



Love for the Unlovely

THE STORY OF GRACE
IN THE LIFE OF JACOB




HOUSTON
CHINESE CHURCH
鳳士頓中國教會

Finding Favor

The Preacher: Henry Ow

Sunday, May 11, 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

Family Dedication

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading, *Genesis 30:25-43*

Worship in the Word, Pastor Henry Ow

“Finding Favor” - [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

Coming Home

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

Wrestling with God

May 25 | *Genesis 32* | Stanley Chang

Acceptance

June 1 | *Genesis 33* | Jason Tarn

Defilement

June 8 | *Genesis 34* | 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.

Old Testament Survey (Part 6 of 6) | Rm 113

Shepherding a Child's Heart | Rm 115

Systematic Theology Survey (Part 3 of 3) | Rm 210



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SERMON NOTES

PASTOR HENRY OW

Love for the Unlovely: The Story of Grace in the Life of Jacob

Finding Favor

Genesis 30:25-31:16

We all do different types of work in our lives. Ministry work. Vocational work. Domestic work. Gardening work. But in work, we may experience foes that undermine our work. They disrupt schedules. They erect barriers. They undo our work. They oppose us. How do we experience favor when we encounter foes that undermine our work?

1. Foes work to undermine our work because of self-interest
2. We continue to work faithfully because the results belong to God
3. God works to bestow favor upon us because he fulfills his promises

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Care Package Distribution | Today, May 11th | After Service | Lobby

Pick up a care package after service in the lobby to give to a neighbor in need as you commute this week. Care packages include socks, water, snacks, and other items that may help people asking for assistance at street corners.

All Church Prayer Service | Today, 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.

Baptism and Membership Classes | Sundays in May | 11:00am-12:15pm | Trailer 416
Ready to proclaim your faith through baptism or just want to know more? Class today, May 11th is focused on baptism, and classes on Sundays, May 18th and 25th will walk through becoming a member of HCC.

Weekly Churchwide Legacy Ministry | Every Wednesdays | 10:00am-2:00pm | HCC
Please register each week for our older adults ministry for lunch count: hcc.lv/legacymin

Newcomer's Luncheon | Sunday, May 18th | 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!

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.

Women's Bible Study | Thursdays, June 5th-July 17th | 7:15pm-9:00pm | Youth Room

Join the women of HCC for a summer women's Bible study through Isaiah!

There is no cost to participate outside of the Study Guide. Sign up at: hcc.lv/women.

Deadline is Sunday, May 25th. Contact Sarah Peters at womensministry@hcchome.org

FAMILY LIFE

Little Lambs Storytime | Wednesday, May 14th | 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..

DONATION SUPPORT

Kindergarten Project in Cambodia

HCC has pledged to make a one-time donation of \$5,000. 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. For more details on the project, visit hcc.lv/cambodia

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 CNEC via Partners at hcc.lv/myanmar. Donate by entering code "**CNEC Myanmar Disaster Relief**".

HOUSTON CHINESE CHURCH FACTS & FIGURES

LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE AND FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR MAY 4, 2025

HCC WORSHIP

PEARLAND WORSHIP

318

ENGLISH

73

CANTONESE

225

MANDARIN

65

YOUTH

106

CHILDREN

61

COMBINED

13

CHILDREN

861

TOTAL



HCC SUNDAY SCHOOL

60

ENGLISH

58

CANTONESE

72

MANDARIN

PEARLAND SUNDAY SCHOOL

8

ENGLISH

28

MANDARIN

-

YOUTH

8

CHILDREN



MAY 4, 2025	OFFERINGS	YTD RECEIVED	YTD (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS	
			THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR
HCC GENERAL	\$25,198.65	\$735,673.07	(\$332,102.73)	(\$476,259.25)
PCC GENERAL	-	\$69,127.00		
HCC BUILDING	\$2,740.22	\$174,633.78		
ORIGINAL PLEDGE PAYMENTS	\$200.00	\$519,180.67		
RENOVATION PLEDGE PAYMENTS	\$12,950.00	\$150,413.73		



LUNCH PREPARATION

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

Sean & Juddie/Austin & Jemima (this week)

Living Spring/Agape (next week)

FAMILY DEDICATION

Five 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: **Alan Bennett & Yi Wang (Jasper)**, **James Gao & Catherine Wudiyono (Gideon)**, **Tedman Ng & Tina Huang (Gabriel)**, **Christian & Ashley Delos Reyes (Ezra)**, and **Akhil & Michelle Shenoy (Benjamin)**.

STAFF ITINERARY

Karen Liang: Vacation, 5/11-18

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.



HCC Women's Ministry

Upheld: Meeting Our Trustworthy God Through Isaiah



*I am with you, I will
strengthen and help
you, I will uphold you.*

Join Bible teacher Kori
de Leon in this Bible
study experience on
Isaiah 40–48, pointing
us to God's faithfulness
and mercy.

June 5 - July 17
7:15pm - 9pm
Thursdays | Youth Room

