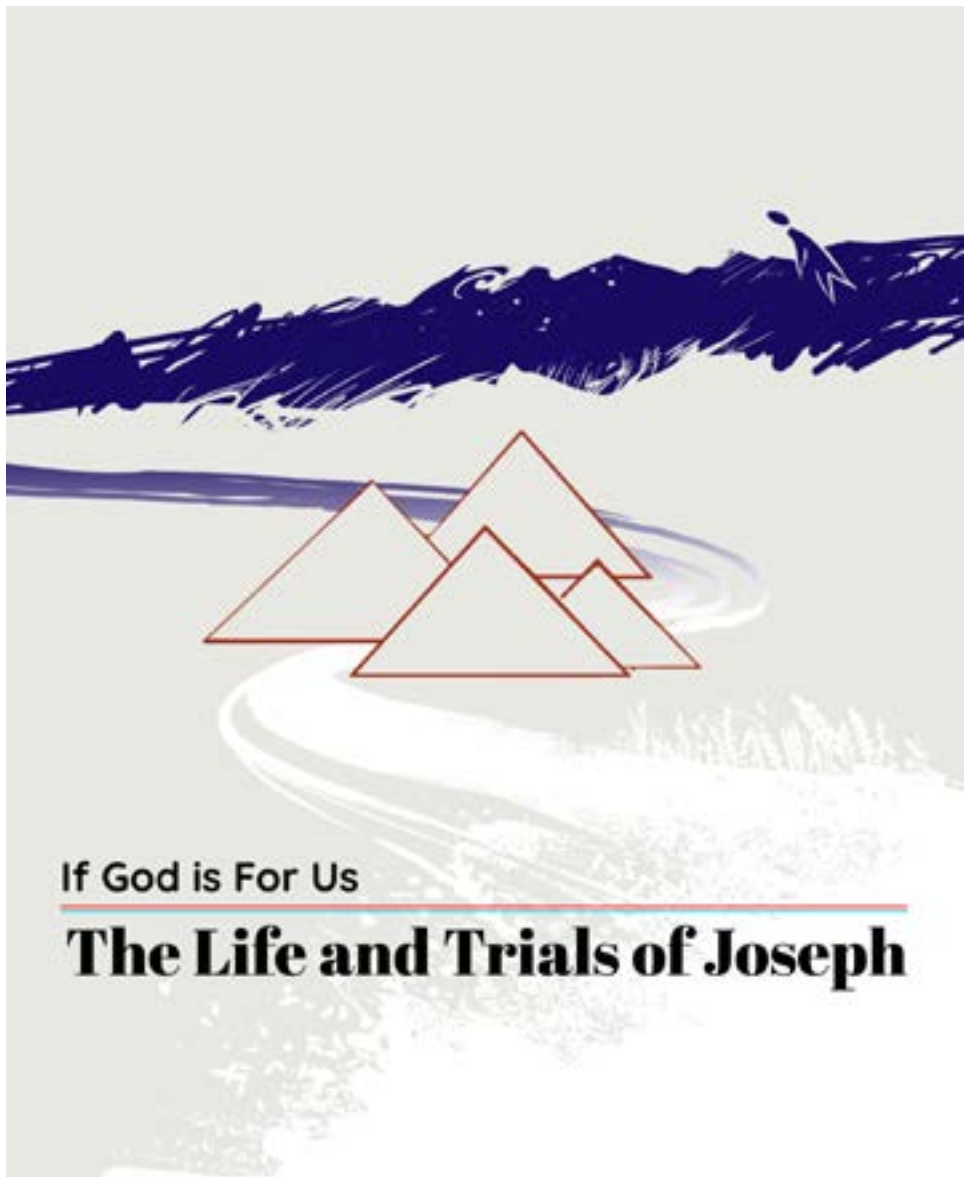




If God is For Us

The Life and Trials of Joseph



HOUSTON
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The First Test

Preacher: Jason Tarn

Sunday, November 2, 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, *Genesis 42:1–38*

Worship in the Word, Jason Tarn

“The First Test” - [Sermon Outline](#)

Worship in Song

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Lord's Supper

Benediction & Doxology

Confession of Sin

We confess our sins together
whenever we gather so we
never forget our need of mercy
and God's abundant provision
of it in the gospel.



UPCOMING SERMON SCHEDULE

Every Sunday at 9:15 AM

The Second Test

November 9 | *Genesis 43* | Henry Ow

The Substitute

November 16 | *Genesis 44* | Stanley Chang

Forgiveness

November 23 | *Genesis 45* | Jason Tarn

In a Land of Sojourn

November 30 | *Genesis 46* | Melvin Huang



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 115

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

Christian Ethics (Part 1 of 3) | Chapel



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

The First Test

Genesis: 42:1-38

The first run in between Joseph and his older brothers, after twenty years of estrangement, results in an awkward encounter filled with harsh accusations, guilty consciences, and an intricate test of integrity. But as the story unfolds, it's apparent that Joseph's actions are a severe mercy designed to expose the true character of his brothers. That's what biblical tests are meant to do. They reveal the true nature of a person – the true state of our soul.

1. The severe response of Joseph in testing his brothers
2. The severe mercy of God in testing his children
3. The severe need for a better firstborn brother

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Breeze Information Update | TODAY | 10:30AM–11:00AM | *Entrance Hall*

Stop by the HCC entrance hall to make sure your information in our church system (Breeze) is up to date. We'll also have someone taking professional photos for your profile — these will be featured in our 2026 Prayer Guide! Keeping your info current helps us stay connected with all that's happening at HCC.

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

This will be a vote to affirm the deacon/elder nominees for 2026. We need more than 50% of the church members to attend this meeting to meet quorum in order to vote. Otherwise, we will hold another meeting next Sunday, November 9th.

MOLO Playdate | Monday, November 3rd | 9:30 AM–11:00 AM | *Fire Truck Park*

Kids playdate this Monday at Fire Truck Park. Playdates are now 1st and 3rd MONDAY of the month. Yi Wang eeex101@gmail.com

English Members Meeting | Friday, November 7th | 7:00 PM | *Sanctuary*

Join us for our quarterly gathering as we introduce new members, receive a building and ministry update, and hear an update from some of our long-term missionaries. Dinner is provided starting at 6:00pm.

All Church Prayer Service | Sunday, November 9th | 5:00 PM–6:00 PM | *Chapel*

Join us as we seek the Lord's face together as one church. This will be an intergenerational prayer meeting followed by a potluck dinner. Nursery childcare is available for children up to 3 yrs. of age. November's potluck theme is: One Pot Meals.

HCC Kids Light Bites Sale | Sunday, November 16th | 10:30 AM | *Entrance Hall*

Come hungry! There will be breakfast tacos, gumbo, baked goods, boba tea, desserts and more! All proceeds will benefit the children's indoor playground in our new church building! Cash, Venmo and Zelle will be accepted.

A Miracle in Two Worlds | November 21st–22nd | *Stafford Centre*

Two women—centuries apart—are united by a miracle that goes beyond healing.

This original bilingual (English & Chinese) musical blends biblical stories with modern realism, featuring powerful drama, beautiful music, and a touching real-life story. Invite your friends and family to experience God's love! Free tickets: actsperform.org/event. Posters and postcards are available in the church office.

Family Dedication | Sunday, November 30th | *Sanctuary*

Parents interested in dedicating their child to the Lord can sign up at hcc.lv/dedication. A pastor will contact parents for a home visit. The deadline for signing up is 11/23. Contact Person: Mr. Frank frankt@hcchome.org

Save The Date: Women's Ministry Event | Saturday, December 6th | 9:30AM–11:30AM

Join us for our Women's Ministry Fall Event "White as Snow: Finding Forgiveness through Christ"! Though each of us is uniquely crafted by God like snowflakes, we are all invited into Christ's redeeming grace that washes us white as snow. We'll learn what it means to be truly forgiven and how to forgive others well. Registration begins October 26. For more information, please email womensministry@hcchome.org.

Minister Linh Phan's Retirement Party | Saturday, December 13th | 2:00PM–4:00PM | *HCC*

Join us as we celebrate Minister Linh Phan's 21 years of faithful service as Outreach Minister and honor her as she begins her next chapter. To help us plan for this special occasion, please RSVP by November 23 at hcc.lv/linh.

Mexico Short-Term Missions | June 27th–July 12th | *Baja California, Mexico*

We are taking two groups to serve at the FFHM Orphanage next Summer. Youth STM: June 27 – July 5, 2026; Family STM: July 4 – 12, 2026. For more information about these trips or to sign up (by 12/9) go to: hcc.lv/ywamstms

CHURCH NOTICES

HCC Polos

To commemorate 50 years of God's faithfulness to our church, we have a designed a polo for purchase. This is a limited run, so place your order by Sunday (11/9) using the following link: hcc.lv/hccpolo. Polo cost \$22.

50th Anniversary Retreat Shirts

Due to interest, orders will be available for the 50th Anniversary retreat t-shirts for those that were either unable to attend retreat or would like extra shirts. Please place your order by Sunday, 11/9, using the following link: hcc.lv/tshirt

Fire Drill

As part of our safety plan, we'll be holding a fire drill next Sunday (11/9). This is only a practice fire drill please follow directions from ushers and exit calmly when instructed.

HOUSTON CHINESE CHURCH FACTS & FIGURES

LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE AND FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR OCTOBER 26, 2025

HCC WORSHIP

289
ENGLISH

73
CANTONESE

204
MANDARIN

PEARLAND WORSHIP

15
ENGLISH

38
MANDARIN

619
TOTAL



HCC SUNDAY SCHOOL

147
ENGLISH

51

CANTONESE

68

MANDARIN

65

YOUTH

87

CHILDREN

PEARLAND SUNDAY SCHOOL

8

ENGLISH

28

MANDARIN

9

YOUTH

14

CHILDREN

OCTOBER 26, 2025	OFFERINGS	YTD RECEIVED	YTD (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS	
			THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR
HCC GENERAL	\$95,455.44	\$1,780,652.94	(\$474,761.54)	(\$601,280.12)
PCC GENERAL	\$5,686.00	\$176,516.00		
HCC BUILDING	\$ 21,362.08	\$327,272.02		
ORIGINAL PLEDGE PAYMENTS	\$28,470.50	\$958,418.19		
RENOVATION PLEDGE PAYMENTS	\$122,378.65	\$990,019.70		



STAFF ITINERARY

Jason Tarn: Missionary visitation, 11/6-11/14



LUNCH PREPARATION

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

Jiixin/SYPF (this week)

Calvin & Allison/Joe & Rachel (next week)



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.

A MIRACLE IN TWO WORLDS

AN INSPIRING MUSICAL IN ENGLISH & CHINESE



NOVEMBER 21 – 22, 2025
STAFFORD CENTRE THEATRE

FREE ADMISSION WITH TICKET RESERVATION

FOR FREE TICKETS AND INFO: [HTTPS://ACTSPERFORM.ORG/EVENT/](https://actsp Perform.org/event/)

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HCC WOMEN'S MINISTRY

White as Snow

FINDING FORGIVENESS THROUGH CHRIST

SATURDAY DECEMBER 6

HCC CHAPEL

9:30 - 11:30 A.M.

COST: \$3

REGISTER BY NOVEMBER 23

"THOUGH YOUR SINS ARE LIKE SCARLET, THEY SHALL BE AS WHITE AS SNOW"
ISAIAH 1:18

