



THE GOODNESS of GIVENNESS



HOUSTON
CHINESE CHURCH
鐵士頓中國教會

Male and Female He Created Them

Preacher: Jason Tarn

Sunday, April 24, 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 Westminster Creed

Worship in Song

Confession of Sin

Worship in Song

Offertory

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading, *Genesis 1:26-31*

Worship in the Word, Pastor Jason

"Male and Female He Created Them" - [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

Numbered Days

May 1 | *Job 14:5; Psalm 39:4-5* | Jason Tarn

Alloted Periods and Boundary Places

May 8 | *Acts 17:26-27* | Jason Tarn

Predetermined Days

May 15 | *Psalm 139:15-16* | Fred Tow

Confidence to Finish the Race

May 22 | *Philippians 1:1-11* | Stanley Chang



ONLINE

Sermon notes and video recordings can be found here:

hcc.lv/SermonMeUp



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.

Verse by Verse Bible: Mark | Rm 411

Temptations Men Face | Rm 412/414 *men only

Old Testament Survey (Part 2 of 6) | Rm 113

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

Lies Women Believe | Rm 201 *women only



LUNCH PREPARATION

Enoch Fellowship / Cross Road Fellowship (this week)

Aihua Fellowship (next week)



HOME LIFE

Houston Chinese Church

MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS



Friday - Saturday, April 29-30

FRIDAY, APRIL 29 | 7:30 - 9:00 PM

- PLENARY SESSION: MAIN SPEAKER DR. JOHN HSIEH
- PANEL DISCUSSION WITH ALL SPEAKERS
- HCC CHAPEL AND ZOOM

SATURDAY, APRIL 30 | 7:30 - 9:00 PM

- WORKSHOPS VIA ZOOM



For more info and zoom links

Handling Anxiety from a Christian Perspective



John Hsieh, MD

Dr. Hsieh is a psychiatrist in private practice and assistant professor at Baylor College of Medicine.

步入成年的困扰以及应对 Emotional Distress in Young Adults (Mandarin)



Xiao Qing Liu, MD
劉小青

Dr. Liu is a psychiatrist at the Greater Houston Psychiatric Associates.

Recognizing and Overcoming Depression



Edna Lee, LPC

Ms. Lee is a Licensed Professional Counselor and has been in practice since 2003.

hcchome.org/en/family-life

WE CORDIALLY INVITE ALL HCC DADDIES AND DAUGHTERS
(ALSO GODDADS/GODDAUGHTERS, DADDY-FIGURES AND THEIR LITTLE GIRLS)
TO A BEAUTIFUL NIGHT AT THE



FOOD . DANCING . FUN

DADDY DAUGHTER *Mask-querade*

JUNE 10 | 5-8PM

FEE: \$15/DADDY-DAUGHTER
\$2/ADDITIONAL
DAUGHTER

HCC FELLOWSHIP HALL



SCAN HERE

FOR MORE DETAILS



The Goodness of Givenness
Male and Female He Created Them
Genesis 1:27

The dominant cultural narrative today teaches that happiness comes from discovering your true self and then having the courage to give expression to that identity. You may have to reject societal norms and expectations along the way. But no price is too steep. For authenticity is now considered the highest virtue. But in contrast, the biblical narrative teaches that happiness comes from discovering how your Creator made you and then appreciating the goodness of givenness.

1. What this series is all about

2. Why talk about gender identity

3. What the culture has to say about gender

- a. Your body is not _____
- b. Your gender is determined _____
- c. Your gender identity is _____
- d. Your happiness is found in becoming _____

4. What Scripture has to say about gender

- a. Your body is _____ but not the _____
- b. Your gender is recognized _____
- c. Your gender identity is _____
- d. Your happiness is found in becoming _____

Recommended Books:

Transgender by Vaughn Roberts

What God Has to Say About Our Bodies by Sam Allberry

God and the Transgender Debate: What Does the Bible Actually Say about Gender Identity? by Andrew Walker

Strange New World: How Thinkers and Activists Redefined Identity and Sparked the Sexual Revolution by Carl Trueman

The Rise and Triumph of the Modern Self: Cultural Amnesia, Expressive Individualism, and the Road to Sexual Revolution by Carl Trueman

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Mental Health Matters Conference | *Fri-Sat, April 29 - 30* | 7:30 - 9:00 pm | *Hybrid Format*

Family Life Ministry is sponsoring a hybrid conference on anxiety and depression, parent-child communication, and stress management. Speakers include psychiatrist Dr. John Hsieh, psychiatrist Dr. Xiao Qing Liu, and Christian counselor Edna Lee. See hcc.lv/MHM for details!

Bake Sale + Handcrafted Goods Fundraiser for Ukraine | *Sun, May 1 & 8* | *Lobby*

Please support ongoing fundraising for Ukraine by purchasing baked goods and handmade items made by the Cross Road fellowship. Pre-order at hcc.lv/crossroadbakery and hcc.lv/crossroadcrafts or stop by the booth in the lobby on 5/1 and 5/8!. All proceeds will be donated to the World Vision *Ukraine Crisis Fund*. Email choyijoey@gmail.com for more details.

Baptism & Membership Class | *Sundays in May* | *Sunday School Hour* | *Trailer 416*

Ready to proclaim your faith through baptism or just want to know more? Join our class! The first two weeks are focused on baptism and the next two weeks 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 last two classes. Contact englishadmin@hcchome.org to sign up.

SAVE THE DATE! English Membership Meeting | *Fri, May 13* | 7:00 - 8:45 pm | *Sanctuary*

Join us for our English Membership Meeting on Friday, May 13th at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Childcare will be available for ages 3 and under.

Thrive Retreat: Living Out Your Faith in the 9-5 | *May 27 - May 30* | *REGISTRATION OPEN!*

The Thrive Retreat is a retreat for young professionals of all walks of life to learn Biblical knowledge and apply it to their careers. Learn about the Modern Day Sabbath, Faithful Finance, Work-Family Balance, & more! Early registration ends 4/30: thrive.paactexas.org

Weekend to Remember | *June 10-12* | *Sugar Land Marriott Town Square*

Family Life ministries is hosting a weekend marriage conference in Sugar Land. This is an excellent opportunity to spend quality time with your significant other to grow deeper in your marriage. For more information go to: www.familylife.com/weekend-to-remember

"Mask-querade" - HCC Daddy-Daughter Dance 2022 | *Sat, Jun 18* | 5:00 - 8:00 pm | *Chapel*

Dads and daughters, come join us for a beautiful evening together with food, dancing, and fun! Bring your daughter, goddaughter, or anyone whom you love and care for like a daughter! Attire: formal; no age restriction. Sign up here by May 18: bit.ly/3pu5ndi

CHURCH NOTICES

Update from Youth Bake Sale for Ukraine

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the bake sale and all the youth for their hard work! With everyone's support, they raised a total of **\$761** for World Vision's *Ukraine Crisis Fund*!

Carol Huang Memorial Scholarship | hcc.lv/CHM22

Houston Chinese Church is inviting interested high school seniors, undergraduate, and graduate students to apply for the 2022 Carol Huang Memorial Scholarship. For details see the [application form](#) or email tinaz@hcchome.org. The application deadline is July 17th.

HCC KIDS

2022 HCC Science VBS & Kids' Camp @PCC: Elements of Trust | hcc.lv/2022VBS

Registration for VBS + Kids' Camp is now open! This year will be held at Pearland Chinese Church 9am - 4pm on August 1-5, open to kids Pre-K - 5th grade in Fall 2022. Register your child at hcc.lv/2022VBS. Want to help with VBS? Sign up to volunteer at hcc.lv/2022VBSTeam.

Parent Dedication | *Register Now:* hcc.lv/Dedication

Families interested in participating in Parent Dedication can sign up now! Parent dedication will take place during May and June services. Once you have signed up, please submit photos of your child and family to [Tina Zhao](mailto:TinaZhao@hcchome.org) at tinaz@hcchome.org. A home visitation is required as part of the Parent Dedication process. Mr. Frank will contact parents with further details.

No Children's Programs on 4/29

There will be no AWANA on Friday, April 29. There will still be nursery childcare for ages 3 and under during the Mental Health Matters conference. Small groups, please plan accordingly.

HOUSTON CHINESE CHURCH FACTS & FIGURES

LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE AND FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR APRIL 17, 2022

HCC WORSHIP

*COMBINED CHINESE SERVICE

PEARLAND WORSHIP

435

ENGLISH

280

MANDARIN + CANTONESE

85

YOUTH

72

CHILDREN

80

ENG + MAND

14

CHILDREN

966

TOTAL



HCC SUNDAY SCHOOL

98

ENGLISH

80

MANDARIN

*NO CANTONESE OR PEARLAND SUNDAY SCHOOL



APR 17, 2022	OFFERING	YTD RECEIVED	THIS YEAR'S YTD (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS	LAST YEAR'S YTD (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS
GENERAL FUND	\$12,897.63	\$611,236.06	(\$62,527.29)*	(\$105,900.49)*
HCC BUILDING	-	\$16,795.00	*YTD DEFICIT NUMBERS ARE FROM 4/10 AND WILL BE UPDATED NEXT WEEK.	
PEARLAND BUILDING	-	\$22,702.71		



Job Opportunities: Staff Needed

We are looking for a **full-time Youth Minister (Pearland Campus)**, as well as these part-time positions: **IT Coordinator**, **Nursery Coordinator**, and **Nursery Caregiver**. Contact us at pastorsearch@hcchome.org to apply or find out more at hcc.lv/HCCJobs

Staff Itinerary

Linh Phan: vacation, 4/26 - 5/4

Fred Tow: vacation, 4/26 - 4/28

William Soo: vacation, 4/29 - 5/1



Photo Submissions for 2022 Photo Prayer Guide

If you have an updated family and/or personal photo you would like to include in our 2022 Prayer Guide, please email englishadmin@hcchome.org by next **Sunday, May 1st**. The prayer guide includes English congregation members and their families.



PRAYER

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



COVID PROTOCOL

****Yellow Zone****

Masks are now optional for all individuals, but still highly recommended for those who are unvaccinated or immunocompromised.

ABOUT US

COVID Church Facilities Update

HCC welcomes everyone to our indoor worship and activities. Check: hcc.lv/COVIDnews 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!

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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.