



# TO LIVE IS CHRIST:

## A SERIES THROUGH PHILIPPIANS



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

**Thoughts on Giving**

**Preacher: Henry Ow**

**Sunday, August 28, 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 Lord's Prayer

Worship in Song

Confession of Sin

Offertory

New Members Introduction

Testimony, *Jacob Pan*

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading, *Philippians 4:10-23*

Worship in the Word, Minister Henry Ow

"Thoughts on Giving" - [Sermon Outline](#)

Worship in Song

Benediction & Doxology

### Doxology

Any short, spontaneous word of praise or song exalting God; we sing it at the end of service to praise God for the time spent with him this morning.

## UPCOMING SERMON SCHEDULE

### The Missional Call of the Chinese Heritage Church

September 4 | Acts 6:1-7 | Jason Tarn

### The Merciful Compassion of an Urban Church

September 11 | 2 Corinthians 8:1-9 | Jason Tarn

### The Equipping of Disciple-Making Families

September 18 | Deuteronomy 6:1-9 | Fred Tow

### The Sending of Disciple-Making Disciples

September 25 | Matthew 28:18-20 | Jonathan Huang

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### ONLINE

Sermon notes and video recordings can be found here:  
[hcc.lv/sermons](http://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 3 of 6) | Rm 112**

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

## LUNCH PREPARATION

*Ken & Rebecca + Kirk & Jack's Community Groups* (this week)

*No lunch next week (Labor Day holiday)*

# English Adult Sunday School – Fall 2022

Starting Sept 4<sup>th</sup> (11:00 am – 12:15 pm)

## Systematic Theology Survey (Part 1 of 3)

Room 115

Led by Jason Tarn, Erik Wiest, Akhil Shenoy, Jackie Yeung, & Chris Chee

This survey course will provide you with a strong theological foundation for Christian life and ministry. We will explore key doctrines across the spectrum of systematic theology. In Part One of three consecutive courses, we will cover The Doctrine of Scripture, The Existence and Attributes of God, the Doctrine of Creation, and the Doctrine of Providence.

## New Testament Survey (Part 1 of 3)

Trailer 412/414

Led by Jonathan Huang, Melvin Huang, John Hsieh, & Russ Wolters

This fall, we will be kicking off the New Testament Survey track, beginning with a big picture look at the books of Hebrews, Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, and Acts. Join us as we explore the biographies of Jesus' life as well as how the gospel initially spread from Jerusalem onward through the Spirit-led missionary activities of God's people. We will learn lessons from these important New Testament books and apply principles found through the example of Christians in the early church.

## Old Testament Survey (Part 4 of 6)

Trailer 411

Led by Henry Ow, Joseph Goh, & Bill Huang

In the 2-year Old Testament Survey track, we will go through the 39 books of the OT by providing a high level overview of each book and its main ideas/themes. The OT helps us understand God's character and is the foundation for the New Testament. Through the OT, we also learn of God's promises and how they point to Jesus. This 12-week fall quarter, we'll journey through the books of 1-2 Kings and the Pre-exilic Prophets. These books depict the decline of that nation of Israel that results in their

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eventual exile into Assyrian and then Babylon. The format of the class will be a blend of lecture, videos, discussion, and sharing. We hope that you can join us!

## **Family Life: Senior Care**

**Room 113**

Led by Fred Tow, Windsor Lee, Melody Lin, Karen Ho, Paul Chung, Pen Feng, Roy Chen, & Veronica Fellers

This class provides a road map to assist adult children in caring for their aging parents or grandparents. Caregivers will learn what the Bible says about caregiving and the keys to effectively fulfilling that role. Many practical topics will be covered including physical, emotional, and mental changes in aging; medical, financial and legal help; choosing a care facility; protecting your loved one from abuse, fraud, and scams; supporting your elder's faith and understanding end-of-life decisions. Class starts on 9/11.



## Thoughts on Giving

To Live is Christ

Philippians 4:10-23

What do we think about when we hear about giving to support God's work? We might think that we must give because if we don't, then the church will go under. We think that we must give because we will receive recognition. We think that we must give because we feel guilty. What does the Bible say that we should think about when we hear about giving to support God's work?

1. Giving displays our concern though God's work doesn't need it (4:10-13)
2. Giving allows us to partner in God's work (4:14-16)
3. Giving helps us grow spiritually (4:17)
4. Giving deepens our dependence on God (4:18-20)

## UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

### **Houston Welcomes Refugees | TODAY! | 1:00 - 2:00 pm | Trailer 411**

Houston Welcomes Refugees (HWR) is providing an orientation to go over the refugee resettlement process and how you can partner with this organization. HWR has opportunities for your community group to serve together, and individually as your schedule allows. RSVP for the information session here: [tinyurl.com/hcchwr](https://tinyurl.com/hcchwr). You can also visit [houstonwelcomesrefugees.com](https://houstonwelcomesrefugees.com) to sign-up for other in-person or online orientations.

### **Senior Care Matters | Fri, Sept 23 - Sat, Sept 24 | In-person & on Zoom**

Family Life Ministry is sponsoring a hybrid conference on "Senior Care Matters" with keynote speaker **Dr. Cecilia Cai**. Panel discussion and workshops will feature **Dr. Cai**, **Dr. John Hsieh**, and **Melody Lin, LCSW**. Come learn about healthy aging, mental health issues, memory loss/dementia, advance directives, and more. See [hcc.lv/SCM22](https://hcc.lv/SCM22) for registration and more details.

### **Ordination Ceremony for Henry Ow | Sat, Sept 10 | 3:00 - 5:00 pm | Sanctuary**

Houston Chinese Church requests the honor of your presence at the ordination of Henry Ow into the pastoral ministry at 3:00 pm on Saturday, September 10 in the sanctuary, followed by refreshments afterwards in the chapel. To RSVP, please visit [hcc.lv/ordination22](https://hcc.lv/ordination22)

### **Cantonese Mid-Autumn Festival Dinner | Sat, Sept 10 | 6:00 - 9:00 pm | Trailer 511**

The Cantonese Mid-Autumn Festival dinner will be held on Saturday, September 10 at 6:00 - 9:00 pm in Trailer 511. The cost is \$10 per meal. Contact **Minister Mark** ([markp@hcchome.org](mailto:markp@hcchome.org)), **Janine Wong** ([jxlinwong@gmail.com](mailto:jxlinwong@gmail.com)), or **Joey Chan** ([choyjjoey@gmail.com](mailto:choyjjoey@gmail.com)) for details and registration. Please invite your Cantonese speaking relatives and friends to celebrate with us.

### **Cantonese Evangelistic Worship Service | Sun, Sept 11 | 9:15 - 10:30 am | Chapel**

There will be a Cantonese Evangelistic Worship Service on Sunday, September 11. Please remember this event in your prayers and invite Cantonese speaking non-believers to attend.

### **2022 English Retreat | Fri, Oct 21 - Sun, Oct 23 | Pineywoods Camp**

The theme for this year's retreat is "Foundations." Please join us as we learn how we can use the various resources God has provided us to further His mission. Various accommodations will be available. Registration opens **Thursday, Sept 1st** at [hcc.lv/er2022-reg](https://hcc.lv/er2022-reg). For any questions or more information, you can contact **Patrick and Debbie** at [PatrickDebbie1214@gmail.com](mailto:PatrickDebbie1214@gmail.com).

## CHURCH NOTICES

### **Administrative Staff Update**

Chinese Administrative Assistant **Tina Zhao** resigned on 7/29. We are deeply grateful for her six years of service in the church office.

### **SERVE: Calling All Artists!**

We are seeking artists and/or graphic designers to help with our sermon series graphics! If you are interested in creating artwork for the next series, please contact [englishadmin@hcchome.org](mailto:englishadmin@hcchome.org)

### **Chinese School Registration | Register Now!**

The 2022-2023 school year for Chinese School will begin on September 11th, with most classes held in-person on Sundays. Three new classes (Preschool (Simplified), First Grade (Simplified), & Adult (Traditional)) will only be offered if there is enough interest. Register using the QR code on the right. We are also in need of volunteers. Email us at [hccchineseschool@gmail.com](mailto:hccchineseschool@gmail.com) or visit [hcc-chinese-school.webnode.page](https://hcc-chinese-school.webnode.page) for more information.



**REGISTER NOW**

## HCC KIDS

### **2022 HCC Awana Clubs | Registration now open: [hcc.lv/Awana22-23](https://hcc.lv/Awana22-23)**

Awana is a Friday evening program for children 3 year olds through 5th grade that focuses on learning God's Word in a fun atmosphere. Awana provides consistent, positive teaching that stresses moral and spiritual values, and our clubbers learn about the reality of God and the truths of the Bible. We meet on Fridays from 7:15 - 9:00 pm. Children ages 3 to 5th Grade as of 9/1/22 are eligible to register; registration for Sept '22-May '23 is \$114 per child. Register now at [hcc.lv/Awana22-23](https://hcc.lv/Awana22-23) or visit [en.hcchome.org/children/awana](https://en.hcchome.org/children/awana) for more information.

# HOUSTON CHINESE CHURCH FACTS & FIGURES

## LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE AND FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR AUGUST 21, 2022

HCC WORSHIP

PEARLAND WORSHIP

252

ENGLISH

69

CANTONESE

195

MANDARIN

58

YOUTH

81

CHILDREN

29+70

ENG + MAND

19

CHILDREN

773

TOTAL



HCC SUNDAY SCHOOL

37

ENGLISH

42

CANTONESE

54

MANDARIN

PEARLAND SUNDAY SCHOOL

13

ENGLISH

20

MANDARIN

8

CHILDREN



AUG 21, 2022

OFFERING

YTD RECEIVED

THIS YEAR'S YTD (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS

LAST YEAR'S YTD (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS

GENERAL FUND

\$12,494.00

\$1,319,560.83

(\$236,989.06)

(\$217,471.83)

HCC BUILDING

\$5,100.00

\$63,247.76

PEARLAND BUILDING

\$700.00

\$55,231.56



### Job Opportunities: Staff Needed

We are looking for a full-time (Pearland Campus) **Youth Minister**, as well as part-time (HCC Campus): **IT Coordinator**, **Nursery Coordinator**, and **Nursery Caregiver**. Email [pastorsearch@hcchome.org](mailto:pastorsearch@hcchome.org) to apply or find out more at [hcc.lv/opportunities](http://hcc.lv/opportunities)

### Staff Itinerary

**Jason Tarn:** sabbatical, 6/1 - 8/31

**Henry Ow:** outside ministry, 9/2-9/4

**Fred Tow:** family leave of absence, 7/31 - 9/9



### Membership Introduction

TODAY, current members are invited to affirm our new membership candidates:

**Juddie Correos**, **Jacob Pan**, **Ester Yoshimoto**, **Shenzhao (Peter) Lu**, and **Cheng (Fiona) Zhang**. Please welcome them into our HCC family.



Lunch will not be served next week in observation of the Labor Day holiday.



### PRAYER

Join us as we pray for our long term workers in this month's Global Outreach Spotlight:

[hcc.lv/GoPrayAug22](http://hcc.lv/GoPrayAug22)

SCAN HERE FOR HCC FAITHFUL GIVING FUND



### 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](http://hcc.lv/covid) for the most updated protocols. 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: [hcc.lv/Welcome](http://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!

### Sign Up for Our Newsletter | [hcc.lv/news](http://hcc.lv/news)

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



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