

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.

Membership Monthly Meeting

There will be special arrangement for April membership (members only) meeting:

12:30pm -1:30pm Membership Lunch
1:40pm – 3:00pm - Membership Meeting

Please note members are required to be present in person by 1:40pm to participate in the affirmation voting on Senior Pastor Calling. Proxy votes will be accepted after 1:50 pm from any attending members who need to leave before the official vote count. Please continue to pray that God's will be done in this important motion.

Motions

1. To affirm the calling of Reverend Dr. Bernard Sin as Senior Pastor of NTCBC.
2. To approve March 2018 Financial Statements.
3. To approve membership transfer requests from Connie Liu, Daniel Chun and Wilson Chang to Melville Mission.
4. To approve an addition of \$2,200 to F&E Budget for 2 table-tennis tables.
5. To approve MMG John Fellowship Committee Members.
6. To approve MMG Paul Fellowship Committee Members.
7. To approve MMG Joseph Fellowship Committee Members.
8. To approve MMG Jonathan Fellowship Committee Members.
9. To approve Mandarin Summer Retreat Committee
- 10.To approve new Mandarin Sunday School teachers: Franklin Liu, James Dong, Rain Feng
- 11.To approve S&B Salary recommendation for Senior Pastor

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.

Condolences

Mr. Yuk Wing Raymond Chiu, member of our church and father of our sisters Peggy Yuen and Priscilla Chiu, passed away peacefully to be with the Lord on April 15th in Toronto.

Funeral service will be held at R.S. Kane Funeral Home, 6150 Yonge St, North York on Sat., Apr 28th. Visitation: 9:30-10:30am, Service: 10:30-11:30am.

Our deepest condolences to Peggy, Priscilla and their families.

Children Ministry

Teacher Training

Today Children's Ministry teachers training - Children spiritual formation will starts at 2:15 PM in Room 306

Classroom management : April 29
Time : 1:30pm – 3:00pm
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 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		9:45AM – Main Sanctuary
April 22, 2018		
	This Week	Next Week
Praise Leader	Preston Frederick	Pastor Curtis Lai
Scripture	Galatians 6:1-5	Galatians 6:6-10
Sermon Title	Keep Watch	Worth it
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: The Freedom of the Christian
In Galatians 5:1-15, Paul urges the church in Galatia to exercise the freedom that they have through Christ and to no longer submit to a yoke of slavery. Through several exhortations, he ultimately encourages them to live out their freedom through loving service to one another. As Christians become increasingly more aware of the absolute freedom they have in Christ, they are naturally led to fulfill the two greatest commandments - to love God and love others.

This week: Keep Watch
The Holy Spirit works in the hearts of Christians so that we will love God more and will desire to obey His commands. One of the commands that we are given is to lead one another to live a lifestyle of repentance. God not only commands us, but His Spirit empowers us to do this work. Therefore, we are to commit ourselves to a local church body where we regularly confess our sins to one another, pray for one another, and walk with one another towards spiritual wholeness.

Study Questions for Small Groups & Fellowships
Icebreaker: Think of a time where someone helped you by pointing out a flaw, mistake, or oversight.

1. What is the connection between Christ’s work on the cross and Christian obedience. Why is it important to root Gospel activity in Gospel reality?
2. How does bearing one another’s sin ‘fulfil the Law of Christ’? What are some obstacles that prevent members from participating in the ministry of spiritual restoration? What is preventing you from participating in the ministry of spiritual restoration?
3. Explain how the command to ‘bear one another’s burden’ and the reality that ‘we each bear our own load’ are complementary and not contradictory. What are some ways that you can test the genuineness of your faith in Christ? How can your small group help you keep watch over your soul?
4. What is the Holy Spirit’s role in the ministry of restoration? How should a recognition of the Spirit’s role affect your activity as a group? Brainstorm different ways your group can augment your meeting times in order to magnify the Spirit’s participation in your gatherings.
5. In light of the emphasis on accountability and prayer, set aside at least 30min this week to share and pray with another believer (use the Personal Prayer Request Page as a guide for your sharing).

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 (Basement) Q&A Class 11:15am-12:30pm (B05B – Office Level) April Membership Monthly Meeting 1:40pm-3:00pm (Main Sanctuary)
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-9:15pm (Main Sanctuary) Children’s Prayer Meeting 8:00pm-9:00pm (Library)
Thur	Career Small Groups 7:30pm-9:45pm (3 rd 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)

Church Staff

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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	-
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English – 9:45am	-
Mandarin - 8:15am	-
Mandarin - 11:15am	-
Mandarin - 3:15pm	-

Last Week’s Offering

General:	\$ -
Mission Fund:	\$ -
Maintenance:	\$ -
Building:	\$ -
Other:	\$ -