

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.

Induction Ceremony Service Today

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 on Oct 28

Time : After membership meeting
Location : Church Basement
Discussion Topic : Church Governance Model and Next Steps

Membership Meeting on Oct 28

Motions:

1. To approve September 2018 Financial Report.
2. To approve 2019 EB candidate nominations.
3. To approve the Membership Transfer-in applications from Kenneth Li, Marion Chan and Bonnie Lee.
4. To approve William Luk and Grace Luk as Sunday School teachers for CAMG.
5. To approve the request from Pastor Catherine Chan of financial support for STM trip to Uganda with GO, up to 50% of the total trip expenses net of offering received through personal fund raising with a cap of \$1500.

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.

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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

Staff News

Rev. Bernard Sin is preaching at Markham Chinese Presbyterian Church this morning. Please pray for him as he preaches God's Word.

Pastor Kwan is on vacation from Oct 24-Nov 4.



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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 21, 2018

9:45AM – Main Sanctuary

	This Week	Next Week
Praise Leader	Pastor Curtis Lai	Gordon Chiu
Scripture	Jeremiah 29:1-14	Luke 10:38-42
Sermon Title	God's Purpose & Promise	Live Successfully in Two Worlds
Speaker	Pastor Kwan Chan	Rev. Bernard Sin

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: 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.

This Week: God's Promise & Pursuit

Jeremiah 29 is a letter from Jeremiah to the Jews who had been exiled to Babylon. The main message of the letter was a call to submit to God's divine judgment. This meant that they were to live a holy life in Babylon while they waited for God to deliver them. The message for Christians today is that we serve a God who faithfully pursues us with a consistent call for us to submit ourselves to Him. When we do, we will be restored to God relationally and missionally.

Bible Study for Small Groups & Fellowships

LEAN IN: Icebreaker

1. Share about an experience that changed your understanding of God positively or negatively.

LOOK DOWN: Study the Scriptures

2. Read Jeremiah 29:1-7 & Jeremiah 28:1-4. Compare & contrast Jeremiah's message with Hananiah's message. In light of Hananiah's message, what is the primary message Jeremiah is delivering to the exiles?

3. Read Jeremiah 29:4-7. Categorize Jeremiah's instructions into specific calls to obedience. Compare the order of Jeremiah's instructions with Paul's words in 1 Timothy 3:4-5. What conclusions can you draw from these passages about what it means to pursue a holy direction in our lives?

4. Read Jeremiah 29:8-14 & 15-23. Some have taken these passages and promoted the notion that 'faith & obedience will lead us to be healthy & wealthy.' What evidence would they use to support this claim, and how would you lovingly correct this heresy, using the same Scriptures?

LOOK OUT: Discuss

5. The people of Judah had to accept the reality that though God was sovereign and loving, He was not going to rescue them from Babylon. What realities about God, our world, and our situation, do you find difficult to accept?

LOOK IN: Reflect & Share

6. How has your relationship with God changed as you have been confronted with the reality that though God is sovereign and loving, He may not deliver you from suffering & hardship?

LIVE IT OUT: Respond to God's Word

7. What does it look like for you to take another step towards a holier 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)

Induction Ceremony Service
2:00pm-3:30pm (Main Sanctuary)

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)

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	115
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English – 9:45am	160
Mandarin - 8:15am	24
Mandarin - 11:15am	81
Mandarin - 3:15pm	19

Last Week's Offering

General:	\$ 14,170
Mission Fund:	\$ 2,940
Maintenance:	\$ 1,420
Building:	\$ 170
Other:	\$ 1,820