

Our Father Abraham:

A SERIES IN
GENESIS
(PART 2)




HOUSTON
CHINESE CHURCH
曉士頓中國教會

A Bride for Isaac

Preacher: Henry Ow

Sunday, July 23, 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 Beatitudes
 Worship in Song
 Confession of Sin
 Assurance of Pardon
 Offertory
 Commissioning of Amy Lee
 Pastoral Prayer
 Scripture Reading, *Genesis 24: 34-51*
 Worship in the Word, Pastor Henry Ow
 "A Bride for Isaac" - [Sermon Outline](#)
 Worship in Song
 Benediction & Doxology

Worship in Song

The worship songs we sing teach us the truths of God's Word, express our response, and exhort one another to faithfulness.

UPCOMING SERMON SCHEDULE

Every Sunday at 9:15 AM

The Death of Abraham

July 30 | *Genesis 25:1-18* | Jason Tarn

Missions Conference

Aug 6 | *Jamie Taylor*

A Missional Sacrifice

Aug 13 | *1 Corinthians 9:1-27* | Jason Tarn

A Set Apart People

Aug 20 | *1 Corinthians 10:1-11:1* | Fred Tow



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

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A Bride for Isaac

Gen 24:1-67

We fear doing God's work because we don't have the assurance of success. We hesitate to participate on a short-term mission trip because we fear not raising enough support. We prefer to remain in an unhealthy relationship because we fear that we might not find another one. We refrain from serving because we fear the time commitment. If we only had the assurance of sufficient support, another significant other, and sufficient time, then we would do God's work. But often we don't have this assurance. What should we do?

1. God's work is to bless the nations.
2. God's way is to depend on him for guidance.
3. God supplies us with what we need.




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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



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

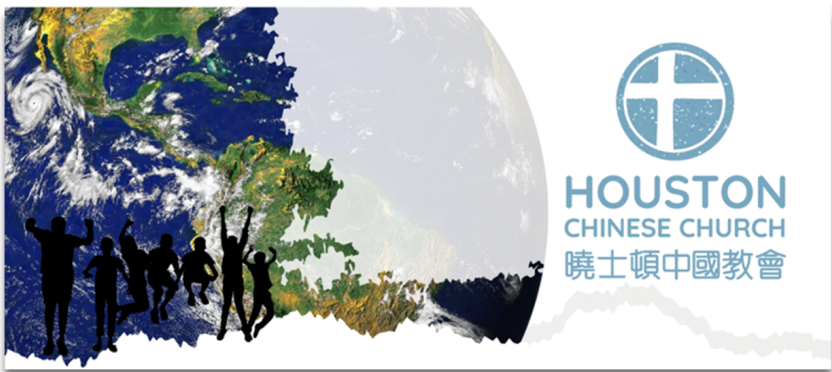
In 1979, Lillian joined the Christian Education Ministry of CCI Hong Kong and served as the Executive Director of CCI Taiwan. In 1999, she joined the Christian Communications Inc. of USA and has been serving for 24 years. She has dedicated over 40 years of her life to working with CCI. The Lord has trained 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.



UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

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. We will be going through the book *How Toddlers Thrive*, by child psychologist Dr. Tovah Klein. This week we will be going through chapter 3. Join us on zoom for discussion time by using this link: hcc.lv/htt22

Global Missions Conference | Aug 4 - 6 | HCC | Register by Friday, July 28

Missions is important to God and therefore should be important to us. Join us for the "Missions Across Generations" Conference and visit with different mission organizations. 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 ends 7/28: <https://bit.ly/Missions23>

CHURCH NOTICES

Welcome New Church Administrator

We thank our Lord for providing us with our next Church Administrator- Mingcheng James Chang. He comes with years of faithful service at all levels from door greeter to Council Chair at his prior church. He will start August 1. He and his wife Shirley joined HCC in 2022 and are the parents of English Deacon Jamison Chang. Give them a warm welcome and ask the Lord how you can become part of his support and backup team while we wait for God's provision for our next Facilities Supervisor, office and other staff positions.

Next Steps in Mattress Firm (MF) Purchase+Renovation Process

This past week we signed the MF purchase agreement and started the 90-day feasibility period for inspections and renovation planning. Our MF Pledge Campaign will run during the entire month of August. Members with current Studio Red pledges will be asked about formally moving their pledges to the MF Purchase + Renovation. Please pray for how God may be calling you to financially support this project, and also for the entire church's unity and joy as we continue on this great faith adventure.

SERVE! Volunteers Needed for Nursery!

Our Nursery is bursting at the brim, and Jesus wants you to welcome them. If you love Jesus and like kids, then consider signing up to join our team. We will work with your schedule. Contact Jocelyn Wu at jocelynh@hcchome.org for more info.

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 Job Opportunities

We are looking for several people to join our staff in the following positions: *Facilities Supervisor, English Administrative Assistant, Chinese Administrative Assistant, full-time Children's Ministry Intern, Pearland Lead Pastor, IT Coordinator and Nursery Caregiver*. Join us in praying to fill these positions to help our church grow. See hcc.lv/opportunities for more information.

HCC KIDS

Volunteers needed for English Worship Sermon Notes for Kids prep

Volunteers needed to prepare the weekly sermon notes for kids provided for elementary kids in English Worship. Requires, about two hours weekly in volunteer time. Access to Logos Bible app optional. Contact frankt@hcchome.org for more info.

Serve on the 2023-24 Awana Team

HCC Awana is looking for fun, faithful volunteers to serve on our 2023-24 team! Help assist or lead Game Time, handbook SG time, or LG teaching time. Awana takes place Friday evenings at HCC 7:15-9pm (9/8/23-5/17/24). Email awana@hcchome.org for next steps.

HOUSTON CHINESE CHURCH FACTS & FIGURES

LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE AND FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR JULY 16, 2023

HCC WORSHIP

PEARLAND WORSHIP

275	76	208	57	96	}	22+36	14	784
ENGLISH	CANTONESE	MANDARIN	YOUTH	CHILDREN		ENG + MAND	CHILDREN	



HCC SUNDAY SCHOOL

PEARLAND SUNDAY SCHOOL

57	61	45	}	5	23	10	13	
ENGLISH	CANTONESE	MANDARIN		ENGLISH	MANDARIN	YOUTH	CHILDREN	

JULY 16, 2023	OFFERING	YTD RECEIVED	YTD (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS	
			THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR
HCC GENERAL	\$ 19,233.29	\$974,232.69	(\$272,932.76)	(\$153,466.31)
PCC GENERAL	\$1,889.00	\$103,512.05		
HCC BUILDING	\$780.00	\$73,662.92		
HCC PLEDGE PAYMENTS	\$ 123,200.00	\$553,323.90		
PCC BUILDING	-	\$27,944.28		
ETHNOS CHURCH PLANT	\$14,000.00	\$56,805.28		



STAFF ITINERARY

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



LUNCH PREPARATION

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

Jason & Theresa and *Rachel & Joe* (this week)

Jjaxin and *SYPF* (next week)



PRAYER

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

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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