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# CHINESE BAPTIST CHURCH

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**Feb 23, 2025**



**Being Different Can Be a Good Thing!**

**Colossians 3:1-17**

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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	Isaiah 25:1 (CSB)
Welcome	Gary Sham
Adoration	The Lion And The Lamb You Are My King (Amazing Love) You Are My All In All
Prayer	Candy Chin
Scripture Reading	Colossians 3:1-17 (CSB) Lawrence Fan
Proclamation	Being Different Can Be a Good Thing! Pastor Donald Gardner
Response Music	Blest Be The Tie That Binds
Offertory Prayer	Lawrence Fan
Announcements	Jeannie Moon
Benediction	Pastor Donald Gardner

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## Colossian 3:1-17 (CSB)

**1** So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. **2** Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. **3** For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. **4** When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. **5** Therefore, put to death what belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desire, and greed, which is idolatry. **6** Because of these, God's wrath is coming upon the disobedient, **7** and you once walked in these things when you were living in them. **8** But now, put away all the following: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and filthy language from your mouth. **9** Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old self with its practices **10** and have put on the new self. You are being renewed in knowledge according to the image of your Creator. **11** In Christ there is not Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all. **12** Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and dearly loved, put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, **13** bearing with one another and forgiving one another if anyone has a grievance against another. Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you are also to forgive. **14** Above all, put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity. **15** And let the peace of Christ, to which you were also called in one body, rule your hearts. And be thankful. **16** Let the word of Christ dwell richly among you, in all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another through psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. **17** And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

### Notes:

I. A Changed Direction For Life is a Good Thing (3: 1-4)

II. What Changes Does the Father Desire? (3: 5-8)

III. What We Must Understand and Do? (3: 9-14)

Monthly Preaching Schedule

Date	English (9:45 am)	Mandarin (9:45 am)	Cantonese (11:15 am)
2/23/2025	Pastor Don	Pastor Kai Yuen	Pastor Kai Yuen
3/2/2025	Pastor Don	Rev Andrew	Pastor John
3/9/2025	Pastor Oleg	Tim Eng	Tim Eng
3/16/2025	Rev Danny	Pastor Don	Pastor Don

# Pastor's Word by Pastor Donald Gardner

## "Who is Your Jesus?"

**Is Jesus a Lion or a Lamb?** We tend to often think in forms of "either-or" with less consideration of the potential of "both-and" as we seek answers to stressful problems or things we may not understand. While Isaiah 11:6 references the Lion and the Lamb, the primary reference to Christ as both the Lion and the Lamb is found in Revelation 5:5-6. In most ways, the power and character of a Lion is viewed as an opposite to the gentle spirit of a Lamb. Jesus is presented as both the Lion of Judah and the sacrificial Lamb that was slain for the sins of mankind! In Revelation chapters 4 & 5, a heavenly throne room is revealed where a heavenly scroll is found in the right hand of the one sitting on a throne. The kingship of Christ, as the only one worthy to open the scrolls and reveal the meaning therein, is presented in this scripture for the reader to consider.

We may ask why Jesus is the chosen and worthy one to open the scrolls? As sinful and limited as we are in our faith, Christians are aware that Christ's role on the cross of Calvary was substitutionary and cleansing for our sins. Revelation 5:6 presents the victorious Jesus as the conquering Lamb whose holy blood was shed for you and me! In the Old Testament, the spilling of a pure Lamb's blood was a cleansing action to represent purity for the behavioral sins of men and a reconnection with the creator God. Jesus is our powerful Lion who is our protector and guardian as well as the forgiving, understanding, and sensitive Lamb who cares for you and me, even when we don't deserve His care. Yes, Christ is the extreme as **He is both Lion and Lamb!**

### Announcements

- **Valley Lodge Trail Ride is on Friday, Feb 28, 2025.** They will stop-off and park in our main CBC parking lot from 12 pm to 1:00 pm for lunch. Our family members are welcome to come out to see the cowboys, wagons and horses and take a few pictures if they like. Please be aware, they will only be here for about an hour.
- **Men's breakfast will be held on Saturday, Mar 1, 2025 at 8:30 am to 9:30 am in room 163.** Please contact Pastor Oleg at [pastoroleg@cbchouston.org](mailto:pastoroleg@cbchouston.org) for RSVP.
- **Senior Rainbow Field Trip will be on Saturday, March 8, 2025,** visiting Beaumont - Famous Spindletop Gusher, Mural Festival (bus tour), Fire Museum, and Babe Zaharias Museum. The cost: \$7.00/ person for tour tips and tickets. Because of high demand, reservations are valid when payment is received. RSVP to Dorothy at 281-222-9180. Lunch will be on your own. Departing the Chinese Baptist Church parking lot at 8:00 am and returning at 6:00 pm.
- **Senior Rainbow Fellowship (Super Senior Event) will be on Thursday, March 20, 2025 at 10 am to noon in the FLC.** Please invite your parents or relatives who are 90 years or older to have fellowship and celebration together. Please RSVP to Dorothy Chow at 281-222-9180 or Josephine Jue at 713-774-4321.
- **Mission Trips for 2025:** Galveston Spring break Youth Mission Trip (Mar 12-16, 2025), Summer Mission trip to Dallas (June 7-8, 2025) with the North American Missions Board (SBC), Cambodia (June 29 - July 6, 2025), and Taiwan (July 5-11, 2025). Everyone interested is welcome to join and please contact Pastor Oleg for details at [pastoroleg@cbchouston.org](mailto:pastoroleg@cbchouston.org).
- **Ministry Fair will be held on Sunday, May 4, 2025 at 1:15 pm to 3:15 pm in the FLC.**
- **Our Semi Annual Business Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 18, 2025 at 1 pm in the Sanctuary.**
- **Please save the date on June 23 to June 27 for Vacation Bible Camp (9 am to noon) and Kids Chinese Camp (1 pm to 5 pm) at CBC.** It's for children aged 4 to 12 years old, Registration will be open in May. Lunch will be on your own.

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