



Love for the Unlovely

THE STORY OF GRACE
IN THE LIFE OF JACOB



HOUSTON
CHINESE CHURCH
休士頓中國教會

The Idol of Family

The Preacher: Andrew Bywaters

Sunday, April 27, 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 30:1-24*

Worship in the Word, Pastor Andrew Bywaters

“The Idol of Family”

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

Responding to Difficult Doctrine

May 4 | *John 6:53-69* | *Melvin Huang*

Finding Favor

May 11 | *Genesis 30:25-31:16* | *Henry Ow*

Coming Home

May 18 | *Genesis 31:17-55* | *Jason Tarn*

Wrestling with God

May 25 | *Genesis 32* | *Stanley Chang*

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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.

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

Who is Jesus? | *Today, Sunday, April 27th | 10:30am-11:00am | Lobby*

Do you have questions about today's sermon and about Jesus? Come visit the table closest to the front door entrance after English Worship service for more info!

Orlando Spring Mission Trip Sharing | *Sun, May 4th | 12:30pm-1:30pm | Trailer 411*

Come hear what God is doing through our college students on their trip to Orlando!

Weekly Churchwide Legacy Ministry | *Wednesday, May 7th | 10:00am-2:00pm | HCC*

Starting Wednesday, May 7th, a weekly ministry for older adults will launch at HCC. Join us for community-building activities and a bilingual devotional. Sample activities include exercises, ping pong, and gardening. Come enjoy a time of worship, connecting, and lunch. Please register beforehand at hcc.lv/legacymin (see insert for more details).

Newcomer's Luncheon | *Sunday, May 11th | 12:30pm | Youth Room*

Are you new to Houston Chinese Church? Interested in learning more about our church and how to get connected? Join us at our next Newcomer's Luncheon. Lunch is on us!

All Church Prayer Service | *Sunday, May 11th (Second Sundays) | 5:00pm | Chapel*

Join brothers and sisters from all three congregations in a one-hour prayer service that includes singing, readings, testimonies, and guided prayer. **May's potluck theme is: Mom's favorite dish.** Nursery available for kids 3 and under.

Family Dedication | *Sunday, May 11th | Sanctuary*

Parents interested in dedicating their child to the Lord can sign up at hcc.lv/dedication. Pastor will contact parents for a home visit. Contact Mr. Frank at frankt@hcchome.org

D-Camp & Camp Impact Registration | *July 20th-23rd; 23rd-27th | Camp Cho-Yeh*

Discovery Camp is a four-day camp experience open to all incoming 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th grade students, and Camp Impact is a five-day camp experience open to all incoming 10th, 11th, 12th and graduated seniors to learn about Jesus and make new friends. For all camp information and to register, visit: dcampandimpact.org

CHURCH NOTICES

Submit Names for Graduation Sunday! | *Sunday, May 4th | Sanctuary*

Today is the last day to sign up! If you or your friend, sibling, or child will be graduating from high school, undergrad, or graduate school this year and you would like to be prayed over in our worship service, please submit name(s) at: hcc.lv/2025grads

General Membership Meeting | *Sunday, May 18th | 12:30pm | Sanctuary*

The Church Council will conduct a General Membership Meeting (GMM) to approve the sale of a portion of our original property to help fund the renovation of our new building. Authorization will be met by a two-thirds majority. In addition, HCC will hold another GMM to authorize the actual transaction when the time comes. A **Q&A** on the land sale strategy will take place in our **English Membership Meeting on Friday, May 9th** at 7pm. Please make a point to attend both meetings.

DONATION SUPPORT

Kindergarten Project in Cambodia

For every dollar donated to the school, the church will match, dollar-for-dollar, up to \$5,000. To donate to this ministry, write "**Cambodia Kindergarten Project**" on check memo line and on offering envelope if donating by cash. Deadline is Friday, May 30th.

Support for Myanmar Earthquake Relief

During its most recent meeting, the Church Council voted to increase the 2025 church budget by \$5,000 to support Christian Nationals' Evangelism Commission's (CNEC) earthquake relief efforts in Myanmar. We would also like to encourage members to consider giving to these causes through HCC and your faithful tithing.

HOUSTON CHINESE CHURCH FACTS & FIGURES

LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE AND FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR APRIL 20, 2025

HCC WORSHIP

429

ENGLISH

335

CANTO+MAND

85

YOUTH

91

CHILDREN

PEARLAND WORSHIP

65

ENG+MAND

9

CHILDREN

1014

TOTAL

HCC SUNDAY SCHOOL

32

ENGLISH

-

CANTONESE

72

MANDARIN

PEARLAND SUNDAY SCHOOL

12

ENGLISH

16

MANDARIN

-

YOUTH

8

CHILDREN



APRIL 20, 2025	OFFERINGS	YTD RECEIVED	YTD (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS	
			THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR
HCC GENERAL	\$18,277.75	\$588,227.58	(\$382,718.97)	(\$553,280.71)
PCC GENERAL	\$2,520.00	\$65,144.00		
HCC BUILDING	\$720.00	\$159,862.23		
ORIGINAL PLEDGE PAYMENTS	\$4,200.00	\$467,540.73		
RENOVATION PLEDGE PAYMENTS	\$8,000.00	\$128,974.46		



LUNCH PREPARATION

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

Brian/Wilson & Dena (this week)

Cambridge (next week)



CONDOLENCES

Tina Ow, mother of Pastor Henry Ow, went to be with the Lord on April 21st.
Please keep Henry and his family in your prayers.



STAFF ITINERARY

Henry Ow: Family Leave, 4/22-27

Dinah Koh: Vacation, 4/27-5/4



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.



Save the Date 請預留時間:

Wed, May 7, 2025-10 am-2 pm

2025年5月7日，星期三，上午10點至下午2點

Kick-off Meeting for Older Adults

Join for worship, connecting and lunch. Also, group exercises, ping pong, gardening and other leisure time and social activities.

第一次長輩傳承事工啟動，歡迎參加！

敬拜、聯誼及午餐，活動內容包括團體運動、乒乓球、園藝，以及其他休閒與社交活動。

*Proverbs 16:31 – “Gray hair is a crown of glory;
it is gained in a righteous life.”*

箴言16:31- 白髮是榮耀的冠冕，在公義的路上必能得著。

RSVP by April 30 to help lunch planning
務必於4月30日前報名參加，以便安排午餐。
hcc.lv/legacymin

HCC Legacy Ministry-Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What is the Legacy Ministry?

The Legacy Ministry is a new initiative to encourage and foster improved Christian community throughout the church. In addition to all the wonderful activities of the church, e.g. worship, Sunday School, small groups, missions, etc. it is intended to **supplement** these programs with a weekly daytime gathering for additional networking and building deeper relationships.

Will this be a replacement for the small groups?

No! This weekly activity is intended to supplement the existing small groups in each congregation.

How will it differ from the small groups?

In a number of ways. First, it is targeted for **older** adults, or those over 55 that have some free time during the weekdays. It will be for all three congregations, with translation as needed for different activities. Although we will have devotional time for a short message, singing and prayer, most of the time is devoted to more relaxed, enjoyable leisure activities: group exercises led by a professional personal trainer, ping pong, gardening hobbyists, singing and other personal interests. Lastly, we plan to enjoy a weekly lunch together as well.

Can I bring my parents or friends that are non-believers?

We hope that this programming which places less emphasis on mostly worship and pulpit messages will be attractive to outsiders, as well as the church family. By building a strong community of believers with attractive weekday programs, we hope to be an attraction to the entire community, with fun and food as part of our attraction.

Will there be transportation provided for those that need it?

Initially, we do **not** plan to provide transportation for those interested in coming, but lack transportation. We hope, however, that transportation for those needing it, can be met informally by the church members offering rides to those needing it.

When will the Legacy Ministry meetings be?

Meetings are scheduled for every Wednesday, starting May 7th from 10 am-2 pm. For those with afternoon conflicts, leaving at 1 pm after lunch is fine.

Are more volunteers needed to help out?

Yes, absolutely!! Like any HCC program, volunteers are always needed and welcome. We need folks to volunteer to serve in welcoming, providing refreshments and/or lunch, worship song leading, organizing and leading other activities, e.g. drawing, calligraphy, knitting or cooking groups. We also plan to regular have lectures presented by experts. If you have an expertise to share with the group, let us know.

Can I just drop in, or do I need to register every week?

Since the program includes a group lunch time, we need everyone to register each week, so we can properly plan for the meals needed. Please register at the following:

hcc.lv/legacymin