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HOUSTON  
CHINESE CHURCH  
德士頓中國教會

**Pure Religion**

**Preacher: Jason Tarn**

Sunday, December 4, 2022 | 9:15am - 10:30am

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## ENGLISH WORSHIP SERVICE

9:15 AM – 10:30 AM

Welcome & Call to Worship

Advent Candle Lighting

Worship in Song

Offertory

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading, *James 1:26-27*

Worship in the Word, Pastor Jason Tarn

"Pure Religion" - [Sermon Outline](#)

Worship in Song

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Lord's Supper

Benediction & Doxology

### Communion

We partake in the Lord's Supper together to remember the price Christ paid to restore us onto a relationship with God and anticipate Christ's return.

## UPCOMING SERMON SCHEDULE

### Jesus Came to... Proclaim Good News

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

### Jesus Came to... Cast Fire on the Earth

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

### Jesus Came to... Seek and Save the Lost

December 25 | *Luke 19:1-10* | *Jason Tarn*

### A Divided Church

January 1 | *1 Corinthians 1:1-17*

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### ONLINE

Sermon notes and video recordings can be found here:  
[hcc.lv/sermons](http://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 2 of 3)** | *Trailer 412/414*

**Systematic Theology Survey (Part 2 of 3)** | *Rm 115*

**Old Testament Survey (Part 5 of 6)** | *Trailer 411*

**The Measure of a Man** | *Rm 113*

## LUNCH PREPARATION

*Mandarin Student Fellowships* (this week)

*Fred + James & Wendy's Community Groups* (next week)

## **Be Chosen: A Child Sponsorship Project**

*Pure Religion*

James 1:26-27

In our text, James identifies three fruits that pure religion will inevitably produce in a person. In this sermon, we will focus on true religion's care for the helpless – with a particular focus on our church's child sponsorship project among the Muong people of Northwest Viet Nam.

### 1. What pure religion produces in you individually

- a. Control over the tongue
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- b. Concern for holiness
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- c. Care for the helpless

### 2. What pure religion looks like among us corporately

- a. Constructive speech
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- b. Compelling witness
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- c. Compassionate service



Learn how World  
Vision conducts  
child sponsorship



Meet the  
Muong Ang  
community



Sponsor a child

# English Adult Sunday School – Winter 2022

Starting Dec 4<sup>th</sup> (11:00 am – 12:15 pm)

## Systematic Theology Survey (Part 2 of 3)

Room 115

Led by Pastor Jason, Akhil Shenoy, and Erik Wiest

This survey course will provide you with a strong theological foundation for Christian life and ministry. We will explore key doctrines across the spectrum of systematic theology. In Part Two, we will cover the doctrines of Sin, of the Person and Work of Christ, of the Person and Work of the Holy Spirit, and of Salvation.

## New Testament Survey (Part 2 of 3)

Trailer 412/414

Led by Steven Cheng, James Hsia, Jonathan Huang, & Dan Tung

This winter, we will continue our New Testament Survey track with a big picture look at the books of Romans, 1 and 2 Corinthians, Galatians, and Ephesians. We will see how theology ought to affect everyday living. Join us as we consider how these epistles written by the apostle Paul can be relevant and transformative even in the lives of ordinary Christians today.

## Old Testament Survey (Part 5 of 6)

Trailer 411

Led by Pastor Henry, Joseph Goh, & Bill Huang

In the 2-year Old Testament Survey track, we will go through the 39 books of the OT by providing a high level overview of each book and its main ideas/themes. The OT helps us understand God's character and is the foundation for the New Testament. Through the OT, we also learn of God's promises and how they point to Jesus. This 12-week winter quarter, we'll journey through the books written by various prophets before and during the Babylonian exile. It reminds us of how God calls us to live according to his word rather than to the ways of the world. The format of the class will be a blend of lecture, videos, discussion, and sharing. We hope that you

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can join us!

## **The Measure of a Man**

**Room 113**

Led by Pastor Fred, Paul Chung, Phil Chii, Chris Lu, & Tim Leong

True masculinity is not measured by the strength of a man, but by twenty biblical qualities of a godly man. They are drawn from the apostle Paul's letters to his young protégés Timothy and Titus. This inspiring, encouraging, and practical class shows men how they can reach God's standards as fathers, husbands, and mentors to other men.



# Chosen

World Vision

HCC is partnering with World Vision through "Chosen" child sponsorship to support children and families in Vietnam for \$39 a month.

To sign up:

Text "HCC" to 56170 or

Go to [worldvision.org/HCC](http://worldvision.org/HCC)



Sign up today  
before 8:00pm CT!

## UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

### **World Vision Chosen Launch** | TODAY! Dec 4 | HCC Lobby

HCC is partnering with World Vision through "Chosen" child sponsorship to support children and families in Vietnam for \$39 a month. Text "HCC" to 51670 or go to [worldvision.org/HCC](http://worldvision.org/HCC) to sign-up. The deadline to sign up is today, December 4 at 8pm.

### **2023 Church Budget Q&A** | TODAY! Dec 4 | 12:30 - 1:30 pm | Room 210

Come to this Q&A session, where we will discuss the proposed budget for 2023.

### **MOLO Play Date** | Wed, Dec 7 | 9:30 - 11:00 am | HCC

Mothers of Little Ones (MOLO) will be having a play date at HCC this week! Contact *Amber Wolters* at [amberdwolters@yahoo.com](mailto:amberdwolters@yahoo.com) with questions.

### **Churchwide Prayer Meeting** | Wed, Dec 7 | 7:30 - 8:30 pm | Zoom: [hcc.lv/jointprayer](https://hcc.lv/jointprayer)

Join us Wednesday evening for our monthly churchwide prayer meeting conducted over Zoom at 7:30pm as we pray for each other, our church, and the nations.

### **General Membership Meeting** | Sun, Dec 11 | 12:30 pm | Sanctuary

Members, come to our next General Membership Meeting to vote on the 2023 budget.

### **"O Come, All You Unfaithful" - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** | Sat, Dec 24 | 5:00 pm

Church, let us gather together on Christmas Eve to worship the newborn King. The churchwide candlelight service (bilingual) will be held on 12/24 in the HCC sanctuary. We encourage all adults and children to bring along their personal Bible (ESV), as we will open the Bible to read the story of Christmas. \*Childcare will be provided for 3 years old and under.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### **First Aid & CPR Training Class** | Sun, Dec 11 | 1:00 pm | Trailer 412

For more details go to [hcc.lv/FirstAidTraining](https://hcc.lv/FirstAidTraining). More questions? Email [jocelynh@hcchome.org](mailto:jocelynh@hcchome.org).

### **SIGN UP TODAY! Flu + COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic** | Sun, Dec 18 | 12:30 pm | Youth Room

Walgreens will be hosting a flu/COVID-19 vaccine clinic at HCC on 12/18. COVID-19 vaccines are free for everyone, and we have vouchers to cover the cost of flu shots for those without insurance. Protect our church community by getting vaccinated. Sign up now: [hcc.lv/vaccines22](https://hcc.lv/vaccines22)

## CHURCH NOTICES

### **Serve on Short-term Missions!** | July 2-8 | Mexico

Want to serve God while living at an orphanage? Limited spots open for single/married adults to join us. If you are a Spanish speaker, we NEED you on our team! Join us for a multigenerational mission trip July 2-8 to Baja California, Mexico! Please contact *Phil & Jennifer Chii* for more information at [phil.jennifer@gmail.com](mailto:phil.jennifer@gmail.com).

### **Facebook Matching Funds available NOW for HCC Building Project**

Go to HCC's Facebook page at [hcc.lv/GetYourMatch](https://hcc.lv/GetYourMatch) or scan the QR code on the right to set up a recurring donation that will be matched once for up to \$100, first-come, first-served. Substitute this for your next two months of regular offerings - your donations will go to the General Fund, with the match money going to the HCC Building Project.



## HCC KIDS

### **Family Advent Devotionals** | Pick up outside the sanctuary

During this Christmas season in December, take time to focus with your family on Christ's Advent. Advent began on 11/27 and will continue till 12/25 Sunday. HCC English Ministry will be providing weekly Family Advent devotionals, available outside the sanctuary. Feel free to get a copy. Use them each week to help your children think of the true meaning of Christmas.

### **HCC Nursery & Kids Picture Day**

Our babies and kids are growing so quickly! It's time for us to take updated photos for Children's Ministry. Nursery photos will be taken during English & Chinese Worship on 12/4.

	<b>TODAY! (12/4)</b>	<b>Next Week (12/11)</b>
10:15 - 11:15 am	Preschool, Pre-K, Kindergarten In respective classrooms	1st-5th Grade, Make-up photos in Room 208

# HOUSTON CHINESE CHURCH FACTS & FIGURES

## LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE AND FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR NOVEMBER 27, 2022

HCC WORSHIP

PEARLAND WORSHIP

291

60

163

39

93

28+48

12

734

ENGLISH

CANTONESE

MANDARIN

YOUTH

CHILDREN

ENG + MAND

CHILDREN

TOTAL



HCC SUNDAY SCHOOL

PEARLAND SUNDAY SCHOOL

72

50

37

12

23

12

5

ENGLISH

CANTONESE

MANDARIN

ENGLISH

MANDARIN

YOUTH

CHILDREN



NOV 27, 2022

OFFERING

YTD RECEIVED

THIS YEAR'S YTD  
(DEFICIT)/SURPLUS

LAST YEAR'S  
YTD (DEFICIT)/  
SURPLUS

GENERAL FUND

\$133,272.69

\$2,024,152.24

(\$223,830.53)

(\$17,242.05)

HCC BUILDING

\$17,042.20

\$169,477.60

PEARLAND  
BUILDING

\$3,712.57

\$85,149.51



### Staff Itinerary

*Elise Tan*: vacation, 12/4 and 12/11

*William Soo*: out of office, 12/4

### Now Hiring: Full-Time Chinese Administrative Assistant & Other Roles

HCC is hiring a **full-time Chinese Administrative Assistant** to work on the Chinese bulletin, translate announcements, and handle other administrative tasks. Fluency in verbal/written Mandarin is required. Email [pastorsearch@hcchome.org](mailto:pastorsearch@hcchome.org) to apply.

We are also looking for the following: **part-time IT Coordinator**, **part-time Nursery Caregiver**, and **full-time Pearland Youth Minister**. For full job descriptions and more details, please go to [hcc.lv/opportunities](http://hcc.lv/opportunities)



### PRAYER

Join us as we pray for our long term workers in this month's Global Outreach Spotlight:  
[hcc.lv/GoPrayDec22](http://hcc.lv/GoPrayDec22)



### 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](http://hcc.lv/covid) for the most updated protocols. For more info contact us at: [hccoffice@hcchome.org](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](mailto:englishadmin@hcchome.org) by Wednesday noon for approval. Any announcements received after Wednesday at noon will be put in next week's bulletin.