

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.

CIEC 6th Town Hall Today

Time : 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#

The Jesus network Christmas basket visitation orientation/introduction is happening on Nov. 11th at 12:45pm – 2:00 pm in the church gym. Lunch will be provided with a small fee.

If you would like to be a part of this visitation and want to know how there will be a training from 2-4pm

Please fill out your info in the link if you want to be part of the Jesus network Christmas basket initiative:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd79HVAGZ0gjjWHESlsemPh6ksqEjMcLbFa6jPykkvONzQhWA/viewform?usp=sf_link

and someone will contact you.

Staff News

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

Membership Meeting Today

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.

Reminder

Next Sunday (Nov. 4th) Daylight Savings Time will end. Remember to turn your clocks back 1 hour before going to bed Sat. night and enjoy the extra sleep!



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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 28, 2018

9:45AM – Main Sanctuary

	This Week	Next Week
Praise Leader	Gordon Chiu	Preston Frederick
Scripture	Luke 10:38-42	Jeremiah 31:31-40
Sermon Title	Living Successfully in Two Worlds	Messengers of Hope Mutes
Speaker	Rev. Bernard Sin	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: 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.

This Week: (Standalone Sermon)

Living Successfully in Two Worlds

We live in a world filled with dichotomies. One of the perceived dichotomies that Christians struggle with is the divide between the sacred and the secular. Was Jesus setting up this dichotomy in our passage this week? If not, what did He want to teach us? And how does His teaching affect our walk in the path of discipleship?

Bible Study for Small Groups & Fellowships

LEAN IN: Icebreaker

1. What are some of the greatest challenges you currently face in your path of discipleship?

LOOK DOWN: Study the Scriptures

2. Consider the two characters of Martha and Mary. With whom do you resonate more with - Martha the server, or Mary the contemplative?

3. Did both Martha and Mary love Jesus? How did they show their love for Jesus differently in our passage?

4. What was wrong with what Martha was doing, and how was it affecting her life? What are some of the potential dangers of serving in ministry that we learn from observing Martha's life?

5. What is the "one thing that is needed" that Jesus refers to in v.42?

LOOK OUT: Discuss

6. If someone were to say that this story reinforces the dichotomy between the sacred and the secular, or the hierarchy of "contemplation" over "doing", how would you respond?

LOOK IN: Reflect & Share

7. What is currently causing you to lose focus from faithfully living out the balance between diligent service and drawing close to the Lord? Are there things of lesser importance that are distracting you from the life of discipleship?

8. Are you currently making it a priority to sit at Jesus' feet daily? What are practical steps that can help you, or hinder you, in doing this?

LIVE IT OUT: Respond to God's Word

9. Review how you are using your time on a daily and weekly basis and make note of whether there are healthy patterns of spending time with the Lord. Commit to making practical adjustments that will help facilitate this time more faithfully.

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)

CIEC 6th Town Hall
After membership meeting (Church Basement)

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

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

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

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	106
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English – 9:45am	179
Mandarin - 8:15am	18
Mandarin - 11:15am	66
Mandarin - 3:15pm	15

Last Week's Offering

General:	\$ 10,986
Mission Fund:	\$ 4,231
Maintenance:	\$ 1,600
Building:	\$ 400
Other:	\$ 2,520