

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



HOUSTON  
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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)



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# COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY HOUSTON CENTRAL CLASS

SCAN AND JOIN TODAY



**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

