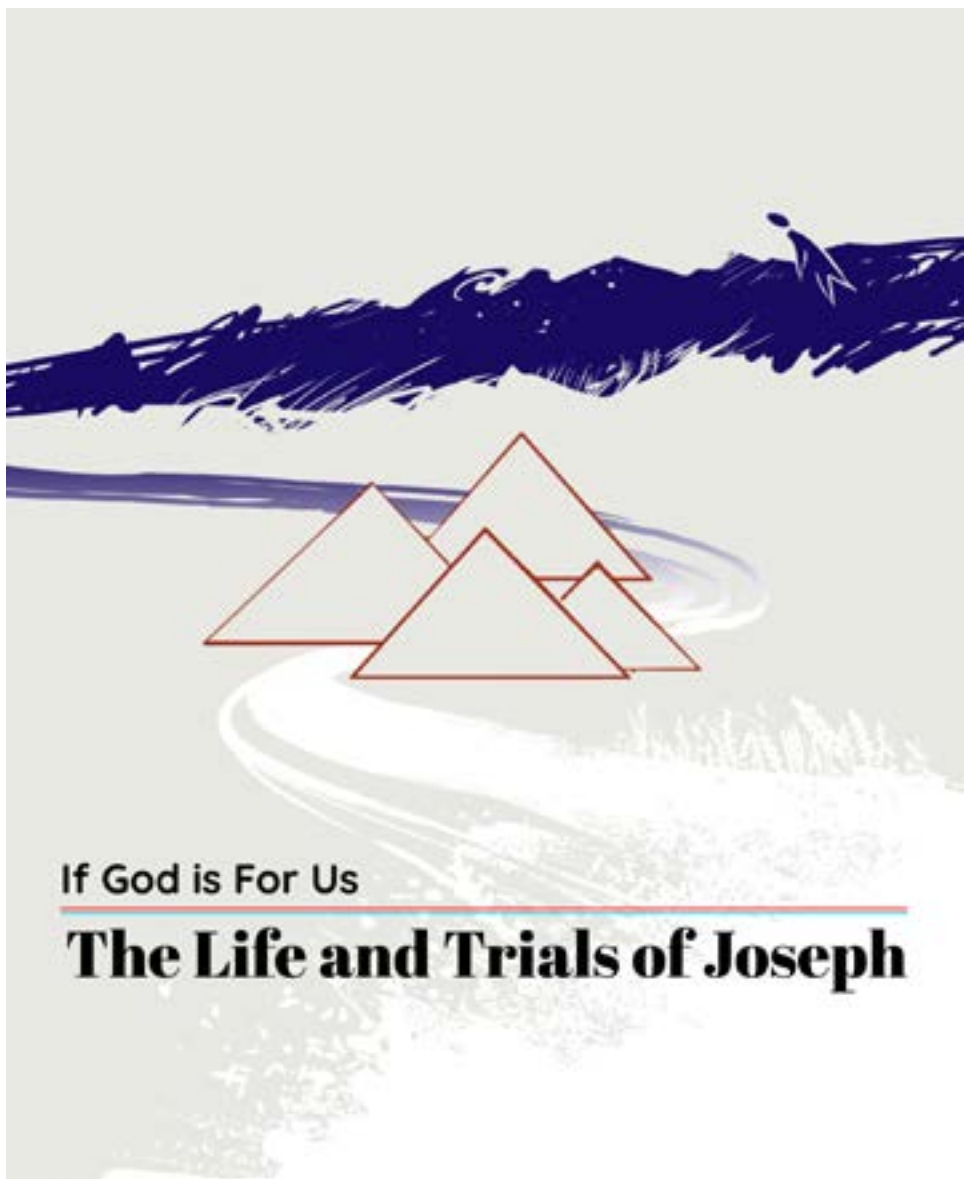




If God is For Us

The Life and Trials of Joseph



HOUSTON
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The Second Test

Preacher: Henry Ow

Sunday, November 9, 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 43:1–34*

Worship in the Word, Henry Ow

“The Second Test” - [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

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

You Have Saved Our Lives

December 7 | *Genesis 47* | 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 115

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

Christian Ethics (Part 1 of 3) | Chapel

Baptism Class | Trailer 412-414

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

The Second Test

Genesis: 43:1-34

When we fail God, we feel defeated. We fail to avert our eyes from a forbidden image. We fail to refrain from office gossip. We fail to reign in our spending habits and buy another set of golf clubs. Failing God causes us to feel ashamed and dejected. What does God do when we fail him? Does he cast us aside?

- I. **Story:** God orchestrates events so that Jacob's sons relive their failures to test if they have changed.

- II. **Truth:** God orchestrates events so that we relive our failures to test if we have changed.

- III. **Application:** Turn to Jesus who has never failed so that you can experience the change needed to overcome the test.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Breeze Information Update | TODAY (last day) | 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.

Baptism and Membership Classes | Sundays in November | 11:00 AM–12:15 PM | Trailer 412

Ready to proclaim your faith through baptism or just want to know more? Classes TODAY and November 16th are focused on baptism and classes November 23rd and 30th will walk through becoming a member of HCC.

All Church Prayer Service | TODAY | 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.

MOLO | Thursday, November 20th | 8:30PM–9:30PM | ZOOM online

"Raising Kids with Character in a World That Tests It." Pastor Fred will be giving a ZOOM talk on developing a child's character. All are welcomed, including dads and singles. Zoom link: hcc.lv/raisingkids. Email Yi Wang at eeex101@gmail.com for questions.

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

Women's Ministry Event | Saturday, December 6th | 9:30AM–11:30AM | HCC Chapel

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 is open now through November 23 at hcc.lv/women. Contact womensministry@hcchome.org with any questions.

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

General Membership Meeting Results

In the 11/2 GMM vote, all nominated elders and deacons were confirmed. For detailed results, please refer to the bulletin board outside the office.

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 TODAY 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 TODAY, using the following link: hcc.lv/tshirt

Fire Drill

As part of our safety plan, we'll be holding a fire drill TODAY. 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 NOVEMBER 2, 2025

HCC WORSHIP

336

ENGLISH

73

CANTONESE

208

MANDARIN

PEARLAND WORSHIP

73

ENG+MAND

690

TOTAL



HCC SUNDAY SCHOOL

147

ENGLISH

53

CANTONESE

82

MANDARIN

65

YOUTH

87

CHILDREN

PEARLAND SUNDAY SCHOOL

18

ENGLISH

27

MANDARIN

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YOUTH

16

CHILDREN

NOVEMBER 2, 2025	OFFERINGS	YTD RECEIVED	YTD (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS	
			THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR
HCC GENERAL	\$34,868.14	\$1,815,521.08	(\$570,266.82)	(\$669,977.00)
PCC GENERAL	\$5,001.00	\$181,517.00		
HCC BUILDING	\$ 7,200.00	\$334,472.02		
ORIGINAL PLEDGE PAYMENTS	\$1,700.00	\$960,118.19		
RENOVATION PLEDGE PAYMENTS	\$29,270.00	\$1,019,289.70		



CONGRATULATIONS

*Victor & Winnie Leung on their son, **Edwin Leong**, born on October 31, 2025.*



STAFF ITINERARY

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

Stanley Chan: Father–Daughter retreat, 11/7–11/9

Melvin Huang: Vacation, 11/12–11/15

Henry Ow: Outside speaking, 11/13–11/15



LUNCH PREPARATION

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

Calvin & Allison/Joe & Jessica (this week)

Aihua (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/)

PRESENTED BY: ACTS MINISTRIES | HOUSTON CHINESE CHURCH





HCC WOMEN'S MINISTRY

White as Snow

FINDING FORGIVENESS THROUGH CHRIST

SATURDAY DECEMBER 6

HCC CHAPEL

9:30 - 11:30 A.M.

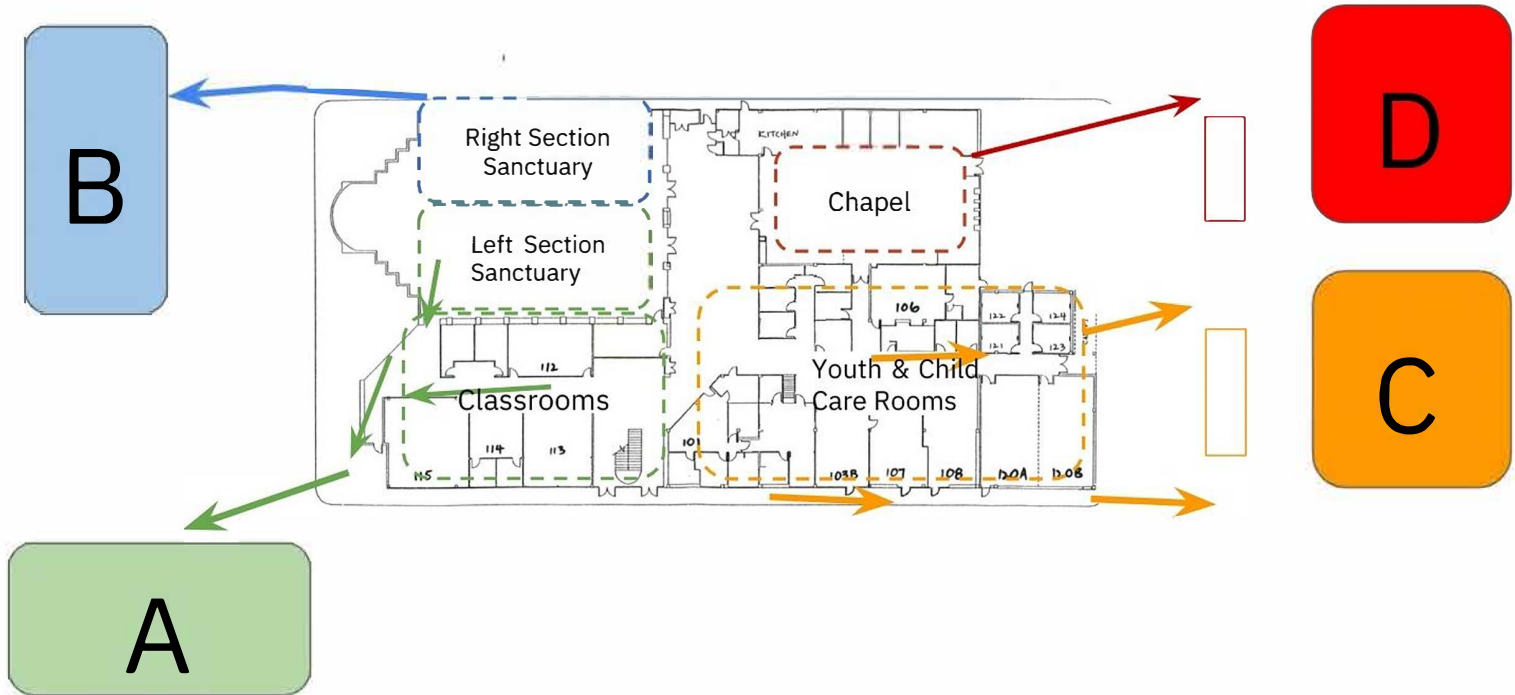
COST: \$3

REGISTER BY NOVEMBER 23

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



Assembly Areas For Evacuation



HCC Fire Drill and Fire Prevention

In case of fire:

- Stay calm, evacuate quickly in discipline.
- Do not go to classroom to pick up kids, teachers will take care of kid's evacuation. Close the doors, follow the evacuation direction to designated assembly areas.
- If your clothes catch fire: stop, drop, and roll.
 - cool and calm.
- In case clothes catch fire: fire blanket is right next to fire extinguisher.
- Extinguisher: **PASS** Pull (pin), Aim, Squeeze and Sweep.

