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An open Bible with white pages and a brown cover, resting on a wooden surface. The background is a dramatic sunset or sunrise over a landscape with mountains and a bright sun low on the horizon, casting a golden glow over the scene.

God's Wisdom and Power (I)

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

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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	Romans 11:33-36 (CSB)
Welcome	Roberta Leo
Adoration	Open Up The Heavens What A Beautiful Name None But Jesus
Prayer	Irene Chen
Scripture Reading	1 Corinthians 1:18-25 (ESV) David Lee
Proclamation	God's Wisdom and Power (I) Tim Eng
Response Music	Turn Your Eyes
Offertory Prayer	David Lee
Announcements	Kristina Liu
Benediction	Pastor Donald Gardner



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1 Corinthians 1:18-25 (ESV)

18 For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. **19** For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” **20** Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? **21** For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. **22** For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, **23** but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, **24** but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. **25** For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

Notes:

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Pastor's Word by Pastor Donald Gardner

MORE JESUS CHARACTER COMMENTS 3:

John 6 reveals Jesus at Capernaum. He is seen as a focused Saviour who is concerned about truth and theology. Popularity as an ego based identity was not even a consideration, an attitude expressed within the testimony of Jesus. As has been said before, **"Our Actions reveal our Character"** and Jesus presented some very challenging values and teachings that resulted in the vast majority of his so-called followers and disciples walking away. As Jesus spoke of being the "Bread of Life" and the need for His disciples to "eat His flesh," the followers argued in confusion about this son of Joseph and His references to having come down from heaven! Yet, Jesus did not simplify His message or alter His words to attract public consumption even though He knew his Jewish audience was dwindling rapidly! With His listeners being highly religious persons and respecters of sabbatical laws, Jesus knew how He could have drawn in the number of followers IF that had been His goal. However, the values of Jesus were to assist His real disciples to look into their own hearts and confirm their commitment to serving Christ in all things.

We all have to review daily the depth of our faith. We have to consider how much we actually appreciate the salvation that Jesus has provided. In some cases, we have to ask ourselves how much persecution or prejudice we can endure when our Christian walk is questioned. Christian courage is to remember what the sinless Jesus has offered us on the Cross of Calvary! At Capernaum, Jesus' message was not attractive to the masses and nearly all of His followers were found out as "sightseers." There was no "cheap grace" to be offered by Jesus in that location. Jesus left the final decision to follow Him with the individuals.

I could dream that my courage to stand strong for Christ would be adequate when a time of heavy persecution might come. But, there are no guarantees about myself and my faith. The bravery of Jesus in times of threat and criticism is the model that I must seek for myself but I am certainly a failure in many ways. Jesus was tempted, criticized, beaten, spat upon, and many other things that would probably challenge my strength of faith. The religious men of his day saw Jesus as unacceptable to their legalistic understanding.

My bargain with you is that I will pray for you if you will do the same for me!

Announcements

- **Starting this Sunday, Jan 19, 2025 we will start collecting donations for the California Wildfire Relief Fund.** The labeled donation envelopes are available at the Offering boxes around our church. You can also set up online giving through the CBC website or donate directly to: www.sendrelief.org
- **Short-term Missions trip Information discussion will be Sunday, Jan 19, 2025 from 1 pm to 1:30 pm in room 134.** There will be information about the upcoming short mission trips for year 2025: a) Spring Break Mission trip will be in Galveston, TX (March 12-15 / March 16-19, 2025) with Texas Baptists Youth Missions. b) Summer Mission trips will be going to Dallas (June 7-8, 2025) with the North American Missions Board (SBC), c) Cambodia (June 29 - July 6, 2025), and d) Taiwan (July 5 - 11, 2025).
- **Senior Rainbow Chinese New Year celebration will be on Thursday, Jan 23, 2025 from 10 am to noon in the FLC.** The cost is \$7/ person. Please RSVP by Monday, Jan 20, 2025 to Dorothy Chow (281-222-9180) or Josephine Jue (832-651-5314).
- **Chinese New Year Luncheon will be on Sunday, Jan 26, 2025 at 12:30 pm in the FLC. Please consider donating 1 or 2 rotisserie chickens per family and drop it off at the FLC kitchen that Sunday morning.** The Mandarin group will be in charge of bringing veggie dishes. The Cantonese group will be in charge of serving and kitchen clean-up. The English Adult SS classes will be in charge of bringing mandarin oranges or desserts (cookies).
- **The 2024 contribution statement is ready to pick up at the welcome desk (foyer) in front of the Sanctuary on Sun, Jan 26, 2025, from 11:00 am - 1:30 pm.** We will mail them out after that. If you have any questions about your statement, please email to financials@cbchouston.org.
- **Boomers and Bereans Fellowship will be on Saturday, Feb 1, 2025 from 10:30 am to 1 pm in the FLC.** Please join us to learn how to be healthy and safe in the New Year 2025. The guest speaker is Cynthia Lew, a Registered Nurse with UTMB and a diabetic educator / lifestyle coach for 20 years. Lunch cost is \$5/person. Please RSVP to Gene Woo at geneywool@gmail.com. You may also call the CBC Office at 713-461-0963 or email Ashley Lo at ashleyl@cbchouston.org.
- **Happy Retirement for Pastor Kai Yuen Choi,** his official last day will be Sunday, Feb 23, 2025. We appreciate Pastor Kai Yuen's contributions, leadership, and spiritual impact in the Cantonese congregation and community. Thank you for serving and leading the ministry all these years at Chinese Baptist Church. May God continue to bless Pastor Kai Yuen and his family in their next journey.