

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

NTCBC Easter Events

Mar 30, 4:00pm English Good Friday Service
Mar 30, 7:30pm Chinese Good Friday Service
Apr 1, 2:00pm Easter Baptism

Senior Pastor Calling

After months of prayers, the Deacon Board has affirmed the calling of a Senior Pastor candidate with membership affirmation vote to be taken in March 25th membership meeting.

Prayer Meetings for Senior Pastor Calling

Date: Sat, March 24
Time: 8am-9am
Location: Mezzanine Sanctuary

Today's Special Membership Meeting

During this meeting, we will be reviewing the candidate's biography with the membership.
Time: 2pm-3pm
Location: Main Sanctuary

Welcome Lunch April 8th @ 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!

Jiang-Xi Gospel Exchange & English Camp (July 19-31, 2018)

Applications for this STM team will be accepted starting in April for the whole month. Application form is available at the office.
See Rev. Lau or Cindy Chan for details.

NTCBC Softball

The deadline to signup for the softball team has been extended to Sunday March 18. If you are interested in joining, please contact Ken Hung at ken.hung@protonmail.com by today.

Children Ministry

Easter Celebration Event

The Easter Scavenger Hunt
Date : Sunday, April 1, 11:15am - 12:30pm
For more information, Contact Winnie Lai (poon_win@hotmail.com)

VBC 2018

Theme: Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus
Date: August 7-17
Grade: Completed SK - Grade 6
Registration start at March 25
For more information: www.ntcbc.org
Email to vlc@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

March 18, 2018

9:45AM – Main Sanctuary

	This Week	Next Week
Praise Leader	Gordon Chiu	Preston Frederick
Scripture	Galatians 2:15-21	Galatians 4:1-7
Sermon Title	Faith Changes Us	Sons, not Slaves
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 sermon: Only Faith Matters

One of the fundamental beliefs of Christianity is that Christians are justified by faith in Christ. To have faith in Christ means to have a belief that empowers new life lived for God's glory and purposes; faith in Christ leads to life in Christ. This fundamental doctrine has an incredibly practical application: we can all come to God, regardless of what state we are in, and know we are welcomed into His family, not by our merit, but by His gracious invitation.

This week: Faith Changes Us

The only thing we need to do in order to be saved from the penalty of our sins is to exercise faith in Christ. The faith we exercise for our salvation is the same faith that empowers us to live for God; Faith in Christ will always produce life in Christ. For our exercise of faith is an invitation for the Holy Spirit to take up residence in our lives, where He will empower us to live for Christ by producing in us a growing love for Christ.

Study Questions for Small Groups & Fellowships

Icebreaker: Share an act of love that you performed that was totally outside of your normal character

1. Review the meaning of justification by faith. How does this differ from justification by merit?
2. Why will faith in Christ always leads to life in Christ? Compare the difference between the Roman Catholic understanding of baptism with a Biblical understanding of faith. In our culture today, where do you see hints of 'justification by merit', and where do you see hints of 'dead faith'?
3. What does it mean for Christ to live in us and for us to live for Him? What does it mean to have a self-centred faith? Brainstorm potential drawbacks to thinking that Jesus' death and resurrection was solely for the purpose of rescuing us from hell?
4. Two natural responses to the truth that 'Faith in Christ leads to life in Christ' are rejection & discouragement. Read Gal 2:20; 3:2-3, 19 and prepare a Gospel-centered response to each party.
5. What is the connection between faith and empowered Christian living? Review the concept of 'grace-driven effort' and discuss how we can 'stir one another towards good works'.

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 3 rd Floor)
	Special Membership Meeting 2:00pm-3:00pm (Main Sanctuary)
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Mon	Volleyball Skills Clinic 7:30pm-9:30pm (Gym)
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Tues	Men's Basketball 7:00pm-10:00pm (Gym)
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Wed	Prayer Meeting 8:00pm-9:00pm (3 rd Floor)
	Children's Prayer Meeting 8:00pm-9:00pm (Library)
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Thur	Career Small Groups 7:30pm-9:45pm (3 rd Floor)
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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)

Church Staff

Acting Senior Pastor:	Rev Patrick Lau patrick.lau@ntcbc.org
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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	144
English – 9:45am	161
Mandarin - 8:15am	27
Mandarin - 11:15am	68
Mandarin - 3:15pm	18

Last Week's Offering

General:	\$8,385
Mission Fund:	\$2,802
Maintenance:	\$520
Building:	\$200
Other:	\$470