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A scenic landscape photograph showing a calm body of water in the foreground, reflecting a dense forest of evergreen trees and a range of snow-capped mountains under a blue sky with scattered white clouds. The text is overlaid on the lower portion of the image.

The Theology of Rest

Genesis 2:1-3

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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	Ephesians 2:19-22 (CSB)
Welcome	Gary Sham
Adoration	The Solid Rock Always Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)
Prayer	Candy Chin
Scripture	Genesis 2:1-3 (ESV) Lawrence Fan
Proclamation	The Theology of Rest Pastor Justin Wong
Response	Still
Offertory Prayer	Lawrence Fan
Announcements	Pastor Justin Wong
Benediction	Pastor Justin Wong



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Genesis 2:1-3 (ESV)

1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. **2** And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. **3** So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

Notes

Scriptural Questions:

- In the narrative, what happens before and after God rests? What is the author trying to communicate to his audience?
- What is the purpose of God “blessing” the seventh day? And why is it “holy”?
- Read Hebrews 3:18-4:11. How does the author of Hebrews understand the grand story of “rest” in light of Genesis 2?
- How does the goodness of Jesus play into the idea of sabbath rest?

Personal Questions

- In a given week, do you feel more rested? Busy? Frantic? Balanced? Why?
- How do you and your family think through sabbath on a weekly, monthly, and yearly routine?
- If you find resting difficult, what might be some underlying issues that cause this?
- How should the gospel inform your daily and weekly rhythms? How should the gospel inform CBC?

Pastor's Word by Pastor Donald Gardner

The Church Must Be The Church!

Circumstances bring stress, situations change, people fail us, work closes opportunities, our friends move away, the church is too petty and self-centered, our society is God-less, our world seems focused only on money, and I'm insecure without my "traditions/habit." In the end, we still have to determine if we are an optimist or a pessimist with all that surrounds us! How do we cope? Do we just "surrender," to be confused or angry within our hearts?

Actually, such is life! For some reason, people often tend to think that life SHOULD be easy and revolve around themselves. All the comforts and activities should gently fall into place like a puzzle with all the pieces marked for our convenience. Yet, if we think for just a moment, we realize this is NOT the case. People seldom have the "ideal life" and even those with "all the puzzle pieces together" still have hidden struggles of their own. Divorce, Suicides, Murder, Car Crashes, Lawsuits, and many other "less than enjoyable circumstances" flow around even the most "wealthy and successful" of people. So, what are we to make of it all? Stephen, in the Book of Acts, had a short but most "successful life's run!" He chose significance over safety. He chose strength of character over fear. He chose Christ over Religion. He chose boldness over retreat. He chose Jesus over the threats of man. He chose consistency over compromise. He chose death over surrender. He chose martyrdom over passivity.

Life isn't easy and it never was intended to be so. Even Adam & Eve were supposed to "tend the garden!" Let us learn from Stephen and not fear the challenges that come our way but remain strong as a Christian Family as we "choose Christ and His strength" to face tomorrow and tomorrow's tomorrow! The future of CBC is still in His Hands!

Announcements

- **Mission Trip report and presentation (Taiwan & Cambodia) will be held on Sunday, Aug 11 from 12:30 pm to 2 pm in the Children Center (room 211).** Inviting everyone to attend.
- **Children's Choir Performance will be Sunday, Aug 11 at 2 pm in the Sanctuary,** inviting everyone to come and enjoy their performance
- **Business Meeting on Sunday, August 18, 2024 at 1 pm in the Sanctuary.** We will have 2 deacon candidates to vote on: Edmond Cheung and Hai-Long Yong.
- **Rainbow Fellowship Summer Fun, Thursday, Aug 22, 2024 at 10 am in the FLC.** Cost \$5/person, please RSVP as soon as possible to Dorothy Chow (281-222-9180) or Josephine Jue (832-651-5314).
- **Bereans and Boomers Fall Lunch Fellowship will be on Saturday, Sept 7, 2024 from 10:30 am to 1 pm in the FLC.** Speaker will be Dr Gene Yee (a retired 47 year Family Physician and a CBC Deacon), topic will be "Important Factors when choosing your Medicare Plan & Supplement ". Lunch Cost \$5/ person, RSVP by Wednesday Sept 4, 2024 to genewool@gmail.com or Ashley Lo at ashleyley@cbchouston.org or call CBC office 713.461.0963.

We would like to invite our visitors to consider joining the CBC family as members. If you are interested, a one hour class will be held by one of our Pastoral Staff with information about CBC beliefs, mission, baptism and ministries. You will also have an opportunity to share your testimony and ask questions. Please fill out the membership application form: <https://forms.gle/CrJQikEDGwpoLZgK6> or contact the office for more questions.

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