

REBUILDING THE RUINS

A SERIES IN NEHEMIAH



HOUSTON
CHINESE CHURCH
曉士頓中國教會

Rebuilding with Compassion

Preacher: Fred Tow

Sunday, March 3, 2024 | 9:15am - 10:30am

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ENGLISH WORSHIP SERVICE

9:15 AM – 10:30 AM

Welcome & Call to Worship

Worship in Song

Offertory

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading, *Nehemiah 5:1-19*

Worship in the Word, Pastor Fred Tow

"Rebuilding with Compassion" - [Sermon Outline](#)

Worship in Song

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Lord's Supper

Benediction and Doxology

Lord's Supper

We partake in the Lord's Supper together to remember the price Christ paid to restore us into a relationship with God and anticipate Christ's return.

UPCOMING SERMON SCHEDULE

Every Sunday at 9:15 AM

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

Holy Week: He has Risen; He is not Here

Mar 31 | *Mark 16:1-8* | 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.

Biblical Finance | Rm 115

Birds & Bees | Rm 113 **(No Class Today)**

5 Lies That Ruin Relationships | Trailer 411

Systematic Theology Survey (Part 3 of 3) | Rm 210

Old Testament Survey (Part 3 of 6) | Trailer 412/414

New Testament Survey (Part 3 of 3) | Trailer 514



Rebuilding the Ruins: A Series in Nehemiah

Rebuilding with Compassion

Nehemiah 5:1-19

We are in a spiritual battle. When external pressures do not work, the enemy will use internal strife to defeat us. Strong courageous leadership is required to alleviate the suffering of those he leads. He needs to care enough to confront, as well as to make sacrifices for others.

1. The Ruthlessness of the Greedy (5:1-5)

2. The Reprimand from Nehemiah (5:6-13)

3. The Role Model of Nehemiah (5:14-19)

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Mothers of Little Ones | *Wed, March 6th* | *9:30am-11:30am* | *Fire Truck Park*

MOLO (Mothers of Little Ones) will be having a park play date this Wednesday at Fire Truck Park! Playdates are 1st and 3rd Wed of the month. For questions, or inclement weather, please contact Yi Wang at eeex101@gmail.com

Family Life Spring Conference: "Biblical Financial Stewardship" | *April 5th-6th* | *HCC*

Scripture says more about money and possessions than about any other single topic. Come and learn how to manage money God has entrusted to us. Join us this spring for our family life conference with guest speakers Marilyn & David Butler from Crown Financial Ministries. For more info, visit hcc.lv/money24

Women's Ministry Spring Event | *Sat, Apr 20th* | *2:00pm-4:00pm* | *HCC*

Join us for our Women's Ministry Spring Event "By His Grace...The Journey Continues." Each of us has a unique life, shaped by unique events and circumstances. By God's grace, He sustains us on our life journey and gives each of us a unique story to tell that celebrates His goodness and faithfulness. Registration begins March 17th. For more info, email womensministry@hcchome.org.

VBS & Kids' Camp Volunteer Sign-up

Our annual VBS & Kids' Camp is a blast thanks to our fantastic volunteer team. Consider joining this year as a volunteer or coordinator! Volunteers can sign up at hcc.lv/24VBSTeam until April 7th. Training details and requirements are listed on the form.

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

Registration for SonSpark Labs Science VBS & Kids Camp begins today at 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.

CHURCH NOTICES

"Birds & Bees" Sunday School class will not be meeting today

First class will start next Sunday, 3/10. Please adjust your schedule accordingly.

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. Any donations you made to HCC for Ethnos prior to today will be forwarded to them.

Attention: Donations Through PayPal Giving Fund

Be sure to check the box to "share your name and email" with us - otherwise your donations will arrive as "Anonymous" and we will not know whose offering account to credit.

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

The Gray Havens: 10 Year Anniversary Tour | *Sat, April 13th* | *7:00pm* | *HCC*

The Gray Havens are coming back to town and playing again at HCC. Celebrating their 10th anniversary as a band, Licia Radford (Dave's wife) will make a rare appearance on tour. For tickets, visit: hcc.lv/thegrayhavens. Use special discount code (HCC20) for \$10 off! Interested in volunteering? Contact Theresa at tree2727@gmail.com. Volunteers get in free!

HOUSTON CHINESE CHURCH FACTS & FIGURES

LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE AND FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR FEB 25, 2024

HCC WORSHIP

PEARLAND WORSHIP

287

ENGLISH

90

CANTONESE

235

MANDARIN

59

YOUTH

116

CHILDREN

28+42

ENG+MAND

16

CHILDREN

873

TOTAL



HCC SUNDAY SCHOOL

68

ENGLISH

70

CANTONESE

65

MANDARIN

PEARLAND SUNDAY SCHOOL

14

ENGLISH

24

MANDARIN

8

YOUTH

8

CHILDREN



FEB 25, 2024

OFFERINGS

YTD RECEIVED

YTD (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS

THIS YEAR

LAST YEAR

HCC GENERAL

\$127,042.93

\$254,015.45

(\$102,158.40)

(\$41,318.01)

PCC GENERAL

\$7,478.19

\$27,687.38

HCC BUILDING

\$1,989.10

\$5,957.54

HCC PLEDGE PAYMENTS

\$33,051.50

\$155,332.63

STAFF ITINERARY

Jason Tarn: Vacation/Outside Speaking: 3/7-14

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

Adjust your clocks forward one hour for Daylight Savings next Sunday, March 10th.

LUNCH PREPARATION

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

Living Spring/Agape (this week)

Teddy & Sharon/Kirk & Jemima (next week)

PRAYER

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

hcc.lv/pray24

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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

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.

English Adult Sunday School – Spring 2024

11:00 am – 12:15 pm

Today 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.

(Cont'd.)

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).

Biblical Financial Stewardship



A HCC Family Life Ministries Conference

April 5 & 6



Friday April 5 **7:30pm - 9:00pm** **Sanctuary & Zoom**
Biblical Financial Stewardship

Saturday April 6 **8:45am - 12:45pm** **In-person & Zoom**

(Track 1: Chapel)

(Track 2: Youth Center)

9:00: **Needs, Wants & Desires**

Savings

9:55: **Debt**

Investments

10:50: **Stewardship for Children**

Planning Your Legacy

11:45:

The Spending Plan (Youth Center)



SPEAKERS:

Marilyn & David Butler

Crown Financial Ministries

FOR MORE INFO



OR TO REGISTER

BIBLICAL FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Friday – Saturday, April 5-6, 2024

The way we handle money says much about our attitude toward possessions, people, and our King Jesus. Scripture says more about money and possessions than about any other single topic. This conference will take principles from God’s Word and teach us how to manage the money God has entrusted to us.

- Learn how to master our money instead of becoming the slave of money.
- Learn the Christian perspective of financial planning.
- Learn the tools and techniques we need to have true financial freedom.
- Learn how to deal with our money every season of our life.

SCHEDULE:

Friday, Apr. 5 - HCC Sanctuary & via Zoom

- 7:30 PM – Biblical Financial Stewardship

Saturday, Apr. 6 – In-Person & via Zoom (two tracks, cross selection allowed)

	Track 1: Chapel & Zoom	Track 2: Youth Center & Zoom
9:00 AM	Needs, Wants, Desires	Savings
9:55 AM	Debt	Investments
10:50 AM	Stewardship for Children	Planning Your Legacy

Saturday, Apr. 6 - HCC Youth Center & via Zoom (combined workshop)

- 11:45 AM – The Spending Plan

The conference is free, please register at hcc.lv/money24 or with this QR code:

FOR MORE INFO



ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS:

OR TO REGISTER



David and Marilyn Butler are members of Faith Bible Church in The Woodlands, Texas. After their own financial hardships, they were trained by Christian Financial Concepts (now Crown), led by Larry Burkett, as Teachers and National Referral Counselors in 1986. They provide training, teaching and counseling individuals and couples in the area of stewardship and financial decision-making based on God’s Word.

2024 HCC Global Outreach (GO) - Short Term Mission Teams



Team	Purpose	Dates	Candidates	Primary Language(s)	Minister/ Team Leader	Coordinator/ Contacts	Application Deadline
Mexico	Family mission trip to orphanage in Vicente Guerrero, Mexico	June 30 - July 6, 2024	40	English Spanish	Phil and Jennifer Chii	Phil and Jennifer Chii	Passed
Cambodia	Visit supported missionaries, campus and villages	September	6	English	Amara Wong	Amara Wong	-
Thailand	Ministering to OMF staff and their children by planning and organizing a children's program while staff attend a conference	June 19-July 1, 2024	6	English	Sean & Jessie Qiu	Sean & Jessie Qiu	-
Philadelphia	Assisting church planter Maranatha Chung	TBD	6	Cantonese, Mandarin, English	Minister Mark Poon	Minister Mark Poon	-
Germany	Karlsruhe Chinese Church Retreat, support local student ministry	August 21-September 4, 2024	6-8	Mandarin	Minister Linh Phan	Jawching Liu	-
Non-HCC ST Mission Teams	For HCC members joining short-term mission trips organized by other missions organizations	2024	3	(Any)	(Applicant Specific)	Minister Linh Phan	-

For further information, please contact:

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