

THE FAVOR OF THE LORD



HOUSTON
CHINESE CHURCH
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The Favor of the Lord

Preacher: Jason Tarn

Sunday, January 12, 2025 | 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, *Ruth 1:22-2:13*
Worship in the Word, Pastor Jason Tarn
"The Favor of the Lord" - [Sermon Outline](#)
Worship in Song
Benediction & Doxology

Offertory

Offertory is an expression of our allegiance to God's rule by willingly submitting what God has given us for his works and purposes as a conscious act of worship.

UPCOMING SERMON SCHEDULE

Every Sunday at 9:15 AM

Jesus is Lord

January 19 | *Colossians 2:6-8* | Stanley Chang

Letter to a Faithful Church

January 26 | *Revelation 3:7-13* | Jason Tarn

God's Choice

February 2 | *Genesis 25* | Jason Tarn

Fear Not, I Am With You

February 9 | *Genesis 26* | Henry Ow

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ONLINE

Sermon notes and video recordings can be found here:

hcc.tv/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.

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



The Favor of the Lord

Ruth 2:1-23

It's easy to overlook God's providential hand of blessing. It works through such ordinary means that we chalk it up to mere coincidence or to the kindness and generosity of others. It really takes eyes of faith to recognize and appreciate the hidden hand of the Lord's favor.

1. The Lord's favor can be found in the seemingly random.
2. The Lord's favor can touch us through human hands.
3. The Lord's favor is to be reciprocated by those it has blessed.

HOUSTON CHINESE CHURCH FACTS & FIGURES

LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE AND FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR JANUARY 5, 2025

HCC WORSHIP

PEARLAND WORSHIP

257

ENGLISH

84

CANTONESE

224

MANDARIN

50

YOUTH

86

CHILDREN

73

COMBINED

16

CHILDREN

819

TOTAL



HCC SUNDAY SCHOOL

99

ENGLISH

58

CANTONESE

75

MANDARIN

PEARLAND SUNDAY SCHOOL

13

ENGLISH

31

MANDARIN

-

YOUTH

11

CHILDREN



JANUARY 5, 2025	OFFERINGS	YTD RECEIVED	YTD (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS	
			THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR
HCC GENERAL	\$19,497.65	\$19,497.65	(\$14,797.67)	(\$101,390.14)
PCC GENERAL	\$3,427.00	\$3,427.00		
HCC BUILDING	\$810.00	\$810.00		
HCC PLEDGE PAYMENTS	-	-		
RENOVATION PLEDGES	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00		
RESTRICTED COMM SERVICE GRANTS	-	-		



2024 Year-End Offering Summary

The year-end deficit shown in last week's financial table (\$53,905.12), does not include donations given through the Paypal Giving Fund between December 16-31, 2024. Praise God that there was a significant increase in giving, which will be reflected in the 2024 Year-End Summary available in next Sunday's bulletin!



LUNCH PREPARATION

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

Brian/Sean & Juddie (this week)

Living Spring/Agape (next week)



STAFF ITINERARY

Henry Ow: Personal Leave, 1/6-16.



PRAYER

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

hcc.lv/pray25

SCAN HERE FOR HCC PAYPAL 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 OR stop by our welcome desk in the lobby. We will contact you with ways to connect with our community!

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

PNO Volunteers Needed for 50th Anniversary | Saturday, Jan 25th | 5:00pm-8:30pm

We are still in need of volunteers for childcare during our 50th Anniversary Dinner. Sign up at: hcc.lv/PNOvolunteer. Dinner will be provided to PNO volunteers.

ACTS Musical Recruitment

ACTS Ministries is recruiting actors for its musical performance this year. Please contact Iris Li (irisli2020@gmail.com) if you're interested in or if you know someone who might suit to play any of these roles (see poster in hallway). We also need a volunteer to manage the wardrobe. This volunteer will coordinate the making and preparation of costumes for our upcoming performance.

Kitchen Staff Volunteers Needed | Sundays | 9:00am-10:30am or 10:30am-12:30pm

We are looking for kitchen volunteers to serve lunch on Sundays! Serving in the kitchen is not just about preparing Sunday lunch boxes - it's an opportunity to connect with others, build a welcoming environment for newcomers, and serve God. For more info and to sign up, visit: hcc.lv/kitchen. Contact Justin Chang for questions at jychang48@gmail.com

F3 Men's Workout Group | Every Saturday | 6:30am-7:30am | New Building Parking Lot
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

CHURCH NOTICES

New Youth Ministry Intern

Please welcome our new youth intern, Jeremy Cheng! He will be serving part-time in the youth ministry until the end of August. He can be reached at jeremyc@hcchome.org

TODAY is the Deadline for Submitting 2024 Vouchers

All 2024 reimbursements must be submitted with signed vouchers and invoices today!

Please Refrain from Filing your 2024 Tax Return until the end of January

For tax deductibility purposes, you need to have your official HCC 2024 Offering Receipt record in hand before filing. It will be emailed to you by the end of January. If your email has changed recently, please update it on Breeze.

Did You Know You can Check the Status of Your Giving in Breeze?

HCC Members have a profile in HCC's "Breeze" contact and church management online app (hcchome.breezechms.com). Update your address, phone number, or email, plus check the status of your HCC regular/pledge giving at any time (if you do not have a Breeze account, please contact Breeze administrator Gary Ge at garyyge@gmail.com). Please report any giving record discrepancies to treasurer@hcchome.org before we email out the official 2024 Consolidated Offering Statements in late January.

Children's Ministry Administrative Role

Children's Ministry is seeking a 3-month temporary admin staff to serve with us. Start date would be around 1/25/2025. This will be a part-time position of average 12 hours per week. If interested or need further details, contact Mr. Frank at frankt@hcchome.org

FAMILY LIFE EVENTS

Mothers of Little Ones | Wed, Jan 15th | 9:30 am - 11:30 am | 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

MY PLEDGE

PLEDGE is above regular annual stewardship giving.
ALL GIFTS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE TO THE FULLEST EXTENT OF THE LAW.

Name		Phone	
Address		City/State	Zip
email		Offering Code # (leave blank if none; one will be issued to you)	

MANY WAYS TO GIVE

- **Checks:** Payable to "Houston Chinese Church," with "HCC Renov Pledge" on the memo line
- **Cash:** Write "HCC Renov Pledge" on the offering envelope
- **Credit Card at PayPal Giving Fund:** Follow instructions on the hcchome.org website. There is no memo line so place "27" in the cents amount of your online donation to designate that this is for your HCC Bldg Pledge (ex. \$XX,XXX.27)
- **Charitable Donor-Advised Fund:** Direct your DAF to issue a grant to "Houston Chinese Church" with a memo re: "HCC Renov Pledge"
- **Qualified Charitable Distributions:** Direct your IRA trustee to issue a QCD to "Houston Chinese Church" with a memo re: "HCC Renov Pledge"
- **Appreciated Stocks and Securities:** Donating appreciated assets can generate a current income tax deduction while possibly eliminating capital gains taxes. Send email to treasurer@hcchome.org for more information and specific donation instructions.
- **Matching Gifts:** Some employers match employee charitable contributions, doubling your gift. Check with your employer. My gift will be matched by: _____
- **Cryptocurrencies, Real estate & Business interests, Legacy and other Estate-planning gifts,** and any other special donation situations (Please email treasurer@hcchome.org to discuss).

I/WE COMMIT TO GIVE A
TOTAL OF:

\$ _____

BY 12.31.2026

I/WE WILL GIVE:

\$ _____ 1st half of 2025

\$ _____ 2nd half of 2025

\$ _____ 1st half of 2026

\$ _____ 2nd half of 2026

\$ _____ (if into 2027)

- I commit to pray for this building project regularly.



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Pledge ONLINE



Signature

Date

*Please return in sealed envelope
& drop off at offering box.