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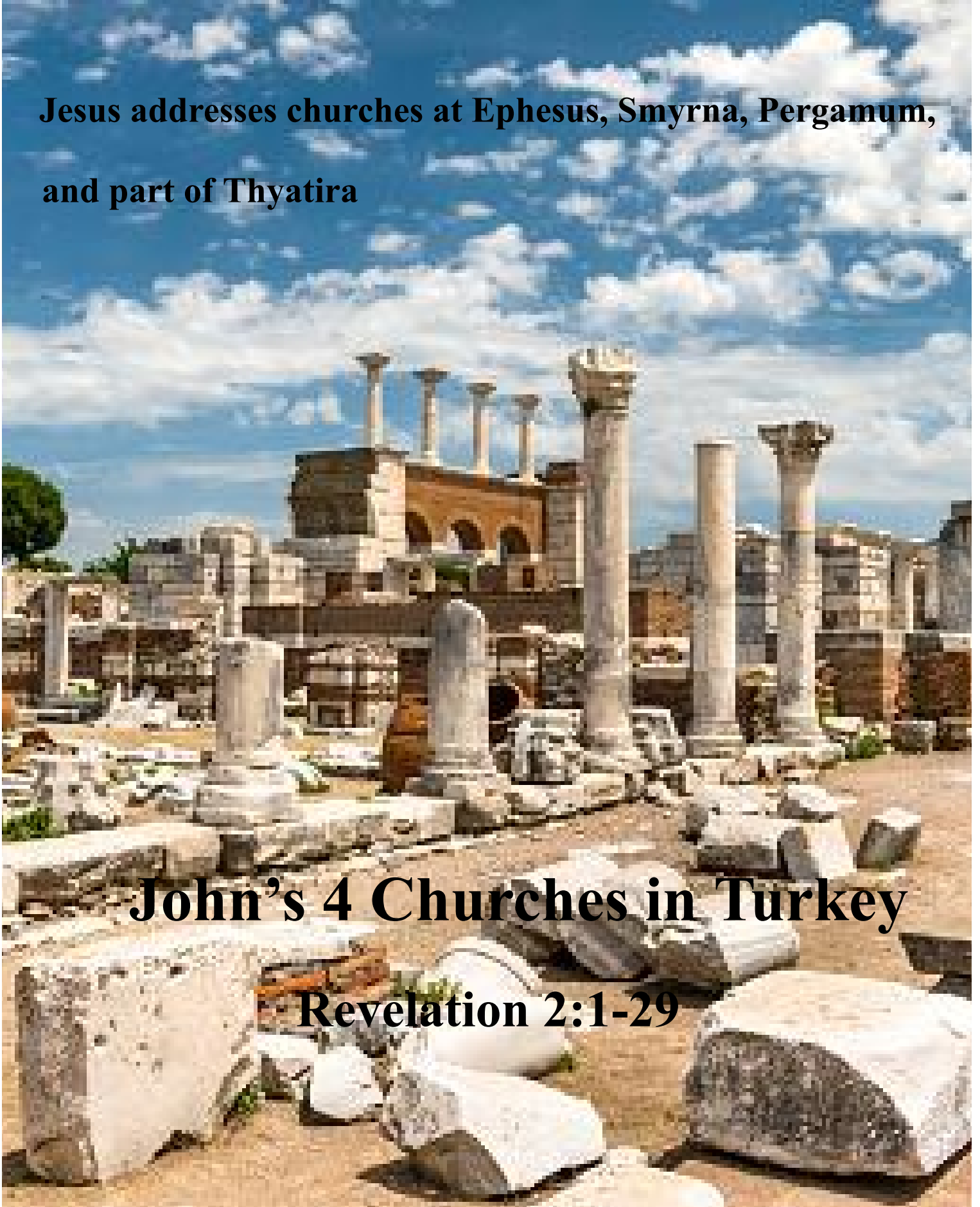
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**Jesus addresses churches at Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum,
and part of Thyatira**

John's 4 Churches in Turkey

Revelation 2:1-29



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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 95:6-7 (CSB)
Welcome	Roberta Leo
Adoration	Blessed Be Your Name Desert Song Revelation Song
Prayer	Irene Chen
Scripture Reading	Revelation 2:1-29 (CSB) Sherman Yeang
Proclamation	John’s 4 Churches in Turkey Pastor Donald Gardner
Response Music	Refiner’s Fire
Lord’s Supper	Pastor Oleg Xu
Offertory Prayer	Sherman Yeang
Announcements	Rochelle Dy
Benediction	Pastor Donald Gardner

Church Wide Prayer Meeting at 12:30 pm in the Sanctuary. No Lunch Fellowship.



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Revelation 2:1-29 (CSB)

1 “Write to the angel of the church in Ephesus: Thus says the one who holds the seven stars in his right hand and who walks among the seven golden lampstands: 2 I know your works, your labor, and your endurance, and that you cannot tolerate evil people. You have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and you have found them to be liars. 3 I know that you have persevered and endured hardships for the sake of my name, and you have not grown weary. 4 But I have this against you: You have abandoned the love you had at first. 5 Remember then how far you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. Otherwise, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. 6 Yet you do have this: You hate the practices of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. 7 “Let anyone who has ears to hear listen to what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God. 8 “Write to the angel of the church in Smyrna: Thus says the First and the Last, the one who was dead and came to life: 9 I know your affliction and poverty, but you are rich. I know the slander of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. 10 Don’t be afraid of what you are about to suffer. Look, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison to test you, and you will experience affliction for ten days. Be faithful to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life. 11 “Let anyone who has ears to hear listen to what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who conquers will never be harmed by the second death. 12 “Write to the angel of the church in Pergamum: Thus says the one who has the sharp, double-edged sword: 13 I know where you live—where Satan’s throne is. Yet you are holding on to my name and did not deny your faith in me, even in the days of Antipas, my faithful witness who was put to death among you, where Satan lives. 14 But I have a few things against you. You have some there who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to place a stumbling block in front of the Israelites: to eat meat sacrificed to idols and to commit sexual immorality. 15 In the same way, you also have those who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans. 16 So repent! Otherwise, I will come to you quickly and fight against them with the sword of my mouth. 17 “Let anyone who has ears to hear listen to what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers, I will give some of the hidden manna. I will also give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name is inscribed that no one knows except the one who receives it. 18 “Write to the angel of the church in Thyatira: Thus says the Son of God, the one whose eyes are like a fiery flame and whose feet are like fine bronze: 19 I know your works—your love, faithfulness, service, and endurance. I know that your last works are greater than the first. 20 But I have this against you: You tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess and teaches and deceives my servants to commit sexual immorality and to eat meat sacrificed to idols. 21 I gave her time to repent, but she does not want to repent of her sexual immorality. 22 Look, I will throw her into a sickbed and those who commit adultery with her into great affliction. Unless they repent of her works, 23 I will strike her children dead. Then all the churches will know that I am the one who examines minds and hearts, and I will give to each of you according to your works. 24 I say to the rest of you in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who haven’t known “the so-called secrets of Satan” —as they say—I am not putting any other burden on you. 25 Only hold on to what you have until I come. 26 The one who conquers and who keeps my works to the end: I will give him authority over the nations— 27 and he will rule them with an iron scepter; he will shatter them like pottery— 28 just as I have received this from my Father. I will also give him the morning star. 29 “Let anyone who has ears to hear listen to what the Spirit says to the churches.

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- I. Church of Ephesus: V 1-7** Their Structure and Activity looked good but the heart of this church was empty!
- II. Church of Smyrna: V:8-11** This is the "Have Courage under Persecution" message to a Bold Church
- III. Church of Pergamum: V:12-17** The message is to restrain from being a prideful church as that church didn't stand up to (v.14) reviewing who they allowed into their circle and will force the Lord to judge their irresponsibility with their behavior.
- IV. Church of Thyatira V:18-29** The church has been recognized for its faith but the compromises with immorality and societal activity demand the holiness of God to judge as needed. The Father is a holy God and can't stand to remain in the midst of sinful behavior.

Monthly Preaching Schedule

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

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Pastor's Word by Pastor Donald Gardner

“Full-blooded Chinese!”

One day, when my son was quite young, I found myself in a conversation about his being "the only full-blooded Chinese son" in our family. The story is that, after 5 days from his birth, Micah was found to be a "blue baby" requiring his blood to be exchanged. As a result of that step, he grasped on to his identity as our one and only "Chinese Son" for without Chinese blood donors in Hong Kong, he would not have lived! My son may not be the most intelligent individual in the world but his understanding that blood represents life is pretty accurate.

Of all the options that the Father had for symbolizing and communicating His love and desire to have mankind freely repent of our selfish/sinful natures, God chose to use blood. Throughout the Old Testament, we learn of man's sacrificing animals, as their blood symbolized their life giving source for existence. When Christ was on the cross of Calvary, He sacrificed His own life as atonement for the sins of man as His holy and sinless blood dripped the human life out of His body.

I always smile when I hear or see advertising that talks about how we deserve nice cars, new homes, prettier clothes, or better food. The word deserve obviously has different meanings for different people and more of a sales tactic than a statement of fact. As reflective Christians considering Jesus' action on our behalf, we recognize what our sinful lives truly deserve. Yet, isn't God great? What a JOY and amazing privilege it is to be a child of His and know that we will never get what we deserve, but only receive His grace through Jesus' blood sacrifice that claims us as His own. (Eph. 2:8-9)

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.** It is for children aged 4 years to 12 years. Please bring your own lunch. Lunch time will be from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm. Sign up here: <https://cbchouston.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2824896> or scan the QR code below or you can register on site in front of the foyer from 10:45 -11:15 am and 12:15 to 1 pm starting this Sunday. VBC/KCC is partnering with Children's Hunger Fund again—a gospel-centered mercy ministry.
- **We are collecting home goods donations to support international students arriving at the University of Houston this fall, such as bedding, kitchenware, small appliances, and basic small furniture.** Any used or new items are greatly appreciated. Please drop it under the stairway in front of the CBC Office throughout the whole month of June.
- **Senior Rainbow Field Trip to San Felipe de Austin State Historic Site** will be on **Wednesday, June 4, 2025.** The cost is \$30/person (including entry fee, tour guide and lunch). Please RSVP to Dorothy Chow at 281-222-9180 or Josephine Jue at 713-774-4321.
- **Senior Rainbow Fellowship “Celebrate Father’s Day”** will be held on **Thursday, June 12, 2025 at 10 am in the FLC.** Cost is \$8/ person. Please RSVP to Dorothy Chow at 281-222-9180 or Josephine Jue at 713-774-4321.
- **Community Service Projects for the Youth** will be on **Saturday, June 14, 2025 and Monday, June 16 through Thursday, June 19, 2025.** Please register with the QR code below. We are also seeking adult volunteers to drive the youth from CBC to the project site. Please contact Pastor Oleg for details.
- **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 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



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