



If God is For Us

# The Life and Trials of Joseph



HOUSTON  
CHINESE CHURCH  
鐵士頓中國教會

**The Dreamer and His Dreams**

**Preacher: Stanley Chang**

**Sunday, September 21, 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

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading, *Genesis 37:1–11; 18–28*

Worship in the Word, Stanley Chang

“The Dreamer and His Dreams” - [Sermon Outline](#)

Worship in Song

Benediction & Doxology

### Benediction

God’s blessing on His people.  
The minister reminds us of His  
blessing on the Church; upon  
receiving the benediction, we  
are to go forth and bless others.



## UPCOMING SERMON SCHEDULE

Every Sunday at 9:15 AM

### Shaming the Strong

*September 28 | Genesis 38 | Jason Tarn*

### The Lord Was With Him

*October 5 | Genesis 39 | Jason Tarn*

### The Lord Does Not Forget

*October 12 | Genesis 40 | Jason Tarn*

### English Service Conducted at Trinity Pines

*October 19 | No service at HCC Location*



### 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 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**

## SERMON NOTES

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### **If God is For Us: The Life and Trials of Joseph**

The Dreamer and His Dreams

*Genesis 37:1–36*

The life of Joseph is full of highs and lows. Before we get to the highs, the story of Joseph begins at a real low point in his life. There's not a lot of good happening to Joseph in Genesis 37. His situation seems to get worse and worse, and finally, he finds himself at one of his lowest points in life, a slave at the bottom of a pit. Although the life of Joseph can seem very bleak at this point, we can find comfort knowing how God works this difficult time in his life. We will focus on three truths as we begin to dive into the life of Joseph.

1. God uses broken people to carry out His good plan.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. God's good plan can not be thwarted.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. God's good plan rarely plays out like we want it to.

## UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

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

“Refirement” is a concept that reimagines retirement as a period of continued engagement, purpose, and personal growth, rather than simply a time of leisure. 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](http://hcc.lv/refirement2025).

### **Thailand Sharing** | *October 12th* | **1:00 PM-2:00 PM** | **Youth Room**

Angela, Danielle, and Nathan will be sharing about their experience on mid-term missions in Thailand and their plans moving forward. Come hear about what God is doing in Chiang Rai, specifically in church-planting ministry amongst unreached people groups. Refreshments will be provided.

### **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 **Tina Wu** for being the lucky winner of a free Zipline and Adventure Course activity at the retreat! Register now to earn a raffle ticket for every week you’re registered. The next drawing is TODAY for a free Church lunch booklet! Register or learn more here: [hcc.lv/retreat](http://hcc.lv/retreat).

### **Father-Daughter Retreat** | *November 7th-9th* | **Camp Cho-Yeh**

Father-Daughter Retreat is designed to give fathers and their middle school daughter(s) a time of bonding, sharing, and connecting with God and each other. For more information and to register, go to [hcc.lv/fdretreat25](http://hcc.lv/fdretreat25)

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

Older adults are welcome to join. For more info, contact Eugene Leong at [eyleong@yahoo.com](mailto:eyleong@yahoo.com). To view past Legacy Ministry exercises, search “Trainer June at HCC” on YouTube or Facebook.

### **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/](http://houston.cbssclass.org/).

### **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](mailto:David.Cheong921@gmail.com).

### **Bike Clinic/Trunk n’ Treat** | *Saturday, Oct 25th* | **3:00 PM-6:00PM** | **HCC**

Join us for a two-part community outreach!

1. Bike clinic: Learn to ride, **free bike helmet**, enjoy bike safety lessons, and get your bike inspected. No bike required.
2. Trunk n’ Treat: fellowship and small groups hosting decorated trunk stations with games, activities, food court, and bag of candy for kids. Visit [hcc.lv/info](http://hcc.lv/info) for details.

## 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 \$230 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).

# HOUSTON CHINESE CHURCH FACTS & FIGURES

## LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE AND FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

### HCC WORSHIP

317

ENGLISH

76

CANTONESE

237

MANDARIN

92

YOUTH

83

CHILDREN

### PEARLAND WORSHIP

30+43

ENG+MAND

12

CHILDREN

890

TOTAL



### HCC SUNDAY SCHOOL

124

ENGLISH

64

CANTONESE

77

MANDARIN

### PEARLAND SUNDAY SCHOOL

10

ENGLISH

33

MANDARIN

5

YOUTH

12

CHILDREN



SEPTEMBER 14, 2025	OFFERINGS	YTD RECEIVED	YTD (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS	
			THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR
HCC GENERAL	\$23,868.95	\$1,545,534.42	(\$376,141.30)	(\$576,701.34)
PCC GENERAL	\$170.00	\$150,932.00		
HCC BUILDING	\$3,010.00	\$269,989.71		
ORIGINAL PLEDGE PAYMENTS	\$616.67	\$878,523.49		
RENOVATION PLEDGE PAYMENTS	\$102,128.16	\$741,344.81		



## STAFF ITINERARY

*Pastor Jason Tarn: Outside Speaking, 9/19-9/21*



## LUNCH PREPARATION

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

*Cambridge* (this week)

*Patrick & Debbie/Ken & Rebecca* (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)



## 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!

### Sign Up for Our Newsletter | [hcc.lv/news](http://hcc.lv/news)

Subscribe to our weekly newsletters with announcements, opportunities, and updates.



SEPTEMBER

26, 27

FAMILYLIFE  
Conference

# REFIREMENT

9/26, Friday, 7:30 - 9pm, HCC Sanctuary, Keynote  
7F for Fruitful ReFirement Planning

9/27, Saturday, HCC Chapel, 3 Workshops  
9 am: Faith, Fitness  
10 am: Family, Firm  
11 am: Finance, Fellowship, Fun

FOR MORE INFO



OR TO REGISTER

Guest speaker

**Elaine Kung**

Called To Work Founder,  
Co-Chair & Speaker



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# ABOUT OUR SPEAKER

- Born in Hong Kong, immigrated to Maryland as a teenager, became a Christian in 1981 – life transformed from a “trouble maker” to a “peace maker”
- Cornell B.S. Electrical/Materials Science Engineering; Princeton M.S. Electrical Engineering; Columbia, Cornell, Wharton Business School Executive Education
- Cornell, Princeton Admissions Interviewer
- Bell Lab, AT&T Director (retired after 33 yrs)
- Called To Work Co-Founder, Co-Chair, Theology of Work Chinese Board Chair, Work As Mission Strategic Alliance WAMSA Co-Founder, Chair, International Organizations’ Board Director and Advisor
- Married, Growing 3 Generations
- Passionate in evangelism, discipleship, workplace and family ministries; frequent speaker in the States and overseas on faith/work, leadership, career development, marriage, parenting and various life skills

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