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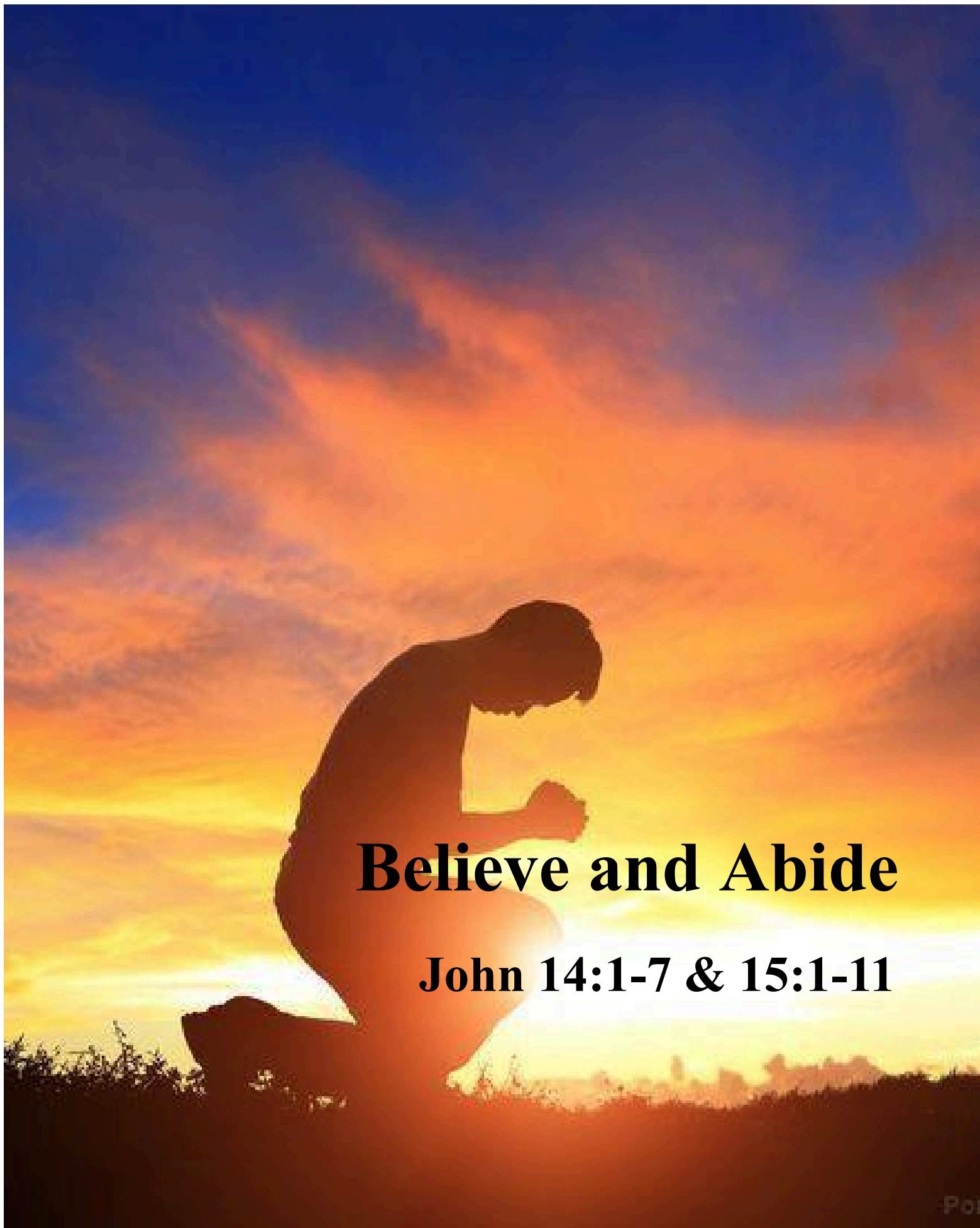
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Believe and Abide

John 14:1-7 & 15:1-11

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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	Irene Chen
Adoration	Come People Of The Risen King This I Believe Abide
Prayer	Ray Yu
Scripture Reading	John 14:1-7 & 15:1-11 (ESV) Lawrence Fan
Proclamation	Believe & Abide Pastor Robert Gardner
Response	Trust And Obey
Offertory Prayer	Lawrence Fan
Announcements	Catherine Yen
Benediction	Pastor Robert Gardner



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John 14:1-7 (ESV)

1 “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. **2** In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? **3** And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. **4** And you know the way to where I am going.” **5** Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” **6** Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. **7** If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

John 15:1-11 (ESV)

1 “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. **2** Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. **3** Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. **4** Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. **5** I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. **6** If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. **7** If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. **8** By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. **9** As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. **10** If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. **11** These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

Notes

Outline:

1. Believe
 1. Prepare a Place
 2. Come Again & Take You
 3. The Way, The Truth, & The Life
2. Abide
 1. The True Vine & The Vinedresser
 2. The Branch that Abides
 3. The Branch that Withers
3. Fruit of the Vine
 1. The Word that Abides
 2. The Love that Abides
 3. The Commandments that Abide

Discussion Questions:

- What does it mean to you for Jesus to be the Only Way, the Only Truth, and the Only Life?
- Does the branch live for the Vine? Or does the Vine live for the branch?
- Are you truly a disciple of Jesus Christ? Or are you just in the company of God's people?
- What are the fruits of those who are branches of the True Vine?

Pastor's Word by Pastor Donald Gardner

A Servant Leader Model!

While offensive to many in our world today, the Christian's willingness to be referred to as a "servant" is a bit unique. With Christ as our model, we see His modeling of one who focused on the needs of others above His own preferences, dreams, goals, comforts, etc. Truth was His mantra and servanthood was His testimony, even to the cross. For Jesus, to take the title of "servant" was viewed as more desirable than to be called "king."

In the area of "leadership," we see Christ as one who didn't push himself to the forefront for the purpose of displaying His superiority. Instead, Christ's natural wisdom and sensitivity toward others revealed the depth of His purity, love, and truth. He led by example in word and deed. He challenged the system, the customs, the religious expectations, the government, the very core of man's understanding of what it was to be important and successful as a man! Yet, this "challenging" wasn't for attention but for the desire to show that man can be more important than just what a self-focused identity might bring. Jesus presented us with true "servant leadership" in the voluntary form of His own spirit and sacrifice.

May we today be even a portion of the servant leader that Jesus has been for us. May we learn to value what it is to give one's life for others. May we welcome opportunities to work "beyond our own comfort zones" for the Kingdom.

Announcements

- **Senior Rainbow Fellowship will be on Thursday, Oct 17, 2024** from 10 am to noon in the FLC. The topic is "Medicare Changes for 2025," with speaker Dr. Gene Yee (translation will be available) It is open to everyone and lunch cost will be \$5 per person. Please RSVP to Josephine Jue at 713-774-4321 or Dorothy Chow at 281-222-9180, for the food headcount.
- We are still collecting for the "**Special Offering Hurricane Helene.**" The special offering envelope will be ready for pick up near the Offertory box and in the foyer.
- **Operation Christmas Child 2024 project will start soon.** Please pick up the shoeboxes, adhesive labels, and instructions for how to fill up your box(es) starting Sunday, **Oct. 20** at the OCC table in the main foyer. Completed shoeboxes may be dropped off to the designated area in the foyer anytime before the deadline on **Sunday, Nov. 24th**. For details, contact myra.ykwan@gmail.com.
- **Ice Cream Social event** for the new CBC members will be on Sunday, Oct 27 from 1:15 pm to 2:15 pm in the Foyer (Welcome Center). Please RSVP by Thursday, Oct 24 to the CBC Office or email ashleyl@cbchouston.org.
- **Fall Clean Up at CBC-** please be aware that our lost and found items are piled up. Over the next 2 weeks you have the opportunity to claim your lost items. On Sunday, Oct 27, 2024 every unclaimed lost and found item will be donated.
- **Please note that the Children Department** will have an evacuation drill today between 11:15 am to 12:15 pm.

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