



# The Coming King

ADVENT MESSAGES IN MATTHEW



HOUSTON  
CHINESE CHURCH  
德士頓中國教會

**A Genealogy of Hope**

**Preacher: Jason Tarn**

Sunday, December 1, 2024 | 9:15am - 10:30am

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## ENGLISH WORSHIP SERVICE

9:15 AM – 10:30 AM

Welcome & Call to Worship  
Advent Candle Lighting  
Worship in Song  
Offertory  
Pastoral Prayer  
Scripture Reading, *Matthew 1:1-17*  
Worship in the Word, Pastor Jason Tarn  
"A Genealogy of Hope" - [Sermon Outline](#)  
Worship in Song  
Confession of Sin  
Assurance of Pardon  
Lord's Supper  
Benediction & Doxology

### Advent

The advent season reminds us of the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ and to anticipate his return to establish his kingdom on earth.

## UPCOMING SERMON SCHEDULE

Every Sunday at 9:15 AM

### 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

### Prepare the Way of the Lord

December 29 | *Matthew 3:1-12* | 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.

**Book Study: "Shattered Dreams: God's Unexpected Path to Joy" | Rm 113**

**Leaving a Strong Christian Legacy | Rm 115 (for ages 50+)**

**2 Corinthians: A Verse-by-Verse Study Class | Rm 210**

**Old Testament Survey (Part 5 of 6) | Trailer 411**

**Systematic Theology Survey (Part 2 of 3) | Trailer 412-414**



## UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

### **Registration for Winter Sunday School Class** | Today, 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)

### **Churchwide Monthly Prayer** | Sunday, Dec 8th | 1:00pm-1:30pm | New Building

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

### **The Good News: Christianity Explained Training** | Wed, Dec 11th | 8:30pm-9:30pm

Come join us on Zoom as we learn how we may share the good news of Jesus with seeker friends and family through the gospel of Mark by using the evangelistic tool "Christianity Explained." We'll go through the evangelistic tool, provide resources, and have testimonies of how God is working through his people. Join the Zoom link: [hcc.lv/training](http://hcc.lv/training)  
For questions, contact [englishlocaloutreach@hcchome.org](mailto:englishlocaloutreach@hcchome.org)

### **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

Today is the last day to sign up! 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, Dec 4th | 9:30am-11:30am | 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)

### **MOLO Zoom Dermatologist Q&A** | Thursday, Jan 9th | 8:30pm-9:30pm | Zoom

"The Skinny On Skin" join us for a more relaxed topic on being good stewards for our own skin and caring for our children's skin. A dermatologist will answer general dermatology questions. Event open to all women. Please sign up and submit questions beforehand at: [hcc.lv/skin](http://hcc.lv/skin). Contact Yi Wang for questions: [eeex101@gmail.com](mailto:eeex101@gmail.com)

# HOUSTON CHINESE CHURCH FACTS & FIGURES

## LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE AND FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR NOVEMBER 24, 2024

HCC WORSHIP

PEARLAND WORSHIP

322

ENGLISH

83

CANTONESE

203

MANDARIN

40

YOUTH

96

CHILDREN

28+42

ENG+MAND

13

CHILDREN

827

TOTAL



HCC SUNDAY SCHOOL

58

ENGLISH

53

CANTONESE

60

MANDARIN

PEARLAND SUNDAY SCHOOL

9

ENGLISH

30

MANDARIN

12

YOUTH

7

CHILDREN



NOVEMBER 24, 2024	OFFERINGS	YTD RECEIVED	YTD (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS	
			THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR
HCC GENERAL	\$182,310.83	\$1,894,493.16	(\$462,256.70)*	(\$301,905.14)
PCC GENERAL	\$6,681.00	\$170,732.95		
HCC BUILDING	\$33,983.57	\$266,931.62		
HCC PLEDGE PAYMENTS	\$138,456.97	\$1,019,020.46		
RESTRICTED COMM SERVICE GRANTS	\$31,750.00	\$40,450.00		

\* 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!

**Teddy & Allison/Sam & Esther** (this week)

**Enoch/Jachin/Crossroads** (next week)



### STAFF ITINERARY

**Henry Ow:** Vacation, 12/1-2.



### 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 PEARLAND 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!

### 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 – Winter 2024

11:00 am – 12:15 pm

Today 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](http://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, & Akhil Shenoy*

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.