




HOUSTON
CHINESE CHURCH
曉士頓中國教會

A Missional Sacrifice
Preacher: Jason Tarn

Sunday, August 13, 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, *1 Corinthians 9:1-27*
Worship in the Word, Pastor Jason Tarn
"A Missional Sacrifice" - [Sermon Outline](#)
Worship in Song
Confession of Sin
Assurance of Pardon
The Lord's Supper
Benediction & Doxology

The 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

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

A Family Meal

Sept 3 | *1 Corinthians 11:17-34* | Henry Ow

A Gifted Church

Sept 10 | *1 Corinthians 12:1-31a* | Jason Tarn

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ONLINE

Sermon notes and video recordings can be found here:
hcc.tv/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

Rm 115



1 Corinthians: A Letter to a Troubled Church

A Missional Sacrifice

1 Corinthians 9:1-27

When Christians are too influenced by the wisdom of this age, they tend to adopt an ethical framework that says, “I can do whatever I want as long as it’s within my rights.” But a truly Christian ethic goes further to say, “I will do whatever it takes to advance the gospel and to remove any obstacles, even at the cost of denying myself and laying aside my rights.” That is the ethic that guided Paul in his gospel mission among the Corinthians.

1. A Christian’s rights should be respected (vv1-14)
2. A Christian’s rights can be laid aside (vv15-18)
3. A Christian’s mission calls for adaptability and self-control (vv19-27)

Each Sunday in August, we will feature a brief meditation from a HCC pastor aimed at encouraging prayer and participation in our Mattress Firm Purchase & Renovation Project

The Next Generation

Pastor Fred Tow

Our families matter. The Evil One is attacking the family, knowing that if the family falls, our society will go under. There are more broken families now than ever before. Marriages are hanging on a thread. Parents and their kids are at odds with one another. Everyone wants a loving and peaceful family, but they do not have any idea how to do it.

Raising children is a difficult task. Our world has been turned upside down. Things that were considered right in previous generations are now wrong in the present culture, e.g. how people view Christianity. It used to be valued, but today, it is taboo. The worldview is changing, e.g. how homosexuality and transgenderism are viewed. How can we raise our children to adhere to sound biblical principles amidst the growing influence of social media?

Thankfully, God has provided blueprint for successful relationships, particularly within the family. In the midst of declining morality in our country, there is still hope because of Christ, who has overcome the world. (John 16:33) "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." God is the only one that can solve the problem in our country.

The Lord is enabling us to expand our facilities so that we can reach more people. Families are looking for solutions on mending relationships, raising children, and navigating our broken world. There are tremendous opportunities to reach the lost by ministering to the family today. God has provided us with excellent staff as well as expanded facilities for children and youth. We are in position to help the lost to develop loving and peaceful families as we place our faith in Jesus and be obedient to His Word. Let us join hands together to complete our building project so that we can make a bigger impact in the next generation.



Efficient Ways to Give to HCC

Note that these tips are meant as General Information and may not be suitable for any particular individual's own financial situation. Please consult your financial advisor and/or do your own research before taking any action.

These strategies are not only good for Building Campaign Pledge fulfillments but can also be used effectively for your regular tithes and offerings.

1. Appreciated Securities. If you own stocks, mutual funds, or other securities that have increased in value since you acquired them, donating them directly to the church can be a tax-efficient way to give. You can receive a charitable deduction for the fair market value of the securities, and you won't owe capital gains tax on the appreciation. **This only applies to long-term capital gains (i.e., if you've held the asset for more than one year).** Contact your brokerage firm or the HCC Treasurer (treasurer@hcchome.org) for more information.

2. Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs). If you are 70½ or older and have an Individual Retirement Account (IRA), you can directly transfer up to \$100,000 per year from your IRA to a qualified charity, like a church. This donation can count towards your required minimum distribution (RMD) and is excluded from your taxable income. Contact your IRA custodian for more information.

3. “Bunching” Multiple Years of Charitable Donations Together. With the standard tax deduction so high now, it can often be difficult to have enough deductions to make it more beneficial to itemize. One strategy is to do “bunching” - combine two (or more) years of your planned charitable contributions into one tax year so that you will have more deductions than the standard deduction,

making it worthwhile to itemize. Then in the other tax years, you take advantage of the high standard deduction when you have fewer charitable contributions and would not be able to itemize.

4. Establishing or Adding to Your Own Charitable Donor Advised Fund (DAF). Similar to “Bunching Multiple Years of Charitable Contributions Together” above, you can donate multiple years’ worth of appreciated assets to your own DAF in one tax year, realize the total charitable contribution amount as a tax deduction in that one year if you itemize, not pay the long-term capital gain taxes on the donations, and then take years to issue “grants” from your DAF to the charitable organizations you would have normally supported with your cash or check donations and do so at the same frequency. Contact any of the big-name financial services firms for more information.

5. PayPal Giving Fund (PPGF). Donating via PPGF is an easy way for a donor to put their donation on a credit card while the church does not have to pay the typical credit card fees. This allows the donor to earn their credit card rewards while the church gets 100% of the donation. This should only be used if the donor is planning on paying off their credit card bill in full every month and will not carry a balance. Note: Donations to PPGF by the 15th of each month will be paid to the church by the 25th of that month. ***In order for HCC to receive funds by the Mattress Firm closing date, PPGF donations should be made by October 15, 2023.*** Refer to HCC’s “Online Giving” webpage for more information.

Join us for an open Q&A session next Sunday, Aug 20th if you have more questions on the information above. Bring your lunch and join us from 12:30 - 1:30 pm in a room that will be announced in next Sunday’s bulletin.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

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

Come hear about the amazing things God is doing in Vicente Guerrero, Mexico and our trip!

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

God has gifted all of us with gifts and talents to be used for His Kingdom. Come find more information about church ministries and how you can participate in serving the Lord.

Membership Class | Sundays in August | 11:00 am - 12:15 pm | Rm 113

Those considering membership can attend class on Aug 20th & 27th. Contact englishadmin@hcchome.org to register if you are interested.

Underwear Drive for Shearn Elementary | Sundays in August | Donation Box in Lobby

Shearn Elementary School is in need of new undergarments for the students. For details and to donate, please go to tinyurl.com/2023underwear. Donation box in church lobby.

CYA Pool Party | Saturday, August 19th | TBD

Save the date! In an effort to beat the heat, CYA is throwing a pool party on 8/19 at 5pm! Dinner will be provided. Details forthcoming, RSVP by Sunday 8/13: <https://hcc.lv/CYAPool>

Perspectives Course | Starting Aug 22, Tuesdays | 6:00-9:30pm | Seven Mile Road Church

For those wanting to deepen and expand their biblical view of Christian missions. Perspectives, a fifteen-week experience, is designed around four vantage points or "perspectives" on God's global purpose. Registration is \$250. Scholarships and discounts available. Complete the interest form: hcc.lv/perspectives2023

Public Theology Lecture: On The Screwtape Letters | Fri, Aug 25 | 7:30-9:00pm | Sanctuary

Join us for our series on The Works of C.S. Lewis. Dr. Marybeth Baggett, Professor of English and Cultural Apologetics, will address Lewis' first bestseller in a lecture entitled: "The Safest Road to Hell: Screwtape's Satirical Guide to Moral Formation." Childcare is available.

Philadelphia Mission Trip Sharing | Sun, Aug 27th | 1:00pm - 3:00pm | Trailer 412

Come hear about the amazing things God is doing in Philadelphia and what our team did on the trip. Join us in the Room 412, Aug 27th.

Cambodia STM Breakfast and Bake Sale | Sun, Aug 27th & Sept 10th | After Services

Cambodia STM's bake sale proceeds will benefit a college ministry in Phnom Penh and 3 impoverished Kuy villages. There will be breakfast tacos, curry puffs, congee, mango pudding, boba tea and more! Please bring some cash or check for payments!

Chinese School Registration for 2023-2024 | Sept 10

The 2023-24 Chinese school year will start on September 10. Register here: <https://bit.ly/chineseschool23>. Interested in serving in this ministry? Contact hccchineseschool@gmail.com

Save the Date: English Retreat | October 20-22 | Pineywoods Camp

Join us for our annual English Retreat 2023! Pastor Andrew Bywaters will be speaking on the sufficiency of God's grace for a faithful life and witness. Registration will begin on August 27.

CHURCH NOTICES

Update on the Mattress Firm (MF) Pledge Campaign | August only

If you are making an HCC Building Pledge for the first time, use a paper pledge form and envelope at the offering boxes, or pledge online at <https://hcc.lv/MFNewPledge>. If you have an existing Studio Red building design pledge, please respond to the email sent to you on 7/30 or request a re-send by emailing treasurer@hcchome.org. We need you as part of our United body!

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

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 cannot guarantee your suggestions will be adopted into the master plan. Thank you for your input!

HCC KIDS

Volunteers needed for English Worship Sermon Notes for Kids prep

Volunteers needed to prepare the weekly sermon notes for kids. Contact frankt@hcchome.org

Serve on the 2023-24 Awana Team

HCC Awana is looking for volunteers to serve Friday night. Contact awana@hcchome.org

HOUSTON CHINESE CHURCH FACTS & FIGURES

LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE AND FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR AUG 6, 2023

HCC WORSHIP

PEARLAND WORSHIP

347

ENGLISH

327

CANTONESE + MANDARIN

53

YOUTH

85

CHILDREN

78

ENG + MAND

-

CHILDREN

890

TOTAL



HCC SUNDAY SCHOOL

82

ENGLISH

71

CANTONESE

66

MANDARIN

PEARLAND SUNDAY SCHOOL

-

ENGLISH

23

MANDARIN

-

YOUTH

7

CHILDREN



AUG 6, 2023

OFFERING

YTD RECEIVED

YTD (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS

THIS YEAR

LAST YEAR

HCC GENERAL

\$ 46,923.47

\$1,128,238.02

(\$210,123.00)

(\$130,831.97)

PCC GENERAL

8,421.00

\$114,860.05

HCC BUILDING

\$1,380.00

\$94,535.78

HCC PLEDGE
PAYMENTS

\$ 91,978.50

\$742,987.12

PCC BUILDING

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\$31,104.10

ETHNOS
CHURCH PLANT

\$2,500.00

\$60,106.24

STAFF ITINERARY

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

Linh Phan: Sabbatical, 8/8-10/16

Jonathan Huang: Vacation, 8/11-8/13

HCC JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Prayerfully consider becoming a part of our staff we are in need of a **Facilities Supervisor, English Administrative Assistant, Chinese Administrative Assistant, or other open positions here at HCC!** Chek out: hcc.lv/opportunities

LUNCH PREPARATION

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

Enoch and **Crossroads** (this week)

Aihua (next week)

PRAYER

Join us as we pray for our long term workers in this month's Global Outreach Spotlight:

hcc.lv/GoPrayAug23

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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