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

CHINESE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Our True Motivation In Service

1 John 3:16-23

May 5, 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.

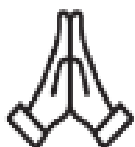
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Prayer	Pastor Oleg Xu
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1 John 3:16-23 (CSB)

16 This is how we have come to know love: He laid down his life for us. We should also lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. **17** If anyone has this world's goods and sees a fellow believer in need but withholds compassion from him—how does God's love reside in him? **18** Little children, let us not love in word or speech, but in action and in truth. **19** This is how we will know that we belong to the truth and will reassure our hearts before him **20** whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows all things. **21** Dear friends, if our hearts don't condemn us, we have confidence before God **22** and receive whatever we ask from him because we keep his commands and do what is pleasing in his sight. **23** Now this is his command: that we believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another as he commanded us.

Notes

Pastor's Word by Pastor Donald Gardner

Transformation Element

How many of us have a plan and desire to live a short and exciting life? Is it not true that most of us want to have a long and smooth life without too many trials and struggles? Yet, we are "followers" of the one who died before middle age and His death was on a cross for the very people that were crucifying Him! Jesus didn't die to set us free from death but to prepare us for death...without fear!

As we know, Jesus' prime critics were religious leaders. We must be careful not to forget that Jesus came to be a "transforming agent" in how we view our lives and our world. He didn't come to create a religious culture where the "blessed of God" are to spend their every working effort seeking out "Self-help books" whereby we may be "more blessed"! Jesus is an "untamed Lion" (Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe). Jesus never modeled the "safe and comfortable life" but he challenged us to live "meaningful and bold lives of faith and expectancy".

We must choose what our life is to be and remember, **“A Ship in a Harbour is Safe, but that is NOT what ships were built for”**.

Upcoming Events

- **VBC online registration kickoff** on Sunday, May 12, 2024. A Special kick off event for kids from 11 - 11:15 am in the children center (room 211).
- **World Vision 6 K** on Sat, May 18, 2024 at Bear Creek Pioneer Park.
- **Houston (Un) Apologetic Evangelism Conference** on Sat, May 18, 2024 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.



▶ CBC Visitor Form



▶ Membership Form



▶ Unapologetics



▶ VBC Registration

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