

## 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.

### **Cantonese Christmas Evangelistic Meeting**

Date: Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 5:45pm – 9:30pm

### **Baptism Service on Dec 23 @ 2pm**

Join us as we witness 2 women testify to their faith in Christ through the ordinance of Baptism.

### **End of Year Worship**

Join our End of the Year Worship on December 31 11pm-12 midnight.

### **Cancellation of December Membership Monthly Meeting**

Referring to the resolution of November Membership Monthly Meeting and the consideration of no major motion to be discussed, the Deacon Board and the Executive Board conclude that the December Membership Monthly Meeting will be cancelled. Members may come to church office for review of church's November financial report.

### **Postponing Mission Prayer Meeting**

The Mission Prayer Meeting on Dec 26<sup>th</sup> will be rescheduled to Jan 9, 2019

### **Offering and Disbursement for 2018**

For book-keeping purposes, only offering received by 1:00pm on Dec 30st will count towards 2018. For all department and ministries expenses for 2018, please complete and submit the claims on or before Dec 30.

### **Sunday Parking Spaces at YHBC for 2019**

If you have children <2 or a family member with a physical disability, please go to the office to apply for a free 2019 Sunday morning parking permit at Yorkview Heights Baptist Church.

### **Weekdays Parking at NTCBC**

To park at NTCBC on weekdays you'll need a 2019 permit (see our office to obtain one). The permit must hang on the rear view mirror or displayed on the windshield. Kindly park along the fence or the west side of the parking lot

### **Condolences**

Mr Yih Sen Wang, member of our church, husband of Soon Chen Chan Wang passed away peacefully to be with the Lord on December 12 in Toronto. Memorial Service will be held on December 17 at R. S. Kane Funeral Home (6150 Yonge Street).  
Visitation: 9:00 am – 10:00 am  
Funeral Service : 10:00 am – 11:00 am



## NORTH TORONTO CHINESE BAPTIST CHURCH

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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

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### **English Worship Service**

December 16, 2018

9:45AM – Main Sanctuary

	This Week	Next Week
<b>Praise Leader</b>	Preston Frederick	Pastor Curtis Lai
<b>Scripture</b>	Luke 2:22-38	Luke 2:8-20
<b>Sermon Title</b>	Awaiting the Arrival of the Appointed	Joy to the World
<b>Speaker</b>	Pastor Curtis Lai	Rev. Bernard Sin

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### **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

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**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

### **This Week: Awaiting the Arrival of the Appointed**

In our passage this week, Luke provides us with the account of two individuals that encountered Jesus early on in His life on Earth. Both of these individuals devoted their lives to God and were eagerly awaiting the arrival of the Messiah. And both rejoiced following their encounters with Him. As we look through the lives of these two witnesses to Christ, we are reminded of the value and joy that Jesus alone brings us. And in recognizing that, we are also empowered to proclaim Him boldly to those around us. These are truths that ought to anchor us as we go through this season of advent leading up to Christmas.

**Big Idea:** Jesus is the one whom we treasure and proclaim

### **Bible Study for Small Groups & Fellowships**

**ICEBREAKER:** Share about a moment in your life when you *really* wanted a particular gift. What was it, and why did you long for it?

**LOOK DOWN:** Study the Scriptures

1. Read Luke 2:25-26; Isaiah 40:1-5. According to the prophet Isaiah, what was Simeon waiting for? Compare and contrast Isaiah's expectations for the Messiah with Simeon's in Luke 2:28-32. What do the differences highlight about the emphasis of Luke's Gospel?

2. Read Luke 2:27-32, 38. Describe how Simeon and Anna responded when they saw Jesus. What is Luke trying to teach us by placing these two accounts back-to-back?

3. Read Luke 1:67-68; 2:25-32. Describe how the Holy Spirit influenced and moved Zechariah and Simeon. Read Luke 2:36-38 and note the omission of the Holy Spirit in Anna's story. Why does Luke not explicitly state the Spirit's involvement in Anna's life? How does this impact our reading of Luke's Gospel?

**LOOK OUT:** Discuss the Following

4. Why is the idea that we need a 'Messiah' (saviour) unattractive to some people? Where in our current culture are we being encouraged to rely on our own efforts to better our lives? How might this mindset affect a Christian's relationship with God?

**LOOK IN:** Reflect & Share

5. Share how the Holy Spirit has been helping you treasure and proclaim Christ recently in your life. How does our passage empower us to do this better if we are currently not?

**LIVE IT OUT:** Respond to God's Word

6. What are some things (distractions, idols, etc.) in your life that currently cause you to undervalue Christ or fail to see your need for Him?

## 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 (3<sup>rd</sup> 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	92
Cantonese - 11:15am	149
English – 9:45am	268
Mandarin - 8:15am	18
Mandarin - 11:15am	67
Mandarin - 3:15pm	19

## Last Week's Offering

General:	\$ 15,872
Mission Fund:	\$ 4,217
Maintenance:	\$ 1,400
Building:	\$ 400
Other:	\$ 1,310