



Sanctity of Life SUNDAY



HOUSTON
CHINESE CHURCH
華人教會

Love Both the Mother and Her Unborn Baby Because God Does

Preacher: Melvin Huang

Sunday, January 25, 2026 | 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 HCC Articles of Faith I-III

Worship in Song

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Offertory

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading, *Exodus 21:22-25*

Worship in the Word, Melvin Huang

“Love Both the Mother and Her Unborn Baby

Because God Does” - [Sermon Outline](#)

Worship in Song

Benediction & Doxology

Call to Worship

The call to worship exhorts God's people to turn from worldly distractions and to focus hearts, minds, and actions on revering him.



UPCOMING SERMON SCHEDULE

Every Sunday at 9:15 AM

The Lord of the Sabbath

February 1 | *Mark 2:18-3:12* | Jason Tarn

A New Family

February 8 | *Mark 3:13-35* | Stanley Chang

The Secret of the Kingdom

February 15 | *Mark 4:1-20* | Jason Tarn

The Growing Kingdom

February 22 | *Mark 4:21-34* | 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 2 of 3) Romans-2 Thessalonians | Rm 115

Christian Ethics (Part 1 of 3) Chapel

Finding your PLACE | Rm 113

CANCELED

Sanctity of life

Love Both the Mother and Her Unborn Baby Because God Does
Exodus 21:22-25

As we observe Sanctity of Life Sunday, the need for dialogue and persuasion over the issue of abortion is greater than ever, since abortion is now up to the States. But, the current narratives dominating the abortion debate have only led our society and many Christians into sharp disagreement and also much sorrow. The false, simplistic narratives are: to be pro-life is to be anti-woman, and to be pro-choice is to be anti-life. The Bible tells a better story. Through today's text, we are reminded that God has always cared for the mother and her unborn baby. His heart is for both people, for they are made in his image. So, we too need to love them in ways that affirm life for both of them.

I. Truth: God cares for both the mother and her unborn baby

a. Based on context

b. Based on Hebrew words used (v22)

c. Based on use of fines (v22)

d. Based on the principle of lex talionis (vv23-25)

II. **Implications: Since God cares for both the mother and her unborn baby:**

a. *Unborn are people to be loved*

b. *Mothers are people to be loved*

III. **Gospel: Christ's love for us compels us to love them both**

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Baptism and Membership Classes | *Sundays in February | 11:00 AM-12:15 PM | Trailer 412*
Ready to proclaim your faith through baptism or just want to know more? Classes 2/1 and 2/8 are focused on baptism and classes 2/15 and 2/22 will walk through becoming a member of HCC.

English Members Meeting | *Friday, February 13th | 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.

Fathers of Little Ones (FOLO) Gathering | *Saturday, February 14th | 9:30AM-11:00AM*

FOLO is having its next gathering at Fire Truck Park (3743 Garnet St, Houston, TX 77005). Bring the kids for a time of fellowship and fun! For questions, contact Alan Bennett at ab@alumni.rice.edu

Parents' Night Out Valentine's Day Edition | *Saturday, February 14 | 4:00 PM-8:00 PM | HCC*

Need someone to watch your child so you can go out and come back refreshed?

Volunteers from HCC will take care of your kids while you go out for \$6/child.

Volunteers, sign up at tinyurl.com/pno-volunteer.

Parents, sign up your children at tinyurl.com/pno-signup.

First come, first serve until capacity is reached. Contact Cecilia Liang at PNO@hcchome.org.

Family Life Conference | *Fri.-Sat., February 20-21 | HCC*

Screens are everywhere—including our homes—but so are opportunities for meaningful connections with our kids. Join us and our guest speaker Arlene Pellicane, host of the Happy Home podcast and author of several books. Friday night will involve watching her film, *Screen Kids*, and engaging Arlene directly with audience questions. The next morning, she will teach two workshops that explore practical ways to *Raise Relational Kids in a Screen-Driven World*. Save the date and spread the word!

STM Taiwan 2026 Meeting | *Today, February 1st & February 8th*

Information meetings for 2026 Taiwan STM in July is scheduled for (1) Zoom meeting TODAY at 6pm (Zoom link: HCC.Iv/twninfo); (2) 2/1 at 1pm in Room 124 at Pearland campus; and (3) 2/8 at 1:30pm in Room 208 at HCC. Interested individuals can also contact Mr. Frank at frankt@hcchome.org.

CHURCH NOTICES

2025 Reimbursement Vouchers Due TODAY

All reimbursement vouchers for 2025 expense must be submitted by **TODAY**. Any vouchers submitted after January 25th will NOT be accepted.

No Nursery, Youth and Children Program This Friday, January 31st

There will be no Nursery, Youth, or Awana this Friday (1/31). Fellowships and small groups should plan accordingly.

Ready, Set, Race | *January 31st | 7:15PM-8:30PM | Chapel/Zoom*

You are invited to come watch our 2026 Awana Grand Prix from 7:15 PM-8:30PM on 1/30 (Fri) on Zoom (hcc.Iv/26grace). Over 20 racers will be participating.

2025 Offering Record

Your 2025 HCC Offering Record will be sent to you via email at the end of January. Please do not request it before then. If you'd like to pick up a paper copy, please sign up at the church office starting Sunday, January 18th, and you can pick it up starting Sunday, February 1st.

Used Digital Piano Donation Needed for Worship Training Program

HCC is launching a Worship Training Program in February 2026 and is looking for donated 88-key digital pianos to support hands-on training. If you're able to donate an instrument or help in other ways, please contact Prisca Ling, Chinese Worship Deacon priscalpy@gmail.com.

HOUSTON CHINESE CHURCH FACTS & FIGURES

LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE AND FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR JANUARY 18, 2026

HCC WORSHIP

305 ENGLISH	238 MANDARIN	71 CANTONESE
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PEARLAND WORSHIP

22 ENGLISH	45 MANDARIN
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681 TOTAL	
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HCC SUNDAY SCHOOL

101 ENGLISH	56 CANTONESE	62 MANDARIN	40 YOUTH	97 CHILDREN	9 ENGLISH	25 MANDARIN	- YOUTH	15 CHILDREN
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PEARLAND SUNDAY SCHOOL

JANUARY 18, 2026	OFFERINGS	YTD RECEIVED	YTD (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS	
			THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR
HCC GENERAL	\$157,900.16	\$183,431.01	\$26,053.32	(\$100,212.40)
PCC GENERAL	\$2,731.00	\$6,652.00		
HCC BUILDING	\$4,105.62	\$40,942.48		
BUILDING PLEDGE	--	\$2,000.00		
RENOVATION PLEDGE	\$50,700.00	\$51,650.00		



STAFF ITINERARY

Pastor Joseph: Vacation, 1/19-2/4



LUNCH PREPARATION

Newcomers can pick up a free lunch coupon & voucher to book stall at the Welcome Desk!
No Lunch (this week)

Wilson & Dena/ Patrick & Debbie (next week)

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PAYPAL GIVING FUND



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
- "30" - 2nd Floor Children's Center

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.



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SUNDAY

“For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother’s womb.”

PSALM 139:13, ESV

Created in His Image: Advocating for Life

BY ERLC RESEARCH TEAM

The following excerpt is from our Life guide, “Created in the Image of God: A Practical Guide to Building a Culture of Life.”

Scenario: A college student who is a pre-med major has a class assignment to take a position on whether abortion is “an essential part of reproductive healthcare.” Her classmates, none of whom agree with her pro-life convictions, all believe that it is, so she knows that she will be in the minority when she disagrees. She doesn’t believe that simply quoting Scripture will be enough to convince anyone of her position. What advice would you give her for her presentation?

While she should not shy away from her religious convictions in this presentation, the context of an academic pre-med setting should encourage her to lean into the plentiful scientific truths that support the pro-life position.

First, she should emphasize that abortion is not an essential part of reproductive healthcare because it does not seek to restore or heal, but rather to harm. From the moment of fertilization, a preborn child has completely unique genetic information which designates them as a separate human being with intrinsic worth, dignity, and a right to life. The milestones of fetal

development demonstrate that preborn children are living, growing persons.

It is good to remind her that, while her faith may be the primary basis for her convictions regarding abortion, God has also given us natural revelation that can be observed through science. This evidence is convincing in its own right and can be effectively used to defend a pro-life position, especially in the context of an audience that does not submit to the teachings of Scripture.

Finally, she should address the use of the procedure in tragic circumstances to highlight how they are different. The use of the same procedures for treatment in marginal cases such as ectopic pregnancies is not a positive case for the vast majority of abortions. In those few cases, Christians can recognize the need for action to save the mother’s life, while not allowing abortion advocates to equate the two procedures as morally similar.



View the entire life guide at
<https://erlc.com/created-in-the-image-of-god-guide-download/>



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