

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.

Easter Baptism Service @2pm

Join us as we witness 11 men & women testify to their faith in Christ through the sacrament of Baptism.

Prayer Meetings for Senior Pastor Calling

Date: Sat, April 7, 14, 21

Time: 8am-9am

Location: Mezzanine 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 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.

Roma STM (Romania & Macedonia)

Orientation Session:

Date: Sunday April 15 @ 2 pm

Where: Richmond Hill Christian Community Church Room B34 (9670 Bayview Ave.)

For more information please contact Loraine Chan at loraineychan@yahoo.ca

Staff/Office News

Vacation

- Pastor Kwan Chan from Apr03 – 14

- Mr. Wilman Lai from Mar30 – Apr04

Office will be closed on Monday, Apr 2

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

Children Ministry

Children Morning Schedule

Children's Worship (9:45am - 11:00am)

- Drop off on 3rd floor

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

- 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.

Teacher Training

Date : Sunday, April 08, 22 & 29

Location : Room 306

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 vbcb@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

April 01, 2018

9:45AM – Main Sanctuary

	This Week	Next Week
Praise Leader	Pastor Curtis Lai	Clement Phuong
Scripture	Galatians 4:1-31	Galatians 5:1-15
Sermon Title	Choose to be Free	The Freedom of the Christian Part 1
Speaker	Pastor Kwan Chan	Pastor Curtis Lai
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: 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.

This week: Choose to be Free

The Bible calls Christians to live in obedience to God as an expression of their love for and faith in Him. The Apostle Paul girds this commandment with two encouragements. First, all of God's commands are rooted in His love for us, and therefore, doing His will leads to an increase in our experience of love and life. Second, obedience to His commandment is done out of a heart of love that the Holy Spirit works in you, not out of coercion or slavery.

Study Questions for Small Groups & Fellowships

Icebreaker: Who is someone you admire and aspire to be like? Why?

1. What does Paul mean when he wrote, "become as I am"? How does the call to imitate your leaders (and to be a model to imitate) connect with Jesus' call for us to make disciples of all nations? How can this command be misunderstood or misappropriated in our churches today?

2. What does Paul mean when he wrote, "I also have become as you are"? What barriers do Christians need to cross today? What sacrifices to we need to make in order to bring the Gospel to our friends/family?

3. Describe Paul's relationship with the Christians in Galatia. Why did Paul emphasize their relationship in the midst of a theological discussion? How does the reality of God's love for us colour our understanding of His commands to us? How can Christians better demonstrate God's love to those outside the church so that the medium matches the message?

4. Connect Paul's understanding of the Old Testament to his overall message to the Galatians. Explain why legalism is a form of slavery and how Christians can fall into a legalistic mind-set/attitude. Reflect on how legalism robs Christians of joy and how the Gospel counters the false doctrine of legalism.

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 Easter Celebration
11:15am-12:30pm (Check-in on 3rd Floor)

Baptism Service
2:00pm-3:15pm (Sanctuary)

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

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

Wed Prayer Meeting
8:00pm-9:00pm (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	94
Cantonese - 11:15am	181
English – 9:45am	140
Mandarin - 8:15am	31
Mandarin - 11:15am	52
Mandarin - 3:15pm	15

Last Week's Offering

General:	\$14,204
Mission Fund:	\$5,602
Maintenance:	\$750
Building:	\$0
Other:	\$430