

Our Father Abraham:

A SERIES IN
GENESIS
(PART 2)



HOUSTON
CHINESE CHURCH
曉士頓中國教會

Our Gracious God
Preacher: Fred Tow

Sunday, July 2, 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

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading, *Genesis 21:1-34*

Worship in the Word, Pastor Fred Tow

"Our Gracious God" - [Sermon Outline](#)

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Lord's Supper

Worship in Song

Benediction & Doxology

Lord's Supper

We partake in the Lord's Supper together to remember the price Christ paid to restore us into a relationship with God and anticipate Christ's return.

UPCOMING SERMON SCHEDULE

Every Sunday at 9:15 AM

The Sacrifice of Isaac

July 9 | *Genesis 22:1-24* | *Jason Tarn*

The Death of Sarah

July 16 | *Genesis 23:1-20* | *Jonathan Huang*

A Bride for Isaac

July 23 | *Genesis 24:1-67* | *Henry Ow*

The Death of Abraham

July 30 | *Genesis 25:1-18* | *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 412/414*

Christian Ethics | *Room 115*

LUNCH PREPARATION

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

Cambridge Fellowship (this week)

Patrick & Debbie and Jeff (next week)



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

A Gracious God

Genesis 21:1-34

Christian life is a journey filled with highs and lows. Our goal is to grow in our faith so that we represent God well. The key to growth is how we respond to trials. Abraham just had a humiliating experience with Abimelech. But he learned from his mistakes and embraced God, who demonstrated His grace and power.

1. Abraham Grew in His Faith as God Demonstrated His Grace
 - a. God is gracious by fulfilling His promise in spite of Abraham and Sarah's unbelief (21:1-7)

 - b. God is gracious by approving Sarah's instinct to protect the child of promise and by providing for Hagar and Ishmael in spite of being rejected (21:8-20)

2. Abraham Grew in His Faith as Abimelech Recognized that God was with

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Ministry Sharing by Henry & Laura | Sunday, July 9 | 11:00am-12:15pm | Room 113

Henry & Laura and their kids are back in town and holding a ministry sharing next Sunday during the Sunday School hour. Come and hear how God has been working in their family and ministry since they moved to Taiwan and about their potential plans for the future. English Sunday School courses will still occur as scheduled.

CYA Ice Cream Social | July 15 | 7pm | Youth Room

Break the ice with the Community of Young Adults (CYA) as we have our Ice Cream Social at HCC. We'll start at 7pm in the Youth room, and will be making our own ice cream! Join us as we chill out in the middle of a boiling Houston summer. RSVP here: hcc.lv/CYAicecream23

CARE Raffle Tickets - Help Our Community | 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.

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

Summer Book Club: How Toddlers Thrive | Mondays | 8:30 - 9:30 pm | Zoom

New research indicates that the seeds for adult success are actually planted in the toddler years, ages two to five. In *How Toddlers Thrive*, child psychologist Dr. Tovah Klein cracks the preschool code, revealing what you can do to help your toddler grow into a fulfilled child and adult. Zoom link: hcc.lv/htt22 Please purchase a copy of the book and read Chapter 1 before our first meeting (July 10th).

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.

Global Missions Conference | Aug 4-6 | HCC

August 4-6 Welcome to the 2023 HCC "Missions Across the Generations" Conference. Invited speakers include Pastor James Hudson Taylor IV, Minister Jonathan Lui, Lillian Chen & Mike McGinty. Saturday, Aug 5, 11:30-1pm "Taste Missions Tour" special snack servings (food tastings from 12 different missionary countries supported by HCC). This event requires registration as well as Friday and Saturday childcare for children ages 0-11. Registration starts 7/9 and ends on 7/28.

CHURCH NOTICES

Mattress Firm Q&A | TODAY, July 2 | 1:30pm | Zoom

Prayerfully join us as we meet for a question and answer session about the Mattress Firm building and land purchase! Join us Sunday, July 2nd on zoom: hcc.lv/MEQAen

General Membership Meeting | Sunday, July 9 | 12:30pm | Sanctuary & Zoom

HCC will hold a general membership meeting at 12:30 PM Sunday, July 9, 2023. The purpose of the meeting is to affirm the church's plan to purchase Mattress Firm building and land. The meeting will be conducted both in person and via Zoom.

2023 English Members Prayer Guides Available

Come pick up a 2023 prayer guide in the lobby. Use this prayer guide to get to know the English members and pray for each other daily.

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. Prayerfully consider joining our volunteer team and contact thcmarhk@yahoo.com (for visuals) & denobug@gmail.com (for video editing) if you are interested in helping!

HCC KIDS

Summer Kids Grade Levels

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

HOUSTON CHINESE CHURCH FACTS & FIGURES

LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE AND FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR JUNE 25, 2023

HCC WORSHIP

PEARLAND WORSHIP

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|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|-----------|------------|
| 323 | 74 | 215 | 52 | 84 | 20+43 | 16 | 827 |
| ENGLISH | CANTONESE | MANDARIN | YOUTH | CHILDREN | ENG + MAND | CHILDREN | TOTAL |



HCC SUNDAY SCHOOL

PEARLAND SUNDAY SCHOOL

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| 53 | 59 | 45 | 9 | 18 | 9 | 7 |
| ENGLISH | CANTONESE | MANDARIN | ENGLISH | MANDARIN | YOUTH | CHILDREN |



JUNE 25, 2023

OFFERING

YTD RECEIVED

YTD (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS

THIS YEAR

LAST YEAR

HCC GENERAL

\$120,228.57

\$929,733.82

(\$159,913.40)

(\$82,974.96)

PCC GENERAL

\$7,553.00

\$90,112.05

HCC BUILDING

\$9,613.55

\$72,522.67

HCC PLEDGE PAYMENTS

\$154,509.36

\$428,048.90

PCC BUILDING

\$3,159.19

\$27,844.28

ETHNOS CHURCH PLANT

\$750.96

\$38,105.04

Staff Itinerary

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

Joseph Cheng: Out of Office, 7/5-7/10

Frank Fang: Out of Office, 7/5-7/7 & 7/10

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

Congratulations

Dan & Mandy Tung on their daughter, **Chloe Elora Tung**, born July 18, 2023.

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!

Sign Up for Our Newsletter | hcc.lv/news

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



Note: The Church Office will be closed on Tues, 7/4, for Independence Day.

Please submit all announcements and inserts for the 7/9 bulletin to **English Administrator at englishadmin@hcchome.org** by 5pm on Wednesday, 7/5.