Jeremiah 17:1-13	Jeremiah 29:1-23
Sermon Title	Trees Planted by Water	Listening to Lies
Speaker	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

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 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.

This Week: Trees Planted by Water

In Jeremiah 17 we see God pronounce judgment upon Judah's sin. While God's desire was for His people to orient their hearts towards Him, Judah remained unrepentant in her idolatry and as a result, experienced the full consequences of her sin. Our passage not only reminds us of the consequences of sin, but points us to God's promise to renew our hearts. By renewing our hearts, He empowers us to live lives rooted in our Lord Jesus Christ, the fountain of living water, so that we can be trees planted by water.

Bible Study for Small Groups & Fellowships

LEAN IN: Icebreaker

1. Share a time when you used a temporary 'band-aid' solution to address an issue that required a more thorough remedy.

LOOK DOWN: Study the Scriptures

2. Read Jeremiah 17:1-4. Summarize the consequences of Judah's sin. Compare this with Leviticus 26:31-39 and identify the consequences of Judah's sin. Read Leviticus 26:40-43. What are the lasting effects of sin?

3. Read Jeremiah 17:6-8 and Psalm 1:1-3. What is the underlying commandment that we get from these passages? What would a 'blessed' person look like today? What does it look like to be 'shrub in the desert'?

4. Read about the partridge in Jeremiah 17:11. How does this illustration relate to the rest of the ideas in this passage? How did it apply to Judah? How might this illustrate apply to us?

LOOK OUT: Discuss

5. What are the differences between one who is renewed and one who merely obeys out of obligation? How does the doctrine of renewal impact our approach to evangelism & ministry?

LOOK IN: Reflect & Share

6. How are you intentionally seeking to deepen your roots in Christ and His Gospel?

7. Share an experience from your life where you felt rooted in Christ during challenging circumstances?

LIVE IT OUT: Respond to God's Word

8. Ask your Small Group to keep you accountable to forsaking your old sinful heart and embracing the new transformed heart in one area of your life.

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)

Children Ministry Town Hall
12:30pm-2:30pm (Gym)

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)

Church Staff

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Last Week's Attendance

Cantonese - 8:15am	120
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English – 9:45am	179
Mandarin - 8:15am	17
Mandarin - 11:15am	49
Mandarin - 3:15pm	60

Last Week's Offering

General:	\$ 14,845
Mission Fund:	\$ 2,530
Maintenance:	\$ 250
Building:	\$ 150
Other:	\$ 990