

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 Today @ 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)

CIEC 4th Town Hall

Date/Time: May 27 after membership meeting
Discussion Topic: Deacon Board changes

Saturday Church Prayer Meeting

Theme: Renewal & Revival
Time: 8am-9am
Location: Mezzanine Sanctuary

Children Ministry

Teacher Training

Classroom management : May 6
Time : 1:30pm – 3:00pm
Location : Room 314/315

Plan to Protect

May 27th (Sunday), 1:30 pm
Location : Mezzanine Sanctuary
This is a mandatory training for people who serve in Children's and youth ministries.

VBC 2018

Theme: Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus
Date: August 7-17
Grade: Completed SK - Grade 6
Registration start at March 25
Registration table hours: 11:00 am - 11:30 am; 12: 30 pm - 1:00 pm
or drop it to the church office.
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

May 6, 2018

9:45AM – Main Sanctuary

	This Week	Next Week
Praise Leader	Clement Phuong	Gordon Chiu
Scripture	Galatians 6:11-18	Luke 12:22-34
Sermon Title	Making it Count	Seek the Kingdom
Speaker	Pastor Kwan Chan	Pastor Curtis Lai

Sunday School

January to April 2018 | 11:15am – 12:30pm

Age Group	Class	Location
Junior High (Gr 7-8)	Apologetics	Room 314 / 315
High School	New Testament Survey	Room 317
Adult	New Testament Survey	Room 102
Adult	Romans	Basement

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: 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.

This week: Marked for Christ

Paul concludes his letter to the Galatians by reiterating three main points: the false teachers are liars; the Gospel (the only thing that matters) is that we are a new creation as a result of our faith in Christ; he is a legitimate servant that has suffered much for Jesus Christ. Paul's life ought to cause us to reflect on Jesus' call to His followers: We are to deny ourselves, take up our cross daily, and follow Him; Jesus has called us to suffer for the sake of His glory.

Bible Study for Small Groups & Fellowships

Icebreaker: Share about an injury you sustained and what this injury reveals about your character/personality.

1. According to Paul, why should the Galatians ignore the teachings of the 'false teachers'? What are the pitfalls of making an 'ad hominem' argument when trying to prove your point? When receiving correction from someone, do you separate that person's character from what he/she says to you? Why/why not?

2. Through our passage and with help from Gal 2:15-21, summarize Paul's explanation of the true Gospel of Jesus Christ. How does it differ from the teachings of the false teachers (Acts 15:1)? Why should we engage in good works if they do not 'count for anything'? Examine your own life and determine the top 3 reasons as to why you obey God.

3. Read Gal 6:17; Acts 14:19; 2 Corinthians 11:16-29 and describe what Paul means by 'the marks of Jesus'. How are the marks on Paul's body different from the mark of circumcision (both are external markers)? Identify other false external markers of faith. In what ways have you avoided suffering for your faith?

4. Do you think that there is something wrong with not experiencing hardship for your faith? Why/why not?

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)

Welcome Lunch
12:30pm-1:30pm (Basement)

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

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

Wed Prayer Meeting
8:00pm-9:15pm (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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Last Week's Attendance

Cantonese - 8:15am	99
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English – 9:45am	184
Mandarin - 8:15am	20
Mandarin - 11:15am	61
Mandarin - 3:15pm	11

Last Week's Offering

General:	\$ 16,900
Mission Fund:	\$ 3,599
Maintenance:	\$ 1,070
Building:	\$ 200
Other:	\$ 340