



# CHINESE BAPTIST CHURCH

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**Be Vigilant,  
Antichrists Surround Us!**

**1 John 2:12-29**

**April 28, 2024**

## **Welcome to CBC**

We are excited for you to join us in worship today. Our prayer is that through the singing of gospel truths, hearing the scriptures proclaimed, and being around the saints, you will leave edified and equipped to live on mission with God for His glory.

Preparation	Psalm 84:1-2 (CSB)
Welcome	Candy Chin
Adoration	Praise To The Lord The Almighty We Praise You Build My Life
Prayer	Sara Salazar
Scripture	1 John 2:12-29 (CSB) - Johnson Leo
Prayer	Pastor Donald Gardner
Proclamation	Be Vigilant, Antichrists Surround Us! Pastor Donald Gardner
Response	We Believe
Offertory	Johnson Leo
Announcements	Pastor Justin Wong
Benediction	Pastor Donald Gardner

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## **1 John 2:12-29 (CSB)**

**12** I am writing to you, little children, since your sins have been forgiven on account of his name. **13** I am writing to you, fathers, because you have come to know the one who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have conquered the evil one. **14** I have written to you, children, because you have come to know the Father. I have written to you, fathers, because you have come to know the one who is from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, God's word remains in you, and you have conquered the evil one. **15** Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. **16** For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride in one's possessions—is not from the Father, but is from the world. **17** And the world with its lust is passing away, but the one who does the will of God remains forever. **18** Children, it is the last hour. And as you have heard that (the) antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come. By this we know that it is the last hour. **19** They went out from us, but they did not belong to us; for if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us. However, they went out so that it might be made clear that none of them belong to us. **20** But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth. **21** I have not written to you because you don't know the truth, but because you do know it, and because no lie comes from the truth. **22** Who is the liar, if not the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This one is the antichrist: the one who denies the Father and the Son. **23** No one who denies the Son has the Father; he who confesses the Son has the Father as well. **24** What you have heard from the beginning is to remain in you. If what you have heard from the beginning remains in you, then you will remain in the Son and in the Father. **25** And this is the promise that he himself made to us: eternal life. **26** I have written these things to you concerning those who are trying to deceive you. **27** As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you don't need anyone to teach you. Instead, his anointing teaches you about all things and is true and is not a lie; just as it has taught you, remain in him. **28** So now, little children remain in him so that when he appears we may have confidence and not be ashamed before him at his coming. **29** If you know that he is righteous, you know this as well: Everyone who does what is right has been born of him.

## **Notes**

# Pastor's Word by Pastor Donald Gardner

## “Join the Stew!”

Each day, people pass each other on the streets in quiet respect but without great interaction. Hmm, why? Some have said that diversity results in the "melting pot" experience within society. Personally, it is easier to buy into the concept of the "stewing pot" identity that is found in a cross-cultural society. A stew is made up of carrots, potatoes, tomatoes, beef, and other things. When the stew is served, you can easily distinguish the various elements of the dish, and yet, each bite of the food has been enhanced by the cooking (interaction) with the other elements.

In society, we daily have a choice as to how much we value our interaction (cooking for a savory flavor) with others. We absolutely will come in contact with people who differ in morals, values, dreams, and spiritual understanding from ourselves. Yet, how we treat this daily reality reflects on us. Do we seek to appreciate what we can gain from knowing people who differ from ourselves? Do we grasp that we become more "savory" as we rub shoulders with others who may not always share our life views? If we, as Christians of CBC, desire to be the salt and light of Christ for a lost world, let us be people who dare to be the loving "ginger in the stew" that adds meaning and flavor for others.

## Upcoming Events

- **Church Wide Prayer Meeting** on Sun, May 5, 2024 at 12:30 pm in the Sanctuary.
- **Church Ministry Fair** on Sun, May 5, 2024 at 1 pm - 3 pm in the FLC.
- **World Vision 6 K** on Sat, May 18, 2024 at Bear Creek Pioneer Park.
- **Houston (Un) Apologetic Evangelism Conference** on Sat, May 18, 2024 from 8 am to 5:30 pm at CBC.
- **Pioneers Conference** - Riverbend Retreat Center, Glen Rose, TX on Fri May 24 - Mon, 27, 2024
- **Class of 2024 Senior Banquet** on Sun, May 26, 2024 from 5pm - 8:30 pm in the FLC.

We welcome our visitors to consider joining the CBC family as members. A one-hour class with one of the Pastoral staff will be conducted to hear your testimony, and to present CBC beliefs, missions and ministries. If you have not been baptized by immersion yet, we also invite you to follow in the believer's baptism and join our church family. Please, fill out the membership application form, <https://forms.gle/CrJQikEDGwpoLZgK6>) or contact the office for more questions.

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