



JESUS IS BETTER

A STUDY OF HEBREWS



HOUSTON
CHINESE CHURCH
鐵士頓中國教會

A Better Mountain
Preacher: Henry Ow

Sunday, September 7, 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 12:3–29*

Worship in the Word, Henry Ow

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

Worship in Song

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Lord's Supper

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

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

The LORD Was With Him

October 5 | Genesis 39 | 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.

New Testament Survey (Part 1 of 3): Matthew–Acts | Rm 210

Passing Faith to Gen X, Gen Y (Millenials), and Gen Z | Rm 113

Christian Ethics (Part 1 of 3) | Rm 115



Jesus is Better: A Study of Hebrews

A Better Mountain

Hebrews 12:3–29

Many things in life sap our desire to pursue holiness. We experience relational conflict with others. We experience bouts of loneliness. We feel overloaded by work. If we continue to focus on our difficult circumstances, pursuing holiness becomes increasingly challenging. Instead of focusing on our situation, then what should we do when we find ourselves tired of pursuing holiness?

I. [What?] Believers should persevere in pursuing holiness.

II. [How?] Focus on the better mountain, Christ.

III. [Why?] Christ has saved us from future judgment.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

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

Members have an opportunity to affirm the recommendation of Church Council to move Phase 3 children's facilities to Phase 1 via a congregational vote (for more info: hcc.lv/831GMM). Attendance of at least 50% of active members is required to establish a quorum for voting to proceed. Two-thirds of valid votes cast must be in support to approve the recommendation.

Newcomer's Luncheon | *Sunday, September 14th* | 12:30 PM–1:30 PM | Room 412–414

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

Thailand TCK Mission Trip Sharing | *Sunday, September 14th* | 12:30 PM–2:00 PM | Youth Room

Come and hear about the Third Culture Kids (TCK) team's journey of discovering what God is doing in the hearts of Thailand, Indonesia, missionaries, TCKs, and themselves. We pray that the Spirit moves you in however big or small ways to be involved in His Great Commission!

All Church Prayer Service | *Sunday, September 14th* | 5:00 PM–6:00 PM | Chapel

Join us for prayer. This will be an intergenerational prayer meeting, with a potluck dinner. Nursery childcare is available for children up to 3 yrs of age. Potluck theme: "summer gathering dishes."

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. Register now to earn a raffle ticket for every week you're registered. The next drawing is TODAY for a free zipline and Adventure Course activity at retreat! Register or learn more here: hcc.lv/retreat.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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: houston.cbssclass.org/.

Weekly Churchwide Legacy Ministry | *Every Wednesday* | 10:00 AM–2:00 PM | HCC

All older adults are welcome to join. Contact Eugene Leong for more information at eyleong@yahoo.com. If you are interested in viewing past exercises done at the Legacy Ministry look up "Trainer June at HCC" on YouTube or Facebook.

F3 Men's Workout Group | *Saturdays 6:30 AM–7:30 AM* | HCC Rear Parking

Join us for a FREE F3 workout located at the rear parking lot. Please enter through the kitchen side driveway or back alley. Contact David Cheong for questions at David.Cheong921@gmail.com.

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 31, 2025

HCC WORSHIP

271

ENGLISH

78

CANTONESE

189

MANDARIN

39

YOUTH

83

CHILDREN

41

MAND

12

CHILDREN

713

TOTAL



HCC SUNDAY SCHOOL

66

ENGLISH

45

CANTONESE

27

MANDARIN

PEARLAND SUNDAY SCHOOL

-

ENGLISH

27

MANDARIN

-

YOUTH

-

CHILDREN



AUGUST 31, 2025	OFFERINGS	YTD RECEIVED	YTD (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS	
			THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR
HCC GENERAL	\$14,697.92	\$1,468,194.72	(\$422,635.33)	(\$541,849.35)
PCC GENERAL	\$350.00	\$147,212.00		
HCC BUILDING	\$275.00	\$260,859.71		
ORIGINAL PLEDGE PAYMENTS	\$400.00	\$877,706.82		
RENOVATION PLEDGE PAYMENTS	\$100,766.00	\$639,016.65		
CAMBODIAN KINDER PROJECT	-	\$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!

Aihua (this week)

CCF/Austin & Kristen (next week)



STAFF ITINERARY

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

Mary Lee: Vacation, 8/29-9/19



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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fulfill our biblical mandate to pass down our faith, ensuring the gospel's transformative message continues to impact future generations.

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

Room 115

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)

With emphasis on the Bible as our primary source and standard, but also incorporating other relevant materials and media, we seek to engage and equip attendees with a Christian framework for making ethical decisions with respect to these important subjects. We warmly invite you to join us in this challenging but worthy endeavor.