

Discipleship

According to Mark

Jesus Tried

Preacher: Jason Tarn

Sunday, October 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
Worship in Song
Confession of Sin
Assurance of Pardon
Offertory
Pastoral Prayer
Scripture Reading, Mark 15:1–15
Worship in the Word, Jason Tarn
"Jesus Tried" – 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

Jesus Mocked
November 1 | Mark 15:16–32 | Melvin Huang

Jesus Died
November 8 | Mark 15:33–39 | Jason Tarn

Jesus Buried
November 15 | Mark 15:40–47 | Jason Tarn

Jesus Raised
November 22 | Mark 16:1–8 |Henry Ow

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.

Habits of the Household | *Rm 115*
Old Testament Survey (Part 1 of 6) | *Trailer 411*
Systematic Theology Survey (Part 1 of 3)| *Room 210*
Faithful With Much: Managing God's Money Across Every Generation During the Great Wealth Transfer | *Rm 113*

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SERMON NOTES

October 25, 2026
Pastor Jason Tarn

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Jesus Tried

Mark 15:1–15

The trial of Jesus in Mark 15 reveals that opposition to him can manifest in two forms. One is a hard opposition represented by the Jewish leaders and their intense hostility. The other is a soft opposition represented by the Roman prefect and his insistent neutrality. Yet whatever the form of opposition, the good news is that forgiveness is available for all through a substitutionary sacrifice.

I. Hard opposition can be triggered by an insecure identity.

II. Soft opposition can be rooted in a fear of man.

III. Forgiveness can be found in a substitutionary sacrifice.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

2027 Elder/Deacon Meet & Greet | *Today | 1:00PM–2:00 PM | Room 210*
Join us for the Meet & Greet! We'll enjoy some light refreshments, and introduce new/returning elders and deacons the Lord has raised. All church members are encouraged to participate and pray together for the church.

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

General Membership Meeting | *Sunday, November 1st | 12:30PM | Sanctuary*
This will be a vote to affirm the deacon/elder nominees for 2027-2028 and Pearland Chinese Church English Pastor Mark Edwards' appointment . We need more than 50% of the church members to attend this meeting to meet quorum in order to vote. Otherwise, we will hold another meeting next Sunday, November 8th.

Cambodia STM Sharing | *Sunday, November 1st | 1:00PM–2:30PM | Room 210*
Thank you for your support! Come to hear the amazing things God has done in Cambodia through our STM team!

Fathers of Little Ones Gathering | *Saturday, November 7th | 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*.

English Members Meeting | *Friday, November 13th | 7:00 PM | Sanctuary*
Join us for our quarterly gathering as we welcome new members and receive ministry updates. Dinner will be provided beginning at 6:00PM.

HCC KIDS

Parents' Night Out | *Saturday, November 14th | 4:00PM–8:00PM | HCC*
Parents' Night Out, Rest & Recharge Edition! 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*.

CHURCH NOTICES

Pastor Appreciation Month!
October is Pastor Appreciation Month! Let's take a moment to express our gratitude for our pastors and ministers for their faithful service. Please use the link below to write a few words of encouragement and appreciation: *hcc.lv/pastorsappreciation*.

Christmas Angel Tree | *October 25th – November 15th | Church Lobby*
Our church is partnering with Prison Fellowship Angel Tree to share Christ's love with children of incarcerated parents. Sponsor a child for just $30! Visit the Angel Tree booth in the lobby, pick an ornament tag, and scan the QR code to donate online. For questions, please contact Brother Shen Tao at *communityservice@hcchome.org*.

HCC Discipling Ministry: Fall 2026 Sign Ups
Interested in discipling someone or being discipled? Check out the link: *hcc.lv/engdiscipling* to Sign Up or Learn More! Already signed up in previous cycles but haven't been matched yet? No need to sign up again, we still have your form! If you're a woman interested in discipling other women, we encourage you to sign up as there is a need in that space!

HOUSTON CHINESE CHURCH FACTS & FIGURES

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

HCC WORSHIP

| RETREAT | | |



"I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."
John 6:35

HCC WOMEN'S MINISTRY

SUSTAINED & SATISFIED





Experiencing the Fullness of God While We Wait



Saturday, November 14
HCC Chapel
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Register by Sunday, November 8

For questions contact womensministry@hcchome.org



2027–2028

Nomination Bios

elder + deacons

New Elder/Deacon Meet & Greet

Sun, 10/25 | 1:00 pm | Room 210

We will introduce the incoming elder and deacons. All church members are welcome to participate.

General Membership Meeting

Sun, 11/1 | 12:30 pm | Sanctuary

This meeting will be held following Sunday School on 11/1 to vote/affirm the deacon/elder nominees for 2027-2028. We need more than 50% of active church members to attend to meet quorum to vote.

1st Term Elder



James Chang
Elder

I am married to Shirley. We have 2 children (Jamison and Jessie; members of HCC) and 3 grandchildren.
We moved to Houston and joined HCC in 2022 and have been attending the Living Spring Fellowship. Shirley has been participating in the family life ministry and I have regularly attended church prayer meeting and served as HCC administrator from 2023 to 2026.
We had been members of Collin County Chinese Fellowship Church in Plano since church planting in 2000 before moving to Houston. I have served in General Affairs, cell group, regional cell group care, deacon and in building committee, personnel committee, steering committee.
Thanks to God's Grace, we experienced His lead and equipment in the way of service in the past. Also, we are grateful to have the opportunity to serve as an elder and grow in Him with brothers and sisters.



Nathan Leu
Elder

I have been at HCC since the summer of 2013 and have served as a small group leader for TGIF, WARM deacon, part of the English Buddy leadership team, and a Sunday school teacher. I was a regular member of the Panama and East Asia short-term missions teams for a number of years and, more recently, have been a member of the sending team for the Thailand TCK short-term mission trips. In 2023, I served in Thailand for a little over a year before returning to the States. Since then, I began my seminary studies at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and am about halfway through the Master of Divinity program. Professionally, I worked in public accounting as an auditor since I graduated from college up until leaving for Thailand.
I want to serve the church that the Lord has brought me to that has given me so much in terms of fellowship, support, and spiritual growth. I recognize that it may be quite challenging, but I will be trusting in God's daily grace and provision to see me through. I am truly humbled and honored to be an elder nominee.

1st Term Elder



Gary Ge
Elder

My wife, Betty, and I have been blessed with 36 years of marriage, two daughters, and three grandsons. I am retired from a career as a software developer and have been an HCC member since 1990. Over the years, the Lord and this church family have graciously provided opportunities for me to learn and serve in various roles, including as an elder and deacon. By God's grace and mercy, I am willing to be nominated once again as an elder to serve the Lord and His people.



Xianyun Wu
Elder

My wife Xu Chi and I got married at the end of 1989, and we have three children (35, 26 and 22 years old) and two grandchildren (5 and 3 years old). We joined the Houston Chinese Church in 2003 and have been participating in the Aihua fellowship ever since. In the past, I have served as a deacon in welcoming newcomers and local outreach, and elder.

We thank God for His guidance over the years, giving my wife and me the opportunity to serve in various ways in the fellowship and church. Through our service, we have personally experienced God's faithfulness and love, which has strengthened our faith in following and serving the Lord. After prayer and seeking, I am willing to accept the nomination for elder for 2027-2028, asking the Lord to continue guiding me to serve the church according to His will.

1st Term Elder



Steven Cheng
Elder

I am married to Amber, and we have two children, Kylie (4) and Noah (2). I came to know Jesus through my parents and the children's ministry at HCC, and this church has walked with me through every stage of life since then. In college ministry I deepened my understanding of God's purpose for us and the riches of His glory. Leading community groups stretched me as a shepherd, and verse-by-verse Sunday classes grew my love for Scripture and for teaching it faithfully. I am grateful for HCC.

1st Term Deacon



Samuel Lau
Deacon of English Welcoming and Receiving Ministry

I first started attending Houston Chinese Church in 2016 and have been blessed to call HCC my church family ever since. Over the years, I've had the opportunity to serve in several areas, including as a small group leader for about five years, an administrator for the HCC Flag Football League, and on the Welcoming Team. Most recently, I had the opportunity to serve on a short-term missions trip to Thailand, where our team served TCK (Third Culture Kid) children and youth.

I'm excited and humbled to serve as the English WARM Deacon. Through my years at HCC, I've come to appreciate the importance of community, hospitality, and caring for one another in practical ways. I hope to help create a church community where people feel welcomed, supported, and cared for, and to serve wherever there is a need. After nearly a decade at HCC, I'm thankful for the opportunity to help make HCC feel a little more like home for others, too.



Daniel Liu
Deacon of Chinese Welcoming and Receiving Ministry

My name is Daniel Liu. I am a software engineer by trade, and I have been attending HCC since I moved to Houston in 1998. Over the years, I have been involved and served in different Cantonese and Mandarin fellowships. I have also served in various other roles in worship service and cancer patient care.

I was married to my wife, Jing, since 2005 until she went home to be with the Lord earlier in 2026. We have a son, Ryan. By God's grace, I am willing to accept this nomination to serve as the deacon for the Chinese Welcome and Receiving Ministry, helping newcomers feel welcomed and at home in our church family.

1st Term Deacon



Jemima Ng
English Deacon of Children's Ministry

Hello! My name is Jemima Ng! I was born and raised in Houston, TX and attended Baylor University, where I graduated with a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing. I currently work as a Pediatric Cardiology nurse at Texas Children's Hospital and have been there for 5 years now. I have been attending Houston Chinese Church for about 4 years and have grown so much in this community. I thank God for the many ways He's allowed me to serve at HCC. I had the privilege of leading a young adult community group for 2 years, serving on the worship team during church service and retreats, have gone on mission trips, been involved in the nursery, serving on the HCC church football league board, and being on the lay team for the CCF college students as a mentor. In faith, and by the grace and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, I am honored to humbly accept the nomination for the 2027-2028 Children's ministry deacon and am excited to see what God will accomplish through this ministry!



Cunyu Zhao
Deacon of Chinese Family Life

My name is Cunyu Zhao, and my wife is Huirong Zhu. We are blessed with two children, Alicia and Aaron, who are 6 and 5 years old.

I came to the United States in 2011 to pursue my Ph.D. in chemical engineering. During my time in graduate school, I came to know Jesus Christ and was baptized that same year at Milwaukee Chinese Christian Church. Since then, God has graciously led me and helped me grow in my faith through His Word, the church, and brothers and sisters in Christ. After graduation, I moved to Houston and became a member of Houston Chinese Church (HCC) in 2015. It was at HCC that I met my wife, and we were blessed to get married here. I currently work as a senior technology manager in the oil & gas industry. My wife and I are serving in the Mandarin Single Young Professional (MSYP) fellowship, where we have the privilege of walking alongside and encouraging other brothers and sisters in their faith. We also serve as teachers in our children's Sunday school.

It is truly a grace and a joy to serve our Lord Jesus Christ. We pray that God will continue to grow us in faith, use our family for His purpose, and help us and our children become a family that belongs fully to Him.

2nd Term Deacon



Jawching Liu
Chinese Deacon
of Youth Ministry

My name is Jawching Liu. I married my wife, Hui Zhao, in Houston in 1999, and we have three children: our son, Samuel, and two daughters, Anne and Grace.
I currently work at UT MD Anderson Cancer Center. I began attending HCC gatherings in 1997 and have been actively involved in the Mandarin Young Professional Fellowship and Mandarin Young Family Fellowship. I have also served as a Children Ministry Deacon and currently serve as the Youth Ministry Deacon.
By God's grace and calling, I am honored to be nominated to serve a second term as Youth Ministry Deacon. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve our church and our youth, and I pray that our Youth Ministry will help young people and their families grow as God-loving and compassionate disciples of Jesus Christ and become faithful witnesses for Him among all nations.
May God continue to guide and bless HCC's Youth Ministry for His glory.



Justin Chang
Deacon of
General Affairs

I have been married to Rebecca Chua for just over seven years. Born and raised in Austin, TX, graduated from UT Austin, and moved to Houston for grad school in 2011.
I am now a remote software system design engineer for a semiconductor company specializing in designing accelerators for AI and scientific computing workloads.
I started attending HCC in 2011 and regularly attended several different small groups over the years, most recently joining Sean and Juddie's Friday community group. Throughout the years I have served in various ways such as playing drums for English worship since 2012, running our church flag football leagues since 2013, co-organizing BASIC Retreat in 2014, and leading kitchen operations for Sunday lunches ever since this ministry kicked off in 2022. Serving in these capacities and living in a bilingual marriage enabled me to establish strong relationships with members of both the English and Chinese Congregations.
God gave me this calling to become a deacon for our culturally diverse church body, and I am especially looking forward to the ways I can help facilitate HCC's continued grow as we transition with the new HCC building project.