

# Missions Across Generations



HOUSTON  
CHINESE CHURCH  
曉士頓中國教會

**From Success to Significance**  
**Guest Preacher: Jamie Taylor**

Sunday, August 6, 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 Lord's Prayer  
Worship in Song  
Confession of Sin  
Assurance of Pardon  
Offertory  
Pastoral Prayer  
Scripture Reading, *Luke 5:1-11*  
Worship in the Word, Reverend Jamie Taylor  
"From Success to Significance"  
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

### 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

### A Family Meal

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

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### ONLINE

Sermon notes and video recordings can be found here:

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

### Going to the Nations

Mike McGinty | Chapel/Fellowship Hall

# Moving Forward on Our Journey of Grace

## Mattress Firm Project

### Land and Building Purchase

Land: 10.04 acres

Building: 135,000 sf

**\$10.2M**

**\$19.2M**

Please pray about how you will join in this great faith and ministry undertaking!

### Renovation and Construction

Renovation: Sanctuary, Cantonese Chapel, Nursery, Children's Center, Youth Center, Adult Classrooms, Offices

Construction: Multipurpose Gym

**\$9M**

Complete a pledge form on the back and return it in a sealed envelope prior to Aug 31st. Let us move forward **UNITED** in this project with 100% participation!



**BUILDING**  
*Leaving a Legacy*  
**THE VISION**

# MY PLEDGE

PLEDGE is above regular annual stewardship giving.  
ALL GIFTS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE TO THE FULLEST EXTENT OF THE LAW.

Name	Phone	
Address	City/State	Zip
email	Offering Code # (leave blank if none; one will be issued to you)	

## MANY WAYS TO GIVE

- **Checks:** Payable to "Houston Chinese Church," with "HCC Bldg **Pledge**" on the memo line
- **Cash:** Write "HCC Bldg **Pledge**" on the offering envelope
- **Credit Card at PayPal Giving Fund:** Follow instructions on the hcchome.org website. There is no memo line so place "25" in the cents amount of your online donation to designate that this is for your HCC Bldg Pledge (ex. \$XX,XXX.25)
- **Charitable Donor-Advised Fund:** Direct your DAF to issue a grant to "Houston Chinese Church" with a memo re: "HCC Bldg **Pledge**"
- **Qualified Charitable Distributions:** Direct your IRA trustee to issue a QCD to "Houston Chinese Church" with a memo re: "HCC Bldg **Pledge**"
- **Appreciated Stocks and Securities:** Donating appreciated assets can generate a current income tax deduction while possibly eliminating capital gains taxes. Send email to treasurer@hcchome.org for more information and specific donation instructions.
- **Matching Gifts:** Some employers match employee charitable contributions, doubling your gift. Check with your employer.  My gift will be matched by: \_\_\_\_\_
- **Cryptocurrencies, Real estate & Business interests, Legacy and other Estate-planning gifts,** and any other special donation situations (Please email treasurer@hcchome.org to discuss).

I/WE COMMIT TO GIVE A  
TOTAL OF:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

BY 12.31.2025

### I/WE WILL GIVE:

- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ by Oct 31st
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Nov-Dec this year
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 1st half of 2024
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd half of 2024
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 1st half of 2025
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd half of 2025
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (if into 2026)

- I commit to pray for this building project regularly.



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Pledge ONLINE



Signature

Date

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

## **The Promise and the Power**

*Pastor Jason Tarn*

*<sup>13</sup>Then Haggai, the messenger of the LORD, spoke to the people with the LORD's message, "I am with you, declares the LORD." <sup>14</sup>And the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people. And they came and worked on the house of the LORD of hosts, their God. (Haggai 1:13-14)*

In the Haggai's day, the people of God faced challenges to complete a building project. They sought to construct the second temple in Jerusalem, but there was a significant downturn in their economy (1:9-11) and low engagement among their people (1:2-4). Some were saying that it was just not the right time to build. The necessary resources and support were lacking.

But then the LORD intervened. He didn't build the temple for them. He didn't send angels to complete the project. His expectation was for his people to do the job – but not on their own. So we see, in Haggai 1:13-14, the LORD speaking promise and supplying power. Four simple words, "*I am with you,*" were enough to cast off their fear and apathy and to stir up their spirits to faith and action. And Haggai 1 concludes as the construction begins.

Church, let's ponder these things as we face our own challenges to complete our own building project. The LORD has opened a window of opportunity to acquire a substantially larger building and plot of land next door. We might question if this is the right time or doubt if we have the necessary resources or support. But let's not question nor doubt the promise of God's presence and his power to inspire people to great acts of generosity and firm devotion to complete a task.

God is not going to buy the building nor renovate it for us. But he is with us, and he will stir up his people to accomplish his will. So stay prayerful and ask yourself, "In light of this building project, how is the LORD stirring my spirit and what is he calling me to do?" Whatever it is, do it with a grateful and cheerful heart!

## UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

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

Those considering baptism should attend the Aug 13th class on baptism and the Aug 20th & 27th classes on membership. Those already baptized need only attend the last two classes. Contact [englishadmin@hcchome.org](mailto:englishadmin@hcchome.org) to register.

### **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.

### **English Membership Meeting** | *Fri, Aug 11, 7:00pm* | *Sanctuary*

Our next membership meeting will be in the sanctuary. A free dinner is available starting at 6:00pm. Come to hear updates on the building project and learn about exciting ministries & events happening this fall. We will also welcome new members and pray for those who have moved on. There will be an opportunity after the meeting to help assemble care packages.

### **C3 Young Adult Ministry** | *Sat, Aug 12 | 5:00 - 10:00 pm* | *West Houston Chinese Church*

Christ-Centered Community is a cross-church collaboration in the Houston area. Our topic this month is "Why Church?". Reach out to [jamesxiaohugao@gmail.com](mailto:jamesxiaohugao@gmail.com) for any questions.

### **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 our trip!

### **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. Come find more information about church ministries and how you can participate in serving the Lord.

### **Save the Date: 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>

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

Join us for the next installment in our series on The Works of C.S. Lewis. Dr. Marybeth Baggett, Professor of English and Cultural Apologetics at Houston Christian University, will address Lewis' first bestseller in a lecture entitled: "The Safest Road to Hell: Screwtape's Satirical Guide to Moral Formation." Childcare is available. Feel free to invite others!

### **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](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.

## CHURCH NOTICES

### **Join us in our Mattress Firm (MF) Faith Undertaking this month through Aug 31st!**

If you did not make a pledge in last year's fundraising campaign you can join us now in the new Pledge Campaign for the MF Purchase + Renovation. Use the pledge form, or go online via the QR code on the form. Envelopes to return the paper pledges are available at the offering boxes. Come be a part of our United body, with a goal of 100% participation!

### **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](http://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!

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

Our infant & nursing room will be in Room 108. Parents must stay with their infant starting 8/13.

## 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](mailto:frankt@hcchome.org)

### **Serve on the 2023-24 Awana Team**

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 JULY 30, 2023

HCC WORSHIP

PEARLAND WORSHIP

<b>256</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>81</b>	}	<b>26+36</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>734</b>
ENGLISH	CANTONESE	MANDARIN	YOUTH	CHILDREN		ENG + MAND	CHILDREN	



HCC SUNDAY SCHOOL

PEARLAND SUNDAY SCHOOL

<b>50</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>48</b>	}	<b>9</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>
ENGLISH	CANTONESE	MANDARIN		ENGLISH	MANDARIN	YOUTH	CHILDREN



JULY 30, 2023	OFFERING	YTD RECEIVED	YTD (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS	
			THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR
<b>HCC GENERAL</b>	\$ 97,753.66	\$1,081,314.55	(\$194,860.77)	(\$119,726.71)
<b>PCC GENERAL</b>	2,927.00	\$93,155.78		
<b>HCC BUILDING</b>	\$69,684.47	\$651,008.62		
<b>HCC PLEDGE PAYMENTS</b>	\$ 28,000.25	\$581,324.15		
<b>PCC BUILDING</b>	3,159.82	\$31,104.10		
<b>ETHNOS CHURCH PLANT</b>	\$300.96	\$57,606.24		



### STAFF ITINERARY

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

### 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, full-time Children's Ministry Intern, Pearland Lead Pastor, IT Coordinator and Nursery Caregiver.**



### LUNCH PREPARATION

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

**Fred and Sam & Jenny** (this week)

**Enoch and Crossroads** (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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