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**HOUSTON**  
CHINESE CHURCH  
曉士頓中國教會

**Esther and the King**

**Preacher: Stanley Chang**

**Sunday, August 22, 2021 | 9:15am-10:30am**

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## ENGLISH WORSHIP SERVICE

9:15 AM – 10:30 AM

Call to Worship  
Worship in Song  
Confession of Sin  
Assurance of Pardon, *Acts 10:43*  
Offertory  
Recitation of Apostles' Creed  
Baptism, *Jeremy Tsui*  
Pastoral Prayer  
Scripture Reading, *Esther 4:1 - 5:2*  
Worship in the Word, Minister Stanley Chang  
*"Esther and the King"*- [Sermon Outline](#)  
Worship in Song  
Benediction & Doxology

### Baptism

Baptism is the public declaration that a person has placed his or her faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and identifies with Jesus's death and resurrection as depicted by immersion in water

## UPCOMING SERMON SCHEDULE

### Daniel and the Lions

August 29 | *Daniel 6:1-28* | Jason Tarn

### Meals with Jesus: Feasting with Sinners

September 5 | *Luke 5:27-32* | Jason Tarn

### Meals with Jesus: Dining with a Pharisee

September 12 | *Luke 7:36-50* | Jason Tarn

### Meals with Jesus: Feeding the Masses

September 19 | *Luke 9:10 -17* | Fred Tow

## ENGLISH ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Given the current status of the pandemic and the uncertainty of when the church will restart Children's ministry and lunch service on Sunday mornings, Sunday School classes (11am-12:15pm) will be postponed until the winter quarter starting in December. In the meantime, book clubs (meeting midweek and online) will be offered during the fall quarter starting in September. A list of available book clubs will be published next week along with a link for online registration.

**Fall Book Clubs** | *Coming Soon* | [Zoom](#)

# Myanmar Fundraising

## Background on Myanmar

- 88% Buddhist, 6% Christian, 4% Muslim.
- After military rule from 1962-2011, the government was replaced by a new military-backed civilian government.
- 2017 Crackdown on Rohingya Muslims: Myanmar considers them illegal immigrants. Thousands have been killed and many more fled from persecution.



Quarantine facility under construction

## Present Situation

- Feb 2021: Ms. Suu Kyi's NLD party won the election.
- The military who had backed the opposition seized control of the country by force.
- Large protests broke out.
- March 2021: more than 100 people were killed during protests. Food supplies cut off.
- Pandemic is rampaging through the country, healthcare system has collapsed, and there is a lack of supplies like oxygen.

## How HCC can help:

- Emergency Relief Fundraiser for supplies via CNEC\*
  - Goal: \$5,000. August 22<sup>nd</sup> to September 26<sup>th</sup>
  - Donate through HCC
    - Cash: write "Myanmar Relief" on envelope
    - Check: write "Myanmar Relief" on memo line
    - Paypal: add 5 cents (0.05) to the donation amount (e.g. \$100.05)
- Pray:
  - Workers who risk their lives to distribute relief supplies
  - Leaders will find a solution and stop further bloodshed
  - Pandemic

\*CNEC ministries have been working in Myanmar for 37 years. The relief fund will empower local Christian leaders and churches to bring aid to the affected families. [cnecintl.org](mailto:cnecintl.org)  
Contact for question: Michael Jin [mdarklight@gmail.com](mailto:mdarklight@gmail.com)

## UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

### **Membership Classes** | TODAY, Aug 22 & Sunday Aug 29th | 11:00am - 12:00pm | Rm 113

Interested in becoming a member of HCC, join us for Membership class! If you have already been baptized and would like to become a HCC member, you will only attend the last Sun, Aug. 22nd & Sun, Aug. 29th. Contact [englishadmin@hcchome.org](mailto:englishadmin@hcchome.org) to sign up or for more info.

### **Family Life: "From Parenting to Mentorship"** | Saturday, Aug 28th | 9:00am - 11:30am

The complex relational issues that arise as our children morph into self-determining adults may leave us struggling for answers. Join us for a special hybrid in-person and Zoom accessible event "From Parenting to Mentorship". Zoom link: <https://hcc.lv/FLParents>. Pastor Steve Chin, recently retired senior pastor of Boston Chinese Evangelical Church, will provide practical guidance to constructively navigate the relationships with our adult children. There will be Q&A time, followed by a panel of special guests who will provide further insights with their experiences transitioning from an adult-child to adult-adult relationship. For more information go to our website <https://hcc.lv/FamilyLife>

### **Live Stream of English Service** | Sunday, Aug 29nd | 9:15am | Zoom

A live stream link is available via registration for next Sunday's service. You can register during the week for the service on Sunday. An email with the link and password will be sent to you on Saturday evening. Please register by Saturday 7:30pm: <http://hcc.lv/HCCLive>

### **Myanmar Fundraising** | Aug 22nd - Sept 26th | <https://hcc.lv/myanmar>

Emergency Relief Fundraiser for Myanmar via CNEC. Write "Myanmar Relief" on cash envelope or check memo line. Paypal: add 5 cents to donation amount (e.g. \$100.05). See flyer or video link above to learn more. For more information contact Michael at [mdarklight@gmail.com](mailto:mdarklight@gmail.com)

### **Awana Registration 2021-2022** | Late Registration Sept 3rd

Awana Registration has started! Sign up today using this link: <http://tinyurl.com/hccawana21>

### **Save the Date: English Retreat 2021** | October 15th -17th

Join us for our annual English Retreat at Pineywoods Camp from October 15-17! This year's theme is Wholly Living. We will cover various topics such as anxiety, thought-life, and contentment. Registration will begin in late August, so save the date! If you have any questions, please email us at [hccenglishretreat2021@gmail.com](mailto:hccenglishretreat2021@gmail.com)

## CHURCH NOTICES

### **Nursery Volunteers**

HCC Nursery is looking for volunteers to serve in the Nursery classrooms. We are currently operating on a limited capacity and will need volunteers to serve as we expand the number of young children admitted to Nursery. Contact Mr. Frank at [frankt@hcchome.org](mailto:frankt@hcchome.org) for more info.

### **Nursery Update**

Due to COVID-19 Red Zone status, we will be adding a COVID-19 waiver/attestation to the weekly reservation sign ups for Nursery classes. Registration for reservations will reset and go live every Wednesday. [More details available on our website](#). Please note that **HCC programs and ministries are not providing snacks to children.**

### **Children's Ministry Reopening** | Fall 2021

Due to COVID-19 Red Zone status, Children's Ministry will push back the resumption of all in-person Children's Ministry programs (for three-year olds to 5th Graders) to October 2021. We will update and/or confirm this status in the second week of September.

### **Job Opportunitites: Staff Needed**

We are looking for several people to join our staff. Including: an IT Coordinator, Facilities Supervisor, Nursery Caregiver, Nursery Coordinator, Accountant/Bookkeeper, and Pearl and youth and admin positions. Join us in praying to fill these positions to help our church grow. Please contact us at [hccoffice@hcchome.org](mailto:hccoffice@hcchome.org) if you are interested in a position. To find out more go to <https://hcc.lv/HCCJobs>

# HOUSTON CHINESE CHURCH FACTS & FIGURES

## LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE AND FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR AUGUST 15, 2021

HCC WORSHIP INCLUDING IN-PERSON & ZOOM

PEARLAND WORSHIP

**283+69**  
ENGLISH

**78**  
CANTONESE

**85+99**  
MANDARIN

**45**  
YOUTH

**56**  
CHILDREN

**23+67**  
ENG + MAND

**21**  
CHILDREN & YOUTH

**731**  
TOTAL



HCC SUNDAY SCHOOL INCLUDING IN-PERSON & ZOOM

PEARLAND SS

**-**  
ENGLISH

**47**  
CANTONESE

**80**  
MANDARIN

**-**  
CHILDREN

**31**  
ADULT



AUG 15, 2021	OFFERING	YTD RECEIVED	THIS YEAR'S YTD (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS	LAST YEAR'S YTD (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	\$14,379.65	\$1,079,284.31	<b>(\$242,493.24)</b>	<b>(\$134,601.56)</b>
<b>HCC BUILDING</b>	50.00	\$7,052.00		
<b>PEARLAND BUILDING</b>	-	\$106,494.45		
<b>COVID 19 RELIEF FUND</b>	-	\$6,950.52		



### Staff Itinerary

**Joseph Cheng**, retreat: 8/23-8/26



### Condolences

Allen Tsao, **Felice Chen** and **Connie Chen's** father, passed away and is being laid to rest this week. May God's grace and comfort be upon the family.

### Congratulations

**Ken & Rebecca Li** on the birth of their son, **Jonah Li**, on August 8, 2021.



### PRAYER

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



### COVID PROTOCOL

\*\*\*Red Zone\*\*\*  
For the safety of everyone please wear a mask and maintain social distance.

## ABOUT US

### COVID Church Facilities Update

HCC welcomes everyone to our indoor worship and activities. Check: <https://hcc.lv/COVIDnews> for the most updated news. 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: <https://hcc.lv/welcome> OR stop by the welcome desk in the lobby. We will contact you with on ways to connect with our community!

### Sign Up for Our Newsletter | <http://hcc.lv/HCCNews>

Subscribe to our weekly newsletters with announcements, opportunities, and updates.



Please submit English bulletin announcements and inserts to the **English Administrator** at [amberg@hcchome.org](mailto:amberg@hcchome.org) by Wednesday noon for approval. Any announcements received after Wednesday at noon will be put in next week's bulletin.