



HOUSTON  
CHINESE CHURCH  
曉士頓中國教會

**A Set Apart People**  
**Preacher: Fred Tow**

Sunday, August 20, 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, *1 Corinthians 10:1-11:1*  
Worship in the Word, Pastor Fred Tow  
"A Set Apart People" - [Sermon Outline](#)  
Worship in Song  
Benediction & Doxology

### Offertory

Offertory is an expression of our allegiance to God's rule by willingly submitting what God has given us for his works and purposes as a conscious act of worship.

## UPCOMING SERMON SCHEDULE

Every Sunday at 9:15 AM

### 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

### A Loving Church

Sept 17 | *1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13* | Stanley Chang

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### ONLINE

Sermon notes and video recordings can be found here:  
[hcc.tv/sermons](http://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 Set Apart People*

1 Cor. 10:1- 11:1

Main Idea: We as God's children should represent God well by being set apart from the world. May we learn from past failures of over-estimating our rights, which led to disunity and even temptation of idolatry. Instead, may we be united in the Lord, who is faithful and has set us free. May we be willing to surrender our rights for the sake of unity in the body.

1. Looking Back, may we learn from past failures that led to Israel's destruction (10:1-10)
  - a. The advantages enjoyed by Israel (10:1-4)
  - b. The apostasy committed by Israel (10:5-10)
2. Looking forward, may we learn to be united in Christ that leads to deliverance (10:11- 11:1)
  - a. The faithfulness of God (10:11-13)
  - b. The fellowship with God (10:14-22)
3. The freedom in God (10:23- 11:1)
  - a. What believers can do (10:23)
  - b. What believers should do (10:24-11:1)

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

## **Impacting Our Community for Christ**

Pastor Thomas Wang

*And he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. And he said to the vinedresser, 'Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?'" (Luke 13:6-7)*

In Christ's parable from Luke 13, the barren fig tree is admonished for being useless, taking up space without bearing fruit as designed. It is a warning to repent or perish. A large church building that does not facilitate Gospel ministry is useless in God's kingdom. We must creatively and strategically consider how best to utilize the expanded ministry space we acquire in the adjacent land and building next to the HCC campus.

The new MF building could host some immigrant churches and ministries in our community for Gospel impact. Christian counseling can be conducted in consultation rooms to provide Biblical counseling to HCC members and our community.

We can partner with the Houston Food Bank to provide storage and serve as a distribution station. Dedicated storage space in the building can also help store equipment and stage props for the ACTS performing arts ministry.

A dedicated full-size gym will allow our Sports ministry to organize athletic events on campus and provide open-gym hours to community members.

HCC's Chinese School would have the proper space to offer expanded classes to more community students interested in learning Mandarin.

The only limit to the possibilities for new ministry is our imagination. A renovated Mattress Firm Building affords us the flexibility and adaptability of space to consider many ministries.

# PUBLIC THEOLOGY LECTURES



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## The Screwtape Letters

NEXT LECTURE: FRIDAY, AUG 25  
7:30pm

The third lecture in our series on The Works of C.S. Lewis will be presented by Dr. Marybeth Baggett, Professor of English at Houston Christian University. The title of her upcoming lecture on is "The Safest Road to Hell: Screwtape's Satirical Guide to Moral Formation." Join us for this talk in the sanctuary of Houston Chinese Church at 7:30 pm on August 25th. Normal childcare programming is available.



### UPCOMING LECTURES:

9/22 *The Great Divorce* with Louis Markos

10/13 *The Problem of Pain* with Terry Cokenour

find more info at [hcc.lv/ptl](http://hcc.lv/ptl)



SCAN FOR MORE INFO

# COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY HOUSTON CENTRAL CLASS

SCAN AND JOIN TODAY



## YOU'RE INVITED

**DATE:**

**Thur. AUGUST 31, 2023**

**LOCATION:**

**HOUSTON CHINESE CHURCH  
10305 MAIN ST HOUSTON, TX 77025**

**TIME:**

**9:15-11:15 AM**

**Contact: LYNN MCCARLEY  
LynnCBS2020@gmail.com**

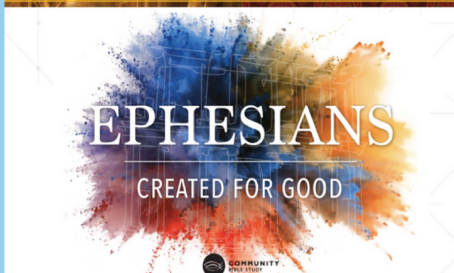
**AUG. 31 9:15 AM**

**Welcome Back Fellowship  
Book Pick up**

Come have fellowship and pick up your book for the study of Ruth & Samuel

**Sept. 7 9:15 am**

**First Day of Class**  
Houston Chinese Church  
10305 Main St Houston Tx 77025



## UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

### **Ministry Fair** | TODAY, 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** | Today, Aug 20th & Sun, Aug 27th | 11:00 am - 12:15 pm | Rm 113

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

### **Q&A "Efficient Ways to Give to HCC"** | Today, Aug 20th | 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm | Trailer 412/414

The Finance Committee and a CPA will answer your questions on Giving tips in last week's [bulletin flyer](#). Bring your lunch. Our Q&A will also be on Zoom: <https://hcc.lv/giving>

### **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.

### **FOLO Gathering** | Saturday, August 26th | 8:30 am | Whitt Johnson Park

Fathers of Little Ones (FOLO) will be having its monthly gathering on Saturday, August 26th, at 8:30 am. Coffee and light breakfast will be provided. Bring the kids for a time of fellowship, encouragement, sharing and fun. Contact [Jason.Fang@chevron.com](mailto:Jason.Fang@chevron.com) for more info!

### **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!

### **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** | Sundays starting 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](mailto: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.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **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](http://tinyurl.com/2023underwear). Donation box in church lobby.

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

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](http://hcc.lv/perspectives2023)

### **Community Bible Study** | Thursdays, Starting Aug 31st | 9:15 - 11:15am | HCC

Community Bible Study (CBS) is starting soon and will be going through Ruth, 1st & 2nd Samuel, and Ephesians this year. Join us on Thursday, Aug 31st for a welcome info coffee event! Contact [Lynnchs2020@gmail.com](mailto:Lynnchs2020@gmail.com) to learn more about CBS!

## 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](mailto:treasurer@hcchome.org). We need you as part of our United body!

## HCC KIDS

### **Volunteers needed in Kids Ministry**

Volunteers needed to prepare the weekly sermon notes for kids. Contact [frankt@hcchome.org](mailto:frankt@hcchome.org)  
HCC Awana is looking for volunteers to serve Friday night. Contact [awana@hcchome.org](mailto:awana@hcchome.org)

# HOUSTON CHINESE CHURCH FACTS & FIGURES

## LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE AND FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR AUG 13, 2023

HCC WORSHIP

PEARLAND WORSHIP

275

ENGLISH

81

CANTONESE

177

MANDARIN

58

YOUTH

82

CHILDREN

24+36

ENG + MAND

13

CHILDREN

746

TOTAL



HCC SUNDAY SCHOOL

35

ENGLISH

56

CANTONESE

66

MANDARIN

PEARLAND SUNDAY SCHOOL

9

ENGLISH

25

MANDARIN

6

YOUTH

5

CHILDREN



AUG 13, 2023

OFFERING

YTD RECEIVED

YTD (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS

THIS YEAR

LAST YEAR

HCC GENERAL

\$ 16,958.92

\$1,145,196.94

(\$205,072.91)

(\$131,699.76)

PCC GENERAL

991.00

\$115,851.05

HCC BUILDING

\$ 640.00

\$95,175.78

HCC PLEDGE PAYMENTS

\$ 195,200.00

\$938,187.12

PCC BUILDING

-

\$31,104.10

ETHNOS CHURCH PLANT

-

\$60,106.24

### STAFF ITINERARY

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

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

### LUNCH PREPARATION

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

*Aihua* (this week)

*Brian and Sean & Juddie* (next week)

### PRAYER

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

[hcc.lv/GoPrayAug23](http://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](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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