



A Gifted Church Preacher: Jason Tarn Sunday, September 10, 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 Welcome New Members Baptism Pastoral Prayer Scripture Reading, *1 Corinthians 12:1-31* Worship in the Word, Pastor Jason Tarn "A Gifted Church" - <u>Sermon Outline</u> Worship in Song Benediction

#### Baptism

is the public declaration that a person has placed his or her faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and identifies with Jesus's death and resurrection as depicted by immersion in water.

# UPCOMING SERMON SCHEDULE

Every Sunday at 9:15 AM

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

A Gospel-Centered Church Oct 8 | 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 | Jason Tarn



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*Old Testament Survey (Part 1 of 6) | *Trailer*New Testament Survey (Part 1 of 3) | *Trailer* 412/414 Half Time: Moving from Success to Significance | *Rm*



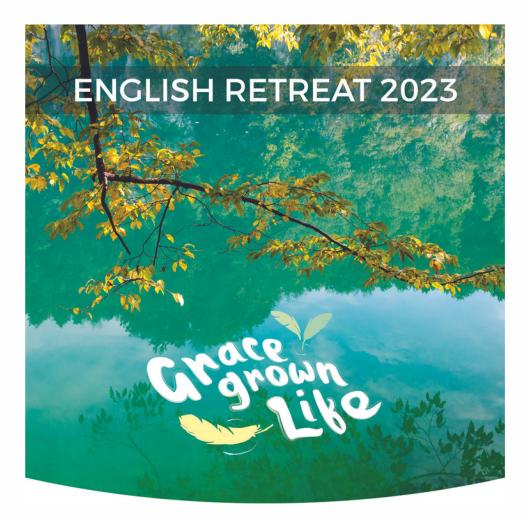
#### **1 Corinthians: A Letter to a Troubled Church** *A Gifted Church* 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

The Corinthian church was a divided body with some claiming to be more spiritual than others. As a sign of their advanced spirituality, some point to their gift of speaking in tongues. Paul responds with a reminder that the church is the body of Christ and every Christian is a part of the body – with an essential role to play and a spiritual gift to employ for the overall health and growth of the church.

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3. The constructiveness of certain gifts for a church



Come join us at English Retreat 2023! This year's theme is "Gracegrown Life". Pastor Andrew Bywaters from West Houston Chinese Church (WHCC) will be going through 2 Peter 1 and sharing about the sufficiency of God's grace for faithful life and witness.

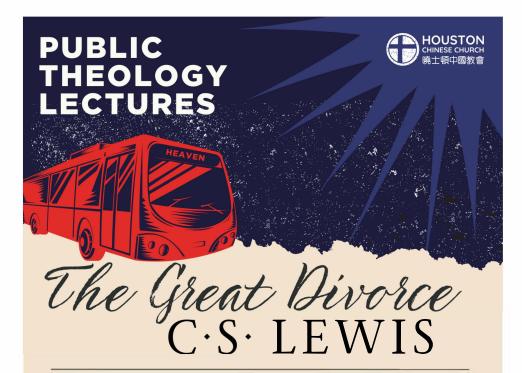
Date: October 20-22 Location: Pineywoods Camp

Contact: seanduoqiu@gmail.com

#### REGISTRATION



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# NEXT LECTURE: 7:30pm FRIDAY, SEPT 22

The third lecture in our series on The Works of C.S. Lewis will be presented by Dr. Louis Markos, Professor of English at Houston Christian University. The title of his upcoming lecture on Sept 22nd is on The Great Divorce. Join us and invite your friends! Normal childcare programs will be available.



Louis Markos, Professor in English and Scholar in Residence at Houston Christian University, holds the Robert H. Ray Chair in Humanities; his 25 books include On the Shoulders of Hobbits: The Road to Virtue with Tolkien and Lewis, and Restoring Beauty: The Good, the True, and the Beautiful in the Writings of CSL. His newest books are C. S. Lewis for Beginners, and The Myth Made Fact: Reading Greek and Roman Mythology through Christian Eyes.

### **UPCOMING LECTURES:**

10/13 The Problem of Pain with Terry Cokenour

find lecture recordings & more at hcc.lv/ptl



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FALL LECTURES AT HCU

# TOLKIEN'S FAITH AND THE FOUNDATIONS OF MIDDLE-EARTH

# DR. HOLLY ORDWAY

AUTHOR OF TOLKIEN'S FAITH: A SPIRITUAL BIOGRAPHY

MONDAY, OCT. 2ND 7PM BELIN CHAPEL @ HOUSTON CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

# **UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES**

#### 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 through tonight, they will match any New Pledges dollar-for-dollar until their combined \$500,000 Matching Fund is exhausted. Make your pledge today for any dollar amount and take through the end of 2025 fulfill it. This is only for those who have not made a Studio Red pledge or a Mattress Firm pledge before. Go online to <u>hcc.lv/MFNewPledge</u> or use a paper pledge form at the offering boxes or Building Info table in the lobby.

#### Cambodia STM Breakfast and Bake Sale | TODAY, 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!

Acoustic Guitar Office Hours | TODAY, Sept. 10th | 7:30pm | Youth Room Lon Kai is piloting a series of guitar "office hours." If you are interseted, please fill out this form:

http://hcc.lv/guitarofficehours. Currently open to existing guitarists only. Book Raffle | TODAY, Sept. 10th & Sun, Sept. 17th | After service | HCC Info Booth Come by and ask guestions about the Mattrees Firm Purchase and Paneviation actions. These is

Come by and ask questions about the Mattress Firm Purchase and Renovation project. There is a book raffle for the book *The Loveliest Place* by Dustin Benge. Winner announced on Sept 29th.

**Newcomer's Lunch | TODAY, 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. Lunch is on us! See you there!"

Chinese School Registration for 2023-2024 | Starting TODAY, Sept. 10th | 1:30 - 3:30pm | HCC Questions or interested in volunteering please email: <u>hccchineseschool@gmail.com</u>

**Cultivating a Heart of Prayer for the Lost** | *Sunday, Sept. 17th* | *8:30am* | *Rm. 218B* Join us Sunday morning and bring a picture of someone God has placed on your heart. Let's pray for our loved ones and friends together! Contact <u>englishlocaloutreach@hcchome.org</u>

**Parents' Night Out!** | *Saturday, Oct 14th* | *4:00pm - 8:00pm* | *Rm. 103b, 108, 203, 204* Need someone to watch your child so you can go out and come back refreshed? Volunteers from HCC will take care of your kids while you go out for \$6/child. Volunteers, sign up at <u>https://tinyurl.com/volunteerpno2023</u> To sign your children up, please visit <u>tinyurl.com/hccpno</u> Registration closes on 10/7/2023. Contact <u>PNO@hcchome.org</u>

**Legacy Grandparenting Summit** | *Thurs, Oct 19th - Fri, Oct 20th* | *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.

**Fall Festival** | October 28th | 2:00pm-5:00pm | HCC Invite your friends and neighbors for a community outreach day!

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! Registration begins September 24. Contact womensministry@hcchome.org for more info.

# **CHURCH NOTICES**

#### Next Phase of the Mattress Firm Financing Plan

Praise God that we have enough pledge commitments for mid-November \$10.2 million purchase of the MF building! However, 45% of the pledges will not be fulfilled until 2024-2025 so we need to "advance" \$3 million in cash from future fulfillments to use for the closing. We will be issuing Promissory Notes to ask Members to loan HCC this \$3 million to close, which will be paid back. For more information, visit <u>https://hcc.lv/MFPNotesFAQs</u> now, and join us for a Q&A next Sunday, Sep 17th, from 12:30-1:30 pm or via zoom: <u>https://hcc.lv/MFPNotes</u>

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.

HOUSTON CHINESE CHURCH FACTS & FIGURES LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE AND FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR SEPT 3, 2023					
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HCC BUILDING	\$180.00	\$109,436.51			
HCC PLEDGE PAYMENTS	\$119,708.00	\$1,183,409.53			
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#### STAFF ITINERARY

Linh Phan: Sabbatical, 8/8-10/16 Henry Ow: Vacation, 9/11-14

Frank Tan: Sabbatical, 9/11-11/30



#### **Baptism & New Members**

TODAY we will witness the baptisms of *Grace Nie* and *Michael Listi*. Current members are also invited to affirm membership candidates: Jemima Ng, Sharon Chang, Mary Li, Zach Yu, Annabeth Yeung, and Teddy Lee. Please welcome them to HCC!

#### LUNCH PREPARATION

Newcomers can pick up a free lunch coupon & voucher to book stall at the Welcome Desk! Cambridge (this week)

Phil & Jenn/Jason & Shirley (next week)



#### PRAYER

Join us as we pray for our long term workers in this month's Global Outreach Spotlight: hcc.lv/GoPravSept23



#### 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 Vistor'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.



Please submit English bulletin announcements and inserts by Wednesday noon to englishadmin@hcchome.org for approval. Any announcements received after Wednesday at noon will be put in next week's bulletin.