

Our Father Abraham:

A SERIES IN
GENESIS
(PART 2)



HOUSTON
CHINESE CHURCH
曉士頓中國教會

Battle and Blessings

Preacher: Fred Tow

Sunday, May 7, 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 Lord's Prayer
 Worship in Song
 Offertory
 Pastoral Prayer
 Scripture Reading, *Genesis 14:1-24*
 Worship in the Word, Pastor Fred Tow
 "Battle and Blessings" - [Sermon Outline](#)
 Confession of Sin
 Assurance of Pardon
 Lord's Supper
 Worship in Song
 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

Every Sunday at 9:15 AM

Counted as Righteousness

May 14 | *Genesis 15:1-6* | Jonathan Huang

The Covenant Making God

May 21 | *Genesis 15:7-21* | Jason Tarn

The God Who Sees Me

May 28 | *Genesis 16:1-16* | Henry Ow

A Sign of the Covenant

June 4 | *Genesis 17:1-27* | 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.

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

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

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

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

LUNCH PREPARATION

New to HCC? Newcomers can pick up a free lunch coupon at the Welcome Desk!

Enoch Fellowship/Crossroads Fellowship (this week)

Living Spring Fellowship/Agape Fellowship (next week)

Our Father Abraham: A Series in Genesis

Battle and Blessings

Genesis 14:1-24

How do we make wise decisions when unexpected challenges pop up? We need to demonstrate courageous faith in the midst of uncertainty. When God gives us the victory, we might be faced with another challenge. How do we handle success? We are vulnerable when we face success as we are tempted to compromise. Again, we need to demonstrate courageous faith. Come, let us learn from Abram, the Father of Faith.

1. Demonstration of Courageous Faith (Gen. 14:1-16)
 - a. Abram, the Watcher (Gen. 14:1-12)
 - i. The Villains (14:1-11)

 - ii. The Victim (14:12)

 - b. Abram, the Warrior (Gen. 14:13-16)
 - i. Abram's army (14:13-14)

 - ii. Abram's attack (14:15)

iii. Abram's achievements (14:16)

2. Temptation in the Midst of Courageous Faith (14:17-24)

a. Abram, the Worshipper (Gen. 14:17-24)

i. The godly and priestly king of Salem (14:17-20)

1. Who is Melchizedek?
2. What did Melchizedek do?
3. How did Abram respond?

ii. The godless and perverted king of Sodom (14:21-24)

1. Who is Bera?
2. What did Bera do?
3. How did Abram respond?



Women's Summer Bible Study

JUNE 8 - JULY 27

THURSDAYS | 7:15-9:00 PM

HCC YOUTH RM *or* ONLINE ZOOM

Join us for an eight-session Bible study as we trace the path of Joseph's life in the Book of Genesis to observe how God's sovereignty reigns, even in our darkest moments.

QUESTIONS?
WOMENSMINISTRY@HCCHOME.ORG

*Register
online!*



Community Service Opportunities

Houston Welcomes Refugees

Welcome Kit Drive

When: May 12 (7-9pm), May 14 (9-11am)

Items needed: full size comforters, full size sheets, and pillows

Goal: 35 complete bedding kits

Ways to help: drop off items in the HCC lobby, or help assemble kits and write welcome notes to refugee families on Friday, May 12th after the English membership meeting

Sign-up here:
tinyurl.com/HWRHCC



1000 Hills Ministry

Church under the Bridge

When: Church service on May 14 (2-4pm), Food prep May 13th or 14th (multiple times)

What: Serve food and participate in an outdoor church service for our neighbors experiencing homelessness

Ways to help: prepare and serve food, setup chairs/tables, help with worship in song

Sign-up here:
tinyurl.com/HCC1000Hills



Questions? Email: communityservice@hcchome.org

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

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

Ready to proclaim your faith through baptism or just want to know more? Classes on May 7 & 14 are focused on baptism and classes on May 21 & 28 will walk through becoming a member of HCC. Contact *Elise Tan* at englishadmin@hcchome.org to sign up.

English Membership Meeting | *Fri, May 12* | 7:00 pm | *Sanctuary*

Join us for our quarterly English Membership Meeting on Friday, May 12th at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Childcare will be available for ages 3 and under.

Houston Welcomes Refugees | *Fri, May 12 & Sun, May 14* | *Lobby*

Help us meet the needs of refugees new to Houston with honor and dignity by donating items for a Bedding Kit at our collection drive on May 12 (7-9pm) and May 14 (9-11am) in the lobby!

Sign-up and details here: tinyurl.com/HWRHCC. Houston Welcomes Refugees will distribute these kits to refugee families when they first arrive! Contact: communityservice@hcchome.org

1000 Hills | *Sun, May 14* | 2:00 - 4:00 pm | *Downtown Houston*

We are partnering with 1000 Hills Ministry to serve the homeless population in downtown Houston through a time of worship, preaching God's Word, prayer, and serving a meal. Fill out the form if you are interested in helping: tinyurl.com/HCC1000Hills

REGISTER NOW! Women's Summer Bible Study | *Thurs, Jun 8 - Jul 27* | 7:15 pm | *HCC & Zoom*

Join us for an eight-session summer Bible study as we trace the path of Joseph's life to see how God's sovereignty reigns, even in our darkest moments. Register now at hcc.lv/wm

CHURCH NOTICES

Deacon Nomination

HCC members are encouraged to pray over and provide names of qualified members to be considered for the offices of deacon. Open deacon positions for the 2024-2025 term include:

(1) Cantonese Fellowship Ministry, (2) Chinese Adult Education, (3) Chinese Children's Ministry, (4) English Adult Education, (5) English Mercy Ministries, (6) English Worship, (7) English Youth Ministry, (8) Global Outreach, (9) Pearland Campus Ministry, and (10) Treasurer for Finance. Submit names no later than **May 21, 2023** via the deacon nomination table or online Deacon Suggestion Form: hcc.lv/deaconsuggestionform23. All submissions are held

strictly confidential. If you have any questions, please contact hccoffice@hcchome.org

LAST DAY! Parent Dedication

Parents interested in dedicating their child to the Lord on Mother's Day can sign up at hcc.lv/Dedication by midnight tonight. Pastor Fred will contact the parents for a home visit.

Hiring English & Chinese Administrative Assistants

HCC is looking for English and Chinese Administrative Assistants. Part-time/full-time status is flexible. For more details, please go to hcc.lv/opportunities or email williams@hcchome.org.

Children's Ministry Internship Opportunity

Children's Ministry has a job opening for an intern/resident to run from June 2023 to June 2024. This is a combined full-time 12-week internship followed by 9-month residency, closely working with and under the Children's Minister. See hcc.lv/opportunities for details.

HCC YOUTH

D-Camp & Camp Impact Registration | *July 23-26 & July 26-30*

2023 D-Camp and Camp Impact registration is now open! For all camp information and to register online, please go to: dcampandimpact.org

HCC KIDS

Promotion Sunday on June 4, 2023

Note to parents: Children will be promoted to the next grade level beginning on Sunday, June 4th. Children will be assigned grade levels according to their age on 9/1/2023. An email will be sent to parents of toddlers through fourth grade with details on new classrooms. Contact *Mr. Frank* at frankt@hcchome.org with questions.

HCC VBS & Kids Camp | *June 19-23*

Registration for FAITH Lab Science VBS & Kids Camp is now open at hcc.lv/2023VBS. Cost: **morning VBS only (\$25) or full-day VBS+Kids' Camp (\$160)**. Late fee of \$20 begins 5/15.

Registration closes on 6/4. For questions, contact frankt@hcchome.org

HOUSTON CHINESE CHURCH FACTS & FIGURES

LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE AND FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR APRIL 30, 2023

HCC WORSHIP

PEARLAND WORSHIP

298	74	204	40	95	}	30+38	9	788
ENGLISH	CANTONESE	MANDARIN	YOUTH	CHILDREN		ENG + MAND	CHILDREN	



HCC SUNDAY SCHOOL

PEARLAND SUNDAY SCHOOL

68	57	80	}	10	20	14	5
ENGLISH	CANTONESE	MANDARIN		ENGLISH	MANDARIN	YOUTH	CHILDREN



APR 30, 2023	OFFERING	YTD RECEIVED	YTD (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS	
			THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR
HCC GENERAL	\$104,072.64	\$601,300.78	(\$185,418.09)	(\$11,483.03)
PCC GENERAL	\$8,550.00	\$60,435.00		
HCC BUILDING	\$7,292.23	\$54,042.86		
HCC PLEDGE PAYMENTS	\$15,081.25	\$249,668.32		
PCC BUILDING	\$4,309.57	\$18,791.52		
ETHNOS CHURCH PLANT	\$8,501.44	\$32,403.12		



Staff Itinerary

Joseph Cheng: sabbatical, 3/16-5/31

Mary Lee: out of office, 4/25-5/21

Now Hiring: English Admin Assistant, Chinese Admin Assistant, & Other Roles

HCC is hiring for English and Chinese Administrative Assistant roles. Part-time/full-time status is flexible. Also hiring: **Children's Ministry Intern (full-time)**, **IT Coordinator**, **Nursery Caregiver**, and **Pearland Lead Pastor**. For details, go to hcc.lv/opportunities



Church Picnic Volleyball Tournament Results

1st place: Cambridge Fellowship. Tied for 2nd place: Agape Fellowship & "Pastor Jason" (English Congregation). Tied for 3rd place: Aihua Fellowship & SYPF. Congratulations to all the winners!



PRAYER

Join us as we pray for our long term workers in this month's Global Outreach Spotlight: hcc.lv/GoPrayMay23

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.