



If God is For Us

The Life and Trials of Joseph



HOUSTON
CHINESE CHURCH
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God Meant It For Good

Preacher: Henry Ow

Sunday, December 28, 2025 | 9:15 AM – 10:30 AM

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ENGLISH WORSHIP SERVICE

9:15 AM – 10:30 AM

Welcome & Call to Worship
Recitation of the Nicene Creed
Worship in Song
Confession of Sin
Assurance of Pardon
Offertory
Pastoral Prayer
Scripture Reading, *Genesis 50:1–26*
Worship in the Word, Henry Ow
“God Meant It For Good” - [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

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

Sanctity of Life

January 25 | TBD | Melvin Huang



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 – February 22 | Rm 113



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God Meant It For Good

Genesis: 50:1-26

Trouble in our lives make it difficult for us to see how God can possibly be good. Trouble takes many forms: illness, anxiety, depression, conflict, antagonism, or loneliness just to name some. It's difficult to believe in the goodness of God when we experience such trouble. How can we trust God to be good when we experience trouble in our lives?

- I. **Past:** God sovereignly worked in our past to bring about good in our lives.
- II. **Present:** Our experience of God's goodness enables us to bestow good on others today.
- III. **Future:** We anticipate the experience of God's future goodness.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

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 | Sat., January 24th | 3:00 PM-5:00 PM | 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-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, January 1st

The church will be closed this Thursday in observance of New Year's Day.

No Nursery, Youth, or Awana on Friday, January 2nd

There will be no Nursery, Youth, or Awana this Friday.

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 Wednesday, December 31st at 5:00 PM. If mailed, it must be postmarked by December 31st. Writing "12/31/2025" on the check itself will not make a difference.
2. PayPal Giving Fund Online Donations: Must be made by December 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 checks payable to "Houston Chinese Church" and memo, "Second Floor Children's Center." You can also use ".30" through PayPal Giving Fund, for example: "\$5,000.30."

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 21, 2025

HCC WORSHIP

PEARLAND WORSHIP

336

ENGLISH

274

MANDARIN + CANTONESE

62

COMBINED

672

TOTAL



HCC SUNDAY SCHOOL

PEARLAND SUNDAY SCHOOL

92

ENGLISH

-

CANTONESE

56

MANDARIN

45

YOUTH

74

CHILDREN

-

ENGLISH

-

MANDARIN

-

YOUTH

13

CHILDREN

DECEMBER 21, 2025	OFFERINGS	YTD RECEIVED	YTD (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS	
			THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR
HCC GENERAL	\$65,226.96	\$2,159,029.51	(\$517,255.68)	(\$365,260.42)
PCC GENERAL	\$-*	\$202,871.00		
HCC BUILDING	\$10,550.00	\$422,788.94		
ORIGINAL PLEDGE PAYMENTS	\$8,000.25	\$1,365,010.17		
RENOVATION PLEDGE PAYMENTS	\$39,017.00	\$1,237,305.22		
2ND FLOOR CHILDREN'S CENTER	\$6,000.00	\$55,224.68		

*PCC's 12/21 offerings will be included in the 12/28 numbers.



STAFF ITINERARY

Alyona Chen: Vacation, 12/21-28

Mary Lee: Vacation, 12/21-28

Melvin Huang: Vacation, 12/26-30



CONDOLENCES

Irene Fong's father, Chien Tai Liu, passed away peacefully December 19th at age 100 to be with the Lord.



LUNCH PREPARATION

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

No Lunch (this week)

Living Spring/Agape (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 OR stop by our welcome desk in the lobby. We will contact you with ways to connect with our community!

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