

I AM

The seven I AM statements of Jesus Christ



HOUSTON
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I AM the True Vine
Preacher: Jason Tarn

Sunday, November 24, 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

Family Dedication

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading, *John 15:1-11*

Worship in the Word, Pastor Jason Tarn

"I AM the True Vine" - [Sermon Outline](#)

Worship in Song

Benediction & Doxology

Family Dedication

Christian parents pledge before the church to raise their child in the Lord's discipline and instruction. The church pledges to preach and live out the truths of the gospel so that by God's grace the child would hear the gospel and believe.

UPCOMING SERMON SCHEDULE

Every Sunday at 9:15 AM

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

Out of Egypt

December 22 | *Matthew 2:12-23* | Jason Tarn

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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: Single, Dating, Engaged, Married: Navigating Life and Love in the Modern Age | Rm 115

Systematic Theology Survey | Rm 113

Old Testament Survey | Trailer 411



The Seven I AM Statements of Christ

I AM the True Vine

John 15:1-11

In John's Gospel, there are seven famous I AM statements where Jesus discloses his true identity. By saying, "I AM the True Vine," Jesus is claiming to be the True Israel who is capable of doing what God's people in the Old Testament failed to do – to be fruitful as a blessing to the nations. If New Testament believers abide in Jesus like branches in a vine, we can partake in the same mission to bear much fruit that blesses others.

1. God cuts off fruitless branches from the True Vine to expose their true nature

2. God prunes fruitful branches on the True Vine to make them more fruitful

3. The branches abide in the True Vine trusting that growth will come

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

2025 Budget Q&A | Today, 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.

Membership Class | Today, Nov 24th | 11am-12:15pm | Trailer 416

Class today will walk through becoming a member of HCC. To schedule a makeup class, contact englishadmin@hcchome.org

HCC 50th Anniversary Logo Contest | Deadline: Sunday, Dec 1st

Vote for your favorite design today! Go to 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

Chinese Mission Convention (CMC) Global 2024 | Fri-Sat, Dec 27th-28th | WHCC

CMC Global 2024 is the 21st convention in North America aimed at mobilizing attendees for cross-cultural missions. While taking place in Baltimore, 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
Price will increase after this Tuesday, Nov 26th!

HCC 50th Anniversary Dinner | Saturday, Jan 25th, 2025 | 5:30pm-8pm | New Building

With grateful hearts, you are invited to join us as we celebrate a significant milestone of Houston Chinese Church-our 50th Anniversary, hosted in our new building next door. Worship, sharing memories, fellowship and dinner from 5:30pm-8:00pm. Children ages 12 and up are welcome to attend and childcare is available but limited at the main HCC building from 4:00pm-8:00pm. There is no fee, but the registration ticket is needed for the dinner head count and entry at hcc.lv/50anniversary

Serve on Short-Term Missions | June 28th-July 5th, 2025 | Mexico | Deadline: Dec 1st

Want to serve God while living at an orphanage? 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 June 28-July 5 to Baja California, Mexico! Please fill out the form at: hcc.lv/YWAMFamTrip25

CHURCH NOTICES

Church Office Closed on Thursday, Nov 28th

The church will be closed this Thursday in observance of Thanksgiving Day.

"Everyday Gospel" Devotional Book

We are giving away free copies of "Everyday Gospel", a 25-day Christmas devotional available at our bookstall! Free while supplies last.

FAMILY LIFE EVENTS

No AWANA/Nursery/Youth this Friday, Nov 29th

Small groups and fellowships please plan accordingly.

HOUSTON CHINESE CHURCH FACTS & FIGURES

LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE AND FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR NOVEMBER 17, 2024

HCC WORSHIP

PEARLAND WORSHIP

265

ENGLISH

83

CANTONESE

196

MANDARIN

45

YOUTH

92

CHILDREN

27+40

ENG+MAND

14

CHILDREN

762

TOTAL



HCC SUNDAY SCHOOL

74

ENGLISH

59

CANTONESE

74

MANDARIN

PEARLAND SUNDAY SCHOOL

7

ENGLISH

34

MANDARIN

14

YOUTH

11

CHILDREN



NOVEMBER 17, 2024	OFFERINGS	YTD RECEIVED	YTD (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS	
			THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR
HCC GENERAL	\$35,489.04	\$1,712,182.33	(\$612,115.53)*	(\$405,314.84)
PCC GENERAL	-	\$164,051.95		
HCC BUILDING	\$3,200.00	\$232,948.05		
HCC PLEDGE PAYMENTS	\$21,100.00	\$880,563.49		
RESTRICTED COMM SERVICE GRANTS	-	\$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.



FAMILY DEDICATION

Three families are participating in Family Dedication during this morning's worship service. We invite the congregation to bear witness to and support these parents' desire to raise their children in a Christ-centered home: *Will & Alice Chen (Lucas), Jonathan & Cecilia Ting (Nadia), Daniel & Phoebe Wang (Lydia).*



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

Jason Tarn: Vacation, 11/25-26



PRAYER

Join us as we pray for our long term workers in this month's Global Outreach Spotlight:
hcc.lv/pray24



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!

English Adult Sunday School – Winter 2024

11:00 am – 12:15 pm

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

A Book Study: "Shattered Dreams: God's Unexpected Path to Joy" by Larry Crabb **Room 113**

Led by Dena Chuang & Nathan Leu

Using the Biblical story of Naomi, Dr. Larry Crabb shows you how to look through life's tragedies to see the lavish blessings God has for you. "Shattered dreams," writes Dr. Larry Crabb, "are never random. They are always a piece in a larger puzzle, a chapter in a larger story. The Holy Spirit uses the pain of shattered dreams to help us discover our desire for God, to help us begin dreaming the highest dream." Due to the deeper nature of the topic, each individual and the group will benefit most from a consistent and active participation in the class. For more information and to register for the class go to: hcc.lv/classreg

Leaving a Strong Christian Legacy **Room 115**

Led by Eugene Leong with guest speakers

As you prepare to or have entered into your retirement years, culture promotes a well-deserved reprieve to travel, take cruises, go fishing & golfing, play with the grandkids, etc. The Christian life is more like a marathon, than a sprint. Paul calls us to "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:14). Billy Graham says, "The greatest legacy one can pass...to children and grandchildren is...a legacy of character and faith." This class reviews what Scripture tells us about how to live in our senior years. It will offer practical advice about leading a life engaged in meaningful Kingdom-minded work, using your unique God given gifts and resources. It will stress the importance of impacting our children's children—intentional Christian grandparenting. There will be applications for those without grandchildren. Leaving money to your heirs is Biblical, but doing so in a God-honoring way is imperative. As seniors, we are called to tell stories, have heroes, and serve as role models. Learn how to plan for and actively engage in a meaningful, God glorifying retirement and leaving a strong Christian legacy.

(This class is intended for older adults, i.e. those over 50 years of age.)

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2 Corinthians: A Verse-by-Verse Study Class

Room 210

Led by John Hsieh, Melvin Huang, Steven Cheng, Alex Chen, & Dan Tung

Come join us in our deep dive into this unique Pauline letter, the Book of 2 Corinthians. It is arguably one of the most personal of Paul's letters, filled with deep emotions and passionate pleas. We believe this letter has much to say about our lives before God today. Hope you can join us!

Old Testament Survey (Part 5 of 6)

Trailer 411

Led by Henry Ow, James Gao, & 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 continue to journey through the prophets (Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Daniel) and the book of Lamentations. 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!

Systematic Theology Survey (Part 2 of 3)

Trailer 412-414

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 Two, we will cover the doctrines of Sin, of the Person and Work of Christ, of the Person and Work of the Holy Spirit, and of Salvation.

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FRI, DEC 27

- 1:30PM OPENING JOINT SESSION
- 3:30PM CHINESE/ENGLISH PLENARY SESSION
- 5:15PM DINNER
- 6:30PM EVENING JOINT SESSION*
- 8:00PM SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

SAT, DEC 28

- 1:30PM CHINESE/ENGLISH PLENARY SESSION
- 3:30PM WORKSHOPS
- 5:15PM DINNER
- 6:30PM EVENING JOINT SESSION*
- 8:00PM SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

* CHILDREN'S PROGRAM AVAILABLE

REGISTRATION FEE (INCLUDES MEALS)

	BEFORE 11/26	11/26 & AFTER
ADULTS & YOUTH (11+):	\$30	\$33
KIDS (3-10):	\$20	\$22
KIDS (UNDER 3):	FREE	FREE



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HOST SITE PARTNER CHURCHES:

