



HOUSTON
CHINESE CHURCH
曉士頓中國教會

A Family Meal

Preacher: Henry Ow

Sunday, September 3, 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
Cambodia Missions Send Off
Offertory
Pastoral Prayer
Scripture Reading, *1 Corinthians 11:17-34*
Worship in the Word, Pastor Henry Ow
"A Family Meal" - [Sermon Outline](#)
Worship in Song
Confession of Sin
Assurance of Pardon
Lord's Supper
Benediction & Doxology

Benediction

God's blessing on His people.
The minister reminds us of
His blessing on the Church;
upon receiving the
benediction, we are to go
forth and bless others.

UPCOMING SERMON SCHEDULE

Every Sunday at 9:15 AM

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

An Edifying Church

Sept 24 | *1 Corinthians 14:1-19* | Jason Tarn

An Orderly Worship

Oct 1 | *1 Corinthians 14:20-40* | Jonathan Huang

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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.

Systematic Theology Survey (Part 1 of 3) | Rm 115

Old Testament Survey (Part 1 of 6) | Trailer 411

New Testament Survey (Part 1 of 3) | Trailer 412/414

Half Time: Moving from Success to Significance | Rm 113

1 Corinthians: A Letter to a Troubled Church

An Family Meal

1 Corinthians 11:17-34

Unaddressed division leads to disorder. What contributes to division? Jealousy. Greed. Impatience. Grumbling. The Lord knowing that the church would be susceptible to division gave us a way to remember the unity we have in Christ. A family meal. The Lord's Supper. How does the Lord's supper help us guard against division?

1. Divisions reveal a misunderstanding of the Lord's supper (11:17-22)
2. The Lord's supper reminds us of the unity that we have in Christ (11:23-26)
3. An improper participation in the Lord's supper will result in God's discipline (11:27-32)
4. Prepare for the Lord's supper by caring for one another (11:33-34)

English Adult Sunday School – Fall 2023

11:00 am – 12:15 pm

This Sunday marks the beginning of the fall quarter featuring four new Sunday School classes. Feel free to try a new class as we study God's Word together and learn more about how to apply truths from the Bible to our lives!

Systematic Theology Survey (Part 1 of 3)

Room 115

Led by Akhil Shenoy, Joe Fang, Erik Wiest, Dan Tung, Greg Krafka, and Jason Tarn

This survey course will provide you with a strong theological foundation for Christian life and ministry. We will explore key doctrines across the spectrum of systematic theology. In Part One of three consecutive courses, we will cover The Doctrine of Scripture, The Existence and Attributes of God, the Doctrine of Creation, and the Doctrine of Providence.

Old Testament Survey (Part 1 of 6)

Trailer 411

Led by Henry Ow, Joseph Goh, & Bill Huang

In the 2-year Old Testament (OT) Survey track, we will go through the 39 books of the OT by providing a high level overview of each book and its main ideas/themes. The OT helps us understand God's character and is the foundation for the New Testament. Through the OT, we also learn of God's promises and how they point to Jesus. This 12-week fall quarter, we'll journey through the pentateuch (Gen thru Deuteronomy), which serves as the foundation for God's covenant with Israel. The format of the class will be a blend of lecture, videos, discussion, and sharing. We hope that you can join!

New Testament Survey (Part 1 of 3)

Trailer 412/414

Led by Jonathan Huang, Alex Wu, James Hsia, & John Hsieh

In part one of the New Testament Survey track, we'll be taking a big picture look at the books of Hebrews, Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, and Acts. Join us as we explore the biographies of Jesus' life as well as how the gospel initially spread from Jerusalem onward through the Spirit-led missionary activities of God's people.

Half Time: Moving from Success to Significance

Room 113

Led by Fred Tow, Windsor Lee, Paul Chung, & Peter Khoo

Midlife doesn't have to be a time of crisis. It can be a catalyst for purpose, impact, and growth. Second half can be the best years of our life. This class provides guidance through transition and the insight to propel our life on a new course away from mere success to true significance. We will learn how to live what we believe by using our time and talent for God and others. Instead of counting the years, may we make the years count. May we finish well.

MY PLEDGE

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

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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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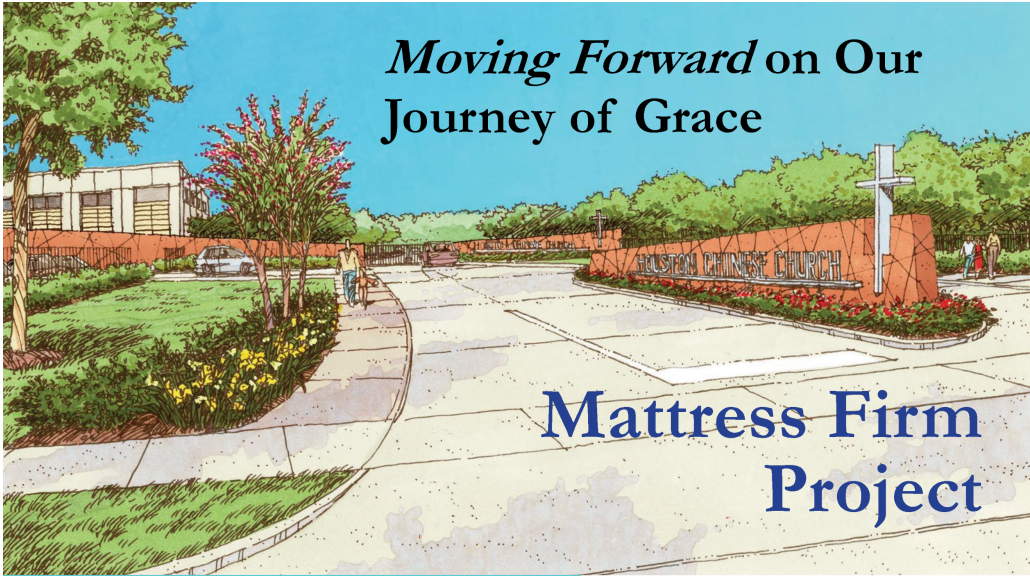
Pledge **ONLINE**



Signature

Date

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

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Acoustic Guitar Office Hours | *Tuesday, Sept 5th & Sunday, Sept 10th* | 7:30pm | *Youth Room*
Lon Kai is piloting a series of guitar "office hours" where we will use worship songs as platforms to develop the art of guitar playing and worship leading. If you are interested, please fill out this form: <http://hcc.lv/guitarofficehours>. Currently open to existing guitarists only.

Newcomer's Lunch | *Sunday, Sept 10th* | 12:30pm | *Youth Room*
"Are you new to Houston Chinese Church? Interested in learning more about our church and how to get connected? Join us at our Newcomer's Luncheon on Sunday, September 10 at 12:30pm, here in our Youth Room. Lunch is on us! See you there!"

Cambodia STM Breakfast and Bake Sale | *Sunday, Sept 10th* | *After Services*
Cambodia STM's bake sale proceeds will benefit a college ministry in Phnom Penh and 3 impoverished Kuy villages. Please bring some cash or check for payments!

Chinese School Registration for 2023-2024 | *Sundays starting Sept 10*
The 2023-24 Chinese school year is starting! Register today at <https://bit.ly/chineseschool23>. Questions or interested in volunteering please email: hccchineseschool@gmail.com

English Retreat | *Oct 20-22* | *Pineywoods Camp*
Join us for our annual English Retreat! Pastor Andrew Bywaters will be speaking on the sufficiency of God's grace for a faithful life and witness. Register before October 8th here: <https://hcc.lv/er2023>. If you have any questions, contact seanduogiu@gmail.com

Save the Date: Fall Festival | *October 28th* | 2:00pm-5:00pm | *HCC*
Invite your friends and neighbors for a community outreach day! The main events are a magic show, moon walk, and costume contest. There will also be games, snacks, and crafts hosted by various small groups across all congregations.

Save The Date: Women's Ministry Fall Event: "Joy in the Journey" | *Sat, Nov 4* | 9:00am
Join us for our Women's Ministry Fall Event! We will enjoy a time of fellowship with other ladies and will reflect on and celebrate the joy that God supplies in every season of our life. Registration begins September 24. Contact womensministry@hcchome.org for more info.

Legacy Grandparenting Summit | *Thurs, Oct 20th - Fri, Oct 21th* | 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
HCC is hosting a simulcast site with Legacy Grandparenting Summit. Grandparents, come learn how to partner with your children to make an impact on your grandchildren. Register at <https://hcc.lv/grandparent23>. Contact pastortow@hcchome.org for more information.

CHURCH NOTICES

Special One-Week Matching Fund Opportunity for Mattress Firm

Some generous families want the entire HCC Body to be United in this Mattress Firm faith undertaking so much that for one week only, they will match any New Pledges dollar-for-dollar until their combined \$500,000 Matching Fund is exhausted. This is only for those who have not made a Studio Red pledge or a Mattress Firm pledge before. Go online to pledge here hcc.lv/MFNewPledge or use the pledge form in the bulletin.

Welcome New HCC Administrative Staff

We thank God for His provision in our time of need! We are excited to welcome **Karen Liang**, as our new English Administrative Assistant (starting 9/1), and **Dinah Koh** as Chinese Administrative Assistant (starting 9/19). Let us give them a warm welcome and pray for the facility supervisor position to be filled soon.

PayPal Giving Fund (PPGF) codes for your Mattress Firm fundraising support

If you have a pledge and are using the PPGF to fulfill your pledge, add "25" cents to the dollar amount, as in \$250.25, for proper credit. If you do not have a pledge but still want to support the Mattress Firm purchase and renovation through the regular "HCC Building Fund," use "22" as in \$250.22.

Land Acquisition Facility Expansion News

Find out more about the Building Project at our table booth in the lobby!

HCC Parking Notice

Please do not leave any items of value inside of your vehicle. Please use black power gate to exit parking lot after 2:30pm, black power gate will still remain open until 4:30, as usual.

HOUSTON CHINESE CHURCH FACTS & FIGURES

LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE AND FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR AUG 27, 2023

HCC WORSHIP

PEARLAND WORSHIP

334	74	233	65	108	}	40+42	15	911
ENGLISH	CANTONESE	MANDARIN	YOUTH	CHILDREN		ENG + MAND	CHILDREN	



HCC SUNDAY SCHOOL

PEARLAND SUNDAY SCHOOL

83	56	35	}	9	32	10	12
ENGLISH	CANTONESE	MANDARIN		ENGLISH	MANDARIN	YOUTH	CHILDREN



AUG 27, 2023	OFFERING	YTD RECEIVED	YTD (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS	
			THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR
HCC GENERAL	\$ 70,772.42	\$1,224,387.61	(\$200,269.36)	(109,758.32)
PCC GENERAL	\$3,991.00	\$119,973.05		
HCC BUILDING	\$ 10,150.73	\$109,256.51		
HCC PLEDGE PAYMENTS	\$ 73,159.41	\$1,063,701.53		
PCC BUILDING	\$3,876.88	\$34,980.98		
ETHNOS CHURCH PLANT	\$250.72	\$60,356.96		

STAFF ITINERARY

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

Henry Ow: Vacation, 9/5-9/6

HCC JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Prayerfully consider becoming a part of our staff we are in need of a **Facility Supervisor** and other open positions. Look to see more: hcc.lv/opportunities

LUNCH PREPARATION

Newcomers can pick up a free lunch coupon & voucher to book stall at the Welcome Desk!

No Lunch Service - Labor Day (this week)

Cambridge Fellowship (next week)

PRAYER

Join us as we pray for our long term workers in this month's Global Outreach Spotlight:
hcc.lv/GoPraySept23

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!

Sign Up for Our Newsletter | hcc.lv/news

Subscribe to our weekly newsletters with announcements, opportunities, and updates.



Note: The Church Office will be closed on Tues, 9/5, for Labor Day.

Please submit all announcements and inserts for the 9/10 bulletin to **English Administrator at englishadmin@hcchome.org** by 5pm on Wednesday, 9/6.