

# REBUILDING THE RUINS

## A SERIES IN NEHEMIAH



HOUSTON  
CHINESE CHURCH  
曉士頓中國教會

**Rebuilding Despite Opposition**

**Preacher: Jason Tarn**

**Sunday, February 25, 2024 | 9:15am - 10:30am**

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## ENGLISH WORSHIP SERVICE

9:15 AM – 10:30 AM

Welcome & Call to Worship  
Recitation of the Apostles' Creed  
Worship in Song  
Confession of Sin  
Assurance of Pardon  
Offertory  
Pastoral Prayer  
Scripture Reading, *Nehemiah 4:1-23*  
Worship in the Word, Pastor Jason Tarn  
"Rebuilding Despite Opposition" - [Sermon Outline](#)  
Worship in Song  
Benediction and Doxology

### Ancient Creeds

Each time we say a creed it connects us with generations of Jesus' followers who preceded us and also reaffirms those truths that distinguish Christianity from other religions.

## UPCOMING SERMON SCHEDULE

Every Sunday at 9:15 AM

### Rebuilding with Compassion

Mar 3 | *Nehemiah 5:1-19* | Fred Tow

### Rebuilding with Courage

Mar 10 | *Nehemiah 6:1-7:4* | Stanley Chang

### Rebuilding The People of God

Mar 17 | *Nehemiah 7:5-73* | Fred Tow

### Rebuilding Upon the Word of God

Mar 24 | *Nehemiah 8:1-18* | Jason Tarn



### ONLINE

Sermon notes and video recordings can be found here:

[hcc.tv/sermons](http://hcc.tv/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



**Rebuilding the Ruins: A Series in Nehemiah**

*Rebuilding Despite Opposition*

Nehemiah 4:1-23

In Nehemiah 4, the builders of Jerusalem's walls experience unremitting opposition. Enough to demoralize and deter the best of them. But they're exhorted to remember the Lord. Because when you remember that the Lord fights for you – that your ultimate battle is not against flesh and blood – you can focus on the task at hand. You can remain vigilant but undistracted.

1. Learn to pray imprecatory prayers
2. Learn to fight in the wake of the Lord
3. Learn to construct and contend at the same time

## UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

### **Thailand STM Info Session** | *Today, Feb 25th* | 12:30pm-1:00pm | *Trailer 411*

You're invited to join the OMF Short Term Mission Trip to Thailand aimed to serve missionaries and their kids. In addition, we're looking to build a local sending team for those who want to support but cannot physically go. Join us for a short info session to hear about our trip and how you can partake in what God is doing in Southeast Asia!

### **Membership Class** | 11:00am-12:15pm | *Trailer 416*

Class today will walk through becoming a member of HCC. If you cannot attend, contact [englishadmin@hcchome.org](mailto:englishadmin@hcchome.org) to schedule a makeup class.

### **Good Friday Service: Your Will Be Done** | *Fri, Mar 29th* | 6:00pm | *Sanctuary*

This Good Friday, we will gather in a bilingual, combined service to commemorate our Lord's obedience to the point of death on a cross. The Lord's Supper will be observed. Children are welcome in the service. Nursery care is available for ages 3 & under.

### **Resurrection Sunday Sunrise Service** | *Sun, Mar 31st* | 7:00am | *Hermann Park*

Join us next to Miller Outdoor Theater (Hermann Park) for our Resurrection Sunday Sunrise Service. Come worship with us at 7am and bring breakfast + picnic blankets to share! English Service will still be held that Easter morning at 9:15am.

### **HCC VBS & Kids Camp** | *June 17th-21st* | *HCC*

Registration for FAITH Lab Science VBS & Kids Camp opens next week (3/3) at [hcc.lv/2024VBS](http://hcc.lv/2024VBS). Cost: \$30 for morning VBS only. \$170 for full-day VBS + Kids' Camp (\$25 sibling discount for KC). For questions, contact [frankt@hcchome.org](mailto:frankt@hcchome.org).

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **HCU Apologetics Day** | *Sat, Mar 23rd* | 9:00am-4:00pm | *HCC*

This March, in preparation for Holy Week, we will be hosting Houston Christian University's Apologetics Day. The theme is Defending Easter and will feature speakers like William Lane Craig and Michael Licona. Breakout sessions will be in English and Chinese. Standard registration (\$40). Student registration (\$20). For more information and registration, visit: [hcc.lv/apologeticsday](http://hcc.lv/apologeticsday)

### **Asian American Leadership Conference 2024** | *April 23rd-24th* | *Orange County, CA*

Organized by SOLA Network, the AALC's goal is to equip Asian American leaders with gospel centered resources that will empower men and women for local church ministry. Visit [aalc.network](http://aalc.network) for details.

## CHURCH NOTICES

### **Parking Lot Gate**

The iron gate in the church parking lot will be closed after 10pm on Fridays. If your car is still parked inside the current church parking lot but the gate is already closed, please proceed to the two gates on the right side of the newly purchased building, which are marked as exits: slowly approach the exit gate, and it will automatically open.

### **If You Wish to Continue to Support Ethnos:**

Please use this link to give directly to our Ethnos Church Plant online:

[ethnos.churchcenter.com/giving](http://ethnos.churchcenter.com/giving). Any donations you made to HCC for Ethnos prior to today will be forwarded to them.

# HOUSTON CHINESE CHURCH FACTS & FIGURES

## LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE AND FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR FEB 18, 2024

HCC WORSHIP

PEARLAND WORSHIP

**293**

ENGLISH

**83**

CANTONESE

**205**

MANDARIN

**40**

YOUTH

**115**

CHILDREN

**28+48**

ENG+MAND

**13**

CHILDREN

**825**

TOTAL



HCC SUNDAY SCHOOL

PEARLAND SUNDAY SCHOOL



**74**

ENGLISH

**65**

CANTONESE

**78**

MANDARIN

**11**

ENGLISH

**26**

MANDARIN

**9**

YOUTH

**7**

CHILDREN

FEB 18, 2024	OFFERINGS	YTD RECEIVED	YTD (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS	
			THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR
<b>HCC GENERAL</b>	\$10,641.91	\$126,972.52	(\$227,394.74)	(\$108,944.14)
<b>PCC GENERAL</b>	\$2,380.00	\$20,209.19		
<b>HCC BUILDING</b>	\$35.00	\$3,968.44		
<b>HCC PLEDGE PAYMENTS</b>	\$1,300.25	\$122,281.13		



### CELEBRATION OF LIFE

The memorial service to commemorate *Elder Jarvis Chan* and his wife *Elaine Chan* will be held at the Pearland Chinese Church this afternoon from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM. Please join us in honoring their service and giving thanks for this beloved couple.



### LUNCH PREPARATION

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

*Jeffrey/Ken & Rebecca* (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/pray24](http://hcc.lv/pray24)

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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

## 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](http://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](http://hcc.lv/news)

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

## English Adult Sunday School – Spring 2024

11:00 am – 12:15 pm

Next week marks the start of the spring quarter. We have six classes, three of which are continuations of previous tracks. Join us to learn more about God, theology, and the Bible. Sunday School classes meet at 11:00 am in the classrooms listed below.

### **Biblical Finance**

**Room 115**

*Led by Tim Leong, Paul Fong, Paul Chung, & Karen Ho*

Money is one of the most talked about topics in the Bible. Discover what the Bible says about this subject, including how to Give, Save, Invest and Spend. We will be going through Rick Warren's Financial Fitness and Managing Our Finances God's Way series. This class will help you lay a strong biblical foundation to build your financial life through biblical wisdom and practical knowledge against the backdrop of our current world. Bring or email questions.

### **Birds & Bees**

**Room 113**

*Led by Jason & Theresa Tarn, John & Esther Hsieh, & Dena Chuang*

"Where do babies come from? How is that baby going to get out of there?" Kids can surprise us with the questions they start asking at early ages and oftentimes, it's sooner than you think! We will work through Mary Flo Ridley's "Birds & Bees" curriculum to help parents build open and safe communication about sex. Learn how to have age-appropriate conversations with your children from the early preschool years to preadolescence.

### **5 Lies that Ruin Relationships**

**Trailer 411**

*Led by Fred Tow*

God longs for us to have right relationships with Him, our spouse, family and friends! He longs for intimacy, peace, love and joy to reign in our hearts. So, what is getting in the way of experiencing that kind of intimacy in your relationships? As we journey through the Book of James chapter 4-6, we will unpack five lies that have the potential to ruin relationships with those we love. We'll also examine the source of quarreling, how our words can wound others, how not to make decisions, and why better things don't always make things better.

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## **Old Testament Survey (Part 3 of 6)**

**Trailer 412/414**

*Led by Henry Ow, James Gao, Joseph Goh, & Bill Huang*

In the 2-year Old Testament 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 Spring quarter, we'll journey through the books of 1-2 Kings and the Pre-exilic Prophets. These books depict the decline of that nation of Israel that results in their eventual exile into Assyrian and then Babylon. The format of the class will be a blend of lecture, videos, discussion, and sharing. We hope that you can join us!

## **New Testament Survey (Part 3 of 3)**

**Trailer 514**

*Led by James Hsia, Terence Chan, & Melvin Huang*

In this third part of the New Testament Survey track, we will complete our overview of the books of the New Testament. Join us as we explore different themes and lessons from God's Word, finding ways to apply Scripture meaningfully to our lives.

## **Systematic Theology Survey (Part 3 of 3)**

**Room 210**

*Led by Jason Tarn, Erik Wiest, Joe Fang, Greg Krafka, & Michael Cao*

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 3, we will explore the doctrines of the church and the last things (end times).



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