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The Father, the Sons, and the Lesson

Luke 15:11-31

Happy Father's Day!

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	Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee Your Grace Is Enough Good Good Father
Prayer	Irene Chen
Scripture Reading	Luke 15:11-31 (ESV) Deacon Larry Joe
Proclamation	The Father, The Sons, and The Lesson Mr. Tim Eng
Response Music	How Deep The Father’s Love For Us
Offertory Prayer	Deacon Larry Joe
Announcements	Mo Wong
Benediction	Pastor Donald Gardner



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Luke 15:11-31 (ESV)

11 And he said, “There was a man who had two sons. **12** And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. **13** Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. **14** And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. **15** So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. **16** And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. **17** “But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! **18** I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. **19** I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.”’” **20** And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. **21** And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ **22** But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. **23** And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. **24** For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate. **25** “Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. **26** And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. **27** And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ **28** But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, **29** but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. **30** But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ **31** And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours.

Notes:

Monthly Preaching Schedule

Date	English (9:45 am)	Mandarin (9:45 am)	Cantonese (11:15 am)
6/15/2025	Mr. Tim Eng	Rev. Jonathan Cheng	Pastor Donald Gardner
6/22/2025	Mr. Tim Eng	Pastor Jian Yang	Rev. Danny Lee
6/29/2025	Mr. Tim Eng (5th Sunday, Family Worship)	Pastor Jian Yang	Pastor Oleg Xu

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Pastor's Word by Pastor Donald Gardner

"Dangers in the Early Church"

This past Sunday, we looked at the message recorded by John in the Book of Revelation. As we reviewed the first 4 churches in Revelation 1-4, we saw that a common issue in the churches was that their societal values had brought in thinking that their churches seemed to refuse to question or oppose. With moral standards that revealed very low expectations for purity within marriages throughout their ancient world, the church of that day had compromised or ignored the threat that an immoral world might bring to the Christian witness of the church. The obvious application of what we can see in their testimony is that we too must consider how courageous we must be when ethical or irresponsible thinking enters the church of our day. Remaining quiet or unconcerned when the character and behavior of our brothers and sisters may be impacted by unhealthy values that come into the lives of our people is unacceptable.

Let us pray that we are a church of integrity and dedication with the humility to recognize our weaknesses and the strength to change what must be done as needed. Let us take action to be theologically sound as we recognize that God is watching our dedication and commitment to His service. John's book points to churches that struggled to honestly deal with individuals that entered into their churches. Perhaps they were concerned with the numbers in their church circles and didn't want to risk losing members if someone was embarrassed if that person was found to be acting in ways that appeared less than positive? Truly, we don't know all the details of the church situations in the churches of Revelation but we do know that God does concern Himself with our behavior and our strength of moral values. Let us always remember that our Lord is watching and we should never insult Him by ignoring His observance of our actions. May we be courageous followers of our Lord!

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/cbscholarship2025>. 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. Kids can start now by earning coins through chores, dog-walking, collecting change, or helping at home.
- **We are collecting donated items such as bedding (no mattress), 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.
- **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.
- **Please come and join B&B English SS class on Sunday, June 29, 2025 at 11:00 am in room 163** with the guest speaker Rev. Jonathan Cheng and his wife Margaret (parents of Geraldine Cheng Lee), the topic will be “Legacy of a Blessed Family”. For more details, please contact Gene Woo at genewool@gmail.com.
- **Children's Sunday School Year End Celebration will be held on Sunday, June 29, 2025 at 11 am in the Children Center (room 211).**
- **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.
- **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



VBC/KCC



Youth Community