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A STUDY OF HEBREWS



HOUSTON
CHINESE CHURCH
鐵士頓中國教會

A Better Inheritance

Preacher: Jason Tarn

Sunday, August 31, 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

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Offertory

Testimony

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading, *Hebrews 11:1-12:3*

Worship in the Word, Jason Tarn

"A Better Inheritance" - [Sermon Outline](#)

Worship in Song

Benediction & Doxology

Doxology

Any short, spontaneous word of praise or song exalting God; we sing it at the end of service to praise God for the time spent with him this morning.



UPCOMING SERMON SCHEDULE

Every Sunday at 9:15 AM

A Better Mountain

September 7 | *Hebrews 12:4-29* | Henry Ow

A Better City

September 14 | *Hebrews 13* | Jason Tarn

The Dreamer and His Dreams

September 21 | *Genesis 37* | Stanley Chang

Shaming the Strong

September 28 | *Genesis 38* | 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 from 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



Jesus is Better: A Study of Hebrews

The Same Faith

Hebrews 11:1–12:3

Hebrews 11 is known as the Bible's Hall of Faith. In it, you'll meet various Old Testament heroes. By faith, they persevered and finished their races. They now surround us like a great cloud of witnesses, cheering believers on and reminding us that we share the same faith in the same Christ.

1. Run with a faith that trusts in the unseen.
2. Run with a faith that hopes in a better future.
3. Run with a faith that counts every cost as worthy.
4. Run with a faith that centers on its founder and perfecter.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Baptism and Membership Classes | TODAY | 11:00 AM–12:15 PM | Trailer 416

Ready to proclaim your faith through baptism or just want to know more? Today's class will walk through becoming a member of HCC.

General Membership Meeting | TODAY | 12:30 PM | Sanctuary

A GMM will be held today so that the members have an opportunity to affirm the recommendation of the Building Renovation Project Executive Committee and Church Council via a congregational vote. Attendance by over 50% active members is required to establish a quorum for GMMs and allow voting to proceed. Two thirds of the valid votes must be in support to pass the motion.

Houston Welcomes Refugees Orientation | TODAY | 12:30 PM | Trailer 412–414

The ministry Houston Welcomes Refugees will be hosting an orientation for volunteers interested in helping refugees in the Houston area. For more information and to RSVP go to hcc.lv/HWR2025.

Fathers of Little Ones (FOLO) Gathering | Sat, Sept. 6th | 9:00 AM–10:30 AM | Whitt Johnson Park
FOLO is having its next gathering at Whitt Johnson Park (6540 Wakeforest Ave). Bring the kids for a time of fellowship and fun! For questions, contact Alan Bennett at ab@alumni.rice.edu.

2025 Diaspora National Conference | Fri–Sat, September 12th–13th | Kingdom City Houston
Diaspora Network's annual 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.

Cantonese Evangelistic Worship | Sunday, September 21st | 9:15 AM–10:30 AM | Chapel

There will be a Cantonese Evangelistic Worship on Sunday, 9/21. Please remember this in your prayers and invite Cantonese speaking nonbelievers to attend.

Family Life Conference – Refirement | Friday–Saturday, September 26th–27th | HCC

We are honored to invite Elaine Kung, founder and co-chair of Called To Work, as our speaker.

For details and registration, please use the link: hcc.lv/refirement2025.

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

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 all that's to come.

Congratulations to Wilson Chuang for being the lucky winner of a free book from their Pastor/Elder! Register now to earn a raffle ticket for every week you're registered. The next drawing is on 9/7 for a free zipline and Adventure Course activity at retreat! Register or learn more here: hcc.lv/retreat.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Church Football League (CFL) | Sunday afternoons, September–October | Willow Park

CFL aims to provide a Christ-centered environment for believers and nonbelievers within and outside of HCC through the game of flag football. Registration is open now (hcc.lv/CFL2025) and closes on 9/3 at 6:00 PM. If you have interest or questions, contact James Gao at jamesxiaohugao@gmail.com.

Community Bible Study | Thursdays, Sept. 5th, 2025–May 7th, 2026 | 9:15 AM–11:15 AM | HCC

Come learn how to really study the Bible as we spend 30 weeks in the book of Psalms. CBS Houston is a nondenominational, nonpolitical, in-depth Bible study with excellent study materials, small core groups—in person and online—for women, men and children, practical teaching time and fellowship—all wrapped in prayer. Info and registration: <https://houston.cbcsclass.org/>.

CHURCH NOTICES

2025–26 HCC Awana Clubs | Fridays, Sept. 5th, 2025 – May 22nd, 2026 | 7:15 PM–9:00 PM

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. 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. Late fee of \$30/clubber will apply starting 9/12.

2025–26 HCC Awana Clubs | Volunteers Needed

HCC Awana is in need of volunteers to serve as Listeners and Small Group Leaders, especially for our Sparks Club (K-2nd Grade). Sign up at hcc.lv/KidsVolunteerApp or talk to Director Winnie Poon.

2025–26 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. For questions, email: hccchineseschool@gmail.com.

HOUSTON CHINESE CHURCH FACTS & FIGURES

LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE AND FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR AUGUST 24, 2025

HCC WORSHIP

350

ENGLISH

82

CANTONESE

211

MANDARIN

62

YOUTH

83

CHILDREN

PEARLAND WORSHIP

27+50

ENG+MAND

16

CHILDREN

881

TOTAL



HCC SUNDAY SCHOOL

130

ENGLISH

55

CANTONESE

60

MANDARIN

PEARLAND SUNDAY SCHOOL

13

ENGLISH

39

MANDARIN

8

YOUTH

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CHILDREN



AUGUST 24, 2025	OFFERINGS	YTD RECEIVED	YTD (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS	
			THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR
HCC GENERAL	\$116,369.95	\$1,453,496.80	(\$349,774.08)	(\$450,339.47)
PCC GENERAL	\$8,118.00	\$146,862.00		
HCC BUILDING	\$13,231.81	\$260,584.71		
ORIGINAL PLEDGE PAYMENTS	\$36,280.58	\$877,306.82		
RENOVATION PLEDGE PAYMENTS	\$69,037.57	\$538,250.65		
CAMBODIAN KINDER PROJECT	\$200.00	\$7,356.00		
LAOS WATER WELL	-	\$2,480.00		



LUNCH PREPARATION

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

Labor Day (No Lunch) (this week)

Jason & Shirley/Patrick & Debbie (next week)



STAFF ITINERARY

James Chang: Out of office, 9/5-7



Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 2nd.



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 – Fall 2025

Starting Sept 7th (11:00 am – 12:15 pm)

New Testament Survey (Part 1 of 3): Matthew - Acts

Led by Pastor Henry Ow, John Hsieh, Henry Jin, and Bill Huang **Room 210**

In the one-year New Testament Survey track, we will provide a high-level overview of the 27 books of the New Testament and study their main ideas and themes. This quarter, we will focus on the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke, John and Acts. By synthesizing the four gospel accounts into one narrative of the life of Jesus, we will develop a more complete understanding of His life, His teachings, His death and His resurrection. Studying the book of Acts will enable us to learn about the faith of the apostles, the power of the Holy Spirit and the growth of the early church. Through presentations, group discussions, and application of the lessons, we will gain more knowledge of these books and grow in our walk with Jesus.

Passing Faith to Gen X, Gen Y (Millennials), and Gen Z

Led by Eugene Leong and Guest Speakers **Room 113**

Scripture calls us to pass our faith to future generations. Psalm 78:4 instructs us to "tell the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done." Yet today's generational landscape presents unique challenges. Cultural shifts, secularism, technology, and generational divides have created obstacles, but also opportunities. This class examines the defining characteristics of generations following the Baby Boomers, exploring their views on faith, authority, truth, and community. We will study scriptural models, discover practical approaches for meaningful intergenerational connections, and learn timeless Christian values such as truth, prayer, mentoring, and storytelling that remain essential in helping reach and disciple younger believers. By understanding generational distinctives and learning to bridge gaps, we can better

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This class is intended for those interested in effectively passing faith to younger generations; it is targeted to older adults, e.g. over 50 years old.

Christian Ethics (Part 1 of 3): Foundations, Entertainment & Technology, Life & Death, Civic Duty & Civil Disobedience

Led by Pastor Jason Tarn, Minister Melvin Huang, Greg Krafka, Michael Cao, Akhil Shenoy, Sam Huang, and Erik Wiest

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Ethics is the study of right and wrong, and Christian ethics studies what is right and wrong from a biblical perspective. Ethical questions and dilemmas are among the thorniest and most complex moral issues that confront us today. Yet, as difficult as it may be, Christians need to address them by answering the questions: "What would Jesus do? What actions and attitudes would receive God's approval? What factors or standards should we consider in making ethical decisions?"

Join us for the first of three quarters that will cover a wide range of ethical topics. For this fall, we will cover the following:

- Introductory classes on the Scriptural basis of Christian ethics and issues relating to Christian ethical reflection
- Entertainment & Technology (e.g., social media, video gaming, AI, etc.)
- Life & Death (e.g., abortion, birth control, euthanasia, capital punishment, etc.)
- Civic Duty & Civil Disobedience (e.g., political activism, legislating morality)

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