



# JESUS IS BETTER

## A STUDY OF HEBREWS



HOUSTON  
CHINESE CHURCH  
鐵士頓中國教會

**A Better Covenant**

**Preacher: Henry Ow**

**Sunday, August 3, 2025 | 9:15 AM – 10:30 AM**

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## ENGLISH WORSHIP SERVICE

9:15 AM – 10:30 AM

Welcome & Call to Worship

Worship in Song

Offertory

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading, *Hebrews 8:1-9:14*

Worship in the Word, Pastor Henry Ow

“A Better Covenant” - [Sermon Outline](#)

Worship in Song

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Lord's Supper

Benediction & Doxology

### Worship in Song

The worship songs we sing teach us the truths of God's Word, express our response, and exhort one another to faithfulness.



## UPCOMING SERMON SCHEDULE

Every Sunday at 9:15 AM

### A Better Blood

August 10 | *Hebrews 9:15-10:18* | Jason Tarn

### A Better Assurance

August 17 | *Hebrews 10:19-39* | Jeremy Cheng

### A Task Unfinished

August 24 | *Romans 15:14-24* | Jason Tarn

### A Better Inheritance

August 31 | *Hebrews 11:1-12:3* | Jason Tarn



### 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 11:00 AM-12:15 PM. Jesus calls us to be disciples, workers, and leaders. Our teaching ministry aims to produce believers who are committed to the call of Jesus.

**A Praying Life** | Rm 113

**Survey of Church History - Part 2 (Middle Ages)** | Rm 115



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## SERMON NOTES

AUGUST 3, 2025  
PASTOR HENRY OW

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### **Jesus is Better: A Study of Hebrews**

A Better Covenant

*Hebrews 8:1-9:14*

Relating to God through Christ is far better than when we lived apart from Him prior to faith. But we find ourselves tempted occasionally to return to our old ways that omit God from the picture. The author of Hebrews exhorts his listeners and us to continue embracing the relationship we have with God through Christ instead of returning to our old ways. He bases his exhortation on the belief that the covenant that enables us to draw near to God is better than any prior covenant. This morning, we'll see why that's true.

I. The new covenant is better because we have a better priest.

II. The new covenant is better because we have a better promise.

III. The new covenant is better because we have a better purification.

## UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

### **Baptism and Membership Classes** | *Sundays in August* | 11:00 AM–12:15 PM | *Trailer 416*

Ready to proclaim your faith through baptism or just want to know more? Classes August 3rd and 10th are focused on baptism and classes August 17th and 24th will walk through becoming a member of HCC.

### **English Members Meeting** | *Friday, August 8th* | 7:00 PM | *Sanctuary*

Join us for our quarterly gathering as we introduce new members, get recaps for VBS, Discovery Camp, and Impact, and hear sharings from our short-term mission trip teams and from Angela and Danielle about their time in Thailand. Dinner is provided starting at 6:00 PM.

### **Cambodia STM Bake Sale** | *Sunday, Aug 10th* | 10:30 AM–11:30 AM & 12:15 PM–1:00 PM | *HCC*

All proceeds will benefit ministries of Crossroad Church and Kuy villages. There will be curry puffs, mango pudding, Vietnamese egg rolls, milk tea, and more. Cash, Venmo, and Zelle will be accepted.

### **Mexico Missions Trip Sharing** | *Sunday, August 10th* | 12:30 PM–1:30 PM | *Youth Room*

Come hear about all the amazing things God is doing in Mexico and how we were able to partake in that ministry!

### **All Church Prayer Service** | *Sunday, August 10th (Second Sundays)* | 5:00 PM | *Chapel*

Join us for our monthly prayer service that includes singing, readings, and testimonies. Nursery available for 3 and under. August's potluck theme: your child's favorite dish.

### **HCC Missions Conference** | *Friday–Sunday, August 22nd–August 24th* | *HCC*

This year's conference will be highly interactive and open to all ages. Friday night's event in the sanctuary, for youth and adults, will include Minute-to-Win-It type games. A separate missions-related children's program will be available. Saturday's Mission Escape Room (Youth & Adults) has limited 1-hour time slots. Visit our website for the schedule and to register for the Escape Room or Saturday childcare (ages 0–4, deadline 8/17): [hcc.lv/missionsweek](http://hcc.lv/missionsweek).

### **2025 Diaspora National Conference** | *Fri–Sat, September 12th–13th* | *Kingdom City Houston*

Diaspora Network's annual conference will be held this September at a church on the west side of town. The conference is aimed primarily at a diaspora audience, meaning 1st, 1.5, and 2nd generation immigrants. The theme is *Diaspora Church Planting and the Renewal of the City: Joining the Quiet Revolution Transforming North America*. HCC will participate in the Global Potluck and Multicultural Worship scheduled on Friday night. Register online at [hcc.lv/diasporanetwork](http://hcc.lv/diasporanetwork).

### **50th Anniversary Retreat “One Church, One Future”** | *October 17th–19th* | *Trinity Pines*

Registration is now open! Join us as we celebrate five decades of God's faithfulness with a weekend full of fellowship, spiritual growth, and joyful reflection together as a whole church - while looking ahead to

## CHURCH NOTICES

### **2025–2026 HCC Awana Clubs**

HCC Awana is our Friday evening kids program where children 3 years old (+potty-trained) through 5th grade learn God's Word in a fun atmosphere. Awana is from 7:15 PM–9:00 PM and will run from September 5, 2025 through May 22, 2026. Registration is \$200 for the year and includes club bag, uniform, 1 handbook, and Theme Nights throughout the year. Register at [hcc.lv/Awana25-26](http://hcc.lv/Awana25-26).

### **2025–2026 Chinese School Registration is Now Open**

HCC Chinese School will begin the new school year on September 7th, with in-person instruction as the primary format. For registration and more details, please visit: [hcc.lv/HCCCS2025](http://hcc.lv/HCCCS2025). For questions, email: [hccchineseschool@gmail.com](mailto:hccchineseschool@gmail.com).

# HOUSTON CHINESE CHURCH FACTS & FIGURES

## LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE AND FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR JULY 27, 2025

### HCC WORSHIP

275

ENGLISH

85

CANTONESE

227

MANDARIN

20

YOUTH

79

CHILDREN

### PEARLAND WORSHIP

19+40

ENG+MAND

12

CHILDREN

757

TOTAL



### HCC SUNDAY SCHOOL

54

ENGLISH

52

CANTONESE

38

MANDARIN

### PEARLAND SUNDAY SCHOOL

16

ENGLISH

10

MANDARIN

9

YOUTH

9

CHILDREN



JULY 27, 2025	OFFERINGS	YTD RECEIVED	YTD (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS	
			THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR
HCC GENERAL	\$75,281.36	\$1,243,162.53	(\$325,905.65)	(\$408,498.80)
PCC GENERAL	\$5,641.00	\$131,805.00		
HCC BUILDING	\$5,100.66	\$236,657.80		
ORIGINAL PLEDGE PAYMENTS	\$27,943.00	\$806,159.52		
RENOVATION PLEDGE PAYMENTS	\$66,794.65	\$423,674.94		
CAMBODIAN KINDER PROJECT	\$100.00	\$5,001.00		
LAOS WATER WELL	-	\$2,330.00		



### STAFF ITINERARY

**Mauricio Cardona:** Vacation, 7/18–8/5

**Melvin Huang & Jason Tarn:** PAACT Annual Meeting, 8/6–7

**Henry Ow:** Vacation, 8/6–8/8



### LUNCH PREPARATION

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

**Living Spring/Agape** (this week)

**Sean & Jessie/David & Juddie** (next week)



### PRAYER

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

[hcc.lv/pray25](http://hcc.lv/pray25)

SCAN HERE FOR HCC PARENT GIVING FUND



### 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](http://hcc.lv/welcome) OR stop by our welcome desk in the lobby. We will contact you with ways to connect with our community!

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