

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 until 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.

Church Facilities Committee (CFC) Update

The CFC is requesting input from the congregation on renovation ideas to improve the usability of the church building for ministry purposes. Please provide feedback to facilities@ntcbc.org by September 9. Alternatively, you can provide your input directly to any CFC member. It would also be beneficial to the CFC if you provide the rationale and ministry benefits of your ideas. We look forward to receiving your input but cannot guarantee all ideas will be implemented.

Staff News

Pastor Rose is on sick leave (Jun 8 – Aug 31)

Pastor Cathy is on the Roma STM (Aug 10-26)

Rev. Bernard is on vacation (Aug 9-15)



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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 12, 2018

9:45AM – Main Sanctuary

	This Week	Next Week
Praise Leader	Preston Frederick	Pastor Curtis Lai
Scripture	Ecclesiastes 4:7-16	Ecclesiastes 12:8-14
Sermon Title	Community is Good but not God	Disciple the Young
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: 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.

This week: Community is Good, but not God

God has gifted us with the Church so that we may experience deep community with Him and with one another. Many of us are also blessed with family and friends who love us. These relationships are meant to be gifts that we enjoy, not idols we worship. In today's sermon, we are reminded that God alone is worthy of our worship and the one whom we can trust, for He is unchanging and unfailing. As we place our trust in Him, we will be empowered and inspired to love and serve others.

Bible Study for Small Groups & Fellowships

LEAN IN: Icebreaker

1. What is a non-religious community that you belong to? What are some of the benefits of being in this community?

LOOK DOWN: Read the Scriptures and Answer
2. Read Ecclesiastes 4:7-8, 9-12. What are the benefits of belonging to a community? How do these two passages complement each other to form one point?

3. Read Ecclesiastes 4:13-17. Why was the second king better than the first? What was the fate of the second king, and why is that considered 'vanity'? What is the 'big idea' of Eccl 4:7-16?

4. Read Ecclesiastes 12:9-14. What is the Preacher's advice and how can we connect his advice with the 'big idea' from Eccl 4:7-16?

LOOK OUT: Discuss

5. How can our relationships with our family and friends, which are good gifts from God, distract us away from fearing and loving God?

LOOK IN: Reflect & Share

6. Share a time when you wrestled between your desire to please your friends and family with your call to please God.

7. How has God used you to be a blessing to your faith community? How have you been blessed by your faith community?

LIVE IT OUT: Respond to God's Word

8. Share about a relationship that is competing with God for your affections and attention. What will it look like to place God above this person? Pray for spiritual strength to love God more than this person.

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)

Welcome Lunch
12:30pm-2:00pm (Basement)

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)

Church Staff

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Last Week's Attendance

Cantonese - 8:15am	106
Cantonese - 11:15am	162
English – 9:45am	168
Mandarin - 8:15am	21
Mandarin - 11:15am	66
Mandarin - 3:15pm	15

Last Week's Offering

General:	\$ 19,528
Mission Fund:	\$ 4,710
Maintenance:	\$ 750
Building:	\$ 100
Other:	\$ 735