

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.

CIEC 4th Town Hall

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

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!

Saturday Church Prayer Meeting

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

Membership Monthly Meeting on May 27

1. To approve April 2018 Financial Statements.
2. To approve membership transfer requests from Jianguo Xu, Jinni Liu, Jonathan Zhang and Joy Chen.

Chinese & Mandarin Class Recruitment

Recruit teachers/ helpers in both Chinese and Mandarin Class. Contact Daniel Wong (wongdaniel111@gmail.com) for more information

New Senior Pastor

Rev. Bernard Sin has been affirmed as our new Senior Pastor and he will be joining this faith family on June 1st, 2018. His telephone extension is x216 and he can be reached via email at bernard.sin@ntcbc.org

Church Office

Church Office will be closed on May 21 for the Victoria Day holiday.

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 vlc@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

May 20, 2018

9:45AM – Main Sanctuary

	This Week	Next Week
Praise Leader	Preston Frederick	Pastor Curtis Lai
Scripture	Psalms 9	Acts 4:23-37
Sermon Title	Sing Your Heart Out	Community Care
Speaker	Pastor Kwan Chan	Pastor Kwan Chan

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: Sing Your Heart Out

Corporate singing is not a suggestion, but an obligation that we have to our Lord and King, Jesus Christ. The good news is that God is beautiful and majestic, and when we experience His goodness, we are naturally inclined to sing to Him. Therefore, singing praises to God is both a responsibility and a response. The good news of the Bible is that, as we sing Gospel truths and humble prayers, God will hear, encounter us, and bring healing and restoration to our lives.

Bible Study for Small Groups & Fellowships

Icebreaker: Share about an exciting experience from the past year.

1. Identify passages that highlight God's command for us to sing to Him as a corporate body. Brainstorm some obstacles that may prevent someone from obeying God's call to sing to Him on Sunday morning. Reflect on the distractions that are hindering you from obeying the command to sing.

2. Identify passages that highlight the reality that singing is a response to our experience of God's goodness. Brainstorm some obstacles that may prevent someone from experiencing God's strength, faithfulness, and compassion. Reflect on how you have personally experienced God work in your life. Think about the changes that you may need to make in order to encounter God more regularly.

3. What are some of the attributes of God that are highlighted in this Psalm? Read Romans 1:16 and discuss why it is important to sing songs that are filled with Gospel truths. Why would churches choose to sing songs that contain diluted theology & truths about God? Do you believe that there is a place for these types of songs to be sung on Sunday morning? Why or why not?

4. Reflect on whether you struggle more with singing praise as a responsibility or as a response. Spend time confessing and repenting of the obstacles/idols that are preventing you from singing. Ask the Holy Spirit to renew your love for God and for a fresh encounter with Him so that you will be moved to joyously sing to Him.

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)

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	100
Cantonese - 11:15am	161
English – 9:45am	161
Mandarin - 8:15am	25
Mandarin - 11:15am	88
Mandarin - 3:15pm	13

Last Week's Offering

General:	\$ 12,959
Mission Fund:	\$ 2,767
Maintenance:	\$ 370
Building:	\$ 0
Other:	\$ 140