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CHINESE CHURCH
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A Single Life

Preacher: Jason Tarn

Sunday, March 26, 2023 | 9:15am - 10:30am

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ENGLISH WORSHIP SERVICE

9:15 AM – 10:30 AM

Welcome & Call to Worship
Worship in Song
Confession of Sin
Assurance of Pardon
Worship in Song
Offertory
Pastoral Prayer
Scripture Reading, *1 Corinthians 7:25-40*
Worship in the Word, Pastor Jason Tarn
"A Single Life" - [Sermon Outline](#)
Worship in Song
Benediction & Doxology

Pastoral Prayer

We follow the tradition of the apostles and early church by praying together for God to carry out his purposes on earth. This demonstrates our dependence on him.

UPCOMING SERMON SCHEDULE

Every Sunday at 9:15 AM

A Selfless Freedom

April 2 | *1 Corinthians 8:1-13* | Jason Tarn

A Revelation on the Road to Emmaus

April 9 | *Luke 24:13-35* | Jason Tarn

From Shem to Abram

April 16 | *Genesis 11:10-32* | Jason Tarn

The Call of Abram

April 23 | *Genesis 12:1-9* | Henry Ow

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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 6 of 6) | Trailer 411

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

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

Healing Family Relationships: A Guide to Peace & Reconciliation | Rm 113

LUNCH PREPARATION

Youth (this week)

Rachel & Joe + Fred's Community Groups (next week)

*Good
Friday*



TENEBRAE SERVICE
OF THE SEVEN LAST WORDS

FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2023 AT 6 PM

HCC SANCTUARY | ONE-HOUR SCRIPTURE REFLECTION
CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO STAY FOR THE SERVICE
NURSERY CARE AVAILABLE FOR 3 & UNDER



*Resurrection
Sunday*

SUNRISE SERVICE

SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2023, 7 AM

HERMANN PARK - MILLER OUTDOOR THEATER
RAIN OR SHINE - BRING BREAKFAST TO SHARE
JOIN US FOR ENGLISH WORSHIP AT HCC AFTER!

Testimony from the Mission Field

By Pastor James Lai from CNEC, an HCC-supported missions organization



We are sad to announce that our national missions worker PL's father KS had passed away four days ago at the age of 69. But we are glad that his father had become a Christian before his death. KS was a high-ranking government servant and a member of the ruling party. He objected furiously to PL's conversion and gave PL tremendous pressure to stay away from the Christian faith. He put the missionary who led PL to Christ into prison and later had the government expel him from the country. PL not only kept his faith, but he even served the Lord full-time in the university ministry. KS was so embarrassed and angered with his son for not only being a Christian but also being imprisoned six times for serving the Lord! He had many times threatened to sever the relationship with PL. However, we believe that the perseverance of PL's faith and his faithfulness in serving God moved his father. KS decided to follow PL in his journey of faith and became a Christian upon his retirement. He lost

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most of his retirement benefits because of his conversion. However, he was as strong as his son in his faith and remained a Christian even after having to forgo all his benefits till the last moment of his life. I had the privilege to visit him twice and the last one was four weeks ago with a coworker. KS was combating tuberculosis and suffering from diabetes too. We thank God for his beautiful testimony! According to local traditions, the deceased body must be returned and be buried in one's own village. However, the villagers strongly opposed a Christian burial in their Buddhist cemetery. PL and his family reasoned with the village chief about their legal right and put him to shame for denying their father's burial even though KS was a past village leader and made tremendous contributions to the community over the years! Finally, the village Chief gave in, and PL's father was buried in the village in peace. KS was probably the first Christian witness who stood firm in his faith among the Buddhists in the village even to his death! Hallelujah!



A FAMILY LIFE
CONFERENCE



EQ > IQ

Strengthening your
emotional quotient

MAY 5-6, 2023



EQ > IQ: Strengthening your emotional quotient

The HCC Family Life ministry is excited to present a weekend conference on EQ – Emotional Quotient, aka Emotional Intelligence. Our society places a lot of value on IQ (Intelligence Quotient), but research shows that EQ is of greater importance than IQ for success in life. For example, your IQ may get you the job you want, but your EQ will help you retain and advance in your job, as you interact with others on your team. Similarly, EQ helps you in your daily relationships and impacts how effective you are in conveying the reality of Christ to others.

Our conference will introduce the 4 key components of EQ, as well as provide workshops on the management of those components:

Self-awareness
Self-management

Social awareness
Relationship management

Schedule:

- Friday, May 5, 7:30 – 9:30 pm – 2 general sessions conducted in-person and on Zoom
 - Becoming Like Jesus: Faith-Based Emotional Intelligence
 - Emotional Self-Awareness: Recognizing One's Emotions and Their Effects
- Saturday, May 6, 9:00 am – 12:30 pm – 3 Zoom workshops
 - Accurate Self-Assessment: Knowing One's Strengths and Limits
 - Personal Power Through Christ: Biblically-based Worth and Capabilities
 - Empathy: Sensing Other's Feelings and Perspective

Register for the conference and find more info at hcc.lv/EQconference

Speaker:

Sue Hurst graduated from Liberty University with a psychology degree specializing in Life Coaching. Additionally, she's earned 4 coaching certifications with 2 specifically for Emotional Intelligence. She is a speaker and Christian coach that focuses on EQ and presents it with a biblical perspective.





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APRIL 29 **2023**

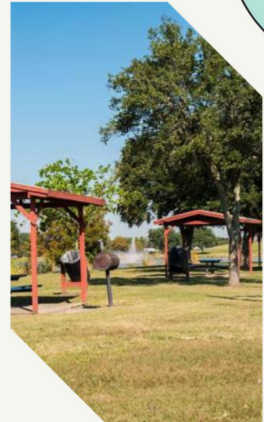
11 AM – 3 PM

COME TO ENJOY

- lunch + ice cream
- fellowship time
- organized games
- beautiful space with lake, trail, and playgrounds
- feel free to bring sports equipment and games

\$5 ADULT | \$3 KID

invite family and friends
(newcomers are free)



Kitty Hollow Park
Pavilion DD

9555 Hwy 6, Missouri City

1 Corinthians: A Letter to a Troubled Church

A Single Life

1 Corinthians 7:25-40

There is a form of secular singleness, statistically on the rise these days, that stands in stark contrast to the scriptural singleness advocated by Paul. His view of singleness is dictated by a bigger and more selfless vision of life and ministry.

1. Remaining single is good pastoral advice but not a general rule.
2. Remaining single is a better option when examined with eternity in view.
3. Remaining single is helpful to help you serve the Lord without distraction.
4. Remaining single is practically advantageous but not morally superior.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Public Theology Lectures: The Works of C.S. Lewis | *TODAY! Mar 26* | 1:15 pm | *Sanctuary*
The next series of PTL will be on the works of C.S. Lewis, starting with *Dr. Michael Ward*, member of the Faculty of Theology at Oxford, lecturing on "The Heavens are Telling the Glory of God: C.S. Lewis, Narnia, and the Planets." Childcare will be provided. More at: hcc.lv/PTLS

Women's Ministry Spring Event | *Sat, Apr 1* | 9:00 - 11:00 am | *Chapel*
TODAY is the last day to register for the Women's Ministry Spring Event "Strengthening Your Spiritual Core"! We will learn how building and maintaining a strong spiritual (and physical) core are essential to our spiritual (and physical) lives on April 1st. Register at hcc.lv/SpiritualCore or in the lobby. Please pay the \$4 registration fee in the lobby after service.

Good Friday: Tenebrae Service of the Seven Last Words | *Fri, Apr 7* | 6:00 pm | *Sanctuary*
This Good Friday, we remember the seven last words of Jesus from the cross. Parents, please bring your children to service with you. Nursery care is available for ages 3 & under.

Resurrection Sunday Sunrise Service | *Sun, Apr 9* | 7:00 am | *Hermann Park*
Join us on the hill at Miller Outdoor Theater (Hermann Park) for our Resurrection Sunday Sunrise Service. Come worship with us at 7AM, rain or shine, and bring breakfast + picnic blankets to share! Afterwards, come to HCC with us for English Worship Service at 9:15 AM.

SAVE THE DATE! Annual Church Picnic | *Sat, Apr 29* | 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
Join us at the annual church-wide picnic on Saturday, April 29th at Kitty Hollow Park! It will be a fun time to fellowship across all the congregations over food and games. Tickets will be sold after English service in the lobby every Sunday - \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids. Questions can be directed to *Annie Shen* at sashen120@gmail.com.

EQ > IQ Family Life Conference | *May 5-6* | *HCC & Zoom*
Emotional intelligence Quotient (EQ) is the ability to be aware of our own emotions and those of others and learn to manage those emotions and relationships. Register online and find more info at hcc.lv/EQconference.

HCC KIDS

REGISTER NOW! HCC VBS & Kids Camp | *June 19-23*
FAITH Lab Science VBS and Kids Camp at HCC will be held on **June 19-23**. Registration is now open at hcc.lv/2023VBS. Fees are \$25 for VBS (morning-only) and \$160 for VBS+Afternoon Kids' Camp. Late fee of \$20 begins 5/15. For questions, contact frankt@hcchome.org

Grade Level Policy
Children's Ministry policy is to place children according to their school grade level. If a child's children's ministry grade level does not match their school grade, please let *Mr. Frank* (frankt@hcchome.org) know.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

IN THE NURSERY: Join Our GROWING Team!
Our Nursery is bursting at the brim, and Jesus wants you to welcome them. If you love Jesus and like kids, then consider signing up to join our team. We will work with your schedule. Contact *Jocelyn Wu* at jocelynh@hcchome.org for more info.

IN ENGLISH WORSHIP: Volunteers Needed for Audio Team!
We are now looking for brothers and sisters to serve on the audio team to run A/V for worship service. If you've ever wondered what goes on behind the scenes, come take this opportunity to join our audio team! If interested, please contact *Dean Yeh* at denobug@gmail.com.

IN OUR KITCHEN: Keep Our Lunch Service Going!
Our kitchen has been open since the church's reopening, but we still need help moving forward. We are seeking a volunteer to help manage our kitchen. If you feel called to join the kitchen ministry as a kitchen manager, please contact *Dianren Xia* at dianrenxia@gmail.com

IN OUR OFFICE: Help With Our Archiving!
The HCC Office is working on a couple of archiving projects for the church. If you would like to help with the archiving project on the weekdays, please contact englishadmin@hcchome.org

HOUSTON CHINESE CHURCH FACTS & FIGURES

LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE AND FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR MARCH 19, 2023

HCC WORSHIP

PEARLAND WORSHIP

252	59	204	40	94	30+39	14	732
ENGLISH	CANTONESE	MANDARIN	YOUTH	CHILDREN	ENG + MAND	CHILDREN	TOTAL



HCC SUNDAY SCHOOL

PEARLAND SUNDAY SCHOOL

71	57	76	10	21	13	8	
ENGLISH	CANTONESE	MANDARIN	ENGLISH	MANDARIN	YOUTH	CHILDREN	



MAR 19, 2023	OFFERING	YTD RECEIVED	YTD (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS	
			THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR
HCC GENERAL	\$12,411.59	\$294,486.18	(\$107,156.35)	(\$83,130.90)
PCC GENERAL	\$770.00	\$38,899.00		
HCC BUILDING	\$500.00	\$33,362.23		
HCC PLEDGE PAYMENTS	-	\$103,539.66		
PCC BUILDING	-	\$8,018.57		
ETHNOS CHURCH PLANT	-	\$10,100.72		



Staff Itinerary

Joseph Cheng: vacation, 2/28-3/15; sabbatical, 3/16-5/31

Tim Lai: serving at Pearland, 3/26

Mark Poon: outside preaching, 3/26

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



PRAYER

Join us as we pray for our long term workers in this month's Global Outreach Spotlight:
hcc.lv/GoPrayMar23

SCAN HERE FOR HCC PAYPAL GIVING FUND



PPGF GIVING CODES

Without a giving code, your donation will default to the General Fund. Use these numbers in the cents amount to designate a fund. (e.g. \$250.25 for a pledge fulfillment)

- "25" - Fulfilling your Building Project pledge
- "22" - Designate to the HCC Building Fund
- "19" - Designate to the Pearland Building Fund
- "24" - Designate to the Ethnos Church Plant

ABOUT US

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!

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.