



If God is For Us

The Life and Trials of Joseph



HOUSTON
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The Last Words of Jacob

Preacher: Jason Tarn

Sunday, December 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

Advent Candle Lighting

Worship in Song

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Offertory

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading, *Genesis 49:1–33*

Worship in the Word, Jason Tarn

“The Last Words of Jacob” - [Sermon Outline](#)

Worship in Song

Benediction & Doxology

Love (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

We light the candle of Love,
reflecting God's great love
shown in sending his Son
for us.



UPCOMING SERMON SCHEDULE

Every Sunday at 9:15 AM

God Meant It For Good

December 28 | Genesis 50 | Henry Ow

The Beginning of the Gospel

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

A New Teacher with Authority

January 11 | Mark 1:16–45 | Jason Tarn

The Authority to Forgive

January 18 | Mark 2:1–17 | Jason Tarn



ONLINE

Sermon notes and video
recordings can
be found here:

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



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The Last Words of Jacob

Genesis 49:1–33

The last words of Jacob were words of blessing to his twelve sons. It's true that some of these blessings read more like curses, but, in the end, it's a blessing to be included at all. In spite of their checkered past, each brother will still populate the Twelve Tribes and receive a share of the Promised Land. Jacob's final blessings contain important lessons on sin, grace, and our ultimate hope.

1. The generational impact of sin is real.
2. The Abrahamic blessing is without equal.
3. The blessing of God is a person.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

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.

Emotional Regulation | *Thursday, January 15th* | 8:30PM-9:30PM | *ZOOM online*
Calm in the Chaos: Parenting Strategies for Emotional Regulation. Montessori early childhood teacher Mimi will be answering questions about developing emotional regulation in our kids. All are welcomed (including dads and singles), link to come. This will a Q&A, so please ask questions beforehand: hcc.lv/questions. Contact Yi Wang at eeex101@gmail.com.

Ordination Ceremony for Stanley Chang | *Saturday, January 24* | 3:00PM-5:00PM | *Sanctuary*
Please join us for the ordination ceremony of Stanley Chang into the pastoral ministry. A light reception will follow in the chapel.

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. For questions, contact David at David.Cheong921@gmail.com.

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 for either the Tainan STM (7/3-7/12) or the Taipei STM (7/11-7/19), or both.

CHURCH NOTICES

Church Office Closed on Thursday, December 25th

The church will be closed this Thursday in observance of Christmas.

No Nursery, Youth, or Awana this Friday, December 26

There will be no Nursery, Youth, or Awana this Friday (12/26).

Membership Meeting Vote Results

Thank you to everyone who participated in the General Membership Meeting last Sunday. Out of the 356 in attendance, 350 valid ballots were received. 2026 church budget proposal passed with 99.4% of votes in favor, HCC Council's recommendation for the ordination of Minister Stanley Chang as a Houston Chinese Church Pastor also passed with 98.5% in favor.

If You Plan on Donating Stocks This Year, Be Wise and Do it Soon

Instruct your brokerage firm as early as possible this month to transfer donated shares. The date of record for your tax deductibility is when HCC receives your stock donation, and not when you initiate it. Email treasurer@hcchome.org with the name and # of shares you're donating because the donor's identity never accompanies the stock donation.

2025 Tax-Deductible Gift Deadline To be Counted as a Contribution for 2025

1. Paper Checks and Cash - If using the offering boxes, gifts must be physically received by Wed, Dec 31st at 5pm. If mailed, it must be postmarked by Dec 31st. Writing "12/31/2025" on the check itself will not make a difference.
2. PayPal Giving Fund Online Donations: Must be made by Dec 31st.

New Building Children's Center Fundraising Campaign

Please prayerfully consider giving to fund the renovation of the Children's Center on the second floor of our new building. Our goal is \$800K, and so far, 18 families have committed almost \$130K. You can make check payable to Houston Chinese Church and memo, "Second Floor Children's Center". You can also use ".30" through PayPal Giving Fund, example "\$5000.30"

50 Year Anniversary Magazine

We are happy to announce that the HCC 50th Anniversary Magazine is now available for pickup. This special edition highlights the history of HCC and reflects on the many blessings God has graciously given us over the past 50 years. Please pick up the magazine in the lobby, and kindly take one copy per household.

HOUSTON CHINESE CHURCH FACTS & FIGURES

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

HCC WORSHIP

305

ENGLISH

70

CANTONESE

204

MANDARIN

PEARLAND WORSHIP

20

ENGLISH

40

MANDARIN

639

TOTAL



HCC SUNDAY SCHOOL

86

ENGLISH

53

CANTONESE

72

MANDARIN

68

YOUTH

85

CHILDREN

PEARLAND SUNDAY SCHOOL

12

ENGLISH

33

MANDARIN

8

YOUTH

18

CHILDREN

DECEMBER 14, 2025	OFFERINGS	YTD RECEIVED	YTD (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS	
			THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR
HCC GENERAL	\$44,773.00	\$2,093,802.55	(\$497,140.36)	(\$440,720.22)
PCC GENERAL	\$6,680.00	\$202,871.00		
HCC BUILDING	\$42,810.00	\$412,238.94		
ORIGINAL PLEDGE PAYMENTS	\$15,180.00	\$1,357,009.92		
RENOVATION PLEDGE PAYMENTS	\$27,100.00	\$1,198,288.22		



STAFF ITINERARY

Alyona Chen: Vacation, 12/21–28

Mary Lee: Vacation, 12/21–28

Melvin Huang: Vacation, 12/26–30



CHURCH CLOSED

HCC will be closed on Christmas Day, December 25.

On December 26, HCC will be closed after 5PM

LUNCH PREPARATION

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

No Lunch (this week)

No Lunch (next week)

SCAN HERE FOR HCC PAPERLESS GIVING



← 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.