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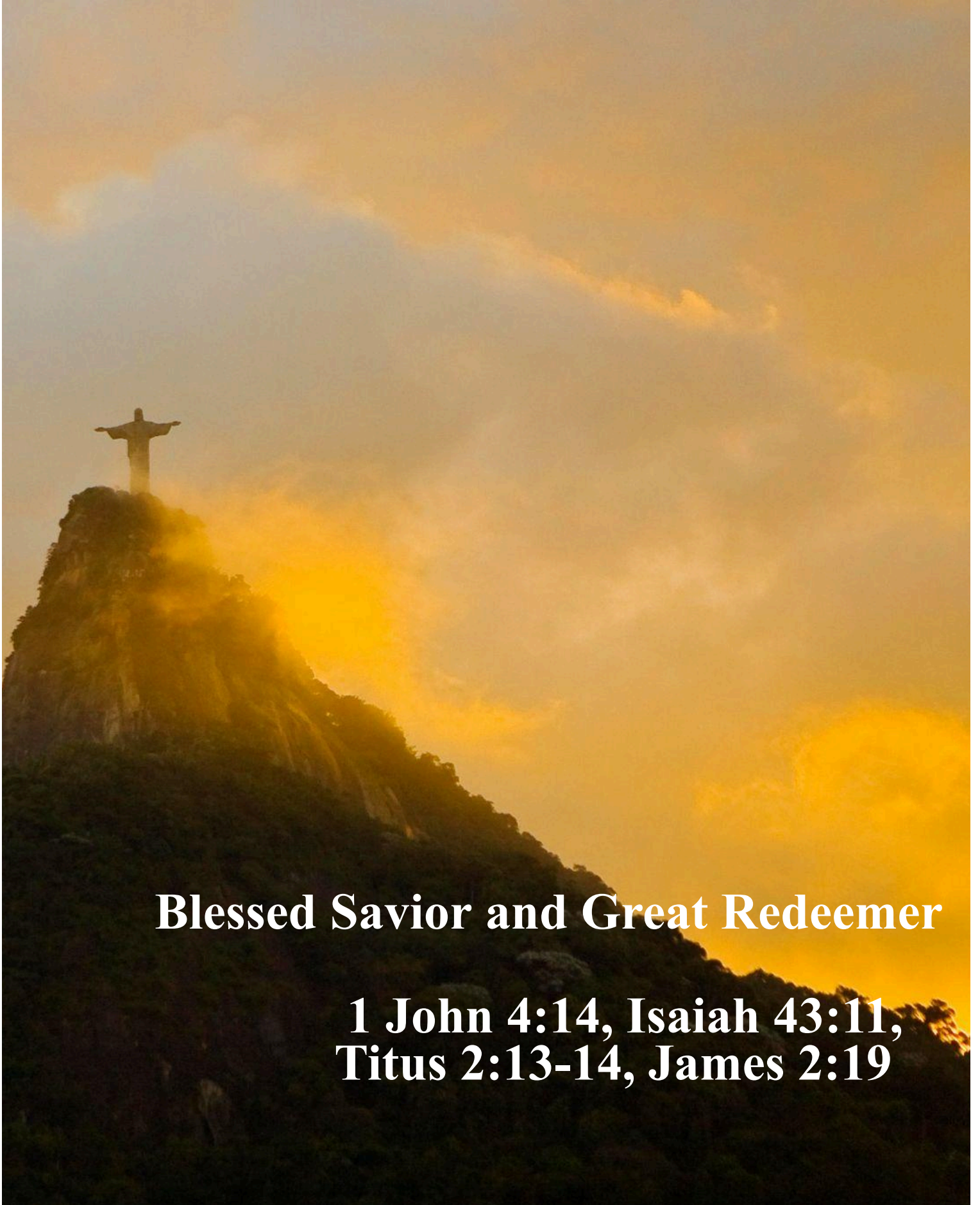
# CHINESE BAPTIST CHURCH

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**May 18, 2025**



**Blessed Savior and Great Redeemer**

**1 John 4:14, Isaiah 43:11,  
Titus 2:13-14, James 2:19**

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	This Is Amazing Grace Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery Glorious Is Thy Name
Prayer	Irene Chen
Scripture Reading	I John 4:14, Isaiah 43:11, Titus 2:13-14, James 2:19 (NIV) Wayne Gor
Proclamation	Blessed Savior and Great Redeemer Pastor Kai Yuen Choi
Response Music	Turn Your Eyes
Offertory Prayer	Wayne Gor
Announcements	Dorothy Liu
Benediction	Pastor Kai Yuen Choi

Semi Annual Business Meeting at 1 pm in the Sanctuary. Lunch will be provided.

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1 John 4:14 (NIV)

And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.

Isaiah 43:11 (NIV)

I, even I, am the LORD, and apart from me there is no Savior.

Titus 2:13-14 (NIV)

13 while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, 14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

James 2:19 (NIV)

You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.

Notes:

Introduction:

- I. Blessed Savior OT & NT perspectives
- II. Great Redeemer OT & NT perspectives
- III. What is the difference between our belief and Satan’s belief?

Conclusion:

Monthly Preaching Schedule

Date	English (9:45 am)	Mandarin (9:45 am)	Cantonese (11:15 am)
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
6/1/2025	Pastor Don Gardner	Pastor Jian Yang	Rev. Andrew Chao
6/8/2025	Pastor Don Gardner	Pastor Jian Yang	Mr. Paul Lau

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# Pastor's Word by Pastor Donald Gardner

## "Hold on to your Hats"

"Hold on to your Hats!" Whether it is seen as exciting or overwhelming, when something is rather unexpected or viewed as fantastically different, it may bring feelings of exhilaration. For some of us, change is always uncomfortable while others see the reality that things are always in a state of alteration or movement. Whether it be political leadership or the adjustment to a new Catholic Pope, our society demands that all of us learn to accept change as inevitable. When I reflect on the habits and customs of 50 years ago, I remember some things with great fondness. Those were simpler times and modes of behavior seemed more respectful toward how people treated others. The words people spoke and how people dressed were reflections on a desire to have sensitivity toward the emotional feelings of others. Today, it often appears that society has become accustomed to the "me first generational attitude" that presents oneself as the center of decisions and actions. I'll not try to justify the "why" our world has moved in this direction but I will say that, for the Christian, this worldview is certainly not what Jesus desired to see.

Jesus could have focused on a self-absorbed and prideful concern toward his life but that would not have led to his completing his ultimate role as the Forgiver of our sin. He was sacrificial in his full identity. He was concerned about presenting the values of God above what was "humanly natural" around Him. Jesus was surrounded by a world that presented sinful behavior as an option for Him while he chose a better response to those things. His model of caring for the needs of sinful and confused mankind brought a mixed response from those he came in contact with. Yet, it is the consistency of Christ's testimony that demands a choice by each of us to either desire His discipling mentorship or follow the values of our world. Living a life under constant evaluation, self-sacrifice, and criticism was, undoubtedly, stressful and disappointing for Jesus. Yet, he challenged the people of His day to change from secular goals in life to being the true chosen people of God. Today, we too must hear Christ's challenge to be the people of God with how we see ourselves as living sacrifices in a world of confused people.

### Announcements

- **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. Lunch time will be from 12:00 pm to 1 pm. Sign up here: <https://cbchouston.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2824896> or scan QR code below.
- **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 this Sunday, May 18.
- **Senior Banquet Class of 2025 will be held on Saturday, May 24, 2025 from 5 pm to 8 pm in the FLC.**
- **Senior Rainbow Field Trip to San Felipe de Austin State Historic Site will be on Wednesday, June 4, 2025.** The cost is \$28/person (including entry fee, tour guide and lunch). Please RSVP to Dorothy Chow at 281-222-9180 or Josephine Jue at 713-774-4321.
- **Combined Worship Service in observance of Independence Day will be on Sunday, July 6, 2025 at 10 am in the Sanctuary. The Church Wide Prayer meeting will be integrated into the Worship Service followed by a Church Wide Picnic event in the FLC.** Details coming soon!
- **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



Dallas Mission Trip



VBC/KCC