

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.

Executive Board Election 2019

2019 EB ballot will be distributed today. Members are reminded to pick up their ballot at the foyer. Please prayerfully discern God's will before checking the box of the candidate. After you have filled out your ballot, please remember to sign on the envelope and put in the ballot box before Nov 25, 2018, 12:00 noon. Please pray for the candidates.

Enclosed in the ballot envelope a form of collecting contact information of our church member for updating church records, please complete the form and return together with the ballot.

Membership Meeting on Nov 25

Motions:

1. To approve October 2018 Financial Report.
2. To approve Mission Budget 2019.
3. To approve cancellation of the Dec membership meeting with condition that the only motions for the meeting are:
 - a) Approval of Membership Meeting minutes
 - b) Approval of Nov 2019 Financial Statements
 - c) Membership related requests (i.e. membership application, membership transfer in or out)
4. To approve the membership transfer-in application for Mr. Timothy To.

Christmas Outreach Service on Dec 15

Our Christmas Outreach Service will be on Sat, Dec 15th from 4-6pm. The theme of the service is 'Redeemed Brokenness.' There will be carols, testimonies, and a short message that will all speak of how our Lord pursues and redeems broken people.

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#

Staff News

Pastor Cathy Chen will be on vacation from Nov 12 - 25.

Pastor Cat will be on mission trip from Nov 24 – Dec 4.

Children Ministry

Advent Calendar

Each child from preschool to Grade 6 will receive an Advent Calendar today. We encourage families to use it as a way to prepare for the Christmas season.

Gingerbread House Decorating on Dec 15

In conjunction with the Christmas Outreach, the Children Ministry will be hosting Gingerbread House Decorating in the gym. Please sign up on the 3rd floor bulletin board by December 9. Contact Winnie Lai for more information.



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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

November 18, 2018

9:45AM – Main Sanctuary

	This Week	Next Week
Praise Leader	Pastor Curtis Lai	Preston Frederick
Scripture	Jeremiah 42:1-43:13	Nehemiah 8:1-18
Sermon Title	Thy Will or My Will	Revival and Me
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: People of the Word

God instructed Jeremiah to write down his sermons and to preach them again to the people of Judah. The hope was that they would listen and repent of their sins so that they would receive forgiveness and salvation. However, King Jehoiakim ignored God's Word and even burned the scrolls, resulting in more suffering for him and the entire nation of Judah.

It is important to remember that God's call to repent is borne out of His love for His people and His desire for them to change and grow, that they may be blessed and be a blessing to others.

This Week: Thy Will or My Will

The people of Judah approached God for guidance. When they didn't hear what they were expecting, they rebelled, choosing to follow their own will as opposed to following God's will. Their disobedience exposed their heart-stance when they came to God in prayer: they were not seeking for God's guidance or His will, they were seeking God's permission to do their will. God gave us His Word in order to warn us that if we walk according to our will, we will miss out on His blessing.

Bible Study for Small Groups & Fellowships

LOOK DOWN: Study the Scriptures

1. List out all the steps that the people of Judah took when they sought God's will. What are the symptoms of someone coming to God for permission rather than for guidance?
 2. What were some of the reasons that caused the people of Judah to want to go to Egypt? Where were they placing their trust? How did God's response show them that they had misplaced their trust?
 3. Why did the people of Judah refuse to listen to God's instruction? What evidence can you find to show that the people of Judah never intended on listening to God if His Word had opposed their plans?
- #### **LOOK OUT:** Discuss the Following
4. Rather than acknowledging God's mercy, Judah misattributed their prosperity to their idol worship and their old way of living. When do you find yourself attributing the good in your life to something or someone other than God?
- #### **LOOK IN:** Reflect & Share
5. Share an occasion where God answered your prayers.
 6. How you seek after God's will. Share the Biblical basis for your process. What steps would you need to take in order to hear God's voice better?

LIVE IT OUT: Respond to God's Word

7. Think of an area where you want to receive God's guidance. List out the steps that you will take in order to discern His will.

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)

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

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

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

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

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- 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	112
Cantonese - 11:15am	153
English – 9:45am	189
Mandarin - 8:15am	18
Mandarin - 11:15am	74
Mandarin - 3:15pm	20

Last Week's Offering

General:	\$ 8,919
Mission Fund:	\$ 1,494
Maintenance:	\$ 500
Building:	\$ 200
Other:	\$ 1,060