

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 today

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.

Vacation Bible Camp Aug 8-18

VBC will be August 7-17. Please remember them in your prayers. They need the parking lot for recess and activities, so those who use the parking lot on the weekdays should keep to the west and north sides as much as possible. Thank you.

Fridge & Freezer: We would appreciate if you can eliminate personal items in the fridge and freezer for these two weeks to make rooms for VBC.

Gym: All sports events at Gym will be cancelled for VBC from Jul 30- Aug 17.

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).

St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador (Oct 5-8, 2018)

Applications for this STM will be accepted from July 22 to August 19. Application form is available at the office. See Rev. Lau or Cindy Chan for details.

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.

Staff News

Pastor Rose is on sick leave from Jun 8 – Aug 31

Chinese & Mandarin Class Recruitment

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

Children Ministry

Plan to Protect Training today @ 1:30 pm

Meet at Mezzanine Sanctuary. Training ends at 3:30pm.



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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 29, 2018

9:45AM – Main Sanctuary

	This Week	Next Week
Praise Leader	Clement Phuong	Gordon Chiu
Scripture	Ecclesiastes 2:12-17 ; 9:1-12	Ecclesiastes 5:8-6:12
Sermon Title	Under Control	Power Idolatry
Speaker	Pastor Curtis Lai	Pastor Kwan Chan

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 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: 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.

This week: Under Control

The author of Ecclesiastes says that none of us really have ultimate control over the outcome of our lives. We all face death at an unforeseen time, and our lives are soon forgotten. Furthermore, events in our world seem to take place at random. What we expect to happen does not always come to pass. Christians are reminded that we are not in control, but that we worship the God who is. He alone is sovereign and trustworthy and calls us to live for Him and assures us that our lives are under His control.

Bible Study for Small Groups & Fellowships

LEAN IN: Icebreaker

1. Share a time where you were reluctant to give up control.

LOOK DOWN: Read the Scriptures and Answer

2. Read Ecclesiastes 2:12-17. What does the Preacher say about wisdom? Why does he deem the pursuit of wisdom to be vanity? What is a modern equivalent of a wise person and a foolish person?

3. Read Ecclesiastes 2:15-16; 9:11-12 and identify the main idea from these two passages. What emotions do these truths bring about in you? What does your emotional response tell you about your desire for control?

4. Read Ecclesiastes 9:7-10. What is the conclusion that the Preacher draws from his observations about life? How do the Preacher's observations help us understand the relationship between God's sovereignty and our daily activity?

LOOK OUT: Discuss

5. What does it look like when someone needs to be in control over everyone and everything? What are some negative effects of this way of living?

LOOK IN: Reflect & Share

6. How has God shown you that you can trust Him with control of your life?

7. What changes do you need to make in order to let go of control and trust God more? What will it cost you to make those changes?

LIVE IT OUT: Respond to God's Word

8. Identify one or more areas of your life that you find especially difficult to give up control to God. How is God asking you to practically trust Him more in this area of your life?

9. Identify any potential relationships that have been negatively affected by a control idol in your life and ask God to heal those relationships.

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)

English Town Hall
12:30pm-3:00pm (Church Basement)

Wed Joint Fasting Prayer Meeting
8:00pm-9:15pm (Main Sanctuary)

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)

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Last Week's Attendance

Cantonese - 8:15am	110
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English – 9:45am	157
Mandarin - 8:15am	32
Mandarin - 11:15am	59
Mandarin - 3:15pm	17

Last Week's Offering

General:	\$ 7,720
Mission Fund:	\$ 2,650
Maintenance:	\$ 610
Building:	\$ 0
Other:	\$ 40