

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.

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).

Condolence

Mr. Samuel Shum, member of our church, returned to be with our Lord on Jul 20.

Staff News

Rev. Patrick Lau is on vacation from July 24 - 27
Mr. Wilman Lai is on vacation from July 6 – 22.
Pastor Rose is on sick leave from Jun 8 – Aug 31

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 today

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 today @ 1:30pm

Meet in Room 306. Training ends at 3:30pm

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 22, 2018

9:45AM – Main Sanctuary

	This Week	Next Week
Praise Leader	Pastor Curtis Lai	Clement Phuong
Scripture	Ecclesiastes 2:1-11	Ecclesiastes 2:12-17
Sermon Title	Happy in Jesus	Control Idolatry
Speaker	Pastor Kwan Chan	Pastor Curtis Lai

Sunday School

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

Sermon Series: Life Under the Sun

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: 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.

This week: Happy in Jesus

The pursuit of happiness is highly valued by our society. However, the author of Ecclesiastes says that while happiness is a good gift from God, it is a bad compass and guide that leads us to fleeting pleasure and away from God and His good purposes. As Christians, we are reminded that happiness is a by-product of our pursuit after God, who desires that we find our happiness and enjoyment in Him and not from our pursuit after self-centered indulgence.

Bible Study for Small Groups & Fellowships

LEAN IN: Icebreaker

1. How has procrastination negatively impacted you and those around you?

LOOK DOWN: Read the Scriptures and Answer
2. Read Ecclesiastes 1:12-14; 2:1, 4-10. Identify the reason the Preacher pursued a life of pleasure and how he tested his heart with pleasure. What are modern-day equivalents to the pleasure-centers described by the Preacher?

3. Read Ecclesiastes 2:2, 11. Why is the pursuit of pleasure 'vanity'? Read Eccl 7:26 & Mark 4:18-20. How do these passages describe those who pursue happiness as their highest goal?

4. Read Ecclesiastes 2:4-6, 10, 24-25. What is the connection between work and happiness? Read Ecclesiastes 12:13. Explain the Preacher's advice on how one should pursue happiness. How does the Gospel complement the Preacher's advice?

LOOK OUT: Discuss

5. What pitfalls have you observed as our society has promoted personal happiness as a high ideal? How can one experience personal happiness in a manner that positively affects others?

LOOK IN: Reflect & Share

6. What aspects of the Christian life brings you the most joy?

7. What changes do you need to make in order to experience greater happiness in Jesus? What will it cost you to make those changes?

LIVE IT OUT: Respond to God's Word

8. Identify one pursuit of personal happiness that has negatively impacted your relationship with God and with others. Make plans to prayerfully excise this from your life.

9. Identify how you plan on increasing your joy in Christ

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)

Membership Meeting
1:00pm-3:00pm (Church Basement)

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

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

Wed Mission 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

Cantonese - 8:15am	126
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English – 9:45am	185
Mandarin - 8:15am	27
Mandarin - 11:15am	50
Mandarin - 3:15pm	15

Last Week's Offering

General:	\$ 10,699
Mission Fund:	\$ 2,625
Maintenance:	\$ 400
Building:	\$ 100
Other:	\$ 1,465