

## 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. Please see a Welcome Team member for more information.

### **CIEC 3rd Town Hall Today @ 1:00pm - 3:30pm**

Topics for Discussion:

- Membership
- Board of Directors (new)

### **Mission Sharing on Jan 28<sup>th</sup> @ 11:15am**

The Adult Fellowship will be hosting a STM sharing in the gym. At 12:00pm, booths will be set up with information on potential short-term mission opportunities in 2018.

### **Welcome Lunch on Feb 4<sup>th</sup> @ 12:30pm**

Welcome Lunch is an opportunity for those who are new to not only connect with members of NTCBC, but to be plugged into a Small Group or Fellowship. Please see a Welcome Team member for more info! Members pay \$5 for lunch & newcomers eat free!

### **Joint Fellowship Meeting on Feb 24<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30 pm**

We will have potluck, singspiration and small group sharing. All are welcomed. The registration will start from Jan 21 to Feb 18. For details and registration, please contact Justin Ge or email [jointfellowship@ntcbc.org](mailto:jointfellowship@ntcbc.org)

### **Motions for Today's Membership Meeting**

1. To approve Financial Statement for Dec 2017.
2. To approve allocation of 2017 General Fund Surplus.
3. To approve allocation of 2017 Mission Fund Surplus.
4. To approve 2018 EB Department budgets.
5. To approve 2018 Operating budgets for General Fund and F&E.
6. To approve EB Department Committee Members for 2018.
7. To approve CAMG Esther Fellowship committee members for 2018.

8. To approve CAMG Joshua Fellowship committee members for 2018.
9. To approve CAMG Ezekiel Fellowship committee members for 2018.
10. To approve CAMG Daniel Fellowship committee members for 2018.

### **Sunday Parking Spaces at YHBC for 2018**

If you have children <2 or member of the family with a physical disability feel free to apply for a free 2018 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

## Children Ministry

### **New Children Morning Schedule**

9:45am - 11:00am - Children's Worship  
11:15am-12:30pm - Children Sunday School

Grade 1 - Room 302A  
Grade 2-3 Room 302B  
Grade 4-5 Room 306  
Grade 6 Room 310

Parents will pick up children in the GYM after 12:30 PM. All who have a **Red Pass** will be dismissed at 12:30pm.

### **Passport 2 Purity 2018 Info Session**

Date: January 21st 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM.  
Room 302.

Information for a weekend retreat for father/son or mother/daughter bonding (5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade only).

### **Children Mission Conference Program**

The Grade 1-6 Children will make a "Care Package" on January 28 Mission Sunday during Sunday School time. Each package include 10" x 10" face cloth, a toothbrush and a pair of adult size socks. All the care package will delivery to Toronto Christian Community Church - Out of Cold program. If anyone want to donate any of the care package items, please contract Pastor Cat.

### **Family Skate and Pizza Party**

Monday Feb 19th, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM, Canlan Ice Sports (3552 Victoria Park, Toronto). Cost \$2.50 per person. Sign up on the 3rd floor.



## NORTH TORONTO CHINESE BAPTIST CHURCH

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2018 Theme

Living Stone 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

January 21, 2018

9:45AM – Main Sanctuary

### **Order of Worship**

#### **Praise & Offering**

#### **Congregational Prayer**

#### **Scripture**

#### **Sermon Title**

#### **Speaker**

#### **Response**

#### **Benediction**

This Week

Worship Team

Pastor Curtis Lai

Isaiah 58

Outpour of Repentance

Pastor Curtis Lai

Worship Team

Rev. Patrick Lau

Next Week

Worship Team

Pastor Curtis Lai

Acts 13:1-4

Fuel for Mission

Pastor Curtis Lai

Worship Team

Rev. Patrick Lau

## Sunday School

January to April 2018 | 11:15am – 12:30pm

### **Age Group**

Junior High (Gr 7-8)

High School

Adult

Adult (Women only)

All

### **Class**

Pentateuch

Pentateuch

Old Testament Survey

Genesis

Baptism & Membership

### **Location**

Room 314/315

Room 317

Room 102

Basement

B09 (Office Level)

**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: Prayer and Fasting**

At NTCBC, we usher in each new year with a series on Prayer and Fasting. This year, we will be going through a mini-series of sermons that will teach on fasting and spiritual revival, and will culminate with a Mission Prayer Service. Our ardent belief is that when God renews our hearts, He not only gives us an unquenchable desire for Him, He also lights a fire in our heart for mission. Our prayer is that as you receive these sermons, God will call you to fast and pray, and through your faithful obedience, He will light a fire in you for Him and for the nations.

### **Review of Last Week: Hopeful Sorrow**

Psalm 13

When people asked Jesus why His disciples did not fast, they were question His (and their) devotion to God, as fasting was seen as a positive religious practice. Jesus responded by saying that while He was with His disciples, they were to engage in celebratory activities, for His presence was a cause for joy, not sorrow. He also told parables to emphasize that their behaviour was based upon their newfound belief that He is the Saviour of the world who has come to take away the sins of the world.

Jesus also taught that there will come a day where He will leave his disciples, and at that time, they will fast. However, His disciples will be participating in a new fast, where their reason for fasting will be an expression of their longing for and worship of Jesus.

### **This week's Sermon: Outpour of Repentance**

Isaiah 58

In Isaiah 58 we see God rebuke His people for fasting in a way that was displeasing to Him. While God wanted His people to repent from the sinful ways that they were living in, they were unwilling to surrender their lives to Him and offered religious rituals as a substitute. What's worse, in their spiritual ignorance, they expected God to listen to their half-hearted and surface-level fasting. God

responded by giving them a sharp admonition to turn from their empty rituals, and to begin living in righteousness.

While false fasting leads us to further separation from God, as demonstrated by the audience of Isaiah 58, true fasting comes as an outpour of repentance and leads to transformation in the life of the Christian.

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

Icebreaker Question: What is one way to show love to others that you find very easy to do? And what is one way to show love to others that you find very difficult to do? In your experience, which of these do your friends/family want more for you? Why?

1. From Isaiah 58, what are characteristics of 'false fasting' and why does it displease God? What are the differences between an act being worship to God or a ritual that is empty of meaning? How can you tell if a person is engaged in 'false fasting' or 'true fasting'? Identify activities in your life that may be a 'false fast'.
2. What aspects of the Christian life are 'easier' for you and which aspects are 'harder'? In the past 3 years, what has been the most difficult thing that God has asked you to surrender to Him? Why was it so challenging to surrender this area of your life to Him?
3. How does the Gospel empower you to live a life of repentance from sin and obedience to God? Reflect on your act of surrender: How did God encourage you with the Gospel? What promises did you hold onto in order to be victorious in those areas?
4. In your own life (and in the life of your family/friends), what were some visible Biblical promises that came into fruition as a result of surrendering you life to God and repenting of sin?

### **How will you respond to God's Word this week?**

## Church Life

<b>Sun</b>	<b>Sunday School</b> 11:15am-12:30pm (various classrooms)
	<b>Adult Fellowship</b> 11:15am-12:30pm (Rooms 314/315/317)
	<b>Q&amp;A Class</b> 11:15am-12:30pm (B05B – Office Level)
	<b>Children's Sunday School</b> 11:15am-12:30pm (Check-in on 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor)
	<b>Church Incorporation Town Hall</b> 1:00pm-2:30pm (Basement)

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<b>Mon</b>	<b>Volleyball Skills Clinic</b> 7:30pm-9:30pm (Gym)
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<b>Tues</b>	<b>Men's Basketball</b> 7:00pm-10:00pm (Gym)
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<b>Wed</b>	<b>Joint Mission Prayer Meeting</b> 8:00pm-9:15pm (Main Sanctuary)
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	<b>Children's Prayer Meeting</b> 8:00pm-9:00pm (Library)
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<b>Thur</b>	<b>Career Small Groups</b> 7:30pm-9:45pm (3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor)
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<b>Fri</b>	<b>Malachi High School Fellowship</b> 7:30pm-9:45pm (Rm ?)
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	<b>Junior High School Fellowship</b> 7:30pm-9:45pm (Rm 306)
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	<b>Immanuel Career Small Group</b> 8:00pm-10:00pm (Rm 311)
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## Church Staff

<b>Acting Senior Pastor:</b>	Rev Patrick Lau <a href="mailto:patrick.lau@ntcbc.org">patrick.lau@ntcbc.org</a>
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<b>Administrator</b>	Wilman Lai <a href="mailto:admin@ntcbc.org">admin@ntcbc.org</a>

For all general questions regarding English Ministries, please send an email to Pastor Kwan or to our English Ministry Vice Chair, Derek Ma, at [derek.ma@ntcbc.org](mailto:derek.ma@ntcbc.org). If you have a general question about our church, please email Wilman Lai at [admin@ntcbc.org](mailto:admin@ntcbc.org).

## Last Week's Attendance

Cantonese - 8:15am	89
Cantonese - 11:15am	163
English – 9:45am	163
Mandarin - 8:15am	25
Mandarin - 11:15am	67
Mandarin - 3:15pm	19

## Last Week's Offering

General:	\$10,742
Mission Fund:	\$2,722
Maintenance:	\$500
Building:	\$0
Other:	\$145