

Our Father Abraham:

A SERIES IN
GENESIS
(PART 2)



HOUSTON
CHINESE CHURCH
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The Death of Abraham

Preacher: Jason Tarn

Sunday, July 30, 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 HCC Articles of Faith
Worship in Song
Confession of Sin
Assurance of Pardon
Offertory
Pastoral Prayer
Scripture Reading, *Genesis 25:1-18*
Worship in the Word, Pastor Jason Tarn
"The Death of Abraham" - [Sermon Outline](#)
Worship in Song
Benediction & Doxology

Confession of Sin

We confess our sins together whenever we gather so we never forget our need of mercy and God's abundant provision of it in the gospel.

UPCOMING SERMON SCHEDULE

Every Sunday at 9:15 AM

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*

An Ordered Church

Aug 27 | *1 Corinthians 11:2-16 | Jason Tarn*

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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

Topic: *Internalized Beliefs Affect Our Emotions and Actions* | Rm 412/414

Christian Ethics

Topic: *Racial Justice* | Rm 115



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The Death of Abraham

Gen 25:1-18

Abraham's story concludes with an account of his death – one that is conspicuously bookended by two genealogies listing out his children of the flesh. But the focus is squarely on Abraham's child of promise and his descendants. The juxtaposition of these two lineages challenges the reader to ask, “To which lineage do I belong? With the people of the flesh or the people of the promise?”

1. While people of the flesh can enjoy God's gifts, people of the promise are recipients of all his covenant blessings (vv5-6)
2. While people of the flesh can hope to die after a good long life, people of the promise can hope to live again after death (vv7-8)
3. While people of the flesh can only die in peace if their hopes are met in this earthly life, people of the promise can die in peace knowing their unrealized hopes await a better country (Heb 11:13-16)

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Global Missions Conference | Aug 4th - 6th | HCC

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 and "Taste Missions Tour" Sat 11:30am-1pm featuring food tastings from 12 different countries <https://bit.ly/Missions23>

YWAM Mission Trip Sharing | Sunday, Aug 13th | 12:30pm | Youth Room

Come hear about the amazing things God is doing in Vincente Guerrero, Mexico and what our team did on the trip. Join us in the youth room on Sunday, Aug 13th.

Ministry Fair | Sunday, Aug 13th & Aug 20th | Lobby | After Services

God has gifted all of us with gifts and talents to be used for His Kingdom. On 8/13 and 8/20, there will be a ministry fair, where you can find more information about church ministries and how you can participate in serving the Lord.

CHURCH NOTICES

Special Message to Prior Studio Red (SR) Pledgers

Before we launch our general pledge campaign for the Mattress Firm(MF) Purchase + Renovation (MF Project) in August, we are asking those of you who made a prior SR pledge whether you will formally move your current SR pledge to the MF Project. Please check your email (spam folder, too) for instructions on how to do this and a chance to provide your input on fundraising. We earnestly seek your prayers and financial support over the next critical months of this MF Project. May the Lord's name be glorified!

Seeking Your Input on Use of the Mattress Firm(MF) Building!

By God's grace, the MF building next door will have more space than we currently need. As the master plan is being developed, the Building Committee is thinking of ways to use the extra space to bless the community, such as a potential daycare center, food bank, etc. We seek and appreciate your thoughts on the potential use of the MF building too! Please share your suggestions via this link (hcc.lv/mfideas) by August 13. Please note, we welcome everyone's ideas but cannot guarantee they will be adopted into the master plan. Thank you for your input!

ATTN: PARENTS OF INFANTS (includes all babies & crawlers)

Starting 7/28, due to building limitations, our infant and nursing room has changed to Room 108 (across from Family Restrooms). No private nursing area is available for now. We will plan to install a curtain to section off nursing area. Parents must stay with their infant starting 8/13.

Welcome New Church Administrator

We thank our Lord for providing us with our next Church Administrator, Mingcheng James Chang. He will start August 1. Give them a warm welcome and continue praying for the other job opportunities to be filled.

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*. See hcc.lv/opportunities for more information and prayerfully consider becoming a part of our staff!

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. Contact Mr. Frank at 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 7:15pm - 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 23, 2023

HCC WORSHIP

PEARLAND WORSHIP

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| 332 | 68 | 231 | 45 | 97 | } | 28+43 | 12 | 856 |
| ENGLISH | CANTONESE | MANDARIN | YOUTH | CHILDREN | | ENG + MAND | CHILDREN | |

HCC SUNDAY SCHOOL

PEARLAND SUNDAY SCHOOL

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| ENGLISH | CANTONESE | MANDARIN | | ENGLISH | MANDARIN | YOUTH | CHILDREN |



| JULY 23, 2023 | OFFERING | YTD RECEIVED | YTD (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS | |
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| | | | THIS YEAR | LAST YEAR |
| HCC GENERAL | \$ 9,328.20 | \$983,560.89 | (\$277,511.52) | (\$137,528.70) |
| PCC GENERAL | - | \$103,512.05 | | |
| HCC BUILDING | \$470.00 | \$74,132.92 | | |
| HCC PLEDGE PAYMENTS | \$ 28,000.25 | \$581,324.15 | | |
| PCC BUILDING | - | \$27,944.28 | | |
| ETHNOS CHURCH PLANT | \$500.00 | \$57,305.28 | | |

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!

Jiaxin and *SYPF* (this week)

Fred and *Sam & Jenny* (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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Please submit English bulletin announcements and inserts to englishadmin@hcchome.org by Wednesday noon for approval. Any announcements received after Wednesday at noon will be put in next week's bulletin.