



HOUSTON
CHINESE CHURCH
曉士頓中國教會

A Loving Church

Preacher: Stanley Chang

Sunday, September 17, 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 12:31b-13:13*

Worship in the Word, Minister Stanley Chang

"A Loving Church" - [Sermon Outline](#)

Worship in Song

Benediction and Doxology

Doxology

Any short, spontaneous word of praise or song exalting God; we sing it at the end of service to praise God for the time spent with Him this morning.

UPCOMING SERMON SCHEDULE

Every Sunday at 9:15 AM

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

A Resurrection of the Dead

Oct 15 | *1 Corinthians 15:12-34* | Henry Ow

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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

A Loving Church

1 Corinthians 12:31 - 13:13

The Corinthians sought out excellence. They put value in great speakers, people with wealth and power, and as we discussed last week, people with “better” Spiritual Gifts. All of these created division within the church instead of building up the body of Christ. Paul wants the Corinthians to see the most excellent way is Love. Love is the way the church will grow and be healthy.

1. Power of Love

2. Results of Love

3. Permanence of Love

ENGLISH RETREAT 2023

Grace
grown
Life

Come join us at English Retreat 2023! This year's theme is "Grace-grown 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:
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REGISTRATION



[hcc.LV/er2023](https://hcc.lv/er2023)

HOUSTON CHINESE CHURCH FACTS & FIGURES

LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE AND FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR SEPT 10, 2023

HCC WORSHIP

342 ENGLISH **77** CANTONESE **203** MANDARIN **79** YOUTH **113** CHILDREN

PEARLAND WORSHIP

71 ENG + MAND **12** ENGLISH

897
TOTAL

HCC SUNDAY SCHOOL

96 ENGLISH **54** CANTONESE **94** MANDARIN

PEARLAND SUNDAY SCHOOL

13 ENGLISH **27** MANDARIN **-** YOUTH **10** CHILDREN



SEPT 10, 2023	OFFERINGS	YTD RECEIVED	YTD (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS	
			THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR
HCC GENERAL	\$16,551.50	\$1,266,351.02	(\$230,054.41)	(\$200,717.41)
PCC GENERAL	\$8,120.00	\$128,773.05		
HCC BUILDING	\$1,200.00	\$110,636.51		
HCC PLEDGE PAYMENTS	\$135,965.72	\$1,319,525.50		
PCC BUILDING	-	\$35,080.98		
ETHNOS CHURCH PLANT	\$500.00	\$61,557.20		

STAFF ITINERARY

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

Jason Tarn: Speaking out of town 9/14-17

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

Fred Tow: STM 9/12-9/25

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!

Phil & Jenn/Jason & Shirley (this week)

Living Spring/Agape (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.



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.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Book Raffle | TODAY, Sun, Sept. 17th | After service | HCC Info Booth

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.

MF Promissory Notes Q&A Info | TODAY, Sun, Sept. 17th | 12:30 - 1:30pm | Rm. 412

Although we have enough committed pledges to purchase the Mattress Firm building, all of the pledges will not be fulfilled in time by the mid-Nov closing. We will "advance" \$3 million in cash from future pledge fulfillments to close, using loans made by members to HCC which will be paid back. To learn more, join us in person or via zoom using the ID [83157014779](https://hcc.lv/MFPNotes) or <https://hcc.lv/MFPNotes>

Public Theology Lecture: On The Great Divorce | Fri, Sept 22 | 7:30-9:00pm | Sanctuary

Join us for our series on The Works of C.S. Lewis. Dr. Louis Markos, Professor of English at HCU, will deliver a lecture of *The Great Divorce* titled: "The Psychology of Sin: C.S. Lewis Wrestles with Hell." Childcare is available.

Guitar Lessons at Beginner and Intermediate Levels | Sunday, Oct. 1st | Youth Room

Lessons at two levels every 1-2 months. Sign up here <https://hcc.lv/guitarlessons>

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 <https://tinyurl.com/volunteerpno2023> To sign your children up, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/pnosignup2023>. Contact pno@hcchome.org for more questions.

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. 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.

Women's Ministry Fall Event: "Joy in the Journey" | Sat, Nov 4 | 9:00am - 11:30am | Chapel

Join us for our Women's Ministry Fall Event on Sat, Nov 4 at HCC! 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. For more information, please email womensministry@hcchome.org for more info.

CHURCH NOTICES

Wonderful Results of the 1-Week New Pledges Matching Campaign

Praise God that we had over \$392,000 in New Pledges alone from last Sunday! Adding that to last week's pledges gives us \$683,000, qualifying for the entire \$550,000 Matching Fund! Overall, we now have \$2 million more than the Mattress Firm building's purchase price. This will be put toward the \$9 million goal for renovations.

Closing on the Mattress Firm Deal: Internal Loan Opportunity

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 <https://hcc.lv/MFPNotesFAQs> now, and join us for a Q&A next Sunday, Sep 17th, from 12:30-1:30 pm or via zoom: <https://hcc.lv/MFPNotes>

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.