

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.

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.

Roma STM Schedule

Date	Location	Ministries
08/10 – 18	Bahnea, Romania	Youth Camp, Outreach, Women, Health and Family Ministries
08/19 – 26	Gevgelija, Macedonia	Youth Summer Camp with Outreach Programs

Please pray for this mission.

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

Pastor Cathy will lead the Roma STM from Aug 10-26.

Rev. Sin and Pastor Joanna attending the Ezekiel & Daniel fellowships joint retreat this weekend.

Pastor Joanna's end of service by August 31.

Church Office

The church office will be closed on Mon. August 6 for the Civic Day holiday.

Chinese & Mandarin Class Recruitment

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



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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

August 5, 2018

9:45AM – Main Sanctuary

	This Week	Next Week
Praise Leader	Gordon Chiu	Preston Frederick
Scripture	Ecclesiastes 5:8-6:2	Ecclesiastes 5:1-7
Sermon Title	The Pitfalls of Power	Fear God or Fear Man
Speaker	Pastor Kwan Chan	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: 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.

This week: The Pitfalls of Power

The Bible warns us that the pursuit of power and honour distracts us from God's purposes for us. It also leads us to harm ourselves and those around us for a prize that is fleeting. As God's children, we are to give up our pursuit for personal glory and live with God as our Ultimate Authority. This means that we submit ourselves to being vessels of worship to Him and blessing to others.

Bible Study for Small Groups & Fellowships

LEAN IN: Icebreaker

1. Share a habit you had that you had much difficulty quitting. Were you glad that you quit?

LOOK DOWN: Read the Scriptures and Answer
2. Read Eccl 5:8-9. How does our passage explain the presence of corruption and oppression? Contrast the ruler with the good one and identify the primary characteristic of the wicked.

3. Read Eccl 5:10-6:2. Define what the Preacher means by 'vanity' and 'evil'. What does he consider to be 'evil' or 'vanity'? Formulate his observations into words of wisdom/advice. Would our culture agree/disagree with his advice?

4. Read Eccl 5:18-20. What is the Preacher's advice on how one ought to live? How does this advice connect to the over-arching word of wisdom in Eccl 12:13?

LOOK OUT: Discuss

5. Ecclesiastes portrays life with God and without Him in an exaggerated manner. What clarifications could you provide in order to give a more helpful portrayal of a life with/without God?

LOOK IN: Reflect & Share

6. Share a time when you were hurt by someone's pursuit after power, success, and honour.

7. What is something that is preventing you from giving up your desire for more personal acclaim and recognition?

LIVE IT OUT: Respond to God's Word

8. Ask God to reveal how the desire for power & praise manifests in your life. Ask your Small Group members to pray for strength to repent.

9. Spend extra time this week praising God, diverting all praise given to you back to Him. Let us not allow praise to terminate on us.

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)

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

Cantonese - 8:15am	125
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English – 9:45am	173
Mandarin - 8:15am	26
Mandarin - 11:15am	54
Mandarin - 3:15pm	17

Last Week's Offering

General:	\$ 12,115
Mission Fund:	\$ 2,000
Maintenance:	\$ 150
Building:	\$ 0
Other:	\$ 1,165