

Our Father Abraham:

A SERIES IN
GENESIS
(PART 2)



HOUSTON
CHINESE CHURCH
曉士頓中國教會

A Preposterous Promise

Preacher: Jason Tarn

Sunday, June 11, 2023 | 9:15am - 10:30am

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ENGLISH WORSHIP SERVICE

9:15 AM – 10:30 AM

Welcome & Call to Worship
Worship in Song
Offertory
New Members Introduction
Baptism
Pastoral Prayer
Scripture Reading, *Genesis 18:1-15*
Worship in the Word, Pastor Jason Tarn
"A Preposterous Promise" - [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

Every Sunday at 9:15 AM

None is Righteous, No, Not One

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

Same Old Abraham

June 25 | *Genesis 20:1-18* | Jason Tarn

Our Gracious God

July 2 | *Genesis 17:1-27* | Fred Tow

The Sacrafice of Isaac

July 9 | *Genesis 21:1-34* | 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.

Strengthening Your EQ | Rm 112

Christian Ethics | Room 115

LUNCH PREPARATION

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

Sean & Juddie and Joe & Sam (this week)

Aihua (next week)



Our Father Abraham: A Series in Genesis (Part 2)

A Preposterous Promise

Genesis 18:1-15

God already appeared to Abraham on a number of occasions, promising a son. In Genesis 18, he appears again with the same promise, but this time it is directed more at Sarah – with the goal of growing her faith, turning her cynical laugh into a cheerful one. Her encounter with God Almighty speaks to all who question if his promises are too incredible to be true.

1. Approached by God

2. Challenged by God

3. Transformed by God

Pray with our Short Term Teams!

Youth Missions Team - Mexico

June 11-17 | Purpose: Working with campsite that host orphanages

Participants: Ian Goh, Ethan Liu, Samuel Deng, Isaac Goh, Abby Hou, Abigail Ma, Joshua Ni, FV Ni, Elisabeth Ma, Maybeline Ong, Daniel Wong, Jessica Chen, Helen Pu, May Goh, Preston Chan, Stanley Chang, Joseph Goh, Jie Deng

Pray for

- Safety in travel and while we do ministry
- God to show His love through us as we work with orphans
- God to use this trip to show our participants how they can use their life for God's Mission

Philadelphia Mission Trip

July 10-17 | Purpose: Assisting church planter - Maranatha Chung, (our supported missionaries) reaching out to the community.

Participants: Mark Poon, Zhihong Huang, Hua Lin, Shonn Huang, Juan Chang, Jacky Yeung

Pray for

- The recovery process of a team member who contracted COVID
- All the preparation work to be done smoothly

Family Missions (YWAM) Team Vincente Guerrero, Mexico

July 2-8 | Purpose: Work and serve at an orphanage by playing with kids, leading VBS, serving meals and performing light labor

Participants: Jennifer Chii, Philip Chii, Joseph Chii, Madelyn Chii, Olivia Chii, Chris Lu, Katie Lu, Titus Lu, Ayden Lu, Kelvin Chong, Lesley Chong, Emmitt Chong, Emma Chong, Joshua Chen, Yelena Lyu-Chen (Alyona Chen), Nicolas Chen, Alexander Chen, Evelina Chen, John Ma, Kelly Ma, Elisabeth Ma, Abigail Ma, James Ma, Faith Victoria Ni, Wan Ton Wendy Chen, Jeremy Tsui

Pray for

- Families will truly experience God together and allow God to use them to bless the people in Mexico.
- Team unity and safety as we travel and live at the orphanage.

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.

And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Matthew 28:19-20

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

CYA at Palace Social | June 17| 3pm | Palace Social - Houston

Celebrate the start of summer with the Community of Young Adults! Feel free to drop by for a bit or stick around for as long as you like! Whether you enjoy bowling, arcade or VR, bring your best game! RSVP at Evite Link: <https://hcc.lv/CYA23PS>

Carol Huang Memorial Scholarship | Applications due July 16

High school seniors, undergraduate, and graduate students are invited to apply for the 2023 Carol Huang Memorial Scholarship. For details see hcc.lv/CHM23

Help Our Community through C.A.R.E | Lobby

Support Rodriguez Elementary School students by purchasing \$10 Chinese-American Relief Effort (CARE) raffle tickets. Your contribution will be used to provide backpacks and school supplies to students in need.

Summer College Fellowship | Fridays at 7:30pm | Trailer 511

All incoming freshmen and current college students are invited to join us to study God's word together and enjoy a time of fellowship. This summer we'll be studying the Parables of Jesus in the Gospel of Luke. For more info please email henryo@hcchome.org.

SAVE THE DATE: Global Missions Conference | Aug 4-6 | HCC

SAVE THE DATE for the Global Missions Conference "Missions Across Generations". Please pray for our speakers Reverend Jamie Taylor, Jonathan Lui, Mike McGinty. Reflect on God's heart for the nations and how you can advance God's kingdom joining hands together for His glory across generations, across congregations.

CHURCH NOTICES

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

2023 English Members Prayer Guides Available

Come pick up a 2023 prayer guide in the lobby (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 thcmahk@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. Please leave toys in the collection box in the lobby between the welcome tables. Collection ends on 6-18-23. Contact KatieLChong@yahoo.com for any questions.

HCC KIDS

HCC VBS & Kids Camp | June 19-23

Reminder for those who signed up, VBS and Kids Camp begins on June 19-23. Limited walk in registration is available. For questions, contact frankt@hcchome.org.

Summer Kids Grade Levels

Promotion Sunday was June 6th! Children should attend our Kids' programs according to their Fall 2023 Grades.

Find Your People: Building Deep Community in a Lonely World by Jeannie Allen

You are created for community. As messy as relationships might be, we cannot live life alone. With scientific insights and biblical references, the author shares ways to identify the type of friend you need, how to have authentic conversations, what a true community looks like, and how conflict can strengthen relationships rather than destroy them. Drop by the Home Life Center to browse this featured book.

While there, enter the drawing for a free copy of the book!



HOUSTON CHINESE CHURCH FACTS & FIGURES

LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE AND FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR JUNE 4, 2023

HCC WORSHIP

PEARLAND WORSHIP

304	74	220	45	89	70	13	815
ENGLISH	CANTONESE	MANDARIN	YOUTH	CHILDREN	ENG + MAND	CHILDREN	TOTAL



HCC SUNDAY SCHOOL

PEARLAND SUNDAY SCHOOL

73	56	64	12	19	-	5
ENGLISH	CANTONESE	MANDARIN	ENGLISH	MANDARIN	YOUTH	CHILDREN



JUNE 4, 2023

OFFERING

YTD RECEIVED

YTD (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS

THIS YEAR

LAST YEAR

HCC GENERAL

\$29,508.75

\$769,849.84

(\$245,118.65)

(\$111,310.53)

PCC GENERAL

\$7,525.00

\$80,423.05

HCC BUILDING

\$210.00

\$61,899.12

HCC PLEDGE PAYMENTS

\$400.00

\$272,939.54

PCC BUILDING

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\$24,485.09

ETHNOS CHURCH PLANT

\$900.00

\$40,254.08

Staff Itinerary

Tim Lai: Sabbatical, 6/1-8/16

Linh Phan: Vacation, 6/5-8/12

Now Hiring: HCC is hiring for *Church Administrator*, *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 more information and interest in the positions, go to hcc.lv/opportunities

Baptism & New Members

TODAY we will witness the baptisms of *Emily Cheng*. and *Joanne Wang*. Current members are also invited to affirm membership candidates: *Jessica Lee* and *Shelby Tse*. Please congratulate them and 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/GoPrayJune23

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!

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