

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.

Next Welcome Lunch: Jun 3rd

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

Condolences

Mr. Kwong Tong Tony Chan, member of our church, husband of Chun Chue Law Chan and father of Florence Chan, passed away peacefully to be with the Lord on May 12 in Toronto.

Our deepest condolences to Chun Chue Law Chan, Florence Chan and their families.

Children Ministry

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

9:45AM – Main Sanctuary

May 13, 2018

	This Week	Next Week
Praise Leader	Gordon Chiu	Preston Frederick
Scripture	Luke 12:22-34	Psalms 95
Sermon Title	Seek the Kingdom	Pentecost Sunday
Speaker	Pastor Curtis Lai	Pastor Kwan Chan
Lord's Table	Rev Patrick Lau	--

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

Last Sermon Series: Galatians

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.

This week: Seek the Kingdom

Jesus teaches that life consists of more than satisfying our earthly needs and maximizing our worldly treasures. While those around us may worry about such things, Christians are called to seek God’s kingdom as our greatest priority in life and to trust in His provision. Our Heavenly Father promises promise us that when we seek His Kingdom first, we will behold His goodness and be empowered by His love and grace to live lives of worship.

Bible Study for Small Groups & Fellowships

Icebreaker: Share about a time where you felt anxious. How did you overcome your anxiety?

1. In the parable of the rich fool (vv.13-21) what was the rich man most concerned about? What did it reveal about his heart? How did Jesus rebuke this man? What are the things you are most anxious about in your life and what do they reveal about your heart?

2. What does Jesus tell His disciples to replace their worrying with? What does it mean to seek God’s kingdom? How is God asking you to practically seek his kingdom in your life?

3. What does Jesus point to as the underlying issue for our anxiety? How does Jesus encourage us to trust God for our needs? In your life, what are some ways that God has demonstrated his provision and trustworthiness?

4. Read through Luke 9:23-25, 62. What does God ask for from those who seek his kingdom? What are some of the costs, and what are some of the blessings, that you have experienced in seeking and living for God’s kingdom?

5. In our passage, what is the ultimate encouragement that Jesus gives us in seeking God’s kingdom (v.32)? How have you experienced this encouragement in your own life? How does the good news of the Gospel help shift our focus from worrying to worship?

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)

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	101
Cantonese - 11:15am	171
English – 9:45am	169
Mandarin - 8:15am	20
Mandarin - 11:15am	62
Mandarin - 3:15pm	12

Last Week’s Offering

General:	\$ 17,202
Mission Fund:	\$ 5,300
Maintenance:	\$ 700
Building:	\$ 200
Other:	\$ 250