



If God is For Us

# The Life and Trials of Joseph



HOUSTON  
CHINESE CHURCH  
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**The Big Picture**

**Preacher: Jason Tarn**

**Sunday, December 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

Advent Candle Lighting

Worship in Song

Offertory

Welcome of New Members

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading, *Genesis 47:1–31*

Worship in the Word, Jason Tarn

“The Big Picture” - [Sermon Outline](#)

Worship in Song

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Lord's Supper

Benediction & Doxology

## Church Membership

Church membership formalizes a relationship between the church and a Christian through the church affirming their faith and the Christian permitting the church to shepherd them.



## UPCOMING SERMON SCHEDULE

Every Sunday at 9:15 AM

### Sovereign Grace

*December 14 | Genesis 48 | Jason Tarn*

### The Scepter Shall Not Depart

*December 21 | Genesis 49 | Jason Tarn*

### God Meant It For Good

*December 28 | Genesis 50 | Henry Ow*

### The Beginning of the Gospel

*January 4 | Mark 1:1–15 | Melvin Huang*



## ONLINE

Sermon notes and video recordings can be found here:

[hcc.tv/sermons](http://hcc.tv/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 2 of 3): Romans–2 Thessalonians | Rm 115**

**Christian Ethics (Part 2 of 3) | Chapel**

**Finding your PLACE | January 25, 2025 – February 22, 2026 | Rm 113**

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

The Big Picture

*Genesis 47:1–31*

By Genesis 47, the main plot points of the narrative have been resolved. Joseph has ascended to power, the brothers are reconciled, and God's people have been preserved. While the remaining chapters may seem less important, when you read Genesis as the first of the five Books of Moses (Pentateuch), it becomes evident that these final chapters are preparing us for Exodus and the broader biblical story of redemption. When you pull back the lens, each movement in this chapter reveals a larger theological point.

**Movement #1:** Jacob blesses and Pharaoh prospers**Movement #2:** Egypt survives but Israel thrives**Movement #3:** God promises and Israel believes

## UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

**Pastoral Ordination: Meet Stanley Chang** | TODAY | 2:00PM-3:30PM | Room 210

For those in the congregation who are interested in participating in a Q&A with Minister Stanley Chang please feel free to stop by.

**General Membership Meeting** | Sunday, December 14th | 12:30PM | Sanctuary

There will be a general membership meeting to vote on the 2026 budget proposal and Minister Stanley's ordination. We need more than 50% of our church members to attend in order to reach a quorum. Please join us for the meeting and keep these matters in your prayers.

**All Church Prayer Service** | Sunday, December 14th | 5:00PM | Chapel

Come join us for our final all church prayer service for the year! After a time of prayer, we'll have a potluck meal at 6:00PM. The potluck theme will be "Your Go To Dish". Hope to see you there!

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** | Wednesday, December 24th | 5:30pm | Sanctuary

Church, let us gather together on Christmas Eve to worship the newborn King together!

\*Childcare will be provided for 3 years old and under.

**Mexico Short-Term Missions** | June 27th-July 12th, 2026 | 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 (deadline TODAY) go to: [hcc.lv/ywamstms](http://hcc.lv/ywamstms).

**STM Taiwan 2026** | July 3rd-July 19th, 2026 | Taiwan

Mr. Frank will lead a short-term missions team to Taiwan in July 2026. Interested individuals can sign up at [hcc.lv/twnstm](http://hcc.lv/twnstm) for either the Tainan STM (7/3-7/12) or the Taipei STM (7/11-7/19), or both.

**Weekly Church-wide Legacy Ministry** | Wednesdays | 10:00 AM-2:00 PM | HCC

Older adults are welcome! For more information, 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.

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

Join us for a FREE F3 workout in the rear parking lot. Please enter through the kitchen-side driveway or the back alley. Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 13, at 8:30 AM for our special Christmas workout, which is open to women and children. For questions, contact David at [David.Cheong921@gmail.com](mailto:David.Cheong921@gmail.com).

## CHURCH NOTICES

**Baptism** | Sunday, December 14th | Sanctuary

Join us to witness the baptism of **Alexander Chen, Evelina Chen, Yunhe (Oliver) Mu and Max Zhang** in English service on Sunday, December 14th.

**HCC Polo Distribution**

The polos are here! Please come to the office to pick yours up.

**50 Year Anniversary T-Shirts are Here!**

If you pre-ordered a shirt, you can pick it up in the lobby this Sunday after service. Didn't order one? No worries — we'll also have extras available for purchase while supplies last.

**FREE! 2026 HCC Calendars Available**

Pick up a free calendar in the church lobby; please take only one per household.

**Angel Tree Christmas** | November 30th - December 14th | Lobby

HCC is partnering with Prison Fellowship Angel Tree to bring joy and the love of Jesus to children whose moms or dads are in prison. We are participating virtually this year (\$30 per child). If you or your small group would like to sponsor a child (or several!), please visit our stand in the lobby.

**Room Reservations**

From now on, if you would like to reserve a room, please use the reservation link: [hcc.lv/rooms](http://hcc.lv/rooms). All reservations must be made at least two weeks in advance.

# HOUSTON CHINESE CHURCH FACTS & FIGURES

## LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE AND FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR NOVEMBER 30, 2025

### HCC WORSHIP

**305**  
ENGLISH

**66**  
CANTONESE

**201**  
MANDARIN

### PEARLAND WORSHIP

**26**  
ENGLISH

**33**  
MANDARIN

**631**  
TOTAL



### HCC SUNDAY SCHOOL

**96**  
ENGLISH

**51**  
CANTONESE

**74**  
MANDARIN

**81**  
YOUTH

**76**  
CHILDREN

### PEARLAND SUNDAY SCHOOL

**11**  
ENGLISH

**27**  
MANDARIN

**8**  
YOUTH

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CHILDREN

NOVEMBER 30, 2025	OFFERINGS	YTD RECEIVED	YTD (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS	
			THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR
HCC GENERAL	\$102,655.46	\$2,027,048.05	(\$489,959.50)*	(\$566,256.04)
PCC GENERAL	\$4,678.00	\$191,890.00		
HCC BUILDING	\$4,482.13	\$368,888.94		
ORIGINAL PLEDGE PAYMENTS	\$60,900.94	\$1,229,419.13		
RENOVATION PLEDGE PAYMENTS	\$69,798.25	\$1,160,188.22		
COMMUNITY RESTRICTED GRANTS	—	\$28,100.00		

\*Last week's reported YTD Deficit for this Year was understated in error and has been corrected with today's reported number.



## STAFF ITINERARY

*Dinah Koh:* Vacation, 12/14



## MEMBERSHIP INTRODUCTION

TODAY, current members are invited to affirm our new membership candidates: *Xinying Bi, Annelie Han, Jason Han, Andrew Kim, Hannah Lam, Austin Lee, Jialu Liu, Arkin Si, Jason Wu and Melinda Yu.*

## LUNCH PREPARATION

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

*Cambridge* (this week)

*YOUTH/Sean & Jessie* (next week)



## ← 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.

# **English Adult Sunday School – Winter 2025-2026**

**Starting December 7<sup>th</sup> (11:00 am – 12:15 pm)**

## **New Testament Survey (Part 2 of 3): Romans to 2 Thessalonians**

Led by Pastor Henry Ow, James Gao, Paul Chung, Nathan Leu, and Bill Huang

**Room 115**

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 several of the letters written by Paul, the books of Romans through 2 Thessalonians. In these books, Paul teaches us important truths of Christian theology and key aspects of the Christian life. Through presentations, group discussions, and application of the lessons, we will gain more knowledge of these books and grow in our walk with Jesus.

## **Christian Ethics (Part 2 of 3): Civic Duty & Civil Disobedience, Just War & Justified Violence, Race & Justice, Marketplace Ethics**

Led by Michael Cao, Melvin Huang, Sam Huang, Akhil Shenoy, Pastor Jason Tarn, and Eric Wiest

**Chapel**

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 second of three quarters that will cover a wide range of ethical topics. For this winter, we will cover the following units:

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- **Civic Duty & Civil Disobedience** (e.g., political activism (including Christian Nationalism), legislating morality, civil disobedience, immigration/refugees, etc.)
- **Just War & Justified Violence** (e.g., morality of violence, self-defense (gun rights), just war, etc.)
- **Race & Justice** (e.g., racism, slavery, racial justice/reconciliation, critical race theory, affirmative action etc.)
- **Marketplace Ethics** (e.g., capitalism, socialism, money, workplace ethics, gambling, etc.)

With emphasis on the Bible as our primary source and standard, but also incorporating other relevant materials, sources, 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.

## **Finding Your PLACE, January 25 – February 22, 2026**

Led by Dena Chuang and Sean Qiu

**Room 113**

We are offering a 5-week Sunday School class called "Finding Your PLACE". PLACE is an intentional process to help God's people discover how He has uniquely created them so they can be and do what He created them for in life and ministry (Ephesians 2:10). PLACE is an acronym that stands for: Personality Discovery, Learning Spiritual Gifts, Abilities Awareness, Connecting Passion with Ministry, Experiences of Life. The class will run 1/25/26-2/22/26.