

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.

Baptism Service today @ 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 31st from 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 26th will be rescheduled to Jan 9, 2019

Church Office Closure

On Tue. Dec. 25 and Wed. Dec. 26 for Christmas holidays.

Baptism & Membership - 2019

Baptism/Membership class will not be held during Sunday School time in January. Instead, there will be 3 longer sessions spread throughout the term. If you believe that God is calling you to become a member of this local church, or if you would like to be baptized, please email Deacon Minh Tran at minh.tran@ntcbc.ca for more information.

Sunday School: Jan - Apr

The two Adult courses that will be offered are **Old Testament Theology** and **Apologetics**. The High School students will be studying **The Wisdom Books** in the Old Testament, while the Junior High students will be going through a **New Testament Survey**.

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



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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

December 23, 2018

9:45AM – Main Sanctuary

	This Week	Next Week
Praise Leader	Pastor Curtis Lai	Preston Frederick
Scripture	Luke 2:8-20	Ephesians 4:1-32
Sermon Title	Joy to the World	The New Self in The New Year
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

This Week: Joy to the World

Christmas is a joyful season. The song “Joy to the World” reminds us that the reason for ‘joy to the world’ is nothing else but ‘the Lord is come’. Surely, the birth of Jesus is the reason for the season!

Luke 2:8-20

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

“Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those
with whom he is pleased!”

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Icebreaker

1. What are your plans this Christmas season?

Discussion Questions:

2. Identify and explain the three names/titles that the angels gave to Jesus. Why did the angels choose to reveal Jesus using these titles?
3. Compare and contrast this visitation story with the story in Matthew 2:1-12. Why do you think Luke chose to highlight these characters and their responses? What is he seeking to highlight about the Gospel?
4. List in order the shepherds’ response to the angelic message. How does their response educate us on the connection between ‘listening to God’ and ‘spiritual experience’?

Application:

1. Recall a recent encounter you had with Jesus Christ. Compare your response with that of the shepherds. What can be done in order to increase the intensity of our encounters with God?
2. The shepherds responded to God’s message with great eagerness. How can you learn from their response? What adjustments to your lifestyle can help contribute to a softer heart towards God?
3. After studying this passage, would you make any adjustments to your plans for this Christmas?

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)

Baptism Service
2:00pm-3:00pm (Sanctuary)

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

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Last Week’s Attendance

Cantonese - 8:15am	95
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English – 9:45am	212
Mandarin - 8:15am	22
Mandarin - 11:15am	71
Mandarin - 3:15pm	20

Last Week’s Offering

General:	\$ 30,186
Mission Fund:	\$ 10,835
Maintenance:	\$ 1,725
Building:	\$ 50
Other:	\$ 1,010