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HOUSTON
CHINESE CHURCH
德士頓中國教會

Idle at Work

Preacher: Jason Tarn

Sunday, September 1, 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, *2 Thessalonians 3:6-15*

Worship in the Word, Pastor Jason Tarn

"Idle at Work" - [Sermon Outline](#)

Worship in Song

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Lord's Supper

Benediction and Doxology

Communion

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

Gospel-Shaped Work

September 8 | *Ephesians 6:5-9* | Jason Tarn

We Exist to Make Disciples

September 15 | *Matthew 28:16-20* | Jason Tarn

Difficult Bosses at Work

September 22 | *1 Peter 2:18-25* | Henry Ow

Rest From Your Work

September 29 | *Exodus 20:8-11; 31:12-17* | 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.

Family Life: Book Study | Rm 115

Systematic Theology Survey | Rm 113

Old Testament Survey | Trailer 411



Faith at Work: Integrating Christ and Your Career

Idle at Work

2 Thessalonians 3:6-15

Just as we're prone to idolize work, we're prone to grow idle at work. Both errors stem from a failure to recognize and respect the God-ordained purpose behind our respective vocations. The propensity towards idleness is best addressed by a recovery of a strong Christian work ethic that connects our work with our discipleship to Christ.

1. The biblical warnings against idleness

2. The biblical vision of a strong work ethic

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

CYA Event: Trivia Night | *Saturday, Sept 7th* | 7:00pm-10:00pm | Youth Room

Hey young adults! Looking for a fun night of friendly competition and good vibes? It's the perfect chance to test your knowledge, meet new people, and enjoy some laughs. Some snacks will be provided, but feel free to bring some of your favorite snacks to share!

Churchwide Prayer at New Building | *Sunday, Sept 8th* | 1:00pm-1:30pm

Join us together as a church to pray for our building renovation project and the upcoming pledge campaign.

Philadelphia Missions Sharing | *Sunday, Sept 15th* | 1:00pm-2:15pm | Trailer 411

Come hear what God is doing in our partner churches in Philadelphia!

Parent's Night Out | *Saturday, Sept 21st* | 4:00pm-8:00pm | HCC

Need someone to watch your child so you can go out and come back refreshed? Sign ups are first come, first serve for \$6/child. To register, visit <http://tinyurl.com/pno-signup>. Volunteers are also needed to babysit the little ones at HCC to give their parents a date/rest night. Dinner for volunteers will be provided! Register to volunteer at <http://tinyurl.com/pno-volunteer>. If you have any questions, contact PNO@hcchome.org.

Newcomer's Lunch | *Sunday, Sept 22nd* | 12:30pm | Youth Room

Are you new to Houston Chinese Church? Interested in learning more about our church and how to get connected? Newcomers in the past 4 months are welcome to attend.

MOLO | *Tuesday, Sept 24th* | 8:30pm-10:00pm | Zoom

"The s word - what does submission practically look like in a Christian marriage?" Come join us over Zoom. Irene Fong and Jen Chii will share their experience, encouragement and words of wisdom with us. Link to be sent out closer to event. All ladies welcome.

Little Lambs Storytime | *Wednesday, Sept 25th* | 9:30am-11:00am | Rm 103b

Chinese Storytime is resuming this fall, please join us for a time of songs and stories! Suitable for children 4 yrs old and under. Join our Discord server for updates: <https://discord.gg/SuDdch6zvp> and soniawhsia@gmail.com for more info.

English Retreat Registration Now Open!

Register for English retreat at hcc.lv/24er. For questions, contact zifangz@gmail.com.

Community Outreach Event: Trunk & Treat | *Saturday, Oct 26th* | 4:00pm-7:00pm

HCC will hold a Trunk and Treat community outreach. This will be a churchwide outreach event involving all small groups, community groups and fellowships (including college and youth groups) from Mandarin, Cantonese and English congregations. Sign up to get involved through your SG, CG or fellowships. If you are not part of a group and want to volunteer, contact Mr. Frank directly at frankt@hcchome.org

CHURCH NOTICES

2024 English Prayer Guides Available

Come pick up a 2024 prayer guide in the church office (one per family). Use this prayer guide to get to know the English members and pray for each other daily.

Awana Registration Fun Night | *Friday, Sept 6th* | 7:15pm-9:00pm

HCC Awana Clubbers! Join us as we kick off our 2024-25 Awana year with laser tag and a movie. Awana Ministry Director Winnie Poon will be leading the Parent Orientation (7:30pm-8:00pm) in Rm 201, after which parents will pick up their clubbers' supplies for the year. Registration is still open at hcc.lv/Awana24-25.

Community Bible Study | *Thursdays, Sept 5th - May 1st, 2025* | 9:15am-11:30am | HCC

CBS Houston is starting again this Thursday. For info and registration, visit: <https://houston.cbsclass.org/>

HOUSTON CHINESE CHURCH FACTS & FIGURES

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

HCC WORSHIP

PEARLAND WORSHIP

326

ENGLISH

90

CANTONESE

222

MANDARIN

60

YOUTH

94

CHILDREN

35+54

ENG+MAND

12

CHILDREN

893

TOTAL



HCC SUNDAY SCHOOL

90

ENGLISH

62

CANTONESE

52

MANDARIN

PEARLAND SUNDAY SCHOOL

6

ENGLISH

44

MANDARIN

13

YOUTH

-

CHILDREN



AUGUST 25, 2024

OFFERINGS

YTD RECEIVED

YTD (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS

THIS YEAR

LAST YEAR

HCC GENERAL

\$89,129.23

\$1,270,848.81

(\$441,948.84)*

(\$124,218.36)

PCC GENERAL

\$10,238.00

\$128,019.95

HCC BUILDING

\$4,307.38

\$67,829.63

HCC PLEDGE
PAYMENTS

\$27,969.33

\$601,799.24

RESTRICTED COMM
SERVICE GRANTS

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\$8,700.00

*Includes new-for-2024 expenses of \$66,144 for HCC support of Ethnos' 1st Operating Year, \$91,250 for new MF building insurance, and \$60,533.71 in MF utility expenses through July 31st; also includes \$165,546 in HCC and PCC insurance premiums paid earlier this year.



LUNCH PREPARATION

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

NO LUNCH TODAY (labor day weekend)

Cambridge (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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PARENTAL 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

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. 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.



Note: The Church Office will be closed on Tuesday, September 3rd in observance of Labor Day.

The Pace of Grace



in a World of Haste

2024 English Retreat · Pineywoods Camp

Join us for English Retreat this year! Pastor Ayo Omopariola from The West Church will speak about intentionally slowing down our lives in order for us to move at the pace of the Lord's grace. The three areas of focus are pain/suffering, contentment, and spiritual growth.

Date: October 18-20
Location: Pineywoods Camp

if you have any
questions please email
zjfangz@gmail.com



Pastor Ayo Omopariola

REGISTRATION & INFO



hcc.LV/24er

English Adult Sunday School – Fall 2024

11:00 am – 12:15 pm

Today marks the start of the fall quarter. Join us to learn more about God, theology, and the Bible. Sunday School classes meet at 11:00 am in the classrooms listed below.

Family Life: A Book Study

Room 115

Led by Chris Lu

Come join us for a long overdue class based on the book study of *Single, Dating, Engaged, Married: Navigating Life and Love in the Modern Age* by Ben Stuart. The class is mainly for younger singles, but it is open to everyone, and we would appreciate experience and wisdom in discussion groups. You can flip through a sample of this book at the Family Life Resource Center in the lobby. I highly recommend that you get your own copy and read along. It will be a combination of teaching, small group discussions, and panel Q&A.

Systematic Theology Survey (Part 1 of 3)

Room 113

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

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 One of three consecutive courses, we will cover The Doctrine of Scripture, The Existence and Attributes of God, the Doctrine of Creation, and the Doctrine of Providence.

Old Testament Survey (Part 4 of 6)

Trailer 411

Led by Henry Ow, James Gao, John Hsieh, & Bill Huang

In the 2-year Old Testament Survey track, we will go through the 39 books of the Old Testament by providing a high level overview of each book and its main ideas/themes. The Old Testament helps us understand God's character and is the foundation for the New Testament. Through the Old Testament, we also learn of God's promises and how they point to Jesus. In this quarter, we will journey through the Wisdom literature (the books of Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and the Song of Songs). The format of the class will be a blend of lectures, discussions, small group exercises and sharing applications for our lives. We hope that you can join us!