

# Our Father Abraham:

A SERIES IN  
GENESIS  
(PART 2)



HOUSTON  
CHINESE CHURCH  
曉士頓中國教會

**The Sacrifice of Isaac**  
**Preacher: Jason Tarn**

Sunday, July 9, 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

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Offertory

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading, *Genesis 22:1-24*

Worship in the Word, Pastor Jason Tarn

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

Worship in Song

Benediction & Doxology

### Benediction

God's blessing on His people.  
The minister reminds us of  
His blessing on the Church;  
upon receiving the  
benediction, we are to go  
forth and bless others.

## UPCOMING SERMON SCHEDULE

Every Sunday at 9:15 AM

### 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*

### Missions Conference

Aug 6 | *Jamie Taylor*

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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.

**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!

**Patrick & Debbie** and **Jeff** (this week)

**Living Springs** and **Agape** (next week)

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

### *The Sacrifice of Isaac*

#### *Genesis 22:1-24*

Abraham's story has been marked by sacrifice. He has been asked to leave behind family and land. But at least those sacrifices were accompanied by promises of blessing – of a new family and a new land. But in today's text, Abraham is asked to make a sacrifice with nothing to gain. He is asked to kill – not just his son – but what he perceived to be the very source of his hope. Don't be surprised if God ever puts you through a similar test, revealing if your trust is in the Lord himself or merely in the things he promises..

1. The God who purposefully tests
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. The man who obediently trusts
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. The Lord who graciously provides

## **2023 Mission Conference - Missions Across Generations**

**Dr. James Hudson Taylor, IV**

*President China Evangelical Seminary, Taiwan*

Pastor Taylor, the great–great grandson of the founder of the China Inland Mission (now OMF International), J. Hudson Taylor, was born and raised in Taiwan. He studied at Morrison Christian Academy, Seattle Pacific University and Asbury Theological Seminary (M.Div. in 1987 and D.Min. in 2011).

Pastor Taylor served at Chinese Bible Church of Greater Boston in both Chinese and English congregations for 5 years. He has also served OMF extensively in various roles with Campus Evangelical Fellowship in Taiwan; then in Hong Kong as Chinese Ministries' Director for Personnel, as Chinese Ministries' Field Director, and then as the Chinese Ministries Consulting Director, focusing on mission mobilization and cross–cultural missionary training. Pastor Taylor was installed as the 8th president of China Evangelical Seminary in August 2020.

In February, 2021 he became the 1st President of China Evangelical Graduate School of Theology.

In 1993, Pastor Taylor married Mimi (Ke Yeh–min) Taylor, a graduate in voice performance of Soochow University (Bachelor Degree) and Boston University (Master Degree). She has taught music at a number of theological institutions and secular schools in Taiwan, produced three sacred music CDs, as well as involved in evangelism/discipleship among Taiwan's working class (department store workers). They have three children: James (5th); Selina; and Joy.

**Jonathan Lui**

*Director of International Launch, The Navigators*

Jonathan worked as a Software Engineer for 5 years before serving overseas as a missionary in Russia from 1993-1995. Grace and Jonathan married in 1995 and served in Almaty, Kazakhstan from 1997 to 2006 where Jonathan was the president of a Kazakh NGO (non-government organization). They ministered to the Kazakhs through educational services, linguistics research and publication (i.e. bible translation), humanitarian-aid, and community development. In 2005, Jonathan graduated with a MA in Intercultural Studies from Western Seminary and obtained a TESOL certificate by Cambridge University. From 2006 to 2015, they moved and served in 2 different cities in East Asia where Jonathan worked at local universities as a TESOL teacher. The workplace and their home provided opportunities for them to advance the gospel of Jesus and His kingdom into the nations through spiritual generations of laborers, living and discipling among the lost.

Currently, Jonathan is the Director of International Launch overseeing missionary appointees' preparation and training before sending them to their mission field.

**Lien Hsiang Chen (Lillian Chen)**

*Executive Director, Christian Communications Inc. (CCI) of USA*

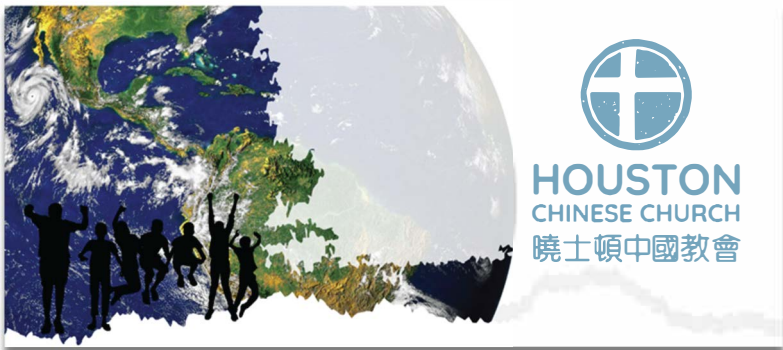
In 1979, Lillian joined the Christian Education Ministry of CCI Hong Kong and served as the Executive Director of CCI Taiwan. In 1999, she joined the Christian Communications Inc. of USA and has been serving for 24 years. She has dedicated over 40 years of her life to working with CCI. The Lord has trained her to serve in Publishing, Christian Education, and Mission Ministries, using her gifts and resources to assist the church in building up disciples. Lillian has two sons who serve as Pastors in Houston area churches.

**Mike McGinty**

*Mobilizer, OMF International*

Mike and Rowena McGinty called Japan their home for over 34 years, residing in the Greater Tokyo area in their final term. They served at OMF International headquarters, where Mike was the Director of the Japan field while Rowena used her gifts for hospitality and childcare. The McGintys spent the majority of their years in the northern island of Hokkaido where their primary ministry was church planting and led five different church planting teams. During those years, they also managed a children's school, set up OMF's short-term ministry program and directed all OMF ministries and missionaries in Hokkaido as the Regional Director. All of this changed dramatically in 2011 when they were asked to suddenly relocate to Iwate Prefecture following the Great East Japan Earthquake to lead a two-year relief work.

Mike and Rowena have been married 44 years and have three married children and nine grandchildren located in Texas, North Carolina and Japan. The McGintys returned to the States in April 2018 and continue their ministry with OMF International. Still with a burden for the Japanese, Mike took on a newly created role to specifically mobilize and equip new workers for this large unreached people group. Their main objective is to recruit, equip and care for new OMF workers going to Japan. To facilitate this, Mike continues to work with the Japan field leadership team to strategically train and deploy new workers for an eternal harvest in Japan.





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# 2023 HCC MISSIONS CONFERENCE

## MISSIONS ACROSS GENERATIONS

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.



Date	Speakers & Time	Location
8/4/2023 (Friday)	Rev. James Hudson Taylor IV 7:30-9:15 PM	Sanctuary
8/5/2023 (Saturday)	Minister Jonathan Lui 10:00 - 11:00 AM	Sanctuary
8/5/2023 (Saturday)	Taste Missions Tour 11:30 AM -1:00 PM	Chapel
8/5/2023 (Saturday)	Rev. James Hudson Taylor IV 1:00 - 2:30 PM	Sanctuary
8/6/2023 (Sunday)	Rev. James Hudson Taylor IV 9:15 - 10:30 AM	Sanctuary
8/6/2023 (Sunday)	Mike McGinty 11:00 - 12:15 PM	Chapel

\*\*\*Childcare will be provided for kids from 0 - 11 years old.

**Zoom Info:**  
Meeting ID: 825 9710 0325  
Password: 745169

**Taste Missions Tour  
and child care  
registration**



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## UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

### **General Membership Meeting** | TODAY, July 9 | 12:30pm | Sanctuary & Zoom

HCC will hold a general membership meeting at 12:30 PM TODAY, 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: [hcc.lv/GMM0709](https://hcc.lv/GMM0709)

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

Henry & Laura and their kids are back in town and holding a ministry sharing TODAY 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.

### **Toastmasters Open House** | TODAY, July 9 | 1:30pm - 3:00pm | Trailer 411

is today 1:30 - 3:00 pm at our church trailer room 411, there will be a Toastmasters demo meeting to show you how it will help you practice the communication and the leadership skills. Light refreshments will be served.

### **CYA Ice Cream Social** | Saturday, July 15 | 7:00pm | 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](https://hcc.lv/CYAicecream23)

### **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](https://hcc.lv/CHM23)

### **Parent's Night Out - Sign Up** | Saturday, July 22

Drop off your children at HCC for \$6 per child and enjoy a night out on Sat July 22 from 4pm-8pm. Registration is open now through July 14 on a first come first serve basis. Due to planning purposes, we will not be accepting kids at the door. Please sign using this google form: <https://bit.ly/PNO723>

### **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 Zoom link: [hcc.lv/htt22](https://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](mailto:henryo@hcchome.org).

### **Global Missions Conference** | Aug 4 - 6 | HCC

Excited our keynote Pastor James Hudson Taylor IV will be speaking Fri 8/4 - 7:30pm-9:15pm and Sat 8/5 from 1pm-2:30pm. Join Minister Jonathan Lui on Sat morning 10am-11am. Registration required for childcare ages 0-11 and for the special "Taste Missions Tour" Sat 11:30am-1pm featuring food tastings from 12 different missionary countries supported by HCC. Registration starts 7/9 and ends 7/28. Registration: <https://bit.ly/Missions23>

## CHURCH NOTICES

### **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 [thcmarkh@yahoo.com](mailto:thcmarkh@yahoo.com) (for visuals) & [denobug@gmail.com](mailto:denobug@gmail.com) (for video editing) if you are interested in helping!

## HCC KIDS

### **Children's Ministry Report**

We had 78 kids registered for morning VBS and 54 for afternoon Kids Camp during our 2023 Science VBS & Kids Camp held from June 19-23. Thanks to the 50 volunteer adults and youth who gave of their time and energy to help put on the event.

# HOUSTON CHINESE CHURCH FACTS & FIGURES

## LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE AND FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR JULY 2, 2023

HCC WORSHIP

PEARLAND WORSHIP

<b>232</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>709</b> TOTAL
ENGLISH	CANTONESE	MANDARIN	YOUTH	CHILDREN	ENG + MAND	CHILDREN	



HCC SUNDAY SCHOOL

PEARLAND SUNDAY SCHOOL

<b>65</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9</b>
ENGLISH	CANTONESE	MANDARIN	ENGLISH	MANDARIN	YOUTH	CHILDREN



JULY 2, 2023	OFFERING	YTD RECEIVED	YTD (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS	
			THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR
HCC GENERAL	\$ 16,465.70	\$946,199.52	(\$246,216.33)	(\$148,038.35)
PCC GENERAL	\$8,714.00	\$98,826.05		
HCC BUILDING	\$260.00	\$72,782.67		
HCC PLEDGE PAYMENTS	\$ 1,500.00	\$429,548.90		
PCC BUILDING	\$100.00	\$27,944.28		
ETHNOS CHURCH PLANT	\$3,200.24	\$41,305.28		



### Staff Itinerary

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

**Jason Tarn:** Vacation, 7/15-7/22

**Joseph Cheng:** Vacation, 7/5-7/10

**Thomas Wang:** Vacation, 7/11-7/14 & 7/19-21

**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](http://hcc.lv/opportunities)



### PRAYER

Join us as we pray for our long term workers in this month's Global Outreach Spotlight:  
[hcc.lv/GoPrayJuly23](http://hcc.lv/GoPrayJuly23)

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### 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](http://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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