NEW COVENANT ALLIANCE CHURCH

# COMMIT TO CHRIST PROCLAIM HIS GOSPEL BUILD HIS CHURCH

A CHURCH THAT GOES INTO THE COMMUNITY HELPING PEOPLE ENTER THE KINGDOM OF GOD



July 26, 2020

#### REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

Study: Matthew 7:24-27

Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash. Matthew 7:24-27 (NIV)

## Reflect:

- Why does Jesus issue all these threats at the end of His sermon?
- How does the wise man know there is rock underneath?
- What do you think God is whispering to you right now about your foundation? How does His presence comfort you in these times?

# A FEW THINGS TO KNOW

Church Reopening Survey: The Ontario government has now approved all places of worship to re-open at 30% capacity, and provides a Guidance on Health & Safety for Places of Worship that must be adhered to for the health and well-being of everyone and to mitigate the spread of the virus. To assist us to consider and prepare for the re-opening of our church, we will be conducting an anonymous survey that will be available online for a three (3) weeks period from July 19 to August 9 inclusive. We welcome everyone who is 18 years or older to complete this survey. It will only take less than 10 minutes to complete this survey. This survey will help us to understand what your feelings are towards returning to church. We don't have a timetable for when we will reopen NCAC, but we know we need to do so in a thoughtful manner that allows us to meet together safely. We want to take your concerns into consideration. Your input in this survey will be invaluable. If you prefer to complete the anonymous survey by phone, please contact Elaine/Peggy directly or leave a message @ 416 288 1770. Link to online survey https://forms.gle/q8TVaHaGAtsA45wu7

**Welcome:** Thank you for being part of today's Worship Service. Please continue to join our Services and events by regularly checking our church website or congregational emails for the latest updates.

### Virtual SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join our Sunday School from 11 am to 12 noon after our Sunday Service. Rev. Vinson will be doing a study series on "The Armour of God' in Ephesian 6:10-20.

COVID-19 is still not over: As some of you may have already noticed, further government guidelines for re-opening places of worship in Ontario have been released and are more restrictive than expected. While this is challenging and disappointing, our C&MA District urges local churches to be patient and to trust God's timing in all of this and to honour our government and health officials for their hard work. NCAC is preparing church facility and work on renovation to ensure health safety. Board and ministry leaders have started discussion to draft a workable plan. All the ministries will continue to be online. Thank you for your prayers and support.

# **Sunday Service**

Praise & Worship
Call to Worship & Welcome
Praise & Worship
Pastoral Prayer
Scripture Reading
Message
Song of Response & Offering
Doxology & Benediction
Announcements

#### A few key people to connect with

Enoch Chan & Marcus Tong | Downtown Small Group Christine Wong & Leah Chan | Downtown Small Group Keith Lau & Catherine Chan | Uptown Small Group

> Rev. Dr. Vinson Samuel | English Pastor Rev. Simon Sit | Senior Pastor

Michael Huynh | English Elder Charlotte Pang, David Tong & Enoch Chan | English Ministry Team

#### Today's Service

Catherine Tsang | Service Leader Online Service | Greeter & Usher Jasmine Vinson | Music Leader Rahel Vinson | Tech Rev. Dr. Vinson Samuel | Speaker

#### Attendance & Offering

78 | Sunday Service (Live Stream Viewers: 29, Recording Viewers: 49) - | Children Online Worship (Kids/Helpers) (July 15) 14 | Prayer Meeting \$12,096 | Total Offering (July 13– July 19 English & Chinese e-Transfer)

God is with Us Joshua 3:1-5

Some things that stood out to me

Some guestions that I'm left asking

<sup>\*</sup>Please leave space for latecomers by sitting forward and towards the middle aisle

<sup>\*</sup>If you are a parent with a young baby, we welcome you to use the worship room to partake in service



NCAC COVID19 Community Support team: As you know, brothers and sisters at NCAC have supported the community through this pandemic through monetary donations, disposable and homemade mask donations, non-perishable food donations, and volunteering to deliver hot meals to seniors. Support to the community was provided as needs were made known to the Community Support Committee. We have adopted three organizations: Carefirst Seniors and Community Services, Saint Elizabeth Health Care, and Youth Unlimited Toronto. We continue to seek help from brothers and sisters in the following areas:

- Monetary and non-perishable food donation to Carefirst
- Volunteers to deliver hot meals to seniors through Carefirst
- Volunteers to make homemade masks

If you would like to help with the Carefirst initiatives, please contact Ben Lee (itsbencslee@gmail.com), David Tong (davidtong2000@gmail.com), or Michael Huynh (huynhmic@yahoo.com).

If you would like to volunteer to make homemade masks or donate materials (such as 100% cotton new bed sheets), please contact Roberta Lau (lau.roberta@gmail.com).

Homemade masks have been requested by Saint Elizabeth Health Care and Carefirst Seniors and Community Services to support the health and community services they provide. In total, they provide services to about 17,000 clients and have asked the community to donate homemade masks to help with their work.

# Prayer this week for

**People who are suffering:** 1. Pray for those with mental health challenges who feel isolated, anxious, and helpless, that God will provide them every the necessary support & professional help.

- 2. Pray for workers in a variety of industries facing layoffs and financial hardship, pray that God will keep them from panic, and receive the needed financial support to get through this difficult time
- 3. Pray for the sick and vulnerable populations: Pray that they will not feel alone during this isolation time. Pray that they will stay patient & positive.

# July 13 – July 19 English & Chinese E-Transfer Offering

| Total                       | \$12,096.0 |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| Others                      | 7,000.00   |
| Love                        | 250.00     |
| <b>Building Repair Fund</b> | 300.00     |
| Mission                     | 1,650.00   |
| Thanksgiving                | 56.00      |
| General Fund                | \$2,840.00 |

# **E-Offerings Auto deposit**

Thank you brothers and sisters for your continued donation to our church during these difficult times. Our new electronic transfer of offering is now on Auto deposit. There is no need for security question and answer. Please see instruction below:

- 1. Logon to the online banking of your bank
- 2. Navigate to the Interac e-Transfer section.
- 3. Create or add a new contact or recipient name (e.g. NCAC)
- 4. Then enter our church e-offering email address: donate@ncac.ca
- 5. Security question is not required as auto-deposit is now enabled.
- 6. Enter the following information in the "Message" section:
  - a. Name of donor and/or offering number of donor
  - b. Address of donor (necessary for a new donor)
- c. Allocation of the offering amount (if not specified, the total amount will go to the General Fund). Example: General \$ 200, Building Repair \$100; Mission \$100, Love Fund 100, others (please specify) You can also send your offerings in cheque by mail to church address 1490 Birchmount Rd. Scarborough, ON M1P 2E3, to the attention of the Finance department. If by mail, please send a cheque and not cash.