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A photograph of ancient stone ruins, likely the Temple of Asclepius in Pergamum, Turkey. Two large, weathered columns stand prominently in the foreground, supporting a heavy stone entablature. The background shows more ruins and a cityscape under a dramatic, cloudy sky with a bright light source breaking through the clouds.

More Church Challenges part 2 (Pergamum and Thyatira)

Revelation 2:12-29

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	Candy Chin
Adoration	The Lion And The Lamb The Wonderful Cross Holy Forever
Prayer	Laura Moon
Scripture Reading	Revelation 2:12-29 (CSB) Deacon David Lee and Connie Lee
Proclamation	More Church Challenges part 2 Pastor Donald Gardner
Response Music	We Fall Down
Offertory Prayer	Deacon David Lee
Announcements	Song Iu
Benediction	Pastor Donald Gardner



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Revelation 2:12-29 (CSB)

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.

Notes:

OUTLINE:

- III. Church in Pergamum, v12-17:** 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 in Thyatira, v18-29:** 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)
6/8/2025	Pastor Don Gardner	Pastor Jian Yang	Mr. Paul Lau
6/15/2025	Tim Eng	Rev. Jonathan Cheng	Pastor Donald Gardner
6/22/2025	Tim Eng	Pastor Jian Yang	Rev. Danny Lee

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Pastor’s Word by Pastor Donald Gardner

“ Pop Bottles & Sport's Cards ”

Can you remember what you did when you were 10 years old? One of the many things I did was to collect pop bottles along the side of the road. Each bottle was valued at 2 cents each. Once I'd collected enough of them, I could purchase gum packets that had sports cards inside. Each packet of gum, with cards, cost around 10 cents and provided hours of fun with friends as we compared/traded our cards for the best players. Life was simple around those cards!

As we grow older, holding on to the simple and purer things of life becomes more difficult. What motivates the values, actions, and thinking of those around us often differs from ourselves. That which was pure and simple has become complex, confusing, and less than gracious. Definitions of a successful life and how we relate to others becomes frustrating at times.

Jesus' life model was simple and pure. In his own way, I don't doubt that Jesus had his own pop bottles and sport cards as a child. Yet as an adult, his focus was clearly to love people, forgive their sin, present truth, and provide people with a meaningful life of direction. Jesus "held tight" to his clarity of life's purpose even when it gave Him every reason to walk away from his life task. Life does become more complicated than pop bottles & trading cards but we must be like Christ and hold to the clear and simple task of being salt and light even when the path we see looks difficult, or even impossible to manage. Let us live "simple and pure !"

Announcements

- **CBC is now accepting applications for our annual Scholarship Program for Lillie W. Ligh and Maria L. Gor Memorial Scholarships and Travis & Thelma Key Scholarship**, If you are interested, please fill out the online form at <https://tinyurl.com/cbcscholarship2025>. The deadline to submit applications is Monday, June 30, 2025. Any questions, please email Ashley Lo at ashleyl@cbchouston.org.
- **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.** These events are 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 every Sunday. VBC/KCC is partnering with Children's Hunger Fund again—a gospel-centered mercy ministry.
- We are collecting donated items such as bedding, kitchenware, small appliances, and basic small furniture for the international students arriving at University of Houston this coming fall. Please drop the items under the stairway in front of the CBC Office throughout the whole month of June.
- **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 combined Church Wide Picnic event in the FLC.** There will be a dessert contest “Red-White-Blue” theme, you may choose to submit a dessert with Patriotic design or Christian design, please bring it on Sunday, July 6 at 9:45 am in the FLC. There’s also a Flown Paper Plane contest (based on distance and accuracy), please see details on the flyer around the church.
- **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.**



Spiritual Gift Form



Ministry Fair Response



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