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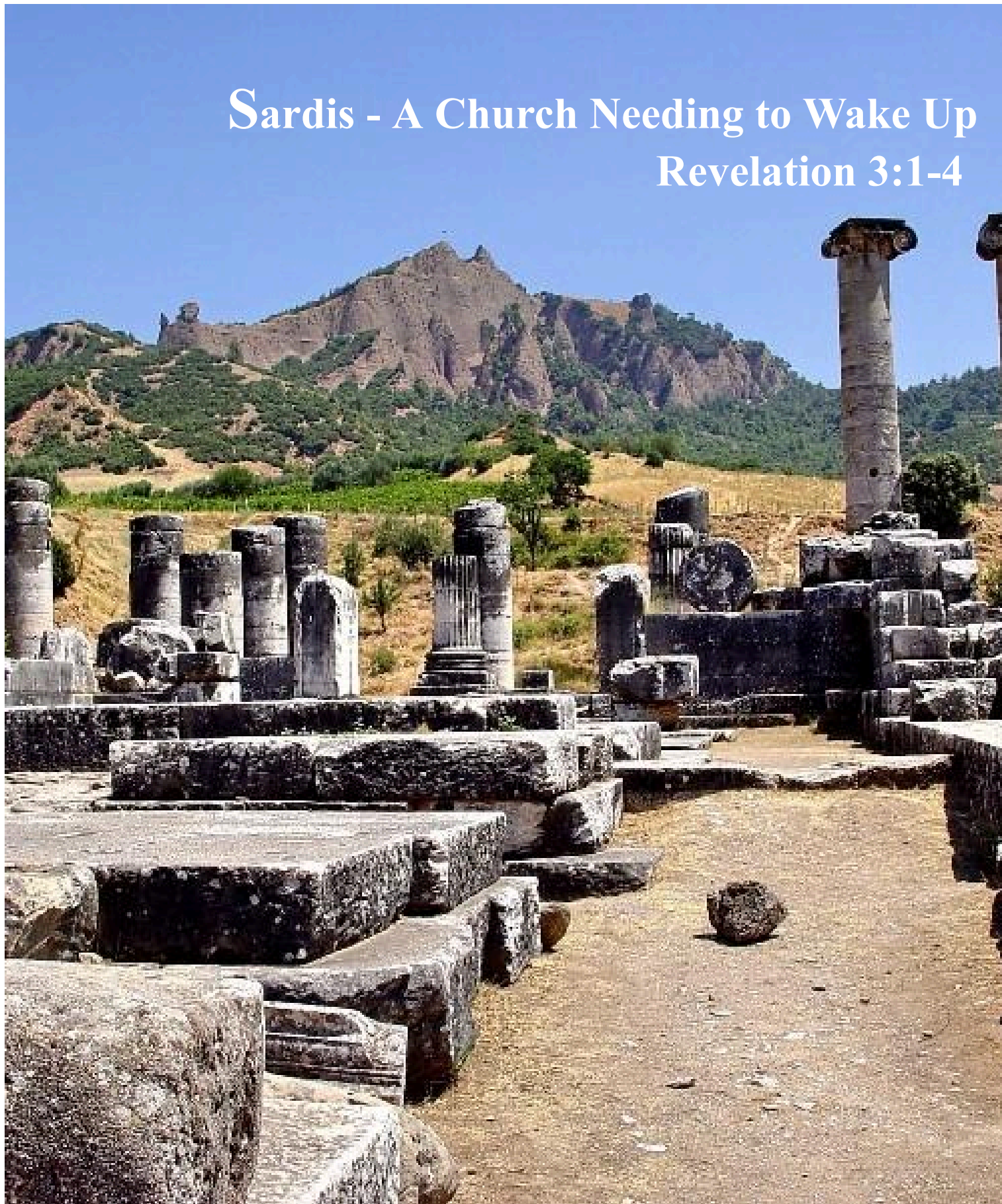
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Sardis - A Church Needing to Wake Up Revelation 3:1-4



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	Revelation 4:11 (CSB)
Welcome	Roberta Leo
Adoration	O Worship The King He Lives The Heart Of Worship
Prayer	Irene Chen
Scripture Reading	Revelation 3:1-4 (CSB) Deacon Gary Sham
Proclamation	Sardis - A Church Needing To Wake Up Pastor Oleg Xu
Response Music	Give Us Clean Hands
Offertory Prayer	Deacon Gary Sham
Announcements	Dorothy Liu
Benediction	Pastor Oleg Xu



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Revelation 3:1-4 (CSB)

1 “Write to the angel of the church in Sardis: Thus says the one who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars: I know your works; you have a reputation for being alive, but you are dead. **2** Be alert and strengthen what remains, which is about to die, for I have not found your works complete before my God. **3** Remember, then, what you have received and heard; keep it, and repent. If you are not alert, I will come like a thief, and you have no idea at what hour I will come upon you. **4** But you have a few people in Sardis who have not defiled their clothes, and they will walk with me in white, because they are worthy.”

Notes:

Dealing with self-deception:

- I. Be Watchful v. 2a
- II. Be Strengthened v. 2b
- III. Remember v. 3a
- IV. Repent v. 3b

Monthly Preaching Schedule

Date	English (9:45 am)	Mandarin (9:45 am)	Cantonese (11:15 am)
7/20/2025	Pastor Oleg Xu	Pastor Jian Yang	Pastor Peter Leong
7/27/2025	Pastor Oleg Xu	Pastor Jian Yang	Rev. Danny Lee
8/03/2025	Pastor Don Gardner	Rev. Andrew Chao	Rev. Andrew Chao

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Pastor's Word by Pastor Donald Gardner

"May Christ's Sacrifice for You Guide Your Days"

If any of us are to grow as Christians, we must become learners. That means we must be sensitive to the situations and people that surround us on a daily basis. Sometimes, I have good days with this, and sometimes I have bad days! Before you laugh at me, consider that you too may not be perfect in your skills in this area. Maybe we can pray for each other in this journey of faith and service.

At 15, I became enthralled with the ministry of a man named Arthur Blessitt. He was a unique evangelist from California who walked and pulled a huge wooden cross as he traveled across the states and countries he visited. His cross was 12 feet tall and, while on rollers, the beams were not light. It was rather “extreme” to use this approach to bring attention to the message of Christ in people’s lives, but it did accomplish the goal of getting people to ask spiritual questions about Jesus—His life, suffering, and sacrifice for us. By pulling this cross over 40,000 miles and into hundreds of countries as a testimony of Christ’s love for mankind, Blessitt left a powerful witness for his Lord. Obviously, we too must ask: What kind of witness are we leaving with our lives?

One evening in Dallas, after attending a meeting led by this man, I returned home and found myself on my knees praying for the salvation of my older cousin. For me, such behavior was unusual, but the Holy Spirit of God seemed to overwhelm my interests to the point that I wanted to block out the distractions of this world and do something significant—so I prayed! As I wept over Danny’s lostness and considered the consequences of his not following Jesus, I prayed for God's guidance and for the soul of this dear relative. My heart was broken in a new and profound way, and it marked the beginning of a new life journey with my Lord.

It is my prayer for you that you don’t allow the distractions and excuses of our society to keep you from having a similar fellowship with the Lord Jesus. Please don’t look for reasons to avoid the sensitivity of the Holy Spirit in your life. Instead, look for reasons to have fellowship with your Savior. Get on your knees in a quiet place, think of others who urgently need direction and purpose in their lives, and pray for them. Such modeling comes from our Lord.

Announcements

- Please continue to pray for the comfort of the Hill Country flood victims. Pray for those providing aid, for all affected to feel God’s love, peace and strength, and for strong coordination in the rescue and recovery efforts.
- **Texans on Mission - CBC will be collecting funds throughout the month of July to help those affected by the floods in Kerrville, TX.** You can donate online through CBC website at www.cbchouston.org or in the labeled envelope near the offering boxes around the church.
- **NMDP Announcement**, last year, Chinese Baptist Church graciously hosted a stem cell drive for beloved sister Sylvia Quan, who sadly passed away from leukemia. Although she didn’t find a match, someone who registered at that event ended up saving a life through a successful stem cell donation. A donor from that event matched someone in need and helped save a life. There will be a brief Sunday announcement to thank CBC on Sunday, July 27 in the English Worship Service from the National Marrow Donor Program Organization.
- **Senior Rainbow Field Trip to the “Galveston Railroad Museum” will be on Friday, Aug 1, 2025**, departing from the CBC parking lot at 8.30 am. The cost is \$11/ person (for tickets and tip). Please RSVP to Dorothy Chow at 281-222-9180 or Josephine Jue at 713-774-4321. (tickets are non-refundable).
- **August Kids Ministry update, kids program will be offered** during the first hour on Sunday (9:45 am - 10:45 am) throughout the month of Aug. There will be no second hour programs (Sunday School) at 11:15 am - 12:15 pm from nursery to 5th grade . **Parents, please plan to pick up all children at 10:45 am throughout August.** Thank you for your support as we prepare for the new ministry year ahead!
- **Men’s Prayer breakfast will be on Saturday, Aug 2, 2025 from 8:30 am to 9:30 am in room 163.** Please contact Pastor Oleg at pastoroleg@cbchouston.org to RSVP.
- **Please save the date for “Sunday School Equipping Day” on Saturday, Aug 16, 2025.** More details to follow soon!
- **The Nominations and Budget meeting will be held on Sunday, Aug 17, 2025 at 1 pm in the Sanctuary.** A simple lunch will be provided.
- **AWANA Fall kick off will be on Friday, Aug 22, 2025 at 7:30 pm in the FLC.**
- **Save the date: Church Wide Retreat will be from Friday, Oct 3 through Sunday, Oct 5, 2025 at the Trinity Pines Conference Center.** Details to follow soon.