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What Are You Willing to  
Change for Success in 2024?

Psalm 51:1-13, 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	Psalm 107:1-2, 8 (CSB)
Welcome	Roberta Leo
Adoration	Open Up The Heavens Made Me Glad O Praise The Name (Anastasis)
Prayer	Irene Chen
Scripture Reading	Psalm 51:1-13,17 (CSB) Wayne Gor
Proclamation	What Are You Willing to Change for Success in 2024? Pastor Donald Gardner
Response	Refiner's Fire
Lord's Supper	Pastor Oleg Xu
Offertory Prayer	Wayne Gor
Announcements	Mimi Chew
Benediction	Pastor Donald Gardner

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## Psalm 51:1-13,17 (CSB)

**1** Be gracious to me, God, according to your faithful love; according to your abundant compassion, blot out my rebellion. **2** Completely wash away my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. **3** For I am conscious of my rebellion, and my sin is always before me. **4** Against you—you alone—I have sinned and done this evil in your sight. So you are right when you pass sentence; you are blameless when you judge. **5** Indeed, I was guilty when I was born; I was sinful when my mother conceived me. **6** Surely you desire integrity in the inner self, and you teach me wisdom deep within. **7** Purify me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. **8** Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. **9** Turn your face away from my sins and blot out all my guilt. **10** God, create a clean heart for me and renew a steadfast spirit within me. **11** Do not banish me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. **12** Restore the joy of your salvation to me, and sustain me by giving me a willing spirit. **13** Then I will teach the rebellious your ways, and sinners will return to you.

**17** The sacrifice pleasing to God is a broken spirit. You will not despise a broken and humbled heart, God.

### Notes:

What Are You Willing to Change for Success in 2024?

I. Self-Evaluation (v. 1-4)

A. Recognize God as God (v. 1)

B. Self-awareness (v. 2-3)

C. Confess to God (v. 4)

II. Confession & Cleansing (v. 7-10)

III. Getting a Contrite Heart (v. 17)

# Pastor's Word by Pastor Donald Gardner

## “Communication Tools Required”

As Christians, we all enjoy learning about history, habits, customs, and traditions found in the Scriptures. Recently, I listened to a wonderful lecture on Sacrifices, the Cleansing of Sin, etc. There was instruction on Old Testament and New Testament understanding. At some point during the talk, I began to consider the reality of our environment. For me, the word “Sin” (罪) is not threatening or something that I fear the confession of, since I have Christ as my Savior. Yet, I had to admit to myself that the lecture was focused only on Christians and would be absolutely unacceptable to a non-Christian! The term “sin” would be totally misunderstood and the idea of sitting/listening to this presentation would “miss the target” for those listeners.

I began to realize that if everyone in that room was to think about their co-workers and their attitudes towards the concept of what they understood to be “sin,” probably 100% of those people would deny that they are a “sinner.” In 1 John 1:8-9, it says, “*If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.*” Yet, do most non-Christians even grasp what they are saying when they deny being a “sinner?” For us today, I want to challenge us to remember that we live in a “Postmodern World” where “Sin” is not considered an important issue. Reading is no longer the most highly valued approach to learning, as video has taken over that position. Talk has less of an impact when people are looking for authenticity. If we depend on the church service and words alone to communicate Christ’s activity and love, MANKIND WILL BE LOST. We must, as Christians, determine to be “risk takers who push ourselves” with communicating Christ’s love to our world. What creative and interesting skills do you have that will get you into the lives of the lost people around you and allow you to demonstrate “Christ’s Love?”

### Announcements

- **Senior Rainbow Fellowship will celebrate Our Veterans on Thursday, Nov 7, 2024** from 10 am to noon in the FLC. Cost \$12/person (PAPPAS BBQ). All the veterans and veteran widows are free. Inviting everyone to come and celebrate, so please **RSVP to Dorothy Chow at 281-222-9180 or Josephine Jue at 713-774-4321 by Tuesday, Nov 5, 2024**. We encourage everyone that comes to please bring fruits and snacks to fill some baskets to give away to the foreign students.
- **Our Annual Business Meeting** will be held on **Sunday, Nov 17, 2024** at 1 pm in the Sanctuary. The Church Annual Report 2023-2024, the agenda and previous minute meeting will be ready for pick up in the Foyer, please take only 1 copy per family. A simple lunch will be served.
- **Operation Christmas Child 2024** - Please pick up the shoeboxes, adhesive labels, and instructions for how to fill up your box(es) on the OCC table in the main foyer or near CBC Office area. Completed shoeboxes may be dropped off to the designated area in the foyer anytime before the deadline on **Sunday, Nov 17th**. For details, contact [myra.ykwan@gmail.com](mailto:myra.ykwan@gmail.com). Each shoe box already has one paid label attached.
- **Senior Rainbow Fellowship Field Trip will be on Monday, Nov 18, 2024** to Houston Police Dept, Mounted Police Facility, HPD Museum, and Katy War Veterans Memorial Museum. It's open to everyone, but our priority is for the veterans. The cost is \$2/ person and the bus will depart from the CBC parking lot at 8:15 am and return around 4 pm. Lunch will be at Taste of Texas (on your own). **Please RSVP to Josephine Jue at 713-774-4321 or Dorothy Chow at 281-222-9180.**

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