

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 5th Town Hall on Jul 15th

Time: 1:00-3:30pm

Location: Church Basement

Discussion Topic: Pastoral Team and Executive Board changes

English Ministry Town Hall - July 29th

English Ministry will be hosting a Town Hall from 12:30-2:00pm in the church basement.

We will be providing a ministry review over changes implemented since our last town hall and also share updates being made for our Small Groups/Fellowship structure starting Sept 2018. Members are encouraged to attend, hear how God has been directing us as a leadership and also provide feedback as we implement new exciting changes.

Lunch will be provided and is free. No formal childcare is planned, but the gym is open for them to interact with each other and our wonderful selection of sports balls.

Chinese & Mandarin Class Recruitment

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

Music Ministry – Help Wanted!

The music ministry is looking for more musicians for the 2018-2019 ministry year. If you are interested, please email Gordon Chiu at (gordonkchiu@gmail.com).

Staff News

Pastor Rose is on sick leave from Jun 8 – Aug 31
Mr. Wilman Lai is on vacation from July 6 – 22.

Urbana 2018 - Discern Your Place in God's Global Mission December 27-31, 2018

God uses Urbana to reveal his glory and to call generations to surrender to Christ's lordship. Urbana is a sacred space where students find calling and join the Lord's global mission across campuses, zip codes, or the world. During this five-day conference, participants engage in a kaleidoscope of experiences including 16,000-person worship sessions, Bible exposition, messages and seminars, manuscript Bible studies, testimonies from the global church, and prayer ministry.

MM Meeting on Jul 22nd

Deacon Board Update :

- a. The departure of Pastor Joanna Ip from NTCBC

Motions

- a. To approve June 2018 Financial Statement
- b. To approve membership Transfer-in application from Paula Soo, Felix He and Silvia Wang
- c. To approve Arnold Wong as the Cantonese Sunday School teacher
- d. To approve transfer \$50,000 from reserve fund to general fund for covering the general fund deficit

Children Ministry

Need for Volunteers

There is currently a shortage of volunteers for VBC (both adults/youth). Please pray for God to call more men and women to serve in this ministry. If you feel called to serve, please contact Pastor Cat for more information.

VBC Volunteers Training on Jul 22nd

Sunday July 22, 1:30 to 3:00 at Room 306.

Plan to Protect Training on Jul 29th

Sunday, July 29. 1:30 -3:30 at Mezzanine Sanctuary. Sign up on the 3rd floor children's ministry bulletin board. For more information, contact Pastor Cat.



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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

July 15, 2018

9:45AM – Main Sanctuary

| | This Week | Next Week |
|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Praise Leader | Preston Frederick | Pastor Curtis Lai |
| Scripture | Ecclesiastes 1:1-11 | Ecclesiastes 2:1-11 |
| Sermon Title | Look Beyond the Sun | Comfort Idolatry |
| Speaker | Pastor Kwan Chan | Pastor Kwan Chan |

Sunday School

11:15am – 12:30pm

| Age Group | Class | Location |
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| 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

Sermon Series: Life Under the Son

In this sermon series, we will be exploring God's call for our church and what our life looks like as we live under the sovereign rule of God's Son, Jesus Christ. We will be preaching through the different elements of our English Ministry mission statement: to fulfil God's Great Commandment and Commission by nurturing members to be Word-based, prayer-driven disciple makers and evangelists. We will also be studying the book of Ecclesiastes to identify major obstacles that prevent us from faithfully living out God's purpose for our lives.

Last Sermon: Nurture with the Word

We are instructed to nurture fellow believers by preaching the Word of God. Every member has a responsibility to preach the Word. While the pastor preaches from the pulpit, all have a responsibility to preach the Word in their personal interactions where we are to reprove, rebuke, and exhort one another. Our passage informs us that in order for nurture to occur, we must lean on the Spirit to patiently preach and teach and to humbly submit to the preaching of our brothers and sisters.

This week: Look Beyond the Sun

Ecclesiastes is a book of reflections from an old man looking back on his youth with regret. His regret was that he had squandered much of his youth, living a life 'under the sun' and largely ignoring His God. The introduction and conclusion of the book serve as a summation of his reflections, with the introduction elaborating on the futility of a life lived 'under the sun', while the conclusion summarizes the advice of the Preacher: fear God and obey Him.

Bible Study for Small Groups & Fellowships

LEAN IN: Icebreaker

1. Share about a regrettable experience and a lesson that you learned from it?

LOOK DOWN: Read the Scriptures and Answer
2. Read Eccl 1:1-11 and identify the reasons why the Preacher says 'all is vanity'. Summarize these 11 verses in your own words.

3. What does it mean to 'fear God'? How does Eccl 12:13-14 enhance your understanding of what it means to live 'under the sun'? Why does the Preacher consider a life under the sun vanity?

4. Read Eccl 12:13-14 and identify all the motivations that one has to obey God. How do these motivations work together to encourage godly living? Which of these motivates you to obey/serve God? Which of these do not really motivate you? Why?

LOOK OUT: Discuss

5. What is something that you consider a waste of time? Why it is a waste of time? How does our society inform us on how to spend our time? Are there any similarities or differences with the teachings in Ecclesiastes?

LOOK IN: Reflect & Share

6. Every person has 168 hours/week. How do you spend your hours? How would you adjust your time-allocation so that your life would better reflect a life that 'fears and obeys God'?

LIVE IT OUT: Respond to God's Word

7. Share about one area in your life that you deem to be a waste of time. Make plans to prayerfully excise this area from your life. Ask your small group members to be praying for you as well.

8. With the time you will create, share how you can grow in your obedience to God.

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)

CIEC Town Hall
1:00pm-3:30pm (Church 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)

Church Staff

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Last Week's Attendance

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| Cantonese - 8:15am | 114 |
| Cantonese - 11:15am | 167 |
| English – 9:45am | 165 |
| Mandarin - 8:15am | 24 |
| Mandarin - 11:15am | 71 |
| Mandarin - 3:15pm | 14 |

Last Week's Offering

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| General: | \$ 19,180 |
| Mission Fund: | \$ 4,680 |
| Maintenance: | \$ 1,415 |
| Building: | \$ 500 |
| Other: | \$ 2,650 |