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An Edifying Church
Preacher: Jason Tarn

Sunday, September 24, 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 14:1-25*
Worship in the Word, Pastor Jason Tarn
"An Edifying Church" - [Sermon Outline](#)
Worship in Song
Benediction and Doxology

Call to Worship

The call to worship exhorts God's people to turn from worldly distractions and to focus the heart, mind, and deed in revering Him.

UPCOMING SERMON SCHEDULE

Every Sunday at 9:15 AM

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

Pleasing God in Our Service and Offerings

Oct 22 | *1 Chronicles 29:1-18* | Joseph Cheng

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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 Edifying Church

1 Corinthians 14:1-25

The Christians can legitimately disagree on whether the gifts of prophecy and tongues have ceased or if they continue in the church. But even if they have ceased, that does not mean our text ceases to be relevant. Churches that practice neither prophecy nor tongues are still expected to order our corporate worship in a way that edifies believers and evangelizes non-believers.

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:
seanduoqiu@gmail.com

REGISTRATION



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

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

2024 Elder/Deacon Meet & Greet | Sun, Oct 1st | 1:30 pm | Room 411

Join us for a Meet & Greet! We will enjoy refreshments and introduce the incoming elders and deacons. All church members are welcome to participate.

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

Lessons at two levels every 1-2 months. Sign up here to stay in the loop: hcc.lv/guitarlessons

General Membership Meeting | Sun, Oct 8th | 12:30 pm | Sanctuary

A General Membership Meeting will be held following Sunday School. This meeting will be a vote to affirm the deacon/elder nominees for 2024-2025. We need more than 50% of the church members to attend this meeting to meet quorum in order to vote; otherwise, we will hold another meeting on 10/15.

Public Theology Lecture: On The Problem of Pain | Fri, Oct 13th | 7:30-9:00pm | Sanctuary

Join us for our series on The Works of C.S. Lewis with Dr. Terry Cokenour, Professor of Theology at HCU. Childcare is available.

Parents' Night Out! | Sat, 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.

English Retreat: "Grace-Grown Life" | October 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. Registration is open online through October 8 at hcc.lv/er2023. If you have any questions, please email seanduoqiu@gmail.com.

HCC Fall Festival | Sat, Oct 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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Food Fair | Sat, Oct 28th | 9:00am-12:00pm | 6858 Bellaire Blvd

Come out and help distribute food with the Christian Community Service Center's next food fair. This is an opportunity for families to get free fresh, nutritious fruits, vegetables, and other items. Sign up here! <https://tinyurl.com/FoodfairHCC>

CHURCH NOTICES

We Need Your Participation to Enable Us to Close the Mattress Firm Deal

We have enough pledges on *paper* to buy the Mattress Firm property, but about half of the pledged dollars won't be available until 2024-2025. We need to "advance" \$3 MM from those future fulfillments by Oct 31st. Help us raise the cash we need to close through a Promissory Note loan to HCC, which will be paid back. We are currently 15% of the way to our goal. With the help of HCC families joining and doing their part, we can accomplish this sooner. See <https://hcc.lv/MFPNotesFAQs> for more info.

PayPal Giving Fund (PPGF) Codes for Your Mattress Firm Fundraising Support

If you have a pledge and are using the PPGF to fulfill it, 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 17, 2023

HCC WORSHIP

303 **67** **214** **80** **107**
 ENGLISH CANTONESE MANDARIN YOUTH CHILDREN

PEARLAND WORSHIP

76 **19**
 ENG + MAND CHILDREN

866
 TOTAL

HCC SUNDAY SCHOOL

86 **60** **94**
 ENGLISH CANTONESE MANDARIN

PEARLAND SUNDAY SCHOOL

11 **24** **10** **12**
 ENGLISH MANDARIN YOUTH CHILDREN



| SEPT 17, 2023 | OFFERINGS | YTD RECEIVED | YTD (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS | |
|---------------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| | | | THIS YEAR | LAST YEAR |
| HCC GENERAL | \$7,791.73 | \$1,274,142.75 | (\$359,616.19) | (\$233,772.90) |
| PCC GENERAL | \$381.00 | \$129,154.05 | | |
| HCC BUILDING | \$3,350.22 | \$113,986.73 | | |
| HCC PLEDGE PAYMENTS | \$148,226.14 | \$1,467,751.64 | | |
| PCC BUILDING | - | \$35,080.98 | | |
| ETHNOS CHURCH PLANT | \$500.00 | \$62,057.20 | | |

STAFF ITINERARY

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

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!

Living Spring/Agape (this week)

Cornerstone Christian 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.



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.

2024-2025

elders
+
deacons

Nomination Bios

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2nd Term Elders



Xianyun Wu

I am married to Chi Xu. We have three children (32, 23 & 19) and two grandchildren. We joined HCC in 2003 and have been attending in Aihua fellowship since. I had served as a Deacon for Assimilation and Local Outreach (Chinese) in the past. Thank God, He has led me and my wife to actively participate in various ministries through the years at HCC. We experienced His faithfulness and great kindness so as to strengthen our faith in following the Christ. After praying, I am willing to continue serve as an elder for the second term (2024-2025).



Gary Ge

I have been married to Betty for thirty-three years. We have two grownup daughters. I am a full-time Application Software Developer with the Williams Companies. I finished the MACS program from Dallas Theological Seminary this past May 2023. I have been with HCC for thirty-three years since I was baptized here in 1990. By God's grace, I served in various capacities, such as Caring Ministry Deacon, Assimilation Department Deacon, Fellowship Advisor, Adult Sunday School Teacher, and Elder. I am grateful for all the blessings God has given our church in Jesus Christ, and I am so thankful to the Lord for giving me opportunities to learn and serve in HCC. By God's grace and mercy, I am willing to continue the second term as an elder to serve the Lord with gentleness and humility.



Zhihong Huang

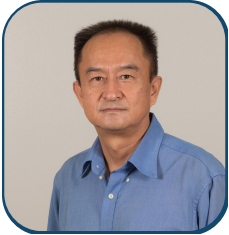
My wife Hua Lin and I have a son named Shonn. Currently, I am a senior estimator in an Oil & Gas engineering company. I came to the US to pursue my master's degree in computer science in 1996. This is when I started attending the UH bible study group and fellowship at Houston Chinese Church. I heard the gospel and accepted Jesus Christ as my personal savior that same year. My wife and I were in the Mandarin Student Christian Fellowship (MSCF) for many years and God helped us grow spiritually via brothers and sisters and as we served the fellowship. Three years ago, MSCF multiplied into 3 fellowships: UH student, Young Professional, and Young Family. We are currently serving as the advisor of the Young Professional Fellowship. Praise God that he gave me special enthusiasm in preaching, teaching, and singing worshipping. I am currently teaching "Knowing God" with 3 other Sunday school teachers and leading worship team on Sunday's. What a grace and a joy it is to serve our Lord Jesus Christ. May God help me and my whole family to be God's loyal servants and stewards of Him.

1st Term Deacons



Martin Li
Cantonese
Fellowship

My name is Martin Li. I am married to Iris, and our daughters are Jamie and Aliza. I am an engineer, relocated from California in 1996 to Houston where my family and I have since settled down and made HCC our home. Our daughters grew up in HCC. My wife and I have been attending Cantonese Enoch Fellowship. I thank God for allowing me to serve and experience Him in the past twenty years through ministries in fellowship, Sunday school, worship service, and church-wide activities. Seeing God's hand and guidance in various HCC ministries, I am honored to follow His lead and I humbly accept the 2024-2025 Deacon nomination.



David Ni
Chinese Adult
Education

My name is David (JianJun) Ni. I got married to my wife Bonnie Xu in 2003 at HCC. We have a daughter (Faith Victoria) and two sons (Joshua and Caleb). I work as an engineer specializing in the design and analysis of space communication systems. I started attending HCC gatherings in 2001 and was baptized in 2002. I have been involved in the student fellowship, young adult fellowship, and young family fellowship. I currently participate in the Love Family Fellowship meetings. I have served as the chairman of the young family fellowship and have been actively involved in serving in adult Sunday school, youth ministry, and family ministry. With God's grace and calling, I am willing to accept the nomination and serve alongside other Sunday school teachers, "serving one another as good stewards of God's varied grace," and "so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory and the dominion forever and ever."



Yanqing Jin
Chinese
Children's

I am Yanqing Jin, married to Wei Wangi. We have two children. I currently work at MD Anderson. I came to the United States in 2009. Thanks be to God that my husband brought me to the church shortly after I arrived in the United States. This gave me the opportunity to get to know God. Our family moved to Houston in May 2011 and joined Cambridge Fellowship. I was baptized at HCC in 2013. Over the past decade, with the help of brothers and sisters, I have continuously grown in the Lord. I am grateful to God for giving me the opportunity to serve in various capacities, including children's Sunday school for the 1-2 age group, 3-4 age group, 5-6 age group, and Awana 3-5 grade group.

I have also served for many years in the HCC Chinese School, including five years as the principal and two years as a Chinese school teacher. Through my service in the Chinese school, I have had the privilege of getting to know many sisters from other fellowships. In Cambridge Fellowship, I am a co-worker in the care group. I am very willing to bring friends to the church. I also enjoy caring for and accompanying newcomers to the fellowship.

Due to the mercy and grace of the Lord, I am willing to respond to His calling and accept the nomination for the position of deacon in the church in 2023, to participate in the ministry of the church.



Bill Huang
English Adult
Education

I am a native Houstonian and have been attending HCC since the 1980's, currently a member of the English Family Fellowship. I am very thankful that I met and married my wife, RouhLain in this church. Our two adult daughters grew up in this church as well. I am a family physician/educator at a local medical school. As an Adult English Sunday School teacher for many years, I have an interest in how adults learn and what they learn and apply to their lives. I am humbled to be nominated as the English Adult Education deacon. In accepting this nomination, I pray that our English Sunday School provides opportunity for us to revere God's Word, actively engage in learning it and apply what we have learned to our lives.



Irene Fong
English Mercy
Ministries

I have been married to my husband, Paul, for more than 35 years and we have 2 young-adult daughters, Keila and Christina. In 2022, I retired after teaching middle school science for 15 years. Prior to that, I was a stay-at-home mom except for brief stints working as a research engineer and a children's ministry director. I have been attending HCC for nearly 20 years and participating in the EFF fellowship group. I have served in Children's Ministry, Family Life Ministry, and Women's Ministry. I have also been involved in community service, mostly related to Shearn Elementary School. As I take this step in faith and obedience, I am excited to see how God will work to grow HCC as we serve the community together.



Michael Jin
Global Outreach

The first time I visited HCC was in 2013 while I was in Cornerstone Christian Fellowship, HCC's college ministry at Rice University. For fellowship, I currently attend Jeff Wang's community group Koinonia. I am unmarried and my work involves providing technical support on industrial software used by energy, pharmaceutical and manufacturing companies. Officially, I started serving in Global Outreach in 2019 as admin and, for the past two years, additionally as the short-term mission trip coordinator. I also serve on the video team, plan events for the Community of Young Adults and help out with WARM. After participating in several short-term mission trips and taking the Perspectives course, God gave me a greater desire to help fulfill the Great Commission by helping to support missionaries in the field as well as learning more about the mission field itself. I hope to humbly serve as the Global Outreach deacon with a focus on the eternal so that the Gospels may be shared in more corners of the world.



Wang Cheng Yu
Pearland
Ministry

I am Chenyu Wang. I have been married to my wife Angel Xie for ten years, and we have a daughter Harper Wang and a son Cooper Wang. I currently work in the oil and gas energy industry. My wife and I were baptized and committed to the Lord at Houston Chinese Church (HCC) in 2016, and we have been attending the Pearland campus ever since. We are also involved in the Pearland Family Fellowship (young family).

Thanks to the grace of the Lord, my wife and I have had the opportunity to serve in various ministries at the Pearland branch, including fellowship, worship, and children's ministry. I am currently responsible for the Chinese worship service at the Pearland campus.

I am willing to accept the nomination for the position of deacon at the Pearland campus in 2024, so that I can serve our God more and also help facilitate better communication between the Pearland campus and the HCC Main street campus.



Debbie Nguyen
Treasurer for
Finance

I am married to Patrick who I met at HCC. We have been married for almost 4 years. I started attending HCC in 2013 and am a member of the Agape v2 community group which my husband Patrick and I co-lead. I have worked in medical research for over 20 years and currently work as a Research Program Manager at UTHealth. I have served in various ministries at HCC over the years. In the past, I have served in the Children's ministry as a Sunday School teacher, lunch money counter/back-up offertory counter for the Treasury ministry, and co-director of the 2022 HCC English Retreat, along with my husband. As mentioned earlier, I currently co-lead a community group and have been leading this group for the last 2 years. Currently, I am serving as Treasurer of the Partnership of Asian American Churches of Texas (PAACT). Having been baptized at HCC I am so grateful at how this community has so openly accepted me since I started attending and has made me feel a part of a family. Because of this, I want to put the gifts that God has given me to good use and in a way that will benefit my church family. I have prayed for God to guide me to the next ministry I would serve in at HCC, and becoming deaconess is His answer to that prayer.

2nd Term Deacons



Showei Lo
Chinese
Community
Service

My husband James Liu and I met in HCC and we've been married for about two decades. I work as a petroleum engineer. HCC has been my spiritual home since I was a graduate student. Currently, we attend the Mandarin Agape Fellowship. Over the past years, I have had the honor to serve in several ministries in HCC (adult education, fellowship, worship, and missions). I also served in the council as the adult education deaconess in the past. After much prayer, the affirmation to serve as a deaconess again came through the encouragement of several brothers and sisters, as well as His Word. I believe God will use this opportunity to deepen my faith in Him.



Minxing Chen
Mandarin
Worship

I got married to Xiuyan Lin over 23 years ago and currently have two daughters, Kristi (15 years old) and Kayla (11 years old). Thanks to His blessing, I was able to worship Him in church on the very first Sunday after I came to this country in 2001. I got baptized the following year, and my wife about half a year later. We moved to Houston from Miami in August, 2011. Currently, I am working in the medical center as a biostatistician. We joined HCC the week we moved here. We also joined Aihua Fellowship and have served there ever since. In the past decade, I have served in various areas such as worship audio control, Sunday school, fellowship leader and worship team. "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms" (1 Peter 4:10) I follow His orders and serve Him.



Lu Xu
Treasurer for
Finance

I am Lu Xu. Helen has been my wife for 35 years. Matthew and Michelle are our two adult children. Helen and I came from China and came to know the Lord in the US. We were baptized in upstate NY in July 1990. We attended and served at Cincinnati Chinese Church for six years before moving to Houston in 1999 for a job at Reliant/NRG Energy in marketing. Since then, we have been with Aihua Fellowship. I have served as fellowship chair for two and half years and subsequently, fellowship adviser for more than ten years. I also served as Youth Deacon for one term. We consider HCC our spiritual home and want to serve our Lord and our brothers and sisters in many different capacities. This year a new Deacon position; Treasurer of Personnel, Policies, and Planning, was created. Through prayer I believe that the calling to serve is from God, so I accepted. I will utilize talents that God gives me to serve and glorify Him. I ask my brothers and sisters to pray for me.



Francis Ng
Cantonese
Worship

Pauline and I have been married since 1999 and we are a part of the Cantonese congregation. Our Lord unified us so that we can share every moment that He has prepared for us; both good and bad times. We know our experiences could be a blessing to others. Our Lord has granted me a stable job in an engineering firm. He has been our provider especially during an economic downturn. I give thanks to Him for He kept me through those tough times. He comforted me and gave me His peace that surpasses all understanding. In 1994, God led me to HCC; since then my life has been full of His blessings. I accepted Jesus as my savior before coming here, but my spiritual life didn't really start until I attended HCC. I was baptized and became a member of HCC family in 1995. Pauline and I have been attending the same fellowship since 1994. Our fellowship is now called Enoch; it was formerly the Cantonese Young Adult Fellowship, then Cantonese Young Family Fellowship. In fellowship, we share and are witnesses of God's love. By God's Grace, He has given me several roles in Christmas Pageants. Since our Cantonese Worship has many opportunities to serve in HCC, I was a Small Group Leader, Fellowship Chair, and a member of our Noon Choir. Since 2011, I have been one of the song leaders and now also serve as the Chair of the Song Leaders team; concurrently as a member of the Cantonese Ministry Committee. I am honored that God calls me to serve as Cantonese Worship Deacon. After much prayer, I accept this nomination. I pray that through our corporate worship, our brothers and sisters will grow closer to God and worship Him wholeheartedly. I ask our Lord to grant me a humble spirit and a teachable heart so I can serve Him and others in unity with a mind centered on God. I also pray that my role can be an effective liaison between our Cantonese congregation and the Church Council "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow..." May His name be glorified in everything we do.