

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.

Prayer Meetings for Senior Pastor Calling

Date: Sat, March 31, April 7, 14, 21

Time: 8am-9am

Location: Mezzanine Sanctuary

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

Good Friday Service from 4:00pm-5:30pm

Come join us on Mar 30th to celebrate the love of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Three sisters will be sharing about the difference that Jesus has made in their lives, and we will also be having a time of music worship. Child care will be provided.

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.

Staff News

Vacation – Mr. Wilman Lai from Mar30 – Apr04

Motions for Today's Membership Meeting

Deacon Board Update :

Update on Senior Pastor calling

Motions :

1. Approve Feb 2018 Financial Statement
2. Approve an addition of \$5,000 IT budget for network infrastructure and computer equipment
3. Approve request for membership transfer in from Sophie Deng
4. Approve membership application from candidates for April 1 baptism service:
 - Mandarin Congregation : Zhi Cheng Duan, Lynn Lin, Jing Hui Li, Ada Yu, Jing Jian, Pu Jiang Li, Cynthia Chu
 - Cantonese Congregation : May Liu
 - English Congregation : Elise Wan, Hilary Deng, Amanda Yee
5. Approve the 2018 salary recommendation from S&B Committee for pastoral team
6. Approve the 2018 salary recommendation from S&B Committee for non-pastoral staff.
7. Approve the effective date for 2018 Salary recommendations for pastoral and non-pastoral staff

Report for Winnie Yau to transfer membership out to Markham Chinese Baptist Church.

Children Ministry

Easter Celebration Event

The Easter Scavenger Hunt

Date : Sunday, April 1, 11:15am - 12:30pm

For more information, Contact Winnie Lai

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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 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

March 25, 2018

9:45AM – Main Sanctuary

	This Week	Next Week
Praise Leader	Preston Frederick	Pastor Curtis Lai
Scripture	Galatians 4:1-11	Galatians 4:1-31
Sermon Title	Sons, not Slaves	Killer Instinct
Speaker	Pastor Kwan Chan	Pastor Kwan Chan

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: 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.

This week: Sons, not Slaves

Jesus Christ offers everyone adoption into God's family and release from their former life of slavery. Slavery has two forms: legalism – God's acceptance of me is based on our obedience to Him; licentiousness – I have the licence to live however I want. Both lifestyles are forms of slavery because both lead to lives of bitter disappointment and neither lead to eternal salvation. Christ has come to not only fulfil the requirements of the law, but to offer us a life of abundance in Him.

Study Questions for Small Groups & Fellowships

Icebreaker: Share a time where you tried very hard to not make a mistake, but in the process, you ended up messing up in another way.

1. Identify the main point of Paul's analogy in Gal 4:1-2. Share a personal testimony of how Christ has redeemed you from your past life.

2. What does it mean to be legalistic? Why is legalism a form of enslavement? How can legalism manifest itself in the life of a believer/non-believer? How does the Gospel oppose legalism?

3. What was the former lifestyle and religious beliefs of the Galatians? What are some similarities between their worship of the Greek gods and our current societal values/pursuits? Define licentiousness and discuss how it too is a form of slavery. How does the Gospel oppose licentiousness?

4. Identify the two elementary principles from our passage. Why are both considered 'elementary' and how are both damaging to one's soul? Examine our church culture to see which elementary principle is more dominant in your current peer-group, as well as the demographic 10 years older/younger, and note any patterns/shifts in beliefs & behaviour.

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)

Membership Monthly Meeting
1:00pm-3:00pm (Basement)

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

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

Wed Joint Mission Prayer Meeting
8:00pm-9:00pm (Main Sanctuary)

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	96
Cantonese - 11:15am	175
English – 9:45am	169
Mandarin - 8:15am	22
Mandarin - 11:15am	70
Mandarin - 3:15pm	21

Last Week's Offering

General:	\$16,189
Mission Fund:	\$2,085
Maintenance:	\$750
Building:	\$70
Other:	\$460