

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 church office. For any enquiries, please contact Jennifer Kou (Church Treasurer) at jennifer.kou@ntcbc.ca

Welcome Lunch March 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!

Softball Info Session on Mar 4<sup>th</sup> @1:00pm

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 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](mailto:ken.hung@protonmail.com))

Condolence

To Mr. Kenneth Li and his family. His mother, Kwai Lin Chan Li returned to be with our Lord on Feb 21.

Staff News

Vacations

- Pastor Joanna from Feb 13–Mar 2
- Pastor Cat from Mar 3–17

Emergency Leave

- Mr. Kenneth Li from Feb 16 – Mar 9

Motions for Today’s Membership Meeting

Deacon Board Update

1. Purpose of Mission Reserve Fund
2. Update on Senior Pastor Calling Process

Motions

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

VBC 2018

Theme: Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus  
Date: August 7-17  
Grade: Completed SK - Grade 6  
Registration start at March 25 (Sunday)  
For more information: [www.ntcbc.org](http://www.ntcbc.org)  
Email to [vbc@ntcbc.org](mailto:vbc@ntcbc.org) for inquires



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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 25, 2018

9:45AM – Main Sanctuary

	This Week	Next Week
Praise Leader	Preston Frederick	Pastor Curtis Lai
Scripture	Galatians 2:11-14	Galatians 2:15-3:29
Sermon Title	Convenient Christianity	Justification by Faith
Speaker	Pastor Kwan Chan	Pastor Kwan Chan
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 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.

**This week: Convenient Christianity**  
In our passage, we read of an occasion when the Apostle Paul rebuked Peter for practicing a ‘convenient Christianity’, where he acted out of a ‘fear of man’. Although his sin was dealt with properly, the damage was done: people turned away from God and people’s obedience to God was poisoned. This episode reminds us that sin damages us and those around us. It also teaches that we must lovingly confront sinners with the Gospel of Jesus Christ so that we can respond with heartfelt repentance.

Study Questions for Small Groups & Fellowships

Icebreaker: Share a time where you witnessed an athlete/a performer ‘choke’ under pressure and deliver a sub-optimal or a compromised performance.

1. Why was it wrong for Peter to separate from the Gentiles? What message was he sending to the Gentile believers in Antioch? How might an unwelcoming church environment give people a false impression of God?

2. What does it mean to ‘fear man’ and how does this fear lead one to live as a ‘Convenient Christian’? What are some life ‘pressure points’ that can cause us to compromise on our faith promise to God?

3. What were the consequences of Peter’s sin. What is the difference between a consequence of sin and a penalty for sin? How does Jesus pay for the penalty of sin and shield us from the consequences of sin? Why is compromise contagious? Reflect on how compromises in your life may have influenced those around you.

4. How did Paul respond to Peter’s sin. Why was it appropriate that Paul rebuked him publicly? What are the ingredients for Gospel-centric rebuke? How does Gospel-centric rebuke prevent someone from justifying or minimizing his/her sin? What are the dangers of merely pointing out someone’s sin without pointing him/her to the cross of Christ?

5. Spend time confessing your sin to God and then preaching the Gospel to yourself, reminding yourself of the reality that God sees your sin, knows your failures, and yet, pursues you and offers you cleansing and forgiveness.

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

Church Life

Sun	<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>Membership Meeting</b> 12:30pm-2:30pm (Basement)

Mon	<b>Volleyball Skills Clinic</b> 7:30pm-9:30pm (Gym)
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Tues	<b>Men’s Basketball</b> 7:00pm-10:00pm (Gym)
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Wed	<b>Joint Mission Prayer Meeting</b> 8:00pm-9:15pm (Main Sanctuary)
	<b>Children’s Prayer Meeting</b> 8:00pm-9:00pm (Library)

Thur	<b>Career Small Groups</b> 7:30pm-9:45pm (3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor)
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Fri	<b>Malachi High School Fellowship</b> 7:30pm-9:45pm (Rm 302)
	<b>Junior High School Fellowship</b> 7:30pm-9:45pm (Rm 306)
	<b>Immanuel Career Small Group</b> 8:00pm-10:00pm (Rm 311)

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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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](mailto:derek.ma@ntcbc.ca). 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	86
Cantonese - 11:15am	158
English – 9:45am	181
Mandarin - 8:15am	15
Mandarin - 11:15am	53
Mandarin - 3:15pm	13

Last Week’s Offering

General:	\$15,396
Mission Fund:	\$7,345
Maintenance:	\$930
Building:	\$120
Other:	\$55