

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.

Tax Receipts for 2017 Donations

Receipts for 2017 donations are now available in the foyer. For any enquiries, please contact Jennifer Kou (Church Treasurer) at jennifer.kou@ntcbc.ca

Joint Fellowship Meeting - Feb 24th

We will have potluck, music worship, and small group sharing. All are welcomed. Registration will be from Jan 21 to Feb 18. For details and to register, please email Justin Ge at jointfellowship@ntcbc.org

Welcome Lunch March 4th @ 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!

Condolence

To Echo Han and her family. Her mother, Jing Shi who was our member returned to be with our Lord on Feb 13. Memorial Service was held on Feb 17.

Church Office

Will be closed tomorrow (Feb 19) for the Family Day holiday.

Staff News

Vacations

- Pastor Rose from Feb 6–25
- Pastor Joanna from Feb 13–Mar 2

Emergency Leave

- Mr. Kenneth Li from Feb 16 – Mar 9

Softball Info Session on Mar 4th

With spring training just around the corner, our church plans to field a youth/adult softball team this summer.

If you are interested in participating, please attend the Info Session at 1pm in Room 102. All are welcome to join though preference will be given to students. For more information, email Ken Hung (ken.hung@protonmail.com)

Motions for Feb 25 Membership Meeting

1. Approve Jan 2018 Financial Statement.
2. Approve \$10,000 from "Repair and Maintenance" Account for a study on church building issues.
3. Approve 2018 CAMG Music Department Committee Members.
4. Approve CAMG Caleb Fellowship 2018 Committee Members.
5. Approve CAMG Canaan fellowship 2018 committee members

Children Ministry

Children 's Check Out Procedure

Parents must show the Guardian receipt to teachers/helpers to ensure a match to the Child code before a child is released.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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.

VBC 2018

Theme: Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus

Date: August 7-17

Grade: Completed SK - Grade 6

Save the dates. More detailed information to follow.



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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

February 18, 2018

9:45AM – Main Sanctuary

	This Week	Next Week
Praise & Offering	Worship Team	Worship Team
Congregational Prayer	Pastor Curtis Lai	Pastor Kwan Chan
Scripture	Galatians 2:1-10	Galatians 2:11-14
Sermon Title	Grace Driven Mission	Convenient Christianity
Speaker	Pastor Curtis Lai	Pastor Kwan Chan
Response	Worship Team	Worship Team
Benediction	Rev Patrick Lau	Rev Patrick Lau

Sunday School

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

Age Group	Class	Location
Junior High (Gr 7-8)	Pentateuch	Room 314/315
High School	Pentateuch	Room 317
Adult	Old Testament Survey	Room 102
Adult (Women only)	Genesis	Basement
All	Baptism & Membership	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

Series: Galatians – Freedom of the Christian

Freedom is defined as the power to act or speak as one wants without hindrance or restraint. The Bible says that Jesus' death on the cross has won Christians absolute freedom. If this is so, why do so many in the church view Christianity as a straitjacket, where God is restraining them from acting or speaking as they please?

The answer is that although Jesus has defeated the power of sin, many still choose to stay enslaved to sin's power, and thus refuse the transformative power of the Gospel. This sermon series explores God's promise of freedom and how we can vanquish sin's power in our lives and live as free men and women who freely and joyously worship, love, and obey our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Last week: Grace Changes Everything

The Apostle Paul presented his testimony as evidence to the legitimacy of the Gospel he preached. His claim was simple: only God can cause him to risk his life for Jesus Christ, the One whom he was previously persecuting.

God radically transformed Paul by revealing His love for him through Jesus Christ. His transformation serves as a reminder that our obedience is not fuelled by mere obligation or guilt, but by God's great love for us; God's grace fuels us to live for His glory and mission.

This week: Grace Driven Mission

The Apostle Paul was given a very specific mission from God - proclaim the Gospel to the Gentiles. Through His life we see a simple but profound reality: those who have been impacted by the gospel will live for the gospel.

We are only able to live a missional life when we have been impacted by the Gospel and empowered by the Holy Spirit to carry out God's grace driven mission for our lives.

Study Questions for Small Groups & Fellowships

1. According to Paul, what does it mean to 'run the race'? How do we measure whether we are running the race well? How can one be disqualified from the race?
2. Review the concept of the 'sacred-secular divide' and brainstorm how this worldview can be damaging to a Christian's life. What do you tend to label as 'secular' and how does this mind-set affect your behaviour/attitude? How does the Gospel transform the way we think and feel about our 'sacred calling'?
3. What are some differences between general and specific callings/commands from God? How has God revealed His specific mission to His people in the New Testament? (Refer to: Galatians 2:2; Galatians 2:9; Acts 13:2-3) What are some ways that God has revealed or affirmed His specific mission for you in your life?
4. Reflect on how God has called you to specifically obey Him. Share some of the challenges & victories you are facing while trying to live out His calling. How can the faith community support you so that you can grow in your faithfulness to God's call?
5. Why do some people not live out the ministry that God has entrusted to them? How does the Gospel act as good news to the disobedient and disheartened? How does it empower us to live out the mission that God has given to us?

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

Church Life

Sun Sunday School
11:15am-12:30pm (various classrooms)

Adult Fellowship
11:15am-12:30pm (Rooms 314/315/317)

Q&A Class
11:15am-12:30pm (B05B – Office Level)

Children's Sunday School
11:15am-12:30pm (Check-in on 3rd Floor)

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

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

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

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

Thur Career Small Groups
7:30pm-9:45pm (3rd Floor)

Fri Malachi High School Fellowship
7:30pm-9:45pm (Rm 302)

Junior High School Fellowship
7:30pm-9:45pm (Rm 306)

Immanuel Career Small Group
8:00pm-10:00pm (Rm 311)

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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.ca. If you have a general question about our church, please email Wilman Lai at admin@ntcbc.org.

Last Week's Attendance

Cantonese - 8:15am	95
Cantonese - 11:15am	140
English – 9:45am	136
Mandarin - 8:15am	22
Mandarin - 11:15am	67
Mandarin - 3:15pm	20

Last Week's Offering

General:	\$7,245
Mission Fund:	\$1,587
Maintenance:	\$700
Building:	\$0
Other:	\$280