



The Justification Of God

Theodicy in Habakkuk



HOUSTON
CHINESE CHURCH
德士頓中國教會

Yet I Will Wait

Preacher: Jason Tarn

Sunday, November 20, 2022 | 9:15am - 10:30am

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ENGLISH WORSHIP SERVICE

9:15 AM – 10:30 AM

Welcome & Call to Worship
Recitation of the Apostles' Creed
Worship in Song
Offertory
Introduction of New Members
Pastoral Prayer
Scripture Reading, *Habakkuk 3:1-19*
Worship in the Word, Pastor Jason Tarn
"Yet I Will Wait" - [Sermon Outline](#)
Worship in Song
Benediction & Doxology

Church Membership

Church membership formalizes a relationship between the church and a Christian through the church affirming their faith and the Christian permitting the church to shepherd them.

UPCOMING SERMON SCHEDULE

Chosen for Adoption

November 27 | *Ephesians 1:3-6* | Jason Tarn

Pure Religion

December 4 | *James 1:27* | Fred Tow

Jesus Came to... Proclaim Good News

December 11 | *Luke 4:16-20* | Henry Ow

Jesus Came to... Cast Fire on the Earth

December 18 | *Luke 12:49-53* | Jonathan Huang



ONLINE

Sermon notes and video recordings can be found here:
hcc.lv/sermons



ENGLISH ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us for Sunday School classes at 11:00am -12:15pm. Jesus calls us to be disciples, workers, and leaders. Our teaching ministry aims to produce believers who are committed to the call of Jesus.

New Testament Survey (Part 1 of 3) | Trailer 412/414

Systematic Theology Survey (Part 1 of 3) | Rm 115

Old Testament Survey (Part 4 of 6) | Trailer 411

Family Life: Senior Care | Rm 113

LUNCH PREPARATION

Living Spring Fellowship + Agape Fellowship (this week)
(Thanksgiving Holiday - no lunch service next week)

The Justification of God: Theodicy in Habakkuk

Yet I Will Wait

Habakkuk 3:1-19

Habakkuk is not wrestling with why bad things happen to good people. He is wondering why enough bad things don't happen to bad people. He specifically has in mind the wicked Babylonians, who are coming to destroy God's city and deport his people. After being assured of Babylon's future judgment, Habakkuk concludes with a prayer of faith. While all else fails around him, he quietly waits and trusts in the Lord.

1. Remember the powerful displays of God's past judgment

2. Rest in the long view of God's sure justice

3. Rejoice in the all sufficiency of God's silent presence

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Membership Class | TODAY & Sun, Nov 27 | 11:00 am | Trailer 416

Want to take the next step and become a member of HCC? Contact **Elise Tan** at englishadmin@hcchome.org to sign up for the class or to schedule make-up classes.

World Vision Chosen Project | Sun, Nov 27 | Lobby

HCC is partnering with World Vision through "Chosen" child sponsorship to support children and families in Vietnam for \$39 a month. We invite you to prepare your hearts and pray about your participation. Sign-up for "Chosen" will start on November 27.

Public Theology Lectures: Christianity and the Arts | Sat, Dec 3rd | 5:30 pm | Sanctuary

Our next PTL features **Prof Carlos Canul**, Director of the HCU Fine Arts Museum, who will speak on "Transcendence of Light and Hope in the Visual Arts." See hcc.lv/PTLs for details.

SAVE THE DATE! General Membership Meeting | Sun, Dec 11 | 12:30 pm | Sanctuary

Save the date for our next General Membership Meeting on 12/11. We need 51% of the church membership to attend to meet quorum to vote; otherwise, we will meet on 12/18.

CHURCH NOTICES

HCC Welcomes Amanda Kan as Chinese Admin Assistant

HCC welcomes **Amanda Kan** as our new part-time Chinese Admin Assistant starting November 17, 2022. Please give her a warm welcome. To submit announcements to the Chinese bulletin or for questions, email Amanda at chineseadmin@hcchome.org

Church Office Closed on 11/24-11/25

The church office will be closed on Thursday-Friday (11/24-11/25) for the Thanksgiving holiday. Please submit all announcements and inserts for the 11/27 bulletin to **Elise Tan** at englishadmin@hcchome.org by 10:00 am on Wednesday, 11/23.

General Membership Meeting Vote Results

In the November 13, 2022 HCC General Membership Meeting, all deacon and elder nominees for the 2023-2024 term are affirmed. On the building project vote, we received 234 valid ballots: 193 voted **FOR**, 19 voted **AGAINST**, and 22 voted to **ABSTAIN**. The supporting rate is 82.5%. Thank you for your participation. Please continue praying for our church leaders and for the building project.

HCC KIDS

HCC Nursery & Kids Picture Day

Our babies and kids are growing so quickly! It's time for us to capture the moment and take updated photos for Children's Ministry. Please note the date/time for your child's age group. Photos for nursery will be taken during English & Chinese Worship on 12/4.

	Sunday, Dec 4th	Sunday, Dec 11th
10:15 - 11:15 am	Preschool, Pre-K, Kindergarten In respective classrooms	1st-5th Grade, Make-up photos in Room 208

Nursery Tour for New Parents and Parents-to-Be

Congratulations on your new addition! Our nursery is so excited and looking forward to seeing your child in our rooms. We have a nursery tour scheduled for 12/4 and 3/5 at 10:50AM. We would love to welcome you properly and show you our facilities. Sign-up for the tour at hcc.lv/HCCNurseryTour. For the December tour, please sign up by 11/20. Contact **Jocelyn** at jocelynh@hcchome.org for any questions.

HCC Kids Hands-on Prep

Weekday Afternoons/Evenings (by pre-arrangement) | Tues, Wed, or Fri.

Want to serve in a more behind-the-scenes way? Children's Ministry can use your hands-on help in getting our snacks, supplies, and kits ready! We have items to prepare on a weekly, bi-weekly, and monthly basis, so the more hands the merrier. Sign-up at hcc.lv/HCCKidsHelp

Wellness Policy

Parents, please observe the HCC Wellness Policy for Children: Any child who is sick or exhibits symptoms (including vomiting, fever with the last 24 hours, sore throat, colored runny nose, COVID-19, or other contagious disease) will not be admitted to the Nursery or HCC Kids programs. For a complete list of symptoms, contact **Mr. Frank** at frankt@hcchome.org

HOUSTON CHINESE CHURCH FACTS & FIGURES

LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE AND FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR NOVEMBER 13, 2022

HCC WORSHIP

PEARLAND WORSHIP

259

63

202

44

89

24+45

10

736

ENGLISH

CANTONESE

MANDARIN

YOUTH

CHILDREN

ENG + MAND

CHILDREN

TOTAL



HCC SUNDAY SCHOOL

57

ENGLISH

48

CANTONESE

92

MANDARIN

PEARLAND SUNDAY SCHOOL

9

ENGLISH

31

MANDARIN

12

YOUTH

6

CHILDREN



NOV 13, 2022

OFFERING

YTD RECEIVED

THIS YEAR'S YTD (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS

LAST YEAR'S YTD (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS

GENERAL FUND

\$29,557.80

\$1,862,695.84

(\$298,824.99)

(\$149,437.22)

HCC BUILDING

\$15,070.00

\$152,235.40

PEARLAND BUILDING

\$884.00

\$81,436.94



Staff Itinerary

Mark Poon: outside ministry, 11/20

Tim Lai: vacation, 11/21-11/23

Frank Tan: vacation, 11/23-11/25

Fred Tow: preaching at Pearland, 11/20

Thomas Wang: vacation, 11/21-11/23



Congratulations

Eunji & Eric Kim on their son, **Caio Dagoon Emery Kim**, born on November 9, 2022.

Tiffany & Jamison Chang on the birth of their daughter, **Nora Ming Chang**, born on August 11, 2022.

Membership Introduction

TODAY, current members are invited to affirm our new membership candidates:

Jessica Chen, Isaac Goh, Ruth Hong, Lydia Leung, Michael Leung, Susan Lin, and Vivian Wong. Please welcome them into our HCC family.



PRAYER

Join us as we pray for our long term workers in this month's Global Outreach Spotlight:

hcc.lv/GoPrayNov22

SCAN HERE FOR HCC PEERLAND GIVING FUND



COVID PROTOCOL Green Zone: Low Risk

Masks are welcome. Continue to self-isolate if positive for COVID-19, and stay up to date on vaccines/boosters.

ABOUT US

COVID Church Facilities Update

HCC welcomes everyone to our indoor worship and activities. Check: hcc.lv/covid for the most updated protocols. For more info contact us at: hccoffice@hcchome.org

New or Visiting HCC?

If you are a newcomer or visitor we would love to connect you with our church community! Take a moment to fill out our Visitor's Welcome form: hcc.lv/Welcome OR stop by our welcome desk in the lobby for a gift. We will contact you with on ways to connect with our community!

Sign Up for Our Newsletter | hcc.lv/news

Subscribe to our weekly newsletters with announcements, opportunities, and updates.



Please submit English bulletin announcements and inserts to Elise Tan at englishadmin@hcchome.org by Wednesday noon for approval. Any announcements received after Wednesday at noon will be put in next week's bulletin.



Chosen[®]

What: Sponsor a child in Vietnam through World Vision for \$39/month

When: Sign-up between 11/27 through 12/11

How: HCC Lobby on 11/27 and 12/4

Why: Child sponsorship to empower that child and to overcome poverty. Show God's love and meet practical needs by helping their community get sustainable access to essentials like clean water, education, and healthcare

Child Sponsorship through World Vision

- Child sponsorship pairs one sponsor with one child in need. You will be connected through letters, photos, and prayers
- Donations are pooled with other donations to fund development programs that benefit your sponsored child and their whole community. Focus on community-focused solutions
- Goal of sponsorship is to help break the cycle of poverty and for the child to be self-sufficient
- FAQ: <https://www.worldvision.org/sponsor-a-child/support-center/child-sponsorship-faqs#sponsorship-questions>



PUBLIC THEOLOGY LECTURES



CHRISTIANITY AND THE ARTS

PTLs this Fall will focus on Christianity and the Arts. Lectures will be held every first Saturday of the month. Speakers will help us to think Christianly about film, music, visual arts, and more.

Join us on Saturday, December 3rd to hear from **Carlos Canul** on *"Transcendence of Light and Hope in the Visual Arts."*



Contemporary painter Carlos Canul is an Assistant Professor of Visual Arts, Director of the Fine Arts Museum, and lead curator of the Contemporary Art Gallery at HCU. Professor Canul will speak from a spiritual perspective on light in the visual arts, and how it overtakes darkness through spiritual illumination, as it deals with hope, faith, and supernatural occurrences.

SAT, NOV 5 @ 5:30 PM
10305 S. MAIN STREET | HOUSTON, TX
hcc.lv/PTLs



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We are excited to move forward
with our building project



\$25M

Phase 1

new multifunctional
space, lobby, meeting
rooms, children's center,
parking lot

\$10.6M

Phase 2

nursery, children's center,
expanded lobby,
cantonese chapel

\$4.7M

Phase 3

nursery, youth center,
sanctuary renovation,
office, new rooms

\$6.7M

Contingency

~\$3M

Please pray and
discuss with your
family how you will
join in this great
ministry undertaking.
Complete the pledge
form on the back
and return in a
sealed envelope
prior to Dec 31st. Let
us move forward
UNITED in this project
with 100%
participation!



BUILDING *Leaving a Legacy* THE VISION

ANALYSIS
HOUSTON CHINESE CHURCH - MASTER PLAN

MY PLEDGE

PLEDGE is above regular annual stewardship giving.
All gifts are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

Name

Phone

Address

City/State

Zip

email

Offering Code # (leave blank if none; one will be issued to you)

MANY WAYS TO GIVE

- **Checks:** Payable to "Houston Chinese Church," with "HCC Bldg Pledge" on the memo line
- **Cash:** Write "HCC Bldg Pledge" on the offering envelope
- **Credit Card at PayPal Giving Fund:** Follow instructions on the hcchome.org website. There is no memo line so place "25" in the cents amount of your online donation to designate that this is for your HCC Bldg Pledge (ex. \$XX.XXX.25)
- **Charitable Donor-Advised Fund:** Direct your DAF to issue a grant to "Houston Chinese Church" with a memo re: "HCC Bldg Pledge"
- **Qualified Charitable Distributions:** Direct your IRA trustee to issue a QCD to "Houston Chinese Church" with a memo re: "HCC Bldg Pledge"
- **Appreciated Stocks and Securities:** Donating appreciated assets can generate a current income tax deduction while possibly eliminating capital gains taxes. Send email to treasurer@hcchome.org for more information and specific donation instructions.
- **Matching Gifts:** Some employers match employee charitable contributions, doubling your gift. Check with your employer. My gift will be matched by: _____
- **Cryptocurrencies, Real estate & Business interests, Legacy and other Estate-planning gifts,** and any other special donation situations (Please email treasurer@hcchome.org to discuss).

I/WE COMMIT TO GIVE A
TOTAL OF: \$

BY 12.31.2025

I/WE WILL GIVE _____
INSTALLMENTS OF: \$

- Weekly Quarterly
 Monthly Annually
- I commit to pray
for this building
project regularly.



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Pledge ONLINE



Signature

Date



November 18, 2022

Dear members of Houston Chinese Church,

We greet you in the name of the Almighty God, who has watched over us and HCC throughout this Covid-Delta variant environment in 2022. We are very thankful the City of Houston is now in the Green-Zone stage, and thus HCC can resume worship services inside the building and even restarted our kitchen lunch service.

2022 is a year of transition. Some of regular activities such as short-term missions were not planned and many planned ministry activities were still on hold because of the Delta variant. However, our deacons and elders planned our 2023 ministry based on being able to resume all activities in person, from January 2023. Some budget items of note include:

- Three new positions: Pearland Campus Interim Pastor (full-time for one year), HCC Chinese Pastoral Resident (full-time for one year), and HCC Children's Ministry Intern (full-time for seven months).
- Four still-open positions: Pearland Campus Lead Pastor (full-time, starting late 2023), Pearland Campus Youth Minister (full-time, starting late 2023), HCC Chinese Administration Assistant (full-time), and HCC IT Coordinator (part-time).
- Higher cost in 2023 because of inflation.

We have enclosed a summary of the proposed 2023 Budget, approved by the Church Council at its Nov 12th^h meeting. The summary includes:

- 2023 Plan vs. 2022 Forecast (Actuals + Estimates)
- 2023 Plan vs. 2022 Plan

Because 2022 ministry plans were interrupted by the pandemic, 2023 Plan vs. 2022 Forecast is not a meaningful comparison. The 2023 Plan vs. 2022 Plan comparison would be more appropriate. On the Grand Total basis, 2023 Plan vs. 2022 Actuals comparison shows an increase of 20.2% and for 2023 Plan vs 2022 Plan, a 11.6% increase.

Please review this Budget Summary prayerfully, and plan to attend the following meetings:

- **Budget Q&A meeting:** Dec 4th at 12:30pm-1:30pm, with our Council members.
- **General Membership Meeting:** Dec 11th at 12:30pm for Membership vote to approve the budget.

Join us and all your Church Council co-laborers and fellow members, as we embark on what God has in store for us this new year as we continue our HCC mission to make God-loving and compassionate disciples of Jesus Christ among all nations!

In His Grace,

Lu Xu
Treasurer (Policies, Personnel, and Planning)

Frank Fang
Council Chair

2023 HCC PROPOSED PLAN (vs. 2022 Projected Actuals)

	2023 Plan	2022 Actuals*	2023+ Plan Higher/Lower	%
Pastoral Staff 牧牧	1,327,015	1,102,987	224,028	20.3%
32.6% Salary 薪津	950,426	809,045	141,381	17.5%
12.9% Benefits & Other 福利與其他	376,589	293,942	82,647	28.1%
Administrative Staff 同工	428,536	328,695	99,841	30.4%
10.4% Salary 薪津	304,114	252,401	51,713	20.5%
3.2% Benefits & Other 福利與其他	94,002	57,424	36,578	63.7%
1.0% Childcare Workers 照顧兒童工作人員	30,420	11,550	18,870	61.2%
Ministries 事工	614,039	422,610	191,429	45.3%
1.0% Worship 崇拜	28,516	26,308	2,208	8.4%
0.7% Events and resources 資源	21,766	22,802	(1,036)	(4.5%)
0.2% Welcome & WARM 新來者事工	6,750	3,506	3,244	92.5%
2.0% Teaching 教導	58,074	37,187	20,886	56.2%
0.4% Adult Education 成人教育	11,050	1,500	9,550	636.7%
1.1% Youth 青少年事工	31,159	24,896	6,263	25.2%
0.5% Children 兒童事工	15,865	10,792	5,073	47.0%
2.5% Caring 關懷	73,745	23,911	49,834	208.4%
0.3% Benevolence 慈惠	10,000	5,711	4,289	75.1%
0.6% Fellowship Groups 團契 & Retreats 退修	16,060	15,494	566	3.7%
1.0% English Ministry (New)	27,855	0	27,855	-
0.3% Ministry Partnerships (New)	8,450	0	8,450	-
0.1% Special Events (New)	3,500	0	3,500	-
0.3% Family Life 家庭生活	7,880	2,705	5,175	191.3%
6.1% Local Outreach 本地宣教	178,584	111,163	67,421	60.7%
1.6% Events and resources (Evangelism) 資源	46,300	10,640	35,660	335.2%
4.2% Pearl and Ministry 迦南事工	121,284	87,395	33,889	38.8%
0.4% Community Service 社區服務	11,000	13,128	(2,128)	(16.2%)
9.4% Global Outreach 普世宣教	275,120	224,041	51,079	22.8%
0.4% Seminars 神學生	12,810	18,100	(5,290)	(29.2%)
5.4% Missionaries 宣教士	157,410	138,790	18,620	13.4%
0.3% North America 北美	9,000	9,020	(20)	(0.2%)
0.7% Short-Term Missions 短宣	21,750	4,824	16,926	350.9%
0.3% Missions Education 宣教教育	9,100	1,240	7,860	633.9%
0.4% International Missions 國際宣教	11,560	11,600	(40)	(0.3%)
0.2% Pastoral Missions/Teaching 教牧短宣培訓	5,500	0	5,500	-
1.6% China Missions 中國	47,990	40,467	7,523	18.6%
Admin 行政	387,360	326,557	60,803	18.6%
3.2% Insurance 保險	93,400	70,500	22,900	32.5%
1.6% Office Operation 辦公室運作	47,200	39,200	8,000	20.4%
2.2% Utilities 水、電、煤氣	65,400	51,440	13,960	27.1%
3.4% Maintenance / Repair 保養 / 維修	98,900	85,471	13,429	15.7%
1.0% Security / Traffic-Safety 交通保安	30,000	48,803	(18,803)	(38.5%)
0.8% Janitorial Service 清潔服務	24,000	14,950	9,050	60.5%
0.8% Misc. 雜項	22,560	21,700	860	4.0%
0.2% Kitchen Operations	5,900	(5,507)	11,407	(207.1%)
Church Operations Total 教會運作總開支	2,756,950	2,180,849	576,101	26.4%
Capital Expenses 主要設備費用	160,000	246,476	(86,476)	(35.1%)
4.2% Capital Improvement 設置	122,000	192,664	(60,664)	(33.2%)
5.1% Capital Reserve/Maint. Fund 主要維修儲備金	150,000	210,000	(60,000)	(28.6%)
(Note: Capital Imp Projects paid from Cap Reserve)	(112,000)	(146,188)	34,188	(23.4%)
Grand Total 總支出	2,916,950	2,427,325	489,625	20.2%

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5.1% Capital Reserve/Maint. Fund 主要維修儲備金	150,000	210,000	(60,000)	(28.6%)
(Note: Cap Imp Proj paid from Cap Reserve)	(112,000)	(527,800)	415,800	(28.6%)
Grand Total 總支出	2,916,950	2,612,847	304,104	11.6%