



Love for the Unlovely

THE STORY OF GRACE
IN THE LIFE OF JACOB



HOUSTON
CHINESE CHURCH
德士頓中國教會

The Gate of Heaven

The Preacher: Jason Tarn

Sunday, February 23, 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, *Genesis 28:1-22*

Worship in the Word, Pastor Jason Tarn

“The Gate of Heaven” - [Sermon Outline](#)

Worship in Song

Benediction & Doxology

Pastoral Prayer

We follow the tradition of the apostles and early church by praying together for God to carry out his purposes on earth. This demonstrates our dependence on Him.

UPCOMING SERMON SCHEDULE

Every Sunday at 9:15 AM

The Idol of Love

March 2 | *Genesis 29:1-35* | Jason Tarn

No One is Too Far Away

March 9 | *1 Kings 17:17-24* | Henry Ow

In Response to a Faith-Filled Request

March 16 | *2 Kings 4:18-37* | Jason Tarn

Motivated by Jesus' Compassion

March 23 | *Luke 7:11-17* | 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.

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

New Building Renovation Fundraising Sale | *Today, Feb 23rd* | *10:30am-1pm* | *Lobby*
Join us for a fundraising sale in support of our new building renovation! All proceeds will go toward the renovation fund. Thank you for your prayers and support as we work together for Building the Vision.

Membership Class | *Today, Feb 23rd* | *11:00am-12:15pm* | *Trailer 416*
Class today will walk through becoming a member of HCC. To schedule a makeup class, contact englishadmin@hcchome.org

Awaken Houston | *Wed, Mar 5th - Sun, Apr 20th* | *City-Wide Prayer/Fasting Movement*
Awaken Houston is a city-wide movement of prayer, fasting, and preaching during the Lenten season. It aims to unite Houston Church Planting Network (HCPN) affiliated churches in seeking personal renewal, church revival, and a spiritual awakening across Greater Houston. On **Wed, March 5th at 7:00pm** in the sanctuary, we will be hosting a **Collaborative Prayer Gathering** with regional churches to kick off Awaken Houston. Visit awakenhouston.org for more info and to sign up for daily devotionals.

Women's Ministry Spring Event | *Saturday, Apr 5th* | *9:15am-11:30am*
Whether you've been playing for years or have never heard of pickleball, we invite you to a fun time on the courts at Houston Pickleball Center, while connecting with new ladies and catching up with friends! Registration is open Feb 23rd - March 23rd at hcc.lv/women. Contact womensministry@hcchome.org with your questions.

CHURCH NOTICES

2023 Promissory Note Holders | *Today, Feb 23rd & Mar 2nd* | *12:30pm-1:30pm*
Please redeem your Promissory Note payoff check today or next Sunday, March 2nd in the pastoral conference room. Have your original Promissory Note document to sign off and turn in. Email treasurer@hcchome.org if you cannot make these two times.

Progressing Towards Our Phase 1 Goal

After the conclusion of this pledge campaign, we will determine if we have enough to move forward with at least Phase One of our master plan. So far, we've received \$3.37M in pledges with 5 more days remaining of our deadline. In order to bridge the remaining gap (\$5.83M), we will have to consider a combination of pledges, potential land sale, and bridge loan. The more pledges we receive, the greater flexibility we will have in utilizing other means to fully fund Phase One. We believe that God is faithful and will provide what we need. Let us see this through to the finish line. Make a pledge at hcc.lv/renov-pledge or scan the QR code.



FAMILY LIFE EVENTS

Little Lambs Storytime | *Wednesday, Feb 26th* | *9:30am-11:00am* | *HCC Rm103b*
Join us for storytime with songs and stories in Chinese! Suitable for children 4 yrs old and under. Join our Discord server for updates: hcc.lv/littlelambs and soniawhsia@gmail.com for more info.

"Seeds of Hope" | *Wednesday, March 26th* | *8:30pm-9:30pm* | *Zoom*
Q&A with three ladies who will share their experience with difficulty conceiving, issues with fertility, miscarriage, adoption, egg donation, and IVF. Event open to all women (e.g. single, no kids, adult kids, all women). Please submit questions beforehand at: hcc.lv/seeds

HOUSTON CHINESE CHURCH FACTS & FIGURES

LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE AND FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR FEBRUARY 16, 2025

HCC WORSHIP

PEARLAND WORSHIP

272

ENGLISH

82

CANTONESE

229

MANDARIN

60

YOUTH

110

CHILDREN

28+37

ENG+MAND

14

CHILDREN

832

TOTAL



HCC SUNDAY SCHOOL

109

ENGLISH

53

CANTONESE

80

MANDARIN

PEARLAND SUNDAY SCHOOL

7

ENGLISH

26

MANDARIN

14

YOUTH

8

CHILDREN



FEBRUARY 16, 2025	OFFERINGS	YTD RECEIVED	YTD (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS	
			THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR
HCC GENERAL	\$15,270.52	\$201,248.09	(\$175,432.17)	(\$223,241.51)
PCC GENERAL	\$5,031.00	\$28,535.00		
HCC BUILDING	\$11.60	\$69,286.64		
ORIGINAL PLEDGE PAYMENTS	-	\$171,639.90		
RENOVATION PLEDGE PAYMENTS	\$5,550.00	\$64,825.54		



LUNCH PREPARATION

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

Cambridge (this week)

CCF/Ken & Rebecca (next week)



PRAYER

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

hcc.lv/pray25



PPGF GIVING CODES

Your donation will default to the General Fund, unless you use a code to designate a fund (e.g. \$250.25 for a pledge fulfillment).

"27" - Fulfilling your Renovation Pledge

"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.

English Adult Sunday School – Spring 2025

11:00 am – 12:15 pm

Next week marks the start of the spring quarter. We have three 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.

Old Testament Survey (Part 6 of 6)

Room 112

Led by Henry Ow & 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!

***Shepherding a Child's Heart* by Tedd Tripp**

Room 115

Led by Chris Lu, James Hsia, John Hsieh, & Terence Chan

One of the most challenging yet important aspects of parenting is how to raise our children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. Join us as we study the book: *Shepherding a Child's Heart* by Tedd Tripp. This class will be for anyone interested in child-rearing. The teachers' wives will also be present to add examples and their reflections.

Systematic Theology Survey (Part 3 of 3)

Room 210

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 3, we will explore the doctrines of the church and the last things (end times).