

# I AM

The seven I AM statements of Jesus Christ



HOUSTON  
CHINESE CHURCH  
休士頓中國教會

**I AM the Way, and the Truth, and the Life**

**Preacher: Jason Tarn**

**Sunday, November 17, 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

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Offertory

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading, *John 14:1-11*

Worship in the Word, Pastor Jason Tarn

"I AM the Way, and the Truth, and the Life" - [Sermon Outline](#)

Worship in Song

Benediction & Doxology

### Confession of Sin

We confess our sins together whenever we gather so we never forget our need of mercy and God's abundant provision of it in the gospel.

## UPCOMING SERMON SCHEDULE

Every Sunday at 9:15 AM

### I AM the True Vine

November 24 | *John 15:1-11* | Jason Tarn

### A Genealogy of Hope

December 1 | *Matthew 1:1-17* | Jason Tarn

### The Birth of a King

December 8 | *Matthew 1:18-25* | Stanley Chang

### Wise Men from the East

December 15 | *Matthew 2:1-11* | Henry Ow

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### ONLINE

Sermon notes and video recordings can be found here:

[hcc.lv/sermons](http://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: Single, Dating, Engaged, Married: Navigating Life and Love in the Modern Age** | Rm 115

**Systematic Theology Survey** | Rm 113

**Old Testament Survey** | Trailer 411



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## The Seven I AM Statements of Christ

I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life

*John 14:1-11*

In John's Gospel, there are seven famous I AM statements where Jesus discloses his true identity. In saying, "I AM the way and the truth and the life," Jesus makes an exclusive claim that flies in the face of prevailing opinion – that all faiths are equally valid (or equally wrong).

1. Why there can't be many ways to God
  - a. Insisting all ways are valid is not consistent with your own experience
  - b. Insisting all faiths are the same is logically incoherent
  - c. Insisting no one religion has the whole truth is self-defeating
2. Three good reasons why Jesus is the only way to God
  - a. He is uniquely *the Way*
  - b. He is uniquely *the Truth*
  - c. He is uniquely *the Life*
3. Three massive implications for us
  - a. Because Jesus is the Way, we must not shy away from the exclusive tone of the gospel
  - b. Because Jesus is the Truth, we do not know God rightly until we know Jesus personally
  - c. Because Jesus is the Life, he has the right to impart eternal life to whomever he pleases

## UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

**HCC Kids Light Bites Sale** | *Today, Nov 17th* | *after English service* | *Entrance Hall*  
Bake sale proceeds go to children's indoor playground in our new church building! Cash, Venmo and Zelle will be accepted.

**Cambodia Mission Trip Sharing** | *Today, Nov 17th* | *12:45pm-1:45pm* | *Youth Room*  
Come hear the wonderful work that God is doing in Cambodia from our missions team!

**Membership Classes** | *Sundays in November* | *11am-12:15pm* | *Trailer 416*  
Class today, Nov 17th and next Sunday, Nov 24th will walk through becoming a member of HCC. To schedule a makeup class, contact [englishadmin@hcchome.org](mailto:englishadmin@hcchome.org)

**F3 Men's Workout Group** | *Sat, Nov 23rd* | *6:30am-7:30am* | *New Building Parking Lot*  
Calling all men to join us for our first FREE F3 Men's workout group followed by Coffeeteria located at the new parking lot next door. Contact David Cheong for questions at [David.Cheong921@gmail.com](mailto:David.Cheong921@gmail.com)

**2025 Budget Q&A Meeting** | *Sunday, Nov 24th* | *12:30pm-1:30pm* | *Room 210*  
Curious about the church's budget? We welcome you to attend the proposed budget plan for 2025. There will also be a general membership meeting on Sunday, Dec 15th to vote on the approval of the budget.

**HCC 50th Anniversary Logo Contest** | *Deadline: Sunday, Dec 1st*  
Vote for your favorite design today! Go to [en.hcchome.org/contest](http://en.hcchome.org/contest)

**Registration for Winter Sunday School Class** | *Classes start Sunday, Dec 1st*  
We will offer a class in which we will study the book *Shattered Dreams: God's Unexpected Path to Joy* by Larry Crabb. Using the Biblical story of Naomi, Dr. Crabb shows you how to look through life's tragedies to see the lavish blessings God has for you. Due to the deeper nature of the topic, the class requires registration: [hcc.lv/classreg](http://hcc.lv/classreg)

**Chinese Mission Convention (CMC) Global 2024** | *Fri-Sat, Dec 27th-28th* | *WHCC*  
CMC Global 2024 is taking place in Baltimore, but plenary messages will be streamed to the Houston host site (WHCC) in addition to our own local programming and workshops. The cost is \$30 for adults and \$20 for ages 3+ to cover two meals. Youth will join the English program. Children's program (ages 3-10) available for evening sessions. No childcare for ages 2 and under. Please register at [thecmc.org/houston](http://thecmc.org/houston)

**HCC 50th Anniversary Dinner** | *Saturday, Jan 25th, 2025* | *5:30pm-8pm* | *New Building*  
Join us for HCC's 50th Anniversary! Children ages 12+ are welcome to attend and childcare is available but limited at the main HCC building from 4pm-8pm. There is no fee, but registration ticket is needed for head count and entry at [hcc.lv/50anniversary](http://hcc.lv/50anniversary)

**Serve on Short-Term Missions** | *June 28th-July 5th, 2025* | *Mexico*  
We are looking for families with youth (6th grade+), single or married adults to join us! If you are a Spanish speaker, we NEED you on our team! Join us for a multigenerational mission trip to Baja California, Mexico! Please fill out the form at: [hcc.lv/YWAMFamTrip25](http://hcc.lv/YWAMFamTrip25)

## FAMILY LIFE EVENTS

**Mothers of Little Ones** | *Wednesday, Nov 20th* | *9:30am-11:00am* | *Fire Truck Park*  
MOLO (Mothers of Little Ones) will be having a playdate 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](mailto:eeex101@gmail.com)

# HOUSTON CHINESE CHURCH FACTS & FIGURES

## LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE AND FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR NOVEMBER 10, 2024

HCC WORSHIP

PEARLAND WORSHIP

**303**

ENGLISH

**87**

CANTONESE

**217**

MANDARIN

**40**

YOUTH

**110**

CHILDREN

**36+48**

ENG+MAND

**13**

CHILDREN

**854**

TOTAL



HCC SUNDAY SCHOOL

**95**

ENGLISH

**52**

CANTONESE

**80**

MANDARIN

PEARLAND SUNDAY SCHOOL

**8**

ENGLISH

**33**

MANDARIN

**12**

YOUTH

**8**

CHILDREN



NOVEMBER 10, 2024	OFFERINGS	YTD RECEIVED	YTD (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS	
			THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR
<b>HCC GENERAL</b>	\$15,785.50	\$1,676,693.29	(\$572,407.46)*	(\$356,863.34)
<b>PCC GENERAL</b>	\$2,970.00	\$164,051.95		
<b>HCC BUILDING</b>	\$6,575.00	\$229,748.05		
<b>HCC PLEDGE PAYMENTS</b>	\$440.00	\$859,463.49		
<b>RESTRICTED COMM SERVICE GRANTS</b>	-	\$8,700.00		

\* Includes new-for-2024 expenses of \$66,144 for HCC support of Ethnos' 1st Operating Year, \$96,542.03 for new MF building insurance, and \$79,988.90 in MF utility expenses through September 30th. For the HCC and PCC insurance premiums, there is a \$10,601.05 difference when comparing 2024 and payments made up to October 2023.



### LUNCH PREPARATION

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

**Cambridge** (this week)

**NO LUNCH next week** (Thanksgiving week)



### STAFF ITINERARY

**Joseph Cheng:** Vacation, 11/5-20

**Henry Ow:** Vacation, 11/13-17

**Jason Tarn:** Vacation, 11/20-22

**Thomas Wang:** Vacation, 11/13-17



### 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)

SCAN HERE FOR HCC PLEDGE GIVING FUNDS



### ← 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](http://hcc.lv/Welcome) OR stop by our welcome desk in the lobby. We will contact you with ways to connect with our community!

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