



HOUSTON
CHINESE CHURCH
曉士頓中國教會

A Wise God

Preacher: Henry Ow

Sunday, January 22, 2023 | 9:15am - 10:30am

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ENGLISH WORSHIP SERVICE

9:15 AM – 10:30 AM

Welcome & Call to Worship
 Recitation of the Westminster Creed
 Worship in Song
 Confession of Sin
 Assurance of Pardon
 Offertory
 Council Installation
 Pastoral Prayer
 Scripture Reading, *1 Corinthians 1:18-31*
 Worship in the Word, Pastor Henry Ow
 "A Wise God" - [Sermon Outline](#)
 Worship in Song
 Benediction & Doxology

Installation of Council Members

An installation signifies that the church recognizes those God has set apart for a particular ministry. In this case, those installed will serve as members on our church council.

UPCOMING SERMON SCHEDULE

An Unnatural Message

January 29 | *1 Corinthians 2:1-16* | Jason Tarn

A Healthy Leadership

February 5 | *1 Corinthians 3:1-23* | Jason Tarn

A Faithful (Foolish) Ministry

February 12 | *1 Corinthians 4:1-21* | Stanley Chang

A Disciplined Church

February 19 | *1 Corinthians 5:1-13* | Jason Tarn



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.

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

New Testament Survey (Part 2 of 3) | Trailer 412/414

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

The Measure of a Man | Rm 113

LUNCH PREPARATION

Brian & Joni's + Sean & Juddie's Community Groups (this week)

Cornerstone Christian Fellowship (CCF) (next week)

CHRIST-CENTERED COMMUNITY

a cross-church collaboration to develop God-centered connections, inspiring young adults to grow missional hearts and discipleship-focused mindsets within their communities

WHEN

01/28/23 | 7 PM - 10 PM
*bring your dinner & eat with us @ 5 PM!

WHERE

FBCC (Room A157)
7707 Highway 6
Missouri City, TX

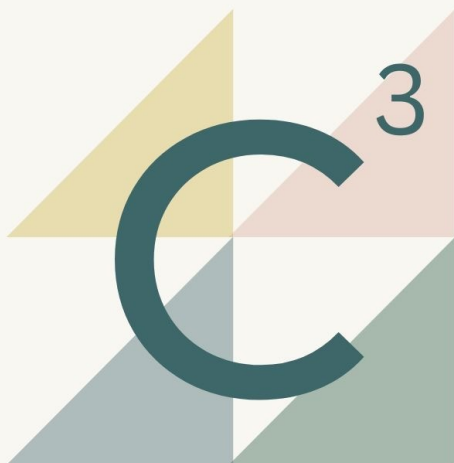
WHO

those who identify themselves as or want to connect with young adults!

RSVP HERE
<https://fb.me/e/4dxTT9eyk>



RSVP HERE





Sanctity of Human Life

SUNDAY

“For it was you who created my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I will praise you because I have been remarkably and wondrously made.”

PSALM 139:13-14, CSB

Why We Aim to Make Abortion Illegal and Unthinkable

BY ELIZABETH GRAHAM

A post-*Roe* world is good, but a post-abortion world is what we strive to achieve by reaching vulnerable women where they are in their time of need. Laws are critical, but they cannot change the fact that there will still be thousands of women who will face an unplanned pregnancy. Many of them will be afraid, unprepared, and unsure of what to do and where to turn. It is critical that we inspire, equip, and mobilize a new generation to defend the dignity of all human life.

MISS D'S STORY

When Miss D* was 6 years old, she was removed from her mother, and parental rights were terminated. From that time until she aged out of the foster care system at 18, she had 13 foster families. While in the foster care system, a family adopted her, and the father physically abused her. She was removed from that home, and the parental rights of the adoptive family were terminated. When D aged out of the foster care system, she

had no family, no support, and nowhere to go. She began using drugs and alcohol to numb the pain from her trauma. This led to her being trafficked, and she eventually became pregnant.

Against all odds, she carried her baby to term. DHS removed the baby from her care and terminated her parental rights because she was unable to care for her baby. Continuing down this dark path, she had a second unplanned pregnancy. This time, D was committed to having an abortion. She had no family, no protection, and could barely care for herself. Through a mutual friend, D met an advocate from a pro-life organization who began to walk alongside her in love, compassion, and empathy. The advocate told D she would foster her daughter, connect her to a church, and help her with resources to provide ongoing support through a continuum for care. Abortion became “unthinkable” in her eyes. Today, Baby E* is alive and ready for a forever family!

**Names changed for privacy and safety*



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UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Baptism & Membership Class | Sundays in February | 11:00 am - 12:15 pm | Trailer 416

Ready to proclaim your faith through baptism or just want to know more? Classes on Feb 5 & 12 are focused on baptism, and classes on Feb 19 & 26 will walk through becoming a member of HCC. If you have already been baptized and want to become a member, you will only need to attend the first two classes. Contact englishadmin@hcchome.org to sign up.

Cantonese Chinese New Year Celebration | Sat, Jan 28 | 5:00 - 8:00 pm | Chapel

Come celebrate Chinese New Year with the Cantonese congregation, and invite your Cantonese-speaking friends and relatives! Register by 1/22 for early bird discount prices: \$6 for children (ages 6-12); \$12 for adults/youth. To sign up, email [Janine](mailto:Janine@jxlinwong@gmail.com) at jxlinwong@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE! English Membership Meeting | Fri, Feb 10 | 7:00 - 8:30 pm | Sanctuary

Join us for our English Membership Meeting on Friday, Feb 10th. Childcare will be available for ages 3 and under. Afterwards, help us make care packages for those in need!

Public Theology Lecture | Fri, Feb 17 | 7:30 - 9:00 pm | Sanctuary

Our next lecture is on Friday, February 17. Christian musicians [Robbie Seay](#) of [robbieseayband.com](#), [Robbie Madison](#), and [Jillana Jones](#) will be presenting. Join us for meditation in the Psalms, discussion on music and Christianity, and performances. Childcare will be available.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Flag Football League

The Houston Chinese Church Flag Football League (HCCFL) officially kicks off on Jan 29! We encourage anyone interested in learning football to join. Games will be held on Sundays at 2 PM. Register by 1/23: hcc.lv/HCCFL23 Questions? Please contact [Justin](mailto:Justin@jychang48@gmail.com) at jychang48@gmail.com

New Heart Music Classes

New Heart Music Ministries will offer in-person ministry classes in worship leading, piano accompaniment, solo instruments, and guitar this February. For registration and details, go to www.newheartmusic.org/MinistryClass

Christ Centered Community (C³) | Sat, Jan 28 | 7:00 pm | FBCC

C³ is a cross church collaboration meant for young adults to grow missional hearts and discipleship-focused mindsets. Our first event is at FBCC (7707 Hwy 6, Missouri City, TX 77459) on 1/28 at 7pm (doors open at 5pm; BYOD!). Questions? Email jamesxiaohugao@gmail.com.

CHURCH NOTICES

2023 Photo Prayer Guide

English members, please email an updated family photo for our 2023 photo prayer guide to englishadmin@hcchome.org by March 1, 2023. Thank you!

New PPGF Code for HCC Pledge Campaign Donations

If you would like to start fulfilling your pledge commitment for the HCC Building Project via the online PayPal Giving Fund (PPGF), please use "25" for the cents amount; ex. \$xxxx.25. (If you do not have a pledge but still want to contribute to the Building Project, please use "22" for the existing "HCC Building Fund," as in \$xxxx.22.)

Please Refrain from Filing your 2022 Tax Return until the end of January

For tax deductibility purposes, you need to have your official HCC 2022 Offering Receipt record in hand before filing. It will be emailed to you by the end of January. If your email has changed recently, please email treasurer@hcchome.org.

2022 Offering Record

Your 2022 HCC Offering Record will be sent to you via email at the end of January; please do not request it before then. Thank you for your cooperation. If you would like to pick up a paper copy, please sign up at the office, and you can pick it up starting 2/5.

HCC KIDS

SAVE THE DATE! HCC VBS & Kids Camp | June 12-16

Save the date! We will hold FAITH Lab Science VBS and Kids Camp at HCC on 6/12-16.

HOUSTON CHINESE CHURCH FACTS & FIGURES

LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE AND FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR JANUARY 15, 2023

HCC WORSHIP

PEARLAND WORSHIP

263

ENGLISH

68

CANTONESE

165

MANDARIN

33

YOUTH

72

CHILDREN

26+47

ENG + MAND

15

CHILDREN

689

TOTAL



HCC SUNDAY SCHOOL

33

ENGLISH

40

CANTONESE

64

MANDARIN

PEARLAND SUNDAY SCHOOL

8

ENGLISH

27

MANDARIN

16

YOUTH

4

CHILDREN



Weekly Offering Count

No offering count from last Sunday due to afternoon church closure caused by the water shutoff; offering results will be included in next Sunday's report.



Staff Itinerary

Thomas Wang: out of office, 1/24

Now Hiring: Chinese Administrative Assistant & Other Roles

HCC is hiring a **Chinese Administrative Assistant**. Fluency in Mandarin is required; part-time/full-time status is flexible. We are also looking for the following: **IT Coordinator**, **Nursery Caregiver**, and **Pearland Youth Minister**. For details, go to hcc.lv/opportunities



SERVE! Kitchen Supervisors Needed

The kitchen ministry is seeking volunteers to serve as kitchen supervisors for lunch preparation. If interested, please contact **Dianren Xia** at dianrenxia@gmail.com



Listen to Sermons Online

Missed a sermon, or want to review? Feel free to check out our YouTube channel (HCC Worship) or stream our sermons on Apple Podcasts and Spotify.



PRAYER

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

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COVID PROTOCOL

Yellow Zone: Medium Risk

Masks are optional for everyone, unless you are positive for, have symptoms, or have recently been exposed to COVID-19.

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 ways to connect with our community!

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