



HAPPY NEW YEAR



Wishing you a Blessed New Year from HCC!



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God is ... Love

Preacher: Fred Tow

Sunday, December 31, 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 Beautitudes
Confession of Sin
Assurance of Pardon
Worship in Song
Offertory
Pastoral Prayer
Scripture Reading, *1 John 4:7-12*
Worship in the Word, Pastor Fred Tow
"God is ... Love" - [Sermon Outline](#)
Worship in Song
Benediction and 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 Church on Mission

Jan 7 | *Acts 1:1-11* | Jason Tarn

One New Man in Christ

Jan 14 | *Ephesians 2:11-22* | Jason Tarn

Fearfully and Wonderfully Made

Jan 21 | *Psalms 139:13-18* | Henry Ow

Stirred Up in the Spirit

Jan 28 | *Ezra 1:1-11* | Henry Ow



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.

3 Big Questions | Rm 113

Systematic Theology Survey (Part 2 of 3) | Rm 115

Old Testament Survey (Part 2 of 6) | Trailer 411

New Testament Survey (Part 2 of 3) | Trailer 412/414



God Is: Meditations on the Attributes of God

God is ... Love

1 John 4:7-12

In times of difficulties, many may question whether God loves them or cares about them. However, God is love. It is His nature and essence to love. God demonstrated His love by sending His Son for the purpose of saving us so that we live through Him. If God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

1. Love has its origin in God (4:7-8)
 - Loving others gives evidence we have been born of God
 - Loving others gives evidence we know God

2. Love is seen in the atoning death of Jesus (4:9-10)
 - God sent His Son that He might die

 - God sent His Son that we might live

3. Love is perfected in us when we love others (4:11-12)
 - God's love for us motivates us to love others

 - When we love others, God's love is perfected in us

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Churchwide New Year's Prayer | Monday, Jan 1st, 2024 | 9am-10:30am | MF Building

Join us on New Year's Day for our first prayer gathering of 2024. Please park at the new MF building as service will be held there. Light refreshments will be served afterwards. There will be a kids prayer meeting and childcare provided for ages 3 and under.

Ethnos Send-Off | Sunday, Jan 7th, 2024 | 2pm-4pm | Chapel

Join us in sending out the Ethnos Church planting team! This will be a time of prayer and encouragement for the team before the launch of their first Sunday worship gathering on January 14th. RSVP here bit.ly/hccthnossendoff for head count. Hope to see you there!

Join Our Kid's Bible Club Team! | Wednesdays | 4pm-5:30pm

Interested in sharing God's Word with the children in our community? Join our Kids' Bible Club team! Email Yvonne Lee at ytsanglee@gmail.com for more information or to sign up.

CHURCH NOTICES

Deadline for Submitting 2023 Vouchers

All 2023 reimbursements must be submitted with signed vouchers and invoices by the first Sunday in January (Jan 7th, 2024).

Serve in Thailand! | June 19-July 1, 2024 | Thailand

Come join us in Thailand to serve OMF missionaries! We'll be ministering to OMF staff and their children by planning and organizing a children's program while staff attend a conference to be spiritually and physically renewed. Please contact Sean & Jessie Qiu for more information: jessieaqiu@gmail.com

Asian American Leadership Conference 2024 | April 23-24, 2024 | Orange County, CA

Organized by SOLA Network, the AALC's goal is to equip Asian American leaders with gospel centered, contextual resources that will empower men and women for local church ministry. The conference theme is "Writing the Next Chapter: Empowering Asian American Voices for Gospel Ministry". If you're interested in joining Pastor Jason, Pastor Henry, and Minister Stanley at the next AALC, email jasont@hcchome.org and visit aalc.network for more details and registration.

2023 Tax-Deductible Gift Deadline

To be counted as a charitable contribution for this year 2023, please note the following:

- 1) Paper Checks and Cash** - If dropping in the offering boxes, must be physically received by 1pm on Dec 31 (which is a Sunday this year). **If mailed**, must be postmarked by Dec 31. Writing "12/31/2023" on the check itself will not make a difference if the mailed envelope with the check is not postmarked by Dec 31. It is highly recommended if sending by mail, to mail before Dec 24 to ensure it will be postmarked by Dec 31.
- 2) Paypal Giving Fund Online Donations** - Must be made by Dec 31.
- 3) Stock Gift Transfers** - Must be **received** by HCC's brokerage account by Dec 31, to count as a 2023 contribution (contact treasurer@hcchome.org for more information, if needed).

Did You Know You can Check the Status of Your Giving in Breeze?

HCC Members have a profile in HCC's "**Breeze**" contact and church management online app (hcchome.breezechms.com). Update your address, phone number, or email, plus check the status of your HCC regular/pledge giving at any time. Please report any giving record discrepancies to treasurer@hcchome.org before we email out the official 2023 Consolidated Offering Statements in late January.

HCC FAMILIES

No Nursery/AWANA/HCC.YM on 1/5

There will be no AWANA, Nursery, or inSpire (youth group) this Friday, 1/5. Fellowships and small groups should plan accordingly.

HOUSTON CHINESE CHURCH FACTS & FIGURES

LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE AND FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR DEC 24, 2023

HCC WORSHIP

314

ENGLISH

290

MAND + CANTO

25

YOUTH

79

CHILDREN

PEARLAND WORSHIP

75

COMBINED

17

CHILDREN

800

TOTAL



HCC SUNDAY SCHOOL

24

ENGLISH

-

CANTONESE

38

MANDARIN

PEARLAND SUNDAY SCHOOL

-

ENGLISH

-

MANDARIN

-

YOUTH

10

CHILDREN

DEC 24, 2023	OFFERINGS	YTD RECEIVED	YTD (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS	
			THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR
HCC GENERAL	\$185,120.03	\$2,074,655.93	(\$122,094.79)	\$35,564.46
PCC GENERAL	\$41,638.00	\$215,041.05		
HCC BUILDING	\$6,712.98	\$319,449.44		
HCC PLEDGE PAYMENTS	\$161,847.53	\$5,816,610.53		
PCC BUILDING	\$2,677.19	\$49,194.79		
RESTRICTED COMM SERVICE GRANTS	-	\$17,000.00		
ETHNOS CHURCH PLANT	\$2,750.96	\$100,258.24		



STAFF ITINERARY

James Chang: Vacation, 12/31

Stanley Chang: Youth Retreat, 12/29-1/2

Jocelyn Huang: Vacation, 11/28-1/1



LUNCH PREPARATION

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

No Lunch Service Today, 12/31 (holiday weekend)



PRAYER

Join us as we pray for our long term workers in this month's Global Outreach Spotlight:

hcc.lv/GoPrayDec23

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!

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



Note: The Church Office will be closed on Monday & Tuesday 1/1-1/2 (New Year's Day)