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Celebrate the King, Become like Christ, and Connect the Lost

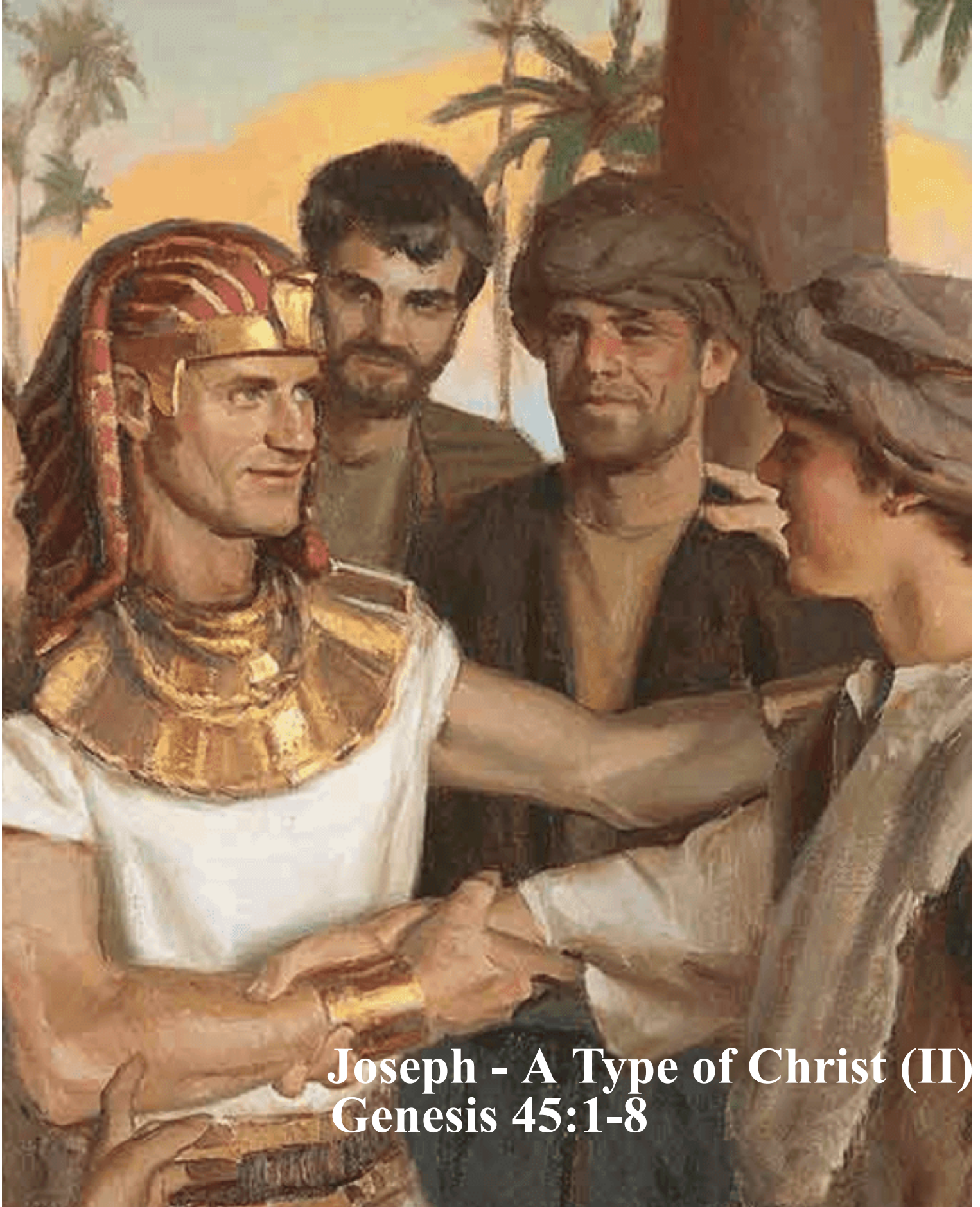
# CHINESE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Joseph - A Type of Christ (II)  
Genesis 45:1-8

# 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	Hebrews 12:28-29 (NIV)
Welcome	Roberta Leo
Adoration	Mighty To Save Great Things Living Hope
Prayer	Irene Chen
Scripture Reading	Genesis 45:1-8 (CSB) Lawrence Fan
Proclamation	Joseph - A Type of Christ (II) Pastor Oleg Xu
Response Music	Be Thou My Vision
Lord's Supper	Pastor Donald Gardner
Offertory Prayer	Lawrence Fan
Announcements	Mimi Chew
Benediction	Pastor Oleg Xu

**Church Wide Prayer meeting at 12:30 pm in the Sanctuary followed by light lunch and Ministry Fair afterwards.**

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# Genesis 45:1-8 (CSB)

**1** Joseph could no longer keep his composure in front of all his attendants, so he called out, “Send everyone away from me!” No one was with him when he revealed his identity to his brothers. **2** But he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and also Pharaoh’s household heard it. **3** Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still living?” But they could not answer him because they were terrified in his presence. **4** Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Please, come near me,” and they came near. “I am Joseph, your brother,” he said, “the one you sold into Egypt. **5** And now don’t be grieved or angry with yourselves for selling me here, because God sent me ahead of you to preserve life. **6** For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there will be five more years without plowing or harvesting. **7** God sent me ahead of you to establish you as a remnant within the land and to keep you alive by a great deliverance. **8** Therefore it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household, and ruler over all the land of Egypt.

## Notes:

## Questions:

Have you received a complete forgiveness of all your sins by trusting in the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ?

How have you experienced the power of forgiveness lately?

What do you need to do in order to extend forgiveness to another person and bring healing to your soul?

### Monthly Preaching Schedule

Date	English (9:45 am)	Mandarin (9:45 am)	Cantonese (11:15 am)
5/4/2025	Pastor Oleg Xu	Rev. Andrew Chao	Rev. Andrew Chao
5/11/2025 (Mother’s Day)	Dr. Hal Cunnyingham (Combined English and Mandarin)	Dr. Hal Cunnyingham	Pastor Don Gardner
5/18/2025	Pastor Kai Yuen Choi	Pastor Don Gardner	Pastor Kai Yuen Choi
5/25/2025	Pastor Don Gardner	Pastor Kai Yuen Choi	Pastor Don Gardner

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Oleg Xu Interim English Associate Pastor pastoroleg@cbchouston.org	Geraldine Lee KidMin Director geraldinel@cbchouston.org

# Pastor's Word by Pastor Donald Gardner

## "Eating Crow"

The topic of "Eating Crow" brings the question as to whether or not you have had that experience? It is never a pleasant time to recognize one's own actions may require an apology or confession of poor decision making. "Eating Crow" simply implies that we may have used erroneous information that resulted in our taking actions that were less than generous or appropriate. Based on those decisions, the best that can often be done is to present an apology and attempt to present a repentant heart. The action of "eating crow" requires us to look in the mirror and see that our errors may require us to be apologetic even when it isn't comfortable to do so.

In Scripture, Peter has always been a hero of mine. This is not because he was perfect or presented a testimony with few lifestyle errors but rather because he revealed his human behavior and then learned from his mistakes. As we know, Peter was a fisherman who was called out by Christ to serve alongside Him in daily ministry. With that daily "Jesus walk," Peter made errors in decision making, appeared arrogant, lost his temper, and even denied Jesus as his Lord! In many ways, this is not who we might consider to be a model disciple! Yet, it is this same Peter that **gradually** grew into a greater identity as a teacher and preacher influencing all of the "Jesus followers" of both his day and ours.

As imperfect sinners with good and bad days in our spiritual behavior and history, we can learn from the witness of Peter as he had every reason to find no confidence in his own future. Yet, Peter "ate some crow" by recognizing his own weaknesses and staying on task even beyond his own failures/limitations as a disciple. Brothers and sisters, we are imperfect tools for our faith but we must all find joy in the fact that it has continually been our Lord's habit to bless, forgive, and use persons such as us.

## Announcements

- **Thank you to everyone who supported and donated to the bake sale last Sunday.** All the proceeds will go towards the Cambodia Mission Trip and getting supplies for the girls in the shelter. We are truly blessed and appreciate you all!
- **VBC (Vacation Bible Camp) from 9 am to 12 pm / KCC (Kids Chinese Camp) from 1 pm to 5 pm, which will be held from June 23 to June 27, online registration is now open!** It is for children aged 4 years to 12 years. Please bring your own lunch. Lunchtime will be from 12:00 pm to 1 pm. Sign up here: <https://cbchouston.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2824896>.
- **Sign-up and registration is open for the Dallas Mission Trip from Friday, June 6 to Sunday, June 8, 2025.** Please scan the QR code below for details. RSVP deadline is Sunday, May 18.
- **Senior Rainbow Field Trip to "Family Farms" at Plantersville, TX on Wednesday, May 7, 2025.**
- **Senior Rainbow "Mother's Day" fellowship will be held on Thursday, May 15, 2025 at 10 am in the FLC. Cost is \$8/ person. Please RSVP to Dorothy at 281-222-9180.**
- **Semi-Annual Business Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 18, 2025 at 1 pm in the Sanctuary. A light lunch will be provided.**
- **Senior Banquet Class of 2025 will be held on Saturday, May 24, 2025 from 5 pm to 8 pm in the FLC. For RSVP, please scan the QR code below.**
- **Save the date: Church Wide Retreat will be on Friday, Oct 3 to Sunday, Oct 5, 2025 at the Trinity Pines Camp. Details to follow soon!**
- **Spiritual Gift Assessment Form and Ministry Fair Response Form are now available.** These forms are an important part of helping us understand how God has uniquely gifted each of you and where you can serve in our CBC church community.



Spiritual Gift Form



Ministry Fair Response



Senior Banquet Code



Dallas Mission Trip