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The Greatest Commandment

Mark 12:28-34

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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	Our Love Is Loud My Jesus I Love Thee Saviour King
Prayer	Joshua Lee
Scripture	Mark 12:28-34 (NASB 1995) Johnson Leo
Proclamation	The Greatest Commandment Reverend Andrew Chao
Response	I Love You Lord/ I Love You With the Love of the Lord Medley
Offertory Prayer	Johnson Leo
Announcements	Pastor Oleg Xu
Benediction	Pastor Oleg Xu



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Mark 12:28-34 (NASB 1995)

28 One of the scribes came and heard them arguing, and recognizing that He had answered them well, asked Him, “What commandment is the foremost of all?” 29 Jesus answered, “The foremost is, ‘Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is one Lord; 30 and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ 31 The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” 32 The scribe said to Him, “Right, Teacher; You have truly stated that He is One, and there is no one else besides Him; 33 and to love Him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength, and to love one’s neighbor as himself, is much more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.” 34 When Jesus saw that he had answered intelligently, He said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that, no one would venture to ask Him any more questions.

Notes

Introduction: The Lord our God is One LORD

- Love the Lord your God with....
- Love YOUR NEIGHBOR AS....
- you are not far from....

Conclusion: No one would venture to ask...

Pastor's Word by Pastor Donald Gardner

“Clear Direction.....or not!

Jesus is the model for Christians. He walks in front of us and challenges us to follow His life. Yet, we tend to forget that even Jesus had to go to Gethsemane to pray for direction and courage. Peter was certainly surprised at his own failures and Paul ended up regularly on ships headed in directions that God altered. To follow Christ is to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit's constant directional adjustments!

Leaders are people who feel the pressure to have the immediate and correct answers to many questions. If we are not careful, we allow that stress to motivate us to, at times, respond to some questions without wisdom or God's guidance. Spiritual leadership is not the ability to know it all. It is the sensitivity to recognize one's own limitations, seek advice as needed, and the courage to boldly move forward in expectation that God will be there before us.

May the leadership of CBC know the joy of dependency as we step out in faith and the expectation to try new ministries, new leadership models, and new outreach in His name.

Announcements

Business Meeting on August 18, 2024 We are happy to announce the results of the vote to extend the terms of six deacons by one year for 2024-2025. All received the requisite 3/4 majority vote as follows:

Davy Chin:	175 Yes, 0 No	100%
Lawrence Fan:	174 Yes, 2 No	98.9%
William Gaw:	175 Yes, 1 No	99.4%
Wayne Gor:	172 Yes, 1 No	99.4%
David Lee:	158 Yes, 16 No	90.8%
Gene Yee:	172 Yes, 2 No	98.9%

Please support and pray for the Deacon Body as they serve the church and the community.

- **The CBC Church Council** met this past week to approve multiple matters regarding the 2024-25 committee member selection, deacon recommendations, and the overall church budget. At that same meeting, Pastor Justin Wong received approval to take a 3-month Sabbatical leave from September to November of this year. The ministry staff and other lay leadership will be coordinating the efforts for addressing the needs of our Youth Ministries during his absence.
- **VBC Missions:** All praise to God for His goodness and faithfulness! Donations to VBC Missions benefiting the Children's Hunger Fund totaled \$1476.76 this year.
- **Deacon Ordination Service** will be held on Sunday, Sept 29, 2024 at 12:30 pm in the Sanctuary, followed by a lunch celebration at 1:30 pm in the FLC. The invitation is open for everyone to come and join.

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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