

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.

Welcome Lunch May 6 @ 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!

New Sunday School Term

This upcoming term, we will be offering the following courses:

New Testament Survey
A Study on the Epistle to the Romans
New Testament Survey (High School)
Apologetics (Junior High)

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

Mrs. Sheung Lam, mother of our brother Vincent Lam passed away peacefully to be with the Lord on Saturday April 21st in Toronto. Our deepest condolences to Vincent and the Lam's family. Here are the funeral & service arrangements:.

Location: York Cemetery and Funeral Centre,
[160 Beecroft Rd, North York](#)

Visitation: May 1st (Tuesday) 4-8pm;
May 2nd (Wednesday) 1-2pm

Service: May 2nd (Wednesday) 2pm

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

Reclaim Yonge - Walk Of Healing & Solidarity - Sunday April 29th

- 5:00pm Gather for announcement at church in the mezzanine sanctuary
- 5:15pm Walk over to Oliver Park
- 5:30pm Join the Prayer-walk
- 7:00pm Dismiss at Mel Lastman Square

Children Ministry

Teacher Training

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

VBC 2018 Volunteering

VBC this year will be held on August 7th - 17th. If you're interested in helping out as a volunteer, applications are now open! Please send an email to volunteer@ntcbc.ca if you would like to apply. Both full time (2 weeks or full day) and part time (1 week or half-day) volunteers are welcome!



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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 29, 2018

9:45AM – Main Sanctuary

	This Week	Next Week
Praise Leader	Pastor Curtis Lai	Clement Phuong
Scripture	Galatians 6:6-10	Galatians 6:11-18
Sermon Title	Worth it	Making it Count
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: 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.

This week: Worth It

Every person who has faith in Christ is called to live his/her life as an expression of worship to Him and as a vessel of love and kindness to others. The promise for those who have faith is that they will reap eternal life. In light of this glorious promise, God encourages us to not grow weary in doing good, and He promises to walk alongside us and to help us to worship Him and to do good to our neighbour.

Study Questions for Small Groups & Fellowships

Icebreaker: Share about the best investment you've ever made (either in something or someone).

1. What does it mean to 'sow to the Spirit'? Read Matt 28:18-20 and make the connection between sowing to the Spirit and Jesus' commission to His followers. In light of the above, define 'sowing to the flesh'. Why is it important to have a robust definition of what it means to sow to the Spirit before we define what it means to sow to the flesh?

2. Describe a Biblical portrait of eternal life (using John 17:3 as a base). Contrast this description of eternal life with Christian popular theology's understanding of heaven? Discuss the elements of eternal life that we are able to experience in this life. How does this newfound understanding of eternal life influence your understanding of Gal 6:7-8?

3. What does it mean that 'God will not be mocked', and that 'we will reap what we sow'? Describe God's role in shaping who we are and what we do (Phil 2:12-13; Romans 1:18-32). Take time to reflect upon areas of your life that God is calling you to repent of so that you can experience an increase of His grace to you.

4. Identify two words of encouragement that God gives to His children. What wearies you most when you are working to sow to the Spirit? How can you be used as a vessel to encourage your brothers & sisters to persevere in doing good, even when it's hard?

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)

Reclaim Yonge – Prayer Walk
5:00pm-7:00pm (mezzanine sanctuary)

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

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

Wed Joint Fasting 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 (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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Last Week's Attendance

Cantonese - 8:15am	106
Cantonese - 11:15am	196
English – 9:45am	184
Mandarin - 8:15am	26
Mandarin - 11:15am	64
Mandarin - 3:15pm	14

Last Week's Offering

General:	\$ 29,443
Mission Fund:	\$ 6,930
Maintenance:	\$ 1,400
Building:	\$ 400
Other:	\$ 500