

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.

End of Year Worship

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

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.

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.

Sunday Parking Spaces at YHBC for 2019

If you have children <2 or member of the family with a physical disability feel free to apply for a free 2019 Sunday morning parking permit at YHBC. Those who have already applied for a tag may check in the church office to see if you may receive one of the tags.

Condolences

Mr. Kwok On Ho, Father in Law of Rev. Bernard Sin, passed away peacefully to be with the Lord on December 15. The Memorial Service will be held on Jan05 at Elgin Mills Cemetery.
Visitation: 9:00 am – 9:45 am
Funeral Service : 9:45 am – 11:15 am
Interment : 12:15pm – 1:00pm

Mr. Kam Fai Chan, Father in Law of Kenneth Li passed away peacefully to be with Lord on December 28.

Church Office Closure

On Tue. Jan 1 for New Year holiday.

Children Ministry

Passport 2 Purity Info Session on Jan 13

Join the information session to learn about the retreat for parents + children (grades 5-7) that focus the family to worship God together.
Time - 12:45 in Room 306

Plan to Protect Training - Jan 13 @ 2pm

If you desire to serve in the Children Ministry, attend this training from 2-4pm in Room 306

Children's Ministry Teachers' Training

If you desire to serve as a Children Sunday School Teacher, please note that there are 5 mandatory training sessions on the following dates:

- January 20, 27
- February 3, 10, 17

All courses will run from 2-4pm on the 3rd floor. Please contact Pastor Cat for more details.



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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 30, 2018

9:45AM – Main Sanctuary

	This Week	Next Week
Praise Leader	Preston Frederick	Gordon Chiu
Scripture	Colossians 3:1-17	
Sermon Title	The New Self in The New Year	Love Your Neighbour
Speaker	Pastor Curtis Lai	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

This Week: New self in the New Year

The Apostle Paul encourages us to live in a manner that aligns with our identity in Christ - to put off the old self and to put on the new self. Throughout this week's passage, he adds to this exhortation by providing several ways in which we can practically live this out. However, what's important to note is that Paul not only calls us to demonstrate external holiness, but to fuel our behaviour with the proper internal motivation. A motivation that is rooted in Christ's death and resurrection leading to our new life in Him. A motivation that replaces self-driven effort with Gospel-empowerment.

ICEBREAKER: What is the longest time that you've kept a new year's resolution? What made it so successful?

LOOK DOWN: Study the Scriptures

1. What does it mean to 'seek the things that are above'? Why does Paul begin the passage with this exhortation?

2. Read Colossians 3:5-8. What is the reason that Paul gives us to put our sin to death? What does it mean to put our sin to death? What are the alternatives if we do not put sin to death?

3. Read Colossians 3:10, 12-17. What does it mean to put on the new self? What does Paul allude to as the primary way that our new selves are being renewed?

LOOK OUT: Discuss the Following

4. How does our internal identity impact our external action? Why is someone who fails to fully grasp his or her new identity in Jesus Christ unable to live in a way that is pleasing to Him?

LOOK IN: Reflect and Share

5. How does recognizing our new identity in Christ help us overcome sinful practices in our lives that we still need to 'put off'?

6. What is a sinful behaviour that has been difficult to overcome in your life? What would need to change (internally and externally) for real transformation to take place?

7. What have you found increasingly precious about the Gospel message? Take time to give thanks to God for His transformation of your heart in this area.

LIVE IT OUT: Respond to God's Word

8. What are some specific ways that you can put off the old self, and put on the new self in 2019?

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)

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

Wed Joint Fasting 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	95
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English – 9:45am	212
Mandarin - 8:15am	24
Mandarin - 11:15am	56
Mandarin - 3:15pm	22

Last Week's Offering

General:	\$ 52,005
Mission Fund:	\$ 41,460
Maintenance:	\$ 14,200
Building:	\$ 100
Other:	\$ 10,360