

Our Father Abraham:

A SERIES IN
GENESIS
(PART 2)

The Covenant Making God

Preacher: Jason Tarn

Sunday, May 21, 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 Apostles' Creed
 Worship in Song
 Confession of Sin
 Assurance of Pardon
 Offertory
 Welcome New Members
 Pastoral Prayer
 Scripture Reading, *Genesis 15:7-21*
 Worship in the Word, Pastor Jason Tarn
 "The Covenant Making God" - [Sermon Outline](#)
 Worship in Song
 Benediction & Doxology

Offertory

Offertory is an expression of our allegiance to God's rule by willingly submitting what God has given us for his works and purposes as a conscious act of worship.

UPCOMING SERMON SCHEDULE

Every Sunday at 9:15 AM

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

A Preposterous Promise

June 11 | *Genesis 18:1-15* | Jason Tarn

None is Righteous, No, Not One

June 18 | *Genesis 18:16-19:38* | Henry Ow



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!

Jason & Shirley's Family Group + Brian's Community Group (this week)

No church lunch service on 5/28 (Memorial Day Holiday)





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The Covenant Making God

Genesis 15:7-21

Today's text is a needed reminder that a relationship with God is ultimately based – not on a bilateral contract with mutual obligations – but on a unilateral covenant where God carries the load. Where he willingly bears the covenantal obligations and curses for us.

1. Being in a covenant with God offers strong assurance

2. Being in a covenant with God calls for steady patience

3. Being in a covenant with God ultimately depends on God

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

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

Want to know more about our church or interested in becoming a member? Contact englishadmin@hcchome.org to sign up or to schedule a make-up class.

YWAM Chico Orphanage Bake Sale | *TODAY! Sun, May 21* | 10:30 - 11:00 am | Lobby

Sweet treats for a sweet cause! Come right after service to support our bake sale for the YWAM Chico Orphanage in Vicente Guerrero, Mexico. This bake sale will support >70 orphans ranging from babies to teens! There will be boba tea, breakfast tacos, mango sago, and more!

Prayer Walk | *TODAY! Sun, May 21* | 1:00 pm | **Mattress Firm Main Entrance**

The pastoral staff invites you to meet outside the Mattress Firm Building Main Entrance today @ 1pm for a short time of prayer, **walking around the Mattress Firm parking lot and the adjoined plot of land**. We will pray for our vision goal of facility expansion and the opportunity to bid for this land/building.

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

Join us for an eight-session women's summer Bible study. Register now at hcc.lv/wm

CHURCH NOTICES

Appreciation for Willam Soo and his service as Church Administrator

We want to express our gratitude for brother William Soo, our Church Administrator for the past three years. He recently expressed an interest to pursue new endeavors and requested June 1st to be his last day in the office. Please thank him for his service and pray for the transition and search for a new administrator.

Family Life: Caregiver Support Group Interest Survey

Are you looking for support as you care for an elderly family member or friend? Would you be interested in being part of a caregiver support group? Please complete the following short survey to help us better understand your interests and needs: hcc.lv/caregiverSG

Family Life: Free Book Drawing

Drop by the Family Life Center to browse and enter to win the featured book - *Finding Your People: Building Deep Community in a Lonley World* by Jeanine Allen

2023 English Members Prayer Guides Available

Come pick up a 2023 prayer guide in the church office (one per family).

SERVE! Volunteers Needed for Video Editing & Visual Teams!

We are looking for brothers and sisters to serve on the video editing & visual teams for English worship. Contact thcmark@yahoo.com (for visuals) & denobug@gmail.com (for video editing).

YWAM Chico Toy Collection | Box in Lobby

Collecting new and gently used small toys to give as prizes in Mexico. Ex: Hot Wheels vehicles & Happy Meal toys. Collection ends on 6-18-23. Contact KatieLChong@yahoo.com for any questions.

Suggest Names for Deacon Nominations

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) Pearl and Campus Ministry, and (10) Treasurer for Finance. Submit names by **TODAY May 21, 2023** via the lobby table or online Deacon Suggestion Form: hcc.lv/deaconsuggestion23. All submissions are strictly confidential.

HCC KIDS

Parent Dedication

Parents interested in dedicating their child to the Lord on Father's Day can sign up at hcc.lv/Dedication by Sunday, 6/4. Pastor Fred will contact the parents for a home visit.

Promotion Sunday on June 4, 2023

Children will be promoted to the next grade level, according to their age on 9/1/2023, beginning on Sunday, 6/4. 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 closes on 6/4)*

Registration for FAITH Lab Science VBS & Kids Camp is now open at hcc.lv/2023VBS.

HOUSTON CHINESE CHURCH FACTS & FIGURES

LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE AND FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR MAY 14, 2023

HCC WORSHIP

PEARLAND WORSHIP

294

ENGLISH

65

CANTONESE

201

MANDARIN

40

YOUTH

99

CHILDREN

29+40

ENG + MAND

12

CHILDREN

780

TOTAL



HCC SUNDAY SCHOOL

57

ENGLISH

55

CANTONESE

70

MANDARIN

PEARLAND SUNDAY SCHOOL

7

ENGLISH

16

MANDARIN

5

YOUTH

7

CHILDREN



MAY 14, 2023

OFFERING

YTD RECEIVED

YTD (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS

THIS YEAR

LAST YEAR

HCC GENERAL

\$8,196.26

\$639,438.24

(\$191,217.59)

(\$101,718.90)

PCC GENERAL

\$8,859.00

\$69,748.05

HCC BUILDING

\$370.00

\$54,572.86

HCC PLEDGE
PAYMENTS

\$600.00

\$250,868.32

PCC BUILDING

\$500.00

\$19,291.52

ETHNOS
CHURCH PLANT

\$500.00

\$32,903.12

Staff Itinerary

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

Henry Ow: continuing ed, 5/15-5/27

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

Now Hiring: HCC is hiring for **Facilities Supervisor**, **English Admin**, and **Chinese Admin** roles. Also hiring: Children's Ministry Intern (full-time), IT Coordinator, Nursery Caregiver, and Pearland Lead Pastor. For details, go to hcc.lv/opportunities

Membership Introduction

TODAY, current members are invited to affirm our new membership candidates: **Joshua Cheng** and **Amanda Mao**. Please welcome them into our HCC family.

PRAYER

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

hcc.lv/GoPrayMay23

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"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!

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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.